The World Today is so very different from the world we knew as children and young adults. Advances in technology have created a smaller, more interconnected planet dependent upon a global economy. These realities are impacting STA students as well. Not only must they be knowledgeable of the world in which they live but also adept in global issues and concerns. Students must be able to communicate across multiple cultures and languages to find success in their future careers and as citizens and leaders of the 21st century global community.

At St. Teresa’s Academy, we recognize educational excellence in the 21st century must include international knowledge and skills. Providing opportunities for students to understand global issues and concerns are being initiated throughout our curriculum and educational environment. The World Languages Department offers five language options including Mandarin Chinese, considered critical to the global economy. Japanese is offered online to advanced students through the Online School for Girls program. And world cultures and issues of social justice are being experienced first-hand through STA sponsored international travel and service through immersion.

Today, STA teachers are reaching beyond traditional teaching methods to incorporate critical thinking and problem solving skills on the international stage. The eMentoring program at STA was implemented to help juniors explore career fields and give them clear expectations regarding what to anticipate when they leave the educational setting. By connecting with career professionals who are willing to share their work-related insight and knowledge, students gain first-hand knowledge of career possibilities and the skills necessary to succeed. The ability to connect students with working professionals who may travel extensively or conduct business internationally helps bring the global world to our doorstep.

If you are interested in being a career mentor, contact Kathy Brodie at kbrodie@stteresasacademy.org.
level. Instructor Julia Gargallo's Spanish III class communicates with a public school in Navarcles, Spain, located about 50 miles from Barcelona. Her students are videotaping and emailing students to practice speaking Spanish and learn more about the lives of teenagers in Spain.

Connecting STA students to other parts of the world through cross-cultural collaboration is enabled by the Windmoor Center's high-tech classrooms. Here, students have access to advanced video and audio conferencing equipment, allowing them to connect with mentors, teachers, and other students throughout the country and world.

The school’s World Cultures Club offers students opportunities to learn about different regions of the world, including the culture, customs, and food that inhabit that region. Students also choose a humanitarian service project to support the region as well.

Making a World of Difference
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BROADENS STUDENTS’ PERSPECTIVES OF A GLOBAL SOCIETY.
Through a partnership with Homes from the Heart and The Fuller Center for Housing, students will assist with building homes for families in the San Louis Talpa area of El Salvador over spring break, 2014. Students will work side-by-side with Salvadoran homeowners and experience the food, historic sites, and culture of the people.

Service through immersion is how the STA Contemplatives in Action group realize their faith and understand the world around them. Organized through the Amigos for Christ organization, a faith-based nonprofit group, STA students will work in rural areas of Chinandega in the northwest region of Nicaragua to assist with water sanitation, healthcare education and nutrition, and community development in late May of 2014.

All-girls Educational Experience
ONLINE COURSES OFFER INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION.
The Online School for Girls provides an opportunity for advanced STA students to take online, for-credit courses currently not offered within the curriculum. Students find small class sizes that value relationships as part of the learning process. They are also challenged to engage in real-world problems and applications while exploring the social and ethical dynamics that define our global society.

Japanese Sister School
CARRYING OUT THE MISSION OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH GLOBALLY.
When it comes to educating girls in Kansas City and Tsu, Japan, the similarities of sisterhood and carrying out the mission of the CSJs far outweigh the differences. Sister Grace Saito, CSJ, principal of Saint Joseph Joshi Gakuen Junior and Senior High School in Tsu, Japan, visited St. Teresa’s Academy in October. The two schools signed a sister schools pledge to foster friendship and goodwill through educational and cultural exchanges. During the visit, STA teachers and administrators discussed the development of global collaboration and classroom projects, including future short-term and long-term student exchange programs.
THE HOLIDAY SEASON
is a time to give thanks for the many gifts in our lives, most importantly those of friends and family. Here at STA, one of our most treasured gifts is the Principal for Student Affairs, Mary Anne Hoecker. As many of you know, Mary Anne is a model of patience, humility, spirituality, and kindness. Mary Anne was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery in early November.

The STA community, including friends, faculty, and staff members, has come together to support her in a number of ways, including a card box located in the front office of Donnelly for notes and cards of inspiration, a coordinated meal delivery plan, participation in the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program to support all women's cancers through hair donations, and the purchase of a wig for Mary Anne to wear while undergoing chemotherapy.

Mary Anne's only request of our community is to pray for her, especially for the gifts of good healing, energy, and light. It is her hope that the "gifts" she receives during this time far outweigh the difficulty of her journey.

Please join us as we pray for Mary Anne's continued healing. If you would like to send her a card or note, mail it to the school (5600 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64113, Attn Card Box). We'll be sure she receives it.

STA’s NEWEST FATHERS CLUB, the St. Joseph Society, helps dads become more involved in the education of their daughters through service to the dear neighbor, special events, and social activities. Stay tuned for more information about the St. Joseph Society's spring event.

Recently, fathers and daughters gathered together to celebrate Mass and provide assistance to the Ronald McDonald House near Children’s Mercy Hospital. They enjoyed decorating the house for Christmas and baking holiday goodies.
As we begin the journey toward our 150th anniversary in the year 2016, we reflect on the individuals and experiences along the way who have helped define St. Teresa’s Academy today. As the oldest school in Kansas City, we have many stories to tell and so much history to share.

**1926-1936 Silver Jubilee of St. Teresa’s**

*(an excerpt from the Kansas City Star, October 3, 1935)*

St. Teresa’s College and Academy, the oldest school in Kansas City, will commemorate on October 10 and 20, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its occupancy of its present buildings at Fifty-sixth and Main streets. Bishop Thomas Lillis will celebrate on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the college a Low Mass of thanksgiving at which many of the priests and religious teachers of the city and friends of the college will assist. A historical pageant will be presented on Sunday, October 20. This pageant will recall early days in Kansas City and especially those at the old St. Teresa’s at Twelfth and Washington streets, where the school was opened in 1866, thus having the distinction of being the oldest educational institution in Kansas City, older than by a few years the first public school.
spotlight on alumnae

1938
CAROLYN CAVANAUGH STANTON and her husband, Jack, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in July of 2014. They have 14 children, 39 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. After many years of raising a family, volunteer work, and support of the Catholic Church in central Florida, Carolyn is enjoying her 90s in her home on New Smyrna Beach. She loved her years at St. Teresa’s Academy.

1966
NANCY NESTOR HAND received the Missouri AdvanceED NCA-CASI 2013 Dr. Robert C. Shaw Excellence in Education Award. Nancy is a field consultant for the organization. She consults with schools seeking accreditation, helps schools with academic continuous school improvement, and leads visiting teams of educators in schools seeking school accreditation. Nancy was a teacher/administrator for over 30 years at STA.

1973
CORLISS ELAINE JONES ALEXANDER will be married for 30 years to her husband, Elder Earnest Edward Jones, in 2014. They have two sons, Dallas and Alexander. She is now employed by the Kansas City Police Department as fiscal administrator. She graduated from UMKC in 1984 and has worked for the Kansas County Missouri Internal Revenue Service. She also spent twenty years as chief financial officer for Trinity Temple Church.

1974
VICKI LECHTENBERG SILVERMAN started Em’s Spotlight after the death of her daughter, Emily, in 2003. The mission of Em’s Spotlight is to bring the joy of dance to children and seniors of limited opportunities in the urban core of Kansas City. In addition, this organization provides a boost to self-worth, a creative way to exercise, exposure to the arts, and a way to provide a foundation for life and learning. Em’s Spotlight also collects used dance items to recycle into the community. Monetary donations can be made at: www.emsspotlight.org.

1976
LAURA FOLEY was elected National President of the Theta Phi Alpha Fraternity in 2012.

1978
ROBERTA GUMBEL, after singing professionally for 18 years in New York, has returned to Kansas City and lives in Brookside. She currently teaches private voice lessons in the area.

1984
SUSAN BROSKI CORPUZ and her husband, Ralph M. Corpuz, D.D.S., purchased a Godfather’s Pizza building in Omaha, Nebraska, and transformed it into a state-of-the-art dental office.

1993
ALICE RANDOLPH PATTISON received an alumni grant for educators from Pembroke Hill School to travel to Peru. She spent two weeks learning about and experiencing the culture with other teachers from around the United States. She will take her new knowledge back to the classroom where she teaches second graders about world cultures.

1999
TESSA GRATTON has been living in Lawrence, Kansas, since 2005 and working as a professional writer. She has three novels published by Random House Books for Young Readers, including Blood Magic, The Blood Keeper, and most recently, The Lost Sun, book one
of the United States of Asgard series. She has also published a short story collection called The Curiosities and sold stories to a variety of teen and adult anthologies. Her professional website is: http://tessagratton.com.

2000

SACHA NANA recently launched NEVA Activewear, a fitness apparel brand that seeks to empower Southeast Asian women through its atypical approach to production and distribution. The company is aiming to directly employ women to hand stitch messages onto each garment and to pay them 10 times the standard wages. “There has been so much coverage lately of garment workers and the poor treatment,” Nana said. “Our family thought we could make a difference.” www.kickstarter.com/projects/1197952824/neva-activewear-to-empower-women.

2004

SARAH KITTS HOWARD married Judson Howard on August 18, 2012, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. They currently reside in Fairway, Kansas. Sarah’s sister, Grace Kitts, was a bridesmaid and currently attends STA. Sarah’s bridesmaids who were STA graduates include; Annie Haden Tweedy, Allison Wilkerson Marchese, Maddie Kramer Palan, and Jen Vogel Schroeder.

2009

MEGAN HART has joined the Chicago firm, Bostrom, as a marketing associate. She will be working directly with STA alum, Jeanne Sheehy, Class of 1984, who is vice president and chief marketing officer for Bostrom. Bostrom is a leading professional services firm celebrating 80 years of providing management, outsourcing, and consulting services to professional societies, trade associations, foundations, and other not-for-profit organizations.

2004

Jennifer Vogel Schroeder married Dan Schroeder on August 9, 2004. MOLLY WILKERSON GREEN married Jason Green on May 25, 2013, at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood, Kansas. Molly works as a senior analyst for Cerner and travels to great locations including Los Angeles, Seattle, and Dallas. Jason works for the Jones Lang LaSalle Commercial Real Estate Firm. Photo of her sisters and mother, all STA grads, include: Megan, 2010; Molly (bride), 2006; Joane (mom), 1979; Allison, 2004.

2009

VERONICA MILLER graduated from the College of Saint Mary Magdalen with a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and an Apostolic Catechetical Diploma.

2013

ROSIE HUTCHISON AND SARAH VICKERY were selected as new freshman members of the Mizzou Alumni Association (MAA). Rosie and Sarah join a group of Tigers that serve as the connection between students and alumni. They are two of only five freshman selected for the board.

IN MEMORIUM

Louise Nigro Dold, 1938
Betty Waters Tiehen Keyes, 1940
Alice Teefey Drummond, 1948
Jo Anne Thompson Smith, 1960
Patricia A. “Pat” Jones, 1966
Mary Kay Campbell, 1976

class of 2013

Graduate Reunion Luncheon
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. - Verheyen Room

We’ve missed you! Come back to STA to reconnect with classmates and share with us how college-life is going. Please RSVP to Alumnae Director Kathleen Barry at kbarry@stteresasacademy.org.
STA golf classic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
for the 15th annual STA Golf Classic to be held on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Country Club of Leawood. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Join us for great prizes, a continental breakfast, 18 holes including golf/cart, lunch, and refreshments on the course.

save the date
MAY 5, 2014

Emcee Larry Moore, 2013 co-chairs Lena and Joe Runyan, Nan Tiehen Bone, 2013 co-chairs Amy and Jim Sullivan, and Lynn and Jay Reardon

2014 co-chairs Steve and Nancy Kitts, Chris and Julie Thompson, and Cecile and Bob Schloegel
The disco lights glittered as the 2013 annual STA Auction kicked off the holiday season for our community. Nearly 500 guests attended the black tie optional event held on November 23 at the school. The Academy’s Endowment Fund was the focus for the “Fund-A-Need” portion of the Live Auction and an incredible $100,000 was raised for endowment through the generosity of many enthusiastic bidders.

This important event for St. Teresa’s raised over $450,000. The record-breaking success of Auction 2013 is due to the generous support of parents, alumnae, and friends of STA. We are so grateful to all of the outstanding auction volunteers, donors, and guests who supported this event, especially this year’s chairpersons, Lynn and Jay Reardon, Lena and Joe Runyan, and Amy and Jim Sullivan. The creativity, time, and dedication of so many resulted in an unforgettable evening of fun benefitting STA.

Congratulations to the lucky auction raffle winner Carol Sweeney who chose to receive the grand prize of $10,000. Carol is the grandmother of STA freshman, Rachael Alexander.
Oh holy night!
the stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of our
dear Savior’s birth.

Wishing you peace, love, and joy
at Christmas and throughout the year.

As we enjoy the many gifts of this sacred season,
we are especially grateful for your generous support of our mission.

We will pray for the continued blessings on our STA alumnae,
parents, and friends at our Advent Prayer Service.

Please consider a year-end gift to STA. Your tax deductible donation will enable us to carry on
our mission of excellence in Catholic education for young women.
Your support will empower students to make a difference in our community and our world.
**distinguished alumnæ award**

**EACH YEAR** at the Alumnae Reunion Celebration, St. Teresa’s Academy formally recognizes an STA alumna who has positively and substantially influenced her profession, her community, or issues affecting society at large.

Now is the time to begin consideration of candidates for the 2014 Distinguished Alumnae Award. There are so many talented STA alumnae from all graduating years. Please consider nominating a classmate, family member, an alum, or even yourself. The recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Alumnae Award will be announced at the Alumnae Reunion Celebration on October 4, 2014.

**SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION** online at stteresasacademy.org (Alumnae tab/Distinguished Alumnae Award page).

**women's circle of giving**

**THE ACADEMY HOSTED** a luncheon for members of the Women’s Circle of Giving on November 5 to see first-hand how donations to this organization are realized. STA faculty and students showcased specific ways the WCG funds assists their classroom. Half of the funds raised by the WCG are directed to the STA Emergency Fund, providing support to STA families in financial crisis.

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE WCG,** an organization of women whose sole purpose is to support other young women. Current members: please consider inviting a new member to this organization. It’s a wonderful way to “pay forward” the rewards in your life. Contact President Nan Bone to join at nbone@stteresasacademy.org.
The 2013 St. Teresa’s Academy Reunion Celebration was held on Saturday, October 5, on the STA campus. The evening began with Mass in the M+A Auditorium, celebrated by Fr. Gerald Waris and accompanied by the STA Praise Band. STA medals were awarded to the Golden Girls from the Class of 1963 in honor of their 50 year class reunion. Immediately following Mass, more than 320 alums and guests enjoyed a reception in the beautiful Windmoor Center with a buffet and cocktails.

The classes in attendance spanned graduation dates of 70 years, from the Class of 1943 (70 year reunion) to the Class of 2008 (five year reunion). Everyone enjoyed visiting while taking advantage of campus tours led by current STA students. The strong legacy of St. Teresa’s Academy was certainly evident that night.
grandparents' day

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS St. Teresa’s is introducing a new and exciting event for grandmothers, grandfathers, and special friends of STA students. The Grandparents’ Day will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Share an afternoon with your granddaughter as you leisurely walk the lovely STA campus or join in organized tours of the buildings. Enjoy light refreshments and visit with President Nan Bone as she shares her insights about the school. A photographer will be on hand to take a photo with your granddaughter if you choose. Feel free to come and go as you please. This new event replaces the Grandmothers’ Tea previously held each April.

grandparents' day

reunion celebration 2013


MANY THANKS TO THE CLASSES OF 1963 AND 1988 FOR THEIR GIFTS TO STA in honor of their reunion years. The Class of 1963 raised over $2,000 for the STA Emergency Fund, a fund established to support families in financial crisis. And the Class of 1988 collectively raised $1,500 to be given as a one-time scholarship to an STA student. Thanks so much for your generosity!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us for one of the most fun evenings you'll have at STA! It's the fourth annual hilariously fun night of trivia. It's a sell-out evening and seating is limited.

Register online at stteresasacademy.org (go to the Alumnae tab/Alumnae Events/Trivia Night).

THE POWER OF LOVE AND THE LOVE OF POWER was presented at St. Joseph’s Medical Center on October 19 by Sister Judy Miller, CSJ, as part of the Linger Over Breakfast KC series. The series is sponsored in partnership by Avila University and St. Teresa’s Academy.

Nearly eighty participants were guided through a step-by-step process designed to identify controlling behaviors, which are often times disguised in well-meaning efforts. Sister Judy shared insight on how control sneaks into our relationships and how we can make the shift to being more loving. Sister Judy also shed light on the differences between the controlling love of power and the God-given gift of the power of love. Breakfast and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the next Linger Over Breakfast to be held in the Windmoor Center at St. Teresa’s Academy on April 5, 2014. The presentation will be led by Sister Donna Gunn, also known as Sister Donna Loretto, who taught at the Academy from 1966 until 1970. She will be presenting Getting Older, Getting Better.
Every year, STA teachers nominate sophomores to participate in a camp designed to encourage student leadership and affect positive change within their community. Over the summer, twenty-six student campers came together to explore these qualities. The camp encompassed three days of activities, all designed to discover the qualities of leadership they already have or want to develop. The campers enjoyed visiting with some of the local CSJs serving in the Kansas City area and learning about the history, mission, and vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph and their impact on St. Teresa’s Academy. Other activities included team-building challenges to discover their own leadership style and a day of service to the dear neighbor at Jerusalem Farm.

In an effort to carry forward the mission and vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the CSJ Associate program was formed. The program calls lay participants to live out the CSJ mission in all that they do, and carry forward on a personal level the sisters’ message to all they encounter. Currently, twelve members from the STA faculty and staff meet monthly as CSJ Associates.

The responsibility for the administration of the CSJs within the St. Louis province lie with the provincial leaders. This leadership team consists of seven members who hold responsibility and authority over eight sponsored institutions within Kansas City and St. Louis, including St. Teresa’s Academy. This year, in lieu of having Kansas City sponsored institutions report to the leadership team in St. Louis, the provincial leaders came to each of the institutions to see first-hand how the mission and vision of the sisters hold true. Currently, three of the six provincial leaders are STA graduates: Sister Suzanne Wesley, CSJ; Sister Helen Flemington, CSJ; and Sister Patty Clune, CSJ.
KATHARINE BODDE graduated from St. Teresa’s Academy in 1999 and moved east to strike out a new beginning. “I always wanted to commit my life to doing something important. It wasn’t until later that I realized what it meant: working to make the world a more peaceful, fair, and loving place.” After graduating from Boston College in 2003, Katharine moved to New York City to teach in a low-income neighborhood of the Bronx. It was this experience that inspired her to attend law school to learn about the forces that act upon our communities and how we can use the law as a tool to improve people’s lives.

Katharine graduated magna cum laude from Brooklyn Law School with special recognition for her work in international law and women’s rights, along with her strong commitment to public service. During this time, she worked as a legal educator in Cambodia for communities in provincial areas, focusing on the legal and extralegal remedies for violations of women’s rights and citizens’ land rights. This work combined both her background as a New York City teacher and her commitment to fighting violence and poverty by empowering women.

Katharine currently works for the New York Civil Liberties Union as a Legislative and Policy Counsel where she focuses on gender equality issues such as pregnancy discrimination and increasing access to health care. She hopes this work will build bridges out of poverty, change the national conversation, and make our lives just a little bit more free.

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serving the dear neighbor
RECORD HIGH ACT SCORE

The average ACT score for the Class of 2014 is at a record high of 27. 48% of the class have scored a 28 or higher on the ACT and 31% have scored a 31 or higher.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS


EVELYN GATES WINNER

Congratulations to senior Anna Kropf who was named winner of the prestigious 2013 Evelyn Gates Award. The award was established to honor the top female high school varsity volleyball student-athlete in the Kansas City area. Standing with Anna is varsity head coach Abby Lane.
STA GRAD SAVED A LIFE

Erin Rasmussen, a 2013 STA graduate, was recently found to be a bone marrow donor match. Six months ago, Erin, in a last minute decision, decided to get swabbed as part of a school-wide organized bone marrow registry effort organized by science teacher, Mary Montag. Erin donated her bone marrow to a lucky recipient over fall break this past October. The odds of finding a match range from one in 20,000 to one in millions.

LAWYERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

Social Studies teacher Pat Sirridge and students from his AP US Government and Politics class attended the Lawyers Association November luncheon to honor Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.
THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM finished an incredible second place in the MSHSAA, Class 3, State tournament this past May. Coach McElдуff earned MSHSAA Coach of the Year honors and Savannah Trujillo was named MSHSAA Class 3, State Player of the Year and NSCAA All-American.

STA junior DORIAN BAILEY represented STA while playing for the United States Under 17 National Soccer Team in Jamaica this past November. The team took third place in the CONCACAF U-17 Women’s Championship tournament.