

# Saint Mary's Monthly

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Graduate School of Education Alumni Newsletter



## A message for Saint Mary's Alumni and Friends

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. All Saint Mary's campuses and locations are closed to the public, and all events through July are canceled or postponed. Most offices are operating remotely so we can continue to serve alumni, staff, faculty, and students. We encourage you to visit our website, [smumn.edu/covid19](https://smumn.edu/covid19), for updates on the university's response to COVID-19.

Wherever you are in the world today, please know that your Saint Mary's family is thinking of you.

## Online Alumni Programming

Coming soon to a device near you, online educational and networking opportunities for our Saint Mary's alumni. Stay tuned, more details coming next week.



### Alumni Spotlight: Lukas Gotto M'17

#### Learning Design and Technology graduate earns statewide recognition for work inside and outside classroom

Lukas Gotto M'17 is not one to boast, but his actions led to him being named the 2019 Technology Leader of the Year at the most recent Impact Education Conference.

[Read more.](#)

### Alumni News and Notes:

**Ben Thell M'12** leads St. Cloud Tech High School Math Team to a state title. [Read more.](#)



Coaches **Brett Kosidowski M'11**, **Scott Kunze M'07** and **Bryan Herzan M'19** led the PI Adapted Hockey team, the Dakota United Hawks, to the Minnesota State High School League tournament (which was sadly cancelled due to COVID-19). They coach adapted softball, soccer, and hockey for the Hawks and their teams have played in the state adapted hockey tournament 10 times. Together, they have won adapted sports state titles for softball in 2019 and for hockey in 2015. Congratulations!

## Teacher Pathway Program

Saint Mary's University is partnering with The Sanneh Foundation and selected school districts to prepare educators who reflect the diverse communities of the schools in which they work. The specially designed pathway, which includes two intensive summers of teacher licensure preparation coursework, offers the opportunity to earn a master's degree in either ESL or Special Education. Classes start fall 2020. The application deadline is June 20, 2020. For more information contact Shannon Tanghe, program director of the MA in ESL program at [stanghe@smumn.edu](mailto:stanghe@smumn.edu)

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