



Graduate School of Education
E-Newsletter - July/August 2022

Saint Mary's honors five alumni during 2022 Alumni Awards ceremony



Last month, the Saint Mary's community welcomed hundreds of alumni back to campus for Reunion Weekend 2022.

This was the first time Reunion Weekend was held in person since 2019.

During the event-filled weekend, Saint Mary's celebrated the following individuals during the 2022 Alumni Awards ceremony on Saturday, June 25:

Robert 'Bob' Skemp '49
Distinguished Alumnus Award

Honorable Judge George Stephenson B'80
Distinguished Alumnus Award

Sue Fangel M'09, B'19
Alumni Appreciation Award

Sarah Jane (Engle) Maher B'07
Lasallian Service Award

Zach Cizek B'11
Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

[Learn more.](#)

Doctoral research looks at restorative practices in education



After receiving a health and physical education degree, Dr. Jamell Tidwell D'22 never planned to go into the field of education.

"I don't think I chose education," he said. "Education chose me." [Learn more.](#)

Saint Mary's awarded \$1.18 million NSF Noyce Grant to increase number of diverse STEM teachers

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has recently been awarded a \$1.18 million NSF Noyce Grant in support of the university's new Inclusive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Teacher Education Pipeline (ISTEP) project.

ISTEP is designed to increase the number of secondary STEM teachers (or teacher candidates) from diverse backgrounds who are committed to teaching in high-need local education schools in southeastern Minnesota. [Learn more.](#)

Removing the option to fail



Making recent headlines, principal of Sunrise Park Middle School in White Bear Lake, Minn., Christina Pierre C'05, C'10, D'16 states "I wish my entire job was about this. Working together to move education forward is absolutely critical."

This past fall Pierre and her school changed their grading system, replacing the "F" with an "I." In short, she explains that an "I," which stands for incomplete, still means students aren't passing, but it also means they still have more work to do. [Learn more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 2022

JULY

28 [Rochester Alumni Brewery Series - Forager Brewery](#)
Rochester, Minn.
5-7 p.m.

AUGUST 2022

AUG.

16 [Book Club Discussion](#)
Virtual
6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2022

SEPT.

Men's Soccer plays in Chicago area
Aurora, Ill.

3 1 p.m.

SEPT.

Men's Soccer plays in Chicago area
Rockford, Ill.

4 4 p.m.

SEPT.

Cardinal Excellence Fund Golf Outing

Winona, Minn.

10 12:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 2022

OCT.

Lasallian Day of Service
Various Locations
More information coming soon.

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OCT.

Women's Hockey plays in Chicago area
Lake Forest, Ill.

28 7 p.m.

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29 2 p.m.

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