



Kiernan Clausen wins Talent Show

Senior Kiernan Clausen won first place in this year's Talent Show at JPPI. Runners-up were Maci Arms, Michael Nelson and Ladd and Lex Caballero. Emcees Aaron Weber and Corey Patton did an excellent job keeping the show moving. This year's show raised more than \$1,600 to support Habitat for Humanity. To order a DVD of the show for \$10, email Jackie.beals@jp2hs.org.

LISA DEAL ENJOYING 'DIZZYING' FIRST YEAR AT JPPI

Lisa Deal, an art teacher at JPPI High School, enjoys helping students explore their creativity. "It's fun to see them go, I had no idea I was talented," she said. "It's new for some to discover that some of this is teachable. You don't have to have a God-given talent."



Lisa Deal

Helping students explore their creativity is "how I perceive my job here," Ms. Deal said.

She was new to JPPI this year and new to teaching. She graduated from Watkins College of Art and Design in Nashville in December 2008 with a degree in fine art photography. She put herself through college as a stay-at-home mom, Ms. Deal said. "It took nine years."

Ms. Deal started as a fine arts major and then switched to photography, which, she said, has the ability to both inform and move people.

Immediately after graduating, Ms. Deal won a scholarship to work "with my photography heroes, Robert and Shannon Parke Harrison" during the summer of 2009. The Harrison's use groundbreaking photography techniques, Ms. Deal said. "That was a big honor."

After completing her work with the Harrisons, Ms. Deal was looking for a job as an art teacher when she found a listing for the position at JPPI. "I said out loud, 'That's my job, there it is,'" Ms. Deal said. She has experience both with drawing and photography, Ms. Deal said, just what JPPI was looking for. "It's a serendipitous fit."

During her first year at JPPI, Ms. Deal has taught photography, studio art, art appreciation and AP 2-D art. Next year, she'll add an intermediate photography class and also will teach AP Drawing and Painting.

Interest in photography classes at JPPI is growing, Ms. Deal said. "We're really trying to maintain the film process so they're good technical photographers" as well as working with digital cameras "so they know cutting-edge techniques," she said. The school hopes to add more software for digital photography for the students to use, she added.

She and the other visual art teachers are "building the curriculum in visual art so it's cumulative." Students will start with studio art, which is more of an overview course that will allow students to recognize their strengths, and then pursue those interests in the ensuring courses, Ms. Deal explained.

Her first year has been "dizzying," Ms. Deal said. "But I've loved it."

"I love my kids," Ms. Deal said. "They're funny. They keep me endlessly entertained. They're truly a good bunch of kids."

She also has been impressed with the school. The goal is that no student slips through the cracks, Ms. Deal said. "Everybody matters. We're interested in every kind of person."

By allowing students to pursue all their interests and various parts of their personality, the faculty helps them become a renaissance person, Ms. Deal said. "That's our goal at JPPI."

The faculty also has made an impression, Ms. Deal said. It's an "interesting, varied and interested faculty that is invested in really knowing the kids here."



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SOCIETAS HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

Twenty-two JPPI students were recently inducted into Societas, an association of students leaders and ambassadors for the school.

Societas members must show: a strong commitment to community service; the confidence to be a servant-leader in a variety of settings; the ability to lead and motivate others; the ability to fulfill task requirements and expectations; and a strong sense of responsibility and accountability. Students apply for membership in Societas and selections are made by the director of Christian

service in consultation with the faculty and approved by the headmaster.

The new members for the 2010-11 school year include: seniors Maci Arms, Wilhelm Bonjor, Hunter Foulke and Konnor Spradlin; and juniors Tiye Barnes, Maria Bednar, Haley Cleek, Mary Catherine Fleming, Cailin Harris, Rachel Harrison, Rachel Hinto, Sarah Missimer, Ashley Montgomery, Courtney O'Connor, Emily Pearl, Hogan Bryant, Lad Caballero, Matt Catignani, Nick Geiger, Josh Scott, Michael Sheriger and Sean Sooker.

Returning members include seniors Meredith Allen, Abby Fordham, KD Fox, Jenny Hipsher, Kaitlyn Hughes, Leah Loven, Sarah Park, Julia Ross, Katherine Roy, Abbie Wood, Tommy Joe Bednar, Joseph Griggs, Jordan Julow, John Mainland, Joseph McGrath, Collin Neal, Devin Patel and Scotty Wright.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

JPPI will once again open its campus to between 375 and 400 young students participating in a wide variety of summer camps in the arts, academics and athletics. The half-day camps typically cost \$125 for the week and the full-day camps \$175. Registration for all the camps is open now. The brochure detailing all the camps and the registration form are available on the school's website: www.jp2hs.org. Contact camp director Sharon Hager at Sharon.Hager@jp2hs.org for more information.



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JPPI DRIES OUT AFTER FLOODING

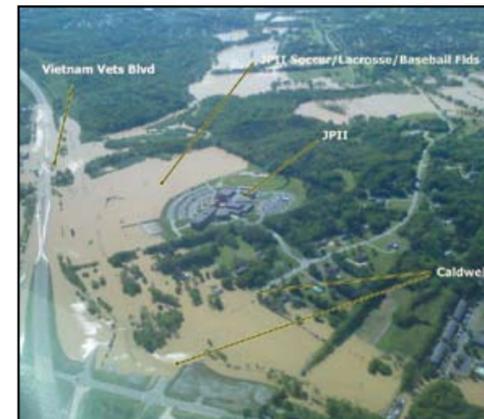
"At one time, (Pope John Paul II High School) was like a castle surrounded by a moat on three sides," said Headmaster Faustin Weber.

Although the school escaped any major damage from the heavy rains and floods of May 2 and 3, JPPI's athletic fields were under as much as 15 feet of brown water. At one point, Weber, Dean of Studies Karen Phillips and College Counselor Mike Brown had to use a boat to get to the school building so they could rescue the Advanced Placement tests that were scheduled to be given later that week. "That was literally the only way in."

"I was astonished," Weber said of the view of the flooding around the Hendersonville school.

The flooding, which also closed both ends of Caldwell Drive, where the school is located, forced Weber to close the school for three days while he waited for access to be restored.

Another major concern caused by the flooding was its impact on plans for graduation. JPPI was scheduled to hold its commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16, at the Opry House. But flooding there sent the school scrambling for a new location. Father Ryan High School President "Jim McIntyre called me and said if we were having trouble they would be willing to share" the Curb Event Center at Belmont University, where Ryan's graduation is scheduled for 4 p.m.



An aerial view of the flooding on JPPI's campus taken by theology teacher Chris Findley.

May 16. "I thought that was gracious," said Weber, who took McIntyre up on his offer and moved JPPI's graduation to the Curb Center.

In the school building itself, Weber said, the flooding caused some electrical problems and some sewer problems. Those
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JPPI STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS

Six students at Pope John Paul II High School will spend their summer on the campus of a Tennessee university as part of the state Governor's School program.

Tennessee offers 12 summer programs for gifted and talented high school students, providing challenging and intensive learning experiences in these disciplines: Arts, Humanities, International Studies, Engineering, Science, Prospective Teachers, Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage, Information Technology Leadership and Agricultural Science.

The JPPI students selected to attend Governor's Schools were: Andrew Carr, Alexa Zminkowski, Cassidy Johnson and Maci Arms to the Governor's School for Fine Arts at Middle Tennessee State University; Julia Ross to the Governor's School for International Studies program at the University of Memphis; and Maggie Musacchio to the Governor's School for Prospective Teachers at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Congratulations and good luck!



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were all resolved by Wednesday, May 5. The more extensive damage was sustained on the athletic fields, much of which lies in a flood plain below the school, which was built atop a hill. "Parents, administrators and volunteers have really done spectacular work" cleaning up the athletic facilities, Weber said.

While volunteers were cleaning up on campus, more than 120 JPPI students fanned out across the community on

Saturday, May 8, to help residents affected by the flood, including seven of JPPI's neighbors on Linden Drive whose homes were completely submerged by the flood, Weber said.

"Owners of those houses came up to me, some with tears in their eyes, and told me that our kids were amazing - they were 'polite, positive, and full of energy,'" Weber wrote in a message to the JPPI community. "Bravo, JPPI students!"

SIX SENIORS AT JPII SIGN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS



JPII seniors, from left, Tamecia Jones, Tiffany Davis, Vance Pounders, Alek Nochowicz, Katie Collier and Jalissa Mosby have received scholarships to continue their athletic careers in college.

daughter of Lisa Mosby.

Alek Nochowicz signed to join the swimming team at King College in Bristol, Tenn. Nochowicz holds five JPII school records in swimming. He won the 2009 Sumner County meet in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle events, setting county records in both events. He also was a member of the Knights winning 200 medley relay team. He is the son of Georgie and Chris Nochowicz, a parishioner at St. Stephen Catholic Community in Old Hickory and a graduate of Holy Rosary Academy.

Vance Pounders signed to compete in cross country and track and field at the University of Tennessee-Martin. Pounders holds the JPII school record in the 800-meter and 1,600 meter events. At the 2009 Division II state cross country meet, Pounders was the Knights' top finisher at 32nd. He is the son of Darlene Pounders.

JEFF RUTLEDGE TAKES HELM OF JPII FOOTBALL

Jeff Rutledge, who has won championships in high school, college and the pros as both a player and a coach, will take over next season as the new football coach at Pope John Paul II High School. "I'm looking really forward to getting back and getting to know the kids," said Rutledge.

He replaces Jeff Brothers, who started the JPII football program when the school opened in 2002. Brothers resigned at JPII to take the head coaching job at Nashville Christian Academy.

Rutledge quarterbacked the University of Alabama to the 1978 national championship. He then went on to a 14-year career in the National Football League, playing for the Los Angeles Rams, the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins and was a member of three teams that made it to the Super Bowl, two of which won.

He came to Nashville as the quarterbacks coach at Vanderbilt University in 1995 and was there through 2001 before becoming head coach at Montgomery Bell Academy in 2002. He was head coach of the Big Red for five seasons, winning two Division II state championships. Rutledge returned to the NFL in 2007 as the quarterbacks coach for the Arizona Cardinals, and coached Kurt Warner in the Cardinals' appearance in the Super Bowl. In 2009, he was the quarterbacks coach

GOLDEN TATE LOOKING FORWARD TO NFL

With the NFL draft behind him, Golden Tate can finally relax. "I know where I'm going and taking it in and enjoying it," Tate said five days after the Seattle Seahawks made the former Pope John Paul II High School and Notre Dame star the 60th pick in the draft. "Right now, I'm fishing."



Photo by Rick Musacchio
Golden Tate during his years at JPII.

But before he got the call from the Seahawks, "it was really nerve racking," said Tate. "I had no clue where I was going to go."

Helping him through the jittery evening were his family, his former coach at JPII Jeff Brothers, his brother Wesley, a star in his own right at JPII and now at Vanderbilt University, and a host of friends and teammates from high school. "It worked out."

The JPII community was watching the draft closely to see where Tate, who started turning heads on the football field even before he showed up at the Hendersonville campus in the fall of 2003, would end up.

"He's a once in a lifetime player," Brothers said of Tate. "Not just his ability, but his character was remarkable."

Brothers was launching the football program at JPII, a brand new school in 2002, when Tate was at St. Joseph School in Madison as an eighth-grader. "He saw this as a chance to be on the front end of something," Brothers said.

"I really liked Coach Brothers," Tate recalled. "I thought it was a great fit for me." Tate quickly stood out as an athlete at JPII, receiving significant playing time on the varsity as a freshman before becoming a three-year starter at running back and the face of the football program at the new school. Before he left JPII he was twice named the American General Mr. Football Back of the Year for Division II.

LOUGHLIN SCHOLARS PREPARE FOR TRIP TO ENGLAND

Ten freshmen at JPII will be crossing the Atlantic this summer as part of the school's Loughlin Scholar Exchange.

The students will spend three weeks in England staying with families of students at St. Edmund's College attending classes at St. Edmund's and seeing the sights. St. Edmund's is the oldest Catholic school in England. Its roots date back to the 16th Century. It serves approximately 600 students in grades pre-k-12 and includes an international boarding population.

The JPII Loughlin Scholars will leave June 26 and will return July 17. When they get back to the United States, they will host their English

JPII PEOPLE: SCHOOL CONNECTION

We hope to highlight the high school careers of some of our students with reference to their "feeder school."

St. Mary's School

Before Jacob Thomley left St. Mary's School in Clarksville for JPII, he said, "I was just expecting a campus like Rossvie or (Clarksville High School). I wasn't expecting anything other than a regular high school." But once he arrived at JPII last fall, he had a pleasant surprise. "I'm glad I was surprised at what a great school it was."



Kristen Wieber

Jacob and Kristen Wieber are two of the five students from St. Mary's eighth grade class last year who are now finishing their freshman year at JPII. "I thought it was going to be really, really hard," Kristen said, but the academic work at JPII turned out not to be as hard as she thought. "You just have to pay attention in class and do your homework."



Jacob Thomley

During his freshman year, Jacob has enjoyed "meeting so many people," including his teachers, and that the school has so many classes available.

Jacob wanted to come to JPII because "I thought it was going to be a good academic school ... to help me go to any college I wanted to go to," he said. One of his favorite classes is

Physics with Mr. Luke Diamond. "He just makes class fun every time. I'm never bored in his class," Jacob said.

Both have found making new friends at JPII easy. "People are nice and friendly," Jacob said. "Freshman retreat really helped. We just basically hung out and talked to each other, got to know one another better."

Kristen said she would tell prospective JPII students, "It's a really good opportunity. You've got to work hard" and keep your grades up, but it will give you the chance to attend a good college.

Jacob chimed in: "It's a nice school with great teachers. And it's easy to make friends."

JPII people ... Kristen Wieber and Jacob Thomley!

View Points

JPII science students present research findings

Three science research papers by Pope John Paul II High School students were selected by the Tennessee Junior Academy of Sciences as among the best in the state and recently presented at Belmont University to a panel of research scientists, students and teachers from across the state.

Tim Clavin, a JPII senior, presented his paper based on research he conducted at Vanderbilt University last summer as part of the Research Internship Program. His paper "Inhibition of Zebrafish Cyclooxygenase by Nonselective and COX-2 Selective Inhibitors" looked at how drugs inhibit receptors that are involved in pain. Clavin's paper has been selected as one of the top papers out of 25. He will receive a monetary prize from TJAS for his outstanding work.

Clavin plans to continue his research this summer in the same lab at Vanderbilt and will also be attending there in the fall.

Thomas Koen, a junior advanced biology student, presented his research on "Effects of Age on Habituation in Rats". In his experiment, Koen set out to explain how older rats are less likely to respond to loud noises when in search of food.

Thomas Griffin and Ryan Kilpatrick presented their research on "Aquatic Ecotoxicological Test Using Planaria." Griffin and Kilpatrick investigated how fertilizers from run-off would impact stream life including flatworms such as Planaria.



Juniors receive rings

Joey Telli shows his new class ring to his mother, Suzette. The junior class received their class rings in a ceremony on April 28.



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Mary Leonard selected to play in LAX national tournament

JPII junior Mary Leonard has been selected to play at the U.S. Lacrosse Women's Division National Tournament in Maryland on Memorial Day weekend. It is one of the largest women's lacrosse events in the nation.

The top 20 players from Tennessee will form the Southeast TN team for the tournament. Mary was ranked as the number two player in the state by the team's selectors.

Mary also was selected as one of the five players from Tennessee to try out for the U.S. U19 national team, that will compete at the FIL Women's U19 World Championship in August 2011 in Gottingen, Germany.