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**Academic Excellence
at the Forefront at McGill-Toolen**

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Dear Friends:

The Code of Canon Law states that a Catholic school, if it is to expect the support of Catholic parents, must be at least equal in quality to other schools in the area. At McGill-Toolen, we think this standard is far too low! We expect to offer an academic education which is the very best in our region.

One of the questions which parents often ask when considering a school for their children is this: How can we determine whether a school has an excellent academic program? As professional educators, we use a number of criteria to evaluate the quality of our curriculum: the extent and difficulty of course offerings; the qualifications of faculty; and, probably most importantly, the performance of our students. I believe that anyone who takes a careful, objective look at McGill-Toolen will find that, by all of these standards, we offer a superior education.

No school in our region demands more credits for graduation than McGill-Toolen, where each student must successfully complete 28 courses before he or she can receive a McGill-Toolen diploma. Moreover, these courses cannot be 'easy' electives, but must include four years of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Theology. We are particularly proud that our students must take Theology, not only to fortify their spiritual life, but to broaden their knowledge. Students in secular or private schools not affiliated with a religious body never learn the great tradition of Christianity and Judaism, which are at the heart of all Western literature, politics, and history.

We invite anyone inquiring about a McGill-Toolen education to examine the standardized test scores of our students. Our average ACT, which is over 24, is significantly above the average score of every student in Alabama who took that test. At the upper end of our curriculum, we now offer 21 AP courses; last year, we had 40 AP scholars (awarded to students who achieve a 3 or better in at least 3 AP courses).

In addition to objective measures such as standardized test scores, we also boast of the accomplishments of our graduates. You will find McGill-Toolen alums in positions of leadership in business, the professions, politics, and service to the Church and community.

Thank you for your support of McGill-Toolen, where we are proud to continue a tradition of 115 years of providing an excellent Catholic education to students in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bry Shields

Academics at the Forefront at McT

By Gary Blackburn, Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs

McGill-Toolen Catholic High School is widely known for its exploits in the athletic arena, but McT also leads the way among all area schools academically. The achievements and recognition for the academic programs over the past several years are the major reason that McT continues to be selected as the "Best Private High School" in the Annual Reader's Choice Awards.

The graduating class of 2010 received over fifteen million dollars in scholarship recognition. This year's graduating class, a much smaller class in number of students, is approaching the twelve million dollar mark and the offers are still pouring in. Each year, Alabama and Auburn submit reports to the school which clearly show that our graduates are among the most successful in their college coursework and eventual degree completion. McGill-Toolen graduates are accepted to colleges and universities from coast to coast. Yellow Jackets are making statements from the U.S. Naval Academy to San Diego State.

An important piece of the college acceptance puzzle is standardized test scores. McGill-Toolen students perform well above the national and state averages on the ACT and each year continue to improve in this area. For example, the national composite score for students taking the ACT has risen very little in the last five years, about one-tenth of a point; McT scores have risen over 1.5 points. This figure is statistically significant because nearly all McT students take the ACT from the College Prep One level all the way up to Advanced Placement students. When only our Honors and AP students' scores are evaluated, their composite scores rank among the highest in the South. In the summer of 2010, over 40 McT students were recognized as AP Scholars due to the number of tests they have taken and for which they received college credit. McT also is a leader in Advanced Placement course offerings in the area. Twenty-one AP courses are offered each year at McGill. The 2011-2012 school will see the addition of AP Environmental Science and two levels of AP Physics. For the 2010-2011 school year, enrollment in AP courses was a record 336 with over 280 tests administered. There is no doubt that the number of AP Scholars will continue to rise.

One of the newest additions to McGill-Toolen academics is the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholars Program. Incoming eighth graders are recognized for their high placement test and other standardized test scores; their middle school grades and overall achievement throughout their school career. They are given the chance to enroll in a rigorous Honors/AP curriculum that includes Latin as the foreign language option. During their years at McT, they will increase their studies through extra projects and assignments, service and standardized testing. As rising juniors and seniors they will participate in college tours to visit some of the most selective colleges and universities in the country. Those who ultimately complete the program will receive

On the Cover:

- Freshmen Mark Gacek and Pasley Graham won the US Army Special Award at the State of Alabama Science and Engineering Fair in Huntsville. They are shown with Science Department Chair Tim Burgess.
- New National Honor Society members at the Spring induction ceremony
- 2010-2011 AP Scholars
- Members of the Hi-Q team, Aly Pardu, Elisabeth Nichols, David Roveda and Allen Davis

continued Academics at the Forefront...

special recognition as seniors. They will graduate from McGill-Toolen as well-rounded, faith-filled young men and women ready to take on any challenge they face as well as being completely prepared academically and intellectually. Twenty-nine freshmen were part of the initial class of Aquinas Scholars in 2010-2011. For the coming school year, thirty-four students have been chosen.

Academic achievement for a high school is not limited to those students in Honors and AP classes. McGill-Toolen offers four levels of learning. In addition to Honors and AP, the school offers two College Preparatory levels. No student is locked into any one level of classes. Student schedules are tailored individually to meet their learning needs, even if their schedule calls for AP English and CP1 Math. All students graduate from McGill-Toolen with 28 credits with four years of Math, Science, English, Social Studies and most importantly Theology. Every senior takes Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine as their two senior theology courses. These courses teach seniors the complete knowledge of their faith and give them the tools to defend it.

McT's enrollment will grow to over 1100 for the coming school year, the highest it's been in over ten years. The faith-filled experience and mission of the school partnered with outstanding teachers and a diverse and thorough list of class offerings all contribute to excellence in and out of the classroom at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School.

Student Spotlight-Mary McElroy

By Rachel Robertson, Class of 2012



As a small town girl living in Robertsdale, Mary McElroy has always dreamed of living in the big city, and now she finally has her chance. Accepted to Barnard College in New York City, Mary has certainly made McGill-Toolen proud. Her hard work and leadership are exemplified

not only through a rigorous course load but through varsity soccer and multiple clubs as well. Lettering in a varsity sport her junior and senior year, Mary has learned what balancing a schedule really means. Her commute to school takes an hour, and her soccer practice and homework often grow overwhelming. She explains that taking on so many responsibilities has taught her how to discover what is important in life: school, soccer, family, and friends. Even with athletics and academics, she always makes time for a social life. She credits McT for her Catholic education that readies her to face any challenge that may arise in the future. Devoted not only to God but to school as well, Mary serves in the Ambassador Club, National Honor Society, Scholars Bowl, Hi-Q Team, and The McGillian newspaper, using her impressive intellect to give back to McGill. She eagerly accepted the challenge of five AP classes her senior year, ultimately graduating with a 4.17 weighted GPA and 32 on the ACT. Becoming a National Merit Commended Student and voted Ideal Graduate of McT, Mary became the desired student of every college. She received an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy, was accepted to the Honors Program at Boston College, and was accepted to Fordham University where she was offered the Dean's Honor Scholarship. Despite all of her options, Mary was most attracted to Barnard College, where she will attend this upcoming fall majoring in environmental biology.

Faces of Success-Kate Browning



Kate feels very fortunate to have been able to attend Catholic schools from kindergarten all the way through law school. She graduated from St. Pius in 1997 and was in the McGill-Toolen Class of 2001. She went on to graduate from Spring Hill College and Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. Kate currently works in Mobile for her father's law firm, Richard E. Browning, P.C. They specialize in the areas of Worker's Compensation, Social

Security Disability, Longshore and Harbor Worker's Compensation and Personal Injury.

Kate says, "I think what I loved most about McGill was the concept of helping students to grow and better themselves in mind, body and spirit. McGill-Toolen Catholic is a true community, and there is a niche for everyone." Kate found her niche by participating in clubs such as the Student Ambassador's Club, Pro-Life Club and Key Club and playing on the girls' tennis team all four years. She enjoyed being challenged in AP and Honors classes. Kate says she loved the fact that she attended a high school that not only had exciting football games and entertaining plays, but a place where she had the opportunity to attend Mass in the school gym and begin each class with a prayer. "While at McGill-Toolen Catholic, I was surrounded by students who became some of my closest friends and still are to this day," Kate said. As an alumnus, she thoroughly enjoys attending events such as football games and the Jacket Jubilation. She is really looking forward to her ten-year reunion this summer. Kate said, "I cannot believe it has already been a decade since graduation, but I will be eternally grateful for the preparation I received at McGill-Toolen Catholic and look forward to being an active alumnus for many years to come."

National Merit Scholars



National Merit Finalists Philip Dempsey, Mary McElroy and Don Wagon

Sports Shorts

Sports Spotlight: Courtney Harlan



As a versatile athlete, Courtney Harlan has played both varsity soccer and basketball at McT since her freshmen year, and her dedication and talent have earned her a soccer scholarship from Louisiana State University.

Courtney was named an All-County player for both soccer and basketball. As a soccer player, she was chosen to play in the Battle of Bay Tournament, was named All-Region and was chosen to

play in the North/South All Star game. Courtney scored 41 goals this season, had 14 assists, and was Team Captain. She was also named the McGill-Toolen Female Athlete of the Year. In her career at McT, she has scored over 100 goals.

In addition to being a talented athlete, Courtney is also an outstanding student. With a 4.13 GPA, Courtney has taken all honors and advanced placement classes. She will be a fine addition to the LSU Lady Tigers soccer team.

Girls Track and Field

By Philip Dempsey Class of 2011

The girl's track and field program also enjoyed another successful season in 2011. The girl's team won the 19th Annual St. Paul's Relays, the 55th Annual Southeastern Relays, the McGill-Toolen Invitational, the County Championships (setting a meet record for points scored), the Battle of Old Shell Road, and the Region Championships while finishing 3rd at the State Meet. The Lady Jackets' school record books were practically re-written on the distance side, as sophomore Carmen Carlos broke school records in the half-mile



(2:15), the mile (4:56), and the two-mile (10:43). Carlos also teamed up with Senior Iliana Garcia, Junior Sage Blackwell, and Eighth-Grader Ebie Douglas to break the school record in the 4x1600 meter relay. Carlos and Blackwell, along with juniors Addy Lockett and Meghan Hawkins, broke yet another school record in the 4x800 meter relay, posting the #4 time in the country and earning All-State Honors. Carlos and Blackwell also finished 1-2 in both the mile and two-mile races at the State Championships. Junior Passion Gamble broke the school record in the triple jump (37'6.5") with her All-State performance at the State Championships. Junior Shelley Summersell also threw to an All-State performance in the discus competition, finishing 3rd at the State Championships. Summersell rounded out a talented throws group consisting also of Junior Mallory Briggs and Senior Katherine Harvey that went 1-2-3 at the County Championships. Sophomore Emily Tarlton placed second in the state

pole vault, thus earning All-State honors to cap off an outstanding season during which she recorded an 11'6" jump. Overall, this year's Lady Jackets broke 6 school records and had 8 All-State performances. Watch for the Jackets to capture multiple State Team Titles in the near future, beginning with the newly reinstated 2012 Indoor Track Season.

Boys Track and Field

By Philip Dempsey Class of 2011

The boys' track and field team enjoyed another successful season in 2011. The boys won team titles at the 19th Annual St. Paul's Relays, the 55th Annual Southeastern Relays, and the Region Championships. Senior Lanse Watson placed 5th overall at the 6A State Championships in the shot put (49'10"), while fellow senior Philip Dempsey took home 4th place finishes in the State mile (4:25) and two-mile (9:51).



Junior Jonny Stiegler earned All-State honors in the pole vault (14') after taking home 2nd place at the State Championships. Sophomore William Miller complemented Stiegler's All-State performance with a 7th place finish at the State Championships. Sophomore Cameron Ellis scored in the State two-mile race with his 7th place finish in 9:56 to add to the 4:30 mile he ran the day before. Newcomers Jason Smith and Jalen Square, both sophomores, teamed up with Ellis and Dempsey to post a state-leading Sprint Medley Relay time at the Southeastern Relays. Sophomore Conrad Collins teamed up with Freshman William Carrol, Ellis, and Dempsey to win the Region Championship 4x800 meter relay. Senior Chris Lewis, County Champion in the triple jump, led the Jackets in the horizontal jumps all season long, scoring valuable varsity points in numerous meets throughout the season. Senior Garrison Carlos anchored the Jackets' winning Distance Medley Relay in a spectacular finish that clenched the Southeastern Relays team title. The Jackets are primed for another run at the State Title in 2012, as they return the state's top 3 pole vaulters (Stiegler, Miller, and Alex Pond) as well as the strongest distance squad in the state.



The boy's and girl's track team enjoy a big win as Sectional Champs

Girls Soccer

The Varsity Lady Jackets finished the season ranked #5 in the state with a record of 21-4-1. The team did not lose a game to any other school in the Mobile/Baldwin county area. They advanced to the State quarter finals losing to Auburn on penalty kicks. The team was led by co-captains Courtney Harlan and Elizabeth Hamlin. Juniors Caroline Frangos and Morgan Harlan were selected to represent the school in the North/South All-Star soccer game this summer.

Boys Soccer



The boy's soccer team began its season with high expectations. McT brought in a new coach this year with a winning pedigree and expected to benefit from this.

Coach Ruben Risco was hired to get the program back to the prominence it had experienced in the past. Coach Ruben played in back-to-back State Championships as a player at McGill-Toolen and holds a school record of 34 goals. He also played collegiate soccer with The University of Mobile and Spring Hill College.

The varsity team finished with a record of 11-7-2 and for the first time in three years gained a berth in the State Playoffs. McT defeated Murphy and Fairhope and advanced to the third round of the State playoffs before being eliminated by Enterprise (the eventual runner-up).

McT's varsity team was anchored by Captains Peyton Plessala and Ruffin Blackwell. Jamie Friedlander led all scoring with a total of 18 goals for the season. Connor Plessala and Tim Busby tag-teamed in goal to allow an average of just 1.4 goals per game to be scored on the Jackets.

The JV team faired equally well amassing a record of 8-4-3.

Girls Golf

The girls golf team finished in 3rd place in the Mississippi National Invitational. They finished in 4th place at the Sectional Golf Championship. The team is made up of junior Lola Ziemann, freshman Rachel Martin and eighth graders Katlyn Gobbs from St. Pius and Lizzie Ziemann from Corpus Christi School. Lola Ziemann was named to the All-County Golf Team. Three of the four players will be returning for next year's season.



Boys Golf

The Boys Golf Team finished second at Section, first at Sub-state, and fourth at State. The team was led by Steven Setterstrom 76.3 avg (who shot a 69 at the Country Club of Mobile Invitational); Sheldon Statkewicz 77.8; Luke Miller 78.7; David Roveda 79.2 and Gabe Shinn 81.6. Other Varsity members were Al David Saab 82.1 and Dylan Cruthirds 82.0 and they both qualified for Section and Sub-state as individuals. The JV Team also had a great year with a 7-1 record. Alan Cameron led the way with a 38.3 avg; Dave Engerson 40.2; Taylor Douglas 41.4; Daniel Lursen 41.8; Paul Burkholder 42.0; Chase Taylor 42.8; David Daniels 44.2 and Joe Poole 47.0. The future looks bright with the returning varsity players and outstanding prospects on the JV team.

Girls Tennis



The varsity team defended their Sectional title, beating Murphy by a score of 49 to 45. Every member of the team contributed points to the total. Sophomores Elle Salem, Mary Brandon Scott and senior Emily Rebekah Sullivan won individual titles and sophomore Anna Carwie teamed with Emily Rebekah to win a doubles title. The varsity team then went on to place 9th in the State tournament.

The varsity had a great start by winning their opening matches against sectional rivals Theodore, Baker and MGM to start the season at 3-0. We then lost to St. Paul's in a close match by a score of 5-4, then lost to UMS 8-1 and then lost to Murphy by a 6-3 score to even our record at 3-3. We got back on the win track with victories over Cottage Hill Christian Academy, Bayside, MGM, Fairhope and Alma Bryant and then lost to UMS. We ended the season at 10-5 with a loss to St. Paul's and wins at Murphy and Davidson.

The JV opened their schedule on Feb 11 against Citronelle's varsity at the University of Mobile winning by a score of 12-0, then followed up with an 8-1 victory over MGM, then beat St. Paul's by a 7-3 margin to remain undefeated. They continued their undefeated streak by beating UMS by a score of 8-7. The JV then ran their unbeaten streak to nine in a row with wins over ASMS, Vigor, Bayside, St. Luke's and MGM before the streak came to an end with a loss to UMS. They got back on the winning track by beating St. Paul's and Bayside to end the season at an incredible 10-1. We look forward to having these girls back next year on our varsity team.

Boys Tennis

The boys' tennis team completed another successful season. They finished in the Top Ten in the State for the third straight year, won Sectionals for the tenth straight year and placed third in the 1st Annual McGill-Toolen Invitational.

The team had a 10-6 record including wins over Fairhope, Spanish Fort, Sylacauga, and Ben Russell. The team included senior Zac Stewart, who anchored the team at #1 singles & #1 doubles and also for the first time ever, a 7th grader John Teague Murphy of St Ignatius and 8th grader Zach Lassiter of St. Dominic. Charles Mathison and Adam Brandau returned to the varsity squad for another successful year in singles and doubles. William Delchamps and Michael Rodriguez, first-time varsity players, paired up together at #3 doubles.



Baseball



The 2011 McGill-Toolen baseball season was a very successful one. All three teams, middle school, junior varsity, and varsity achieved post season play. Coach Jay Boren led our middle school team to the playoffs and an overall great year, while teaching and guiding our middle school players athletically and as individuals. Coach Hamilton Barnett coached

our junior varsity baseball team to an Area Championship and a Playoff Championship game. Although our junior varsity team fell short in the championship game, it was a tremendous year. We look forward to all of the middle school and junior varsity players being a part of our program in years to come. Our varsity baseball team had a very successful year as well. The players were part of an Area Championship, a second-round Play-off berth, and defeats of the #1 and #3 teams in the state of Alabama. Five seniors are participating in the Alabama East-West All-Star Game, John Addison, Will Franklin, Michael Radoslovich, Josh McCarron, and Matthew Zambo.

At least three seniors, including Will Franklin, Josh McCarron, and Michael Radoslovich will be playing college baseball next year. All seven seniors will be attending college at various campuses. We are very proud of their achievements this year. We anticipate great accomplishments from our seniors in their future endeavors and also from our underclassmen in the following years as members of the McGill-Toolen Baseball Program.

Faces of Success-Spencer Gayles

Spencer Gayles is the epitome of a well-rounded student. He excels in the academic arena with an all Honors and AP curriculum. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has a 3.63 GPA. He received full scholarships to LSU and Springhill College and received the Spirit of Auburn Foundation Scholarship. He has chosen to attend LSU where he will march in the Tiger Marching Band.



Spencer is also dedicated to serving the community and living his Catholic faith. He is an active member of the Servants of the Poor, Pro-Life Club and Campus Ministry. He volunteers much of his time to community service. He was recently awarded the Development Office "Jacket Jubilation Meritorious Award" for his countless hours of service which are often done behind-the-scenes for no other reward or recognition other than helping and serving others. He is also a Student Ambassador and is a favorite on the McT Road Shows at his alma mater, St. Ignatius. He is the perfect student to speak on the topic of extracurricular involvement since he is involved in so much at McT!

But the thing Spencer is most passionate about is his music. He plays the violin, the guitar and saxophone. He is a member of the McT Marching Band, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. He attributes his self-motivation and persistence to his being a self-taught musician. "Regardless of whether it is learning an instrument or climbing the corporate ladder, it is ultimately up to one's self to decide whether or not success is plausible." Spencer feels he learned the importance of teamwork and self discipline through being a part of the McT marching band. He says, "You have to have a lot of trust in your teammates when you have eighty band members walking backwards and anticipating being in the correct spot at the correct time." He is also a member of the Chamber Singers, utilizing his musical talents in even another medium.

Spencer is a student who can "do it all and do it well". His dedication to academics, service to others and his music will take him far in life.

Spring 2011 College Athlete Signees



Front row left to right are Mary Ann Washichek, Courtney Harlan, Iliana Garcia, Maggie Spalding who will walk on to play volleyball at the University of South Alabama, and Katie Barrett Back row left to right are Kellen Bullock who will swim for Centenary College, Philip Dempsey received an academic scholarship to LSU and will run track and cross country for the Tigers, and Graylen Peek. Not pictured are scholarship recipients Josh McCarron who will play baseball for the University of South Alabama, Michael Radoslovich who will play baseball at Faulkner State and Lanse Watson who will play at the University of Alabama Birmingham.

Josh McCarron
U. of South Alabama
Baseball

Mary Ann Washichek
LaGrange College
Volleyball

Michael Radoslovich
Faulkner State
Baseball

Katie Barrett
U. of South Alabama
Cheerleading

Iliana Garcia
Mercer University
Soccer

Graylen Peek
LaGrange College
Football

Courtney Harlan
LSU
Soccer

Lanse Watson
U. of Alabama Birmingham
Football

What Makes McGill Special to You?

By Pat Arensberg



I will be leaving McGill after 16 years just as my children are about to begin their time here. As I reflected on this fact, the image of a mighty river continued to dominate my reflection. What makes the Mississippi so great? The water of course, but which water...this drop or that drop? Kind of a ridiculous question, right? Each drop of water forms the might of the river when taken in unison.

What makes McGill-Toolen so great? Is it the principal? No, she is fantastic and has done, and please God, will continue to do great things. Is it the president? No, he has set a beautiful vision for us and we are so grateful for that direction. Is it the religion teachers? No, they are fantastic and really doing great things, but they are just drops of water too. Maybe it's the students? Nope, I love them all but it is not them. Well, it is none of the above when taken in isolation, but it is all of the above when taken as part of the whole that is the tradition of Catholic education.

At the Great Easter Vigil, the light from the Paschal Candle is passed from person to person. Each person with a lighted candle passes that light to someone else who is in darkness. Soon the entire Church is bathed in the Light. We, as part of McGill-Toolen Catholic community have lighted candles. It is our obligation to pass that light on to those who will follow after us, just as we have received from those who preceded us.

Next year I will be working as the Director of the Office of Religious Education. There is a drop of water coming after me, just as I followed others. Together we form the mighty McGill river of faith!

Faces of Success - Sellors Meador

By Kathleen Powers Class of 2012



Dr. R. Sellors Meador, a graduate of McGill-Toolen Class of 1996, is a successful physician, a devoted husband and father and a member of St. Ignatius Church, where he grew up and attended elementary school. When Sellors graduated from McGill-Toolen, he received a full academic scholarship to the Citadel, where he graduated magna cum laude. He then attended UAB Medical School and earned such respect from the faculty that he was able to gain a fellowship at the

University of Mississippi Medical School in the field of Nephrology. He now practices in Mobile with Nephrology Associates.

Dr. Meador's success as a highly-trained specialist is no surprise to his McGill-Toolen teachers. While a student at McT, he was known as a very bright, quick-witted student who was highly involved in

many areas of campus life. He was the trainer for the McT Yellow Jacket football team and was involved in many service clubs such as the Ambassador Club. He proved to be an extremely well-rounded student by serving as an active member of the High School Bowl Team and a member of the National Honor Society. Sellors has used his accomplishments at McGill-Toolen to shape his later success. According to Sellors, "the AP program at McGill really prepared me for my success in college. The service opportunities I was able to participate in also gave me a strong sense of community." Today, Sellors, who is a proud McT Alum, builds on the foundation of faith and knowledge he gained in high school by using his medical skills to care for the sick and suffering. We are very proud of all that has been accomplished by Dr. R. Sellors Meador, another Yellow Jacket face of success!

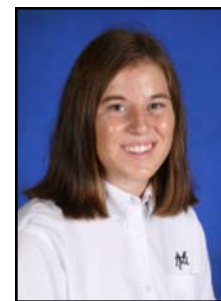
Rising Seniors, Rising Leaders

By Walsh Millette, Class of 2012

The standard of excellence that McGill-Toolen Catholic High School upholds is certainly exemplified by the model students who walk its halls. From academics to athletics, and everything in between, McGill-Toolen students stand out across Mobile, across Alabama, and across the entire Southeast. But when school comes to a close and the warm weather commences, McGill-Toolen students continue on in their quest to be the best, not shying away from their studies simply because summer has arrived. Just ask rising seniors Matthew Heubach and Lauren Webber for an idea of what goes on during the summer months. Both students will be attending the Alabama Governor's School in Birmingham to take part in a twelve day program covering experiential seminars which focus on the natural and social sciences, the humanities, and the fine arts. Acceptance into the program – which is accredited by the National Conference of Governor's Schools – requires each applicant to be extremely "academically talented." Similarly, another rising senior, Paul Lagarde is set to take part in the Naval Academy's Summer Seminar. The program, which spans the month of June, takes place in Annapolis and exposes students to a rigorous academic program as well as midshipman life in the Navy and Marine Corps. Lastly, Morgan Harlan, a Lady Jacket soccer star, will be studying psychology and philosophy courses at the University of Mississippi. Having been offered a full scholarship to the program, Morgan intends to learn about residence life and delve more deeply into the liberal arts through her stay at Ole Miss and her studies there. Clearly the students at McGill are on top of things – and others are taking notice. Upcoming seniors are quickly rising to become the school's leaders, and they're taking advantage of all that free time in the summer to prepare.



Matthew Heubach



Lauren Webber



Paul Lagarde



Morgan Harlan



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Scholarships Flourish in the Class of 2011

The McT motto “Reach Higher – Go Farther” is in full force with the Class of 2011. This year’s graduating class was awarded over \$12 million in college scholarships. These students made up over 60 percent of the senior class. Members of the Class of 2011 who have reached higher and are definitely destined to go farther are: Front Row: Michael Artis, University of North Carolina, Graylen Peek, LaGrange College; Kellen Bullock, Centenary College; Back Row: Kaitlin Fellrath, Franciscan University; Mary McElroy, Barnard College; Alyssa Johnson, College of Charleston; Mia El-Hamaki, Furman University; William Peebles, Sewanee; Kate Kusch, Georgia Tech; Liza Scott, Ole Miss and Ruffin Blackwell, Sewanee.



2011 Calendar of Events

July 1-18 School Offices Closed	August 11 Underclassmen Orientation	August 12 Freshmen Orientation	August 15 Opening Day of School (half day)	October 7 Homecoming	November 6 McT An Inside Look Campus & Curriculum Tour
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