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[All SAS Employees] [SAS Community News] Your Friday News from Campus: Reverend Becca Stevens inspired us all through love and healing.

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Dear Saints,

When reserve guard Jake Kelly '22 caught a crosscourt pass and [quickly rose up to fire a three](#) with 41 seconds left to go in a recent boys basketball game against #5 Appoquinimink High School ("Appo") there was only one thought in my mind: what courage. St. Andrew's was only up by a point. Appo had the momentum, scoring consecutive baskets during a tense, back-and-forth game in packed Sipprelle Fieldhouse. Conventional wisdom in that moment was to simply try and run out the clock, maybe get fouled, hit some free throws, give the opponent less time on offense. But here was sophomore Jake just firing away from 21 ft. right in front of a crowd of loud, rowdy Appo fans. He was going for the win, but I'd argue he was doing something a lot more important.

Jake was taking a huge risk. He was putting himself out there in front of a couple hundred invested fans, his coaches, and teammates. And he was also putting faith in himself and the hours upon hours he'd put in the gym, shooting that shot over and over again. This is how you build confidence. This is how you grow. Jake isn't preparing for a long, illustrious career in the NBA. He's preparing for wherever he takes himself in life. The moment felt massive, but won't compare to the sorts of pressures he will hopefully feel in bigger arenas in the years to come.

Yesterday, I watched two III Formers lose individual matches in heartbreaking fashion. Ibrahim Kazi '23 lost a wrestling match by being pinned in the final second of the second period and girls squash #1 Bridget Schutt '23 lost 12-10 in the fifth set to an experienced senior from Philadelphia. Both battles were inspiring as I watched with tremendous pride in St. Andrew's, and excitement

for these students' futures. They are in the very early stages of their journeys to much bigger moments. They will feel what it's like to make sacrifices and to work when no one is watching. They will build steeliness, relentlessness, and confidence. They will rack up wins, but they'll also be better prepared for the sorts of challenges, disappointments, and opportunities life will throw at them.

This is why athletics matter. Years from now, Jake, Ibrahim, and Bridget won't remember what I witnessed this week, but they will carry intangibles learned from their St. Andrew's athletic experience for the rest of their lives. And we're all better for it.

Go Saints,

Will Robinson '97
Dean of Student Life
History, Soccer



Jake, Ibrahim, Bridget, and Lamar Duncan '20 today after lunch. Lamar led the basketball team with 26 points in its 69-66 win over Appoquinimink. His leadership and clutch shooting earned him an Athlete of the Week nomination from the Delaware News-Journal this week. Lamar is also the Residential Leader on Fleming Dorm.

Reverend Becca Stevens Visits Campus

St. Andrew's welcomed Reverend Becca Stevens from Nashville, Tennessee to campus this week where she is the Founder and President of Thistle Farms, a nonprofit social enterprise dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from trafficking, prostitution, and addiction.

"[Rev. Stevens] is one of the most important and revered leaders and prophets for change, for awakening, for goodness, for grace in the United States and the world," shared Tad Roach. "She is an inspirational voice for the global movement for women's dignity and freedom and a defender of the vulnerable and marginalized."

During a morning Chapel service and meetings with students, Reverend Stevens shared her message of love. "Love is the most powerful force for social change in the world. It is that way

because people want to hope with us, they want to do this work with us, and we welcome you the circle.”

You can learn more at [ThistleFarms.org](https://www.thistlefarms.org).





In the Classroom

Mr. Dan O'Connell's Biology students spent time in Washburn Cove this week catching and studying a massive school of American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) that have unsuccessfully tried to take cover from Noxontown Pond's many birds of prey. Red-tailed Hawks, Bald Eagles, Hooded Mergansers and other predators are feasting on the fish. Students are observing all of it through the new Amos Hall windows using spotting scopes.



Other scenes from *inside* Amos Hall — (top) Mr. Jon Tower's AS Differential Calculus class; (middle) Ms. Kelly Lazar's Honors Precalculus class; and (bottom) Mr. Dave Myers's Computer Science class racing robots.







Chaplain Jay Hutchinson and his Religious Studies students discuss Genesis 1 and the creation of man and woman.





Chinese 4 students wish everyone a Happy Year of the Rat!



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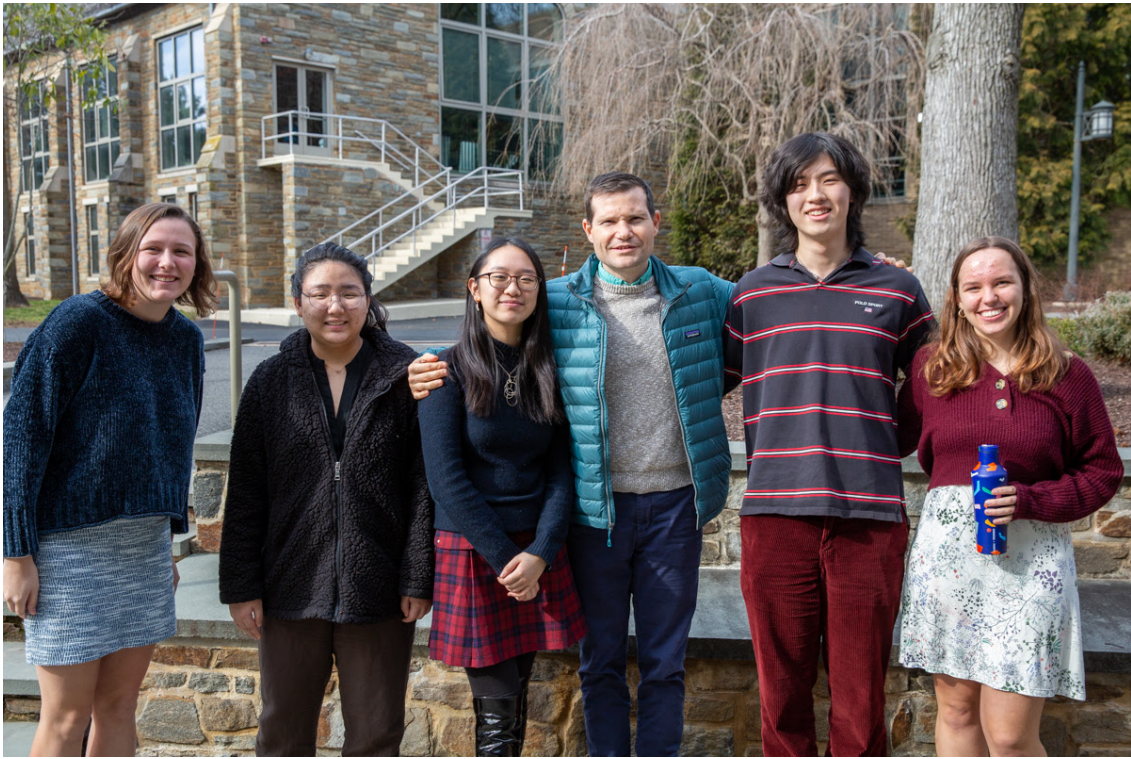
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Student Writers Honored

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards awarded Creative Writing Gold Medals Riley Baker '21, Christine Chen '21, Iris Hwang '20, Lila Feldman '20, and William Zhuang '21.

Iris's and Lila's work was also selected for the American Voices National Competition.



Life in Forbes

Imagine working for weeks to prepare for the winter musical and then only getting two shots to do your best. That's the pressure students are embracing every afternoon as they rehearse for *The Addams Family* in Forbes Theatre. Join us on February 21 and 22!





Life in O'Brien

We welcome Philadelphia artist Miriam Singer to the Warner Gallery tonight for a Gallery Opening as she shares her work and creative process, including her installation of a mural in the O'Brien Arts center. The mural, which will be up for the next two years, is part of a new initiative from Arts Department Co-Chair Joshua Meier to bring a new muralist to campus every other year.



Go Saints!

The Durkin Fleischer Squash Center was the setting for the 2020 State Boys Squash Championships where the only two squash teams in the state (Tower Hill and St. Andrew's) competed for the Speers Cup. The Hillers took this round 7-2, but the young Saints are already looking forward to next season's rematch.





Girls Squash prepares for their match against Conestoga High School.





The St. Andrew's wrestling team continues to thrive under Head Coach Phil Davis with individual success at its highest level in years. The team's overall record continues to take hits from missing weight classes that are forfeited, but the seven varsity wrestlers are dominating in ways not seen in several years. Coach Davis sends updates after every match. Here's a snippet of his email from yesterday's match:

"The match of the day was **Alec Finch** (bottom left photo). What a battle, he had the

crowd on its feet. Alec started off the match losing, he fought back and tied the match, sending it into overtime. Alec fought hard in overtime and sent the match into double overtime. Alec won in double overtime. The warrior spirit was strong in him tonight."



Long Weekend Camping

The St. Andrew's Outing Club, led by Ms. Grace Gahagan '10 and Mr. Brendan Daly,

organized a trip to Williamsville, Virginia at the invitation of parent Charles Lunsford P'20, 22. The group enjoyed three days of hiking the Virginia countryside and two nights in the Lunsford's cabin where they planned and cooked all their own meals. Grace spent the past summer leading trips for Outward Bound and has met the energy of students eager to get outside and explore.





Meanwhile, elsewhere on campus...

Students sit for the 2020 American Mathematics Contest 2020 in the Cameron Room.



Announcements

Confirmation

Confirmation class will begin with the second semester and that confirmation will be on Campus on Sunday, April 19th with Bishop Brown. Parents should contact Chaplain [Jay Hutchinson](#) if they would like their son or daughter confirmed.

Health Center Updates

As we settle into the New Year at St. Andrew's, the Health Center would like to remind you of the following:

- **Whenever you have any changes in personal information** such as your address, phone/cell number, employment or email address, please let the School know as soon as possible, so that we may update our records. You can update your information through the [online Parent Directory](#) or by emailing Director of Parent Engagement [Bernadette Devine](#).
- **If your health or dental insurance information changes** at any time during the school year, please be sure to send us a picture of the front and back of your insurance card(s) via [email](#). This also pertains to prescription cards.
- **Unfortunately, at this time of year, we tend to see an increase in illness.** If at any time, your child is sent home due to illness (or an injury), when the student returns to campus, he or she must check in with the Health Center **first**, before returning to dorm and resuming School activities. In some cases, the student may require a letter from your healthcare provider authorizing his or her return to School.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Health Center at healthcenter@standrews-de.org or via phone at 302-285-4240.

Upcoming Events

Fri, Jan 31 @ 6:45 p.m. — Gallery Opening
Thurs, Feb 6 — David Blight and Colum McCann
Fri, Feb 7 — Crump Lecture with speaker Merritt Moore
Sat, Feb 15 — Winter Play
Fri & Sat, Feb 21 & 22 — Winter Musical
Wed, Feb 26 @ Noon — Spring Break Begins

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