



## The Michaelight (June 2016) Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

*"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."*



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### Saint Michael Academy Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young

## Update on the Reunion

### *Slight Change in Plans...*

We hope you have put **Saturday, September 24th** on your calendars for the next SMA All-Class Annual Reunion. A more formal emailed invitation will be coming to you shortly. In the meantime, let us just tell you that we have had to change the venue. Unfortunately, the Fillmore Room suffered a fire several weeks ago and has yet to reopen. In fact, it seems like it may not reopen at all. Therefore, we have been scurrying about trying to find another wonderful place at which to hold our annual luncheon. We have found the place. (And we think you'll really like it!)

Connolly's Pub & Restaurant (Times Square)  
121 West 45th Street  
New York, NY 10035

So, be on the lookout for our next email. In it, you will find a response form to fill out and return to us to secure your reservation. Hope to see you there!



## SMAAA Charitable Foundation

women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

## New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers, capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...[\(read more\)](#)

## SMAAA Board of Directors

**Lorraine Pogan Shef '64**  
(President - Association & Charitable Foundation)

**Blanca Camacho '74**  
(VP - Association & Charitable Foundation)

**Kathy Seyfried '74**  
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

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(Treasurer - Association & Charitable Foundation)

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**Genevieve O'Hare '47**  
**Eileen Roether '63**  
**Noreen White Rogan, '60**  
**Patti Wu '70**



Principal Jonathan Morano, Lorena Zumba, Alexis Weishaupt and Blanca Camacho ('74)

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, SMAAA Charitable Foundation Vice President, Blanca Camacho ('74) presented scholarships to two graduating 8th graders from Sacred Heart of Jesus School who will be attending St. Vincent Ferrer High School in the fall.

Ms. Alexis Weishaupt was the recipient of the [Caridad Arroyo Gorostiza](#) Scholarship, a one-year scholarship started this year by Ms. Gorostiza's son, Dr. Felipe Gorostiza, who was the last principal of St. Michael Academy.

Ms. Lorena Zumba was the proud recipient of a four-year scholarship. Because the first year of this scholarship was funded by the generosity of classmates of the late [Joann Ferguson](#) ('75), the scholarship was named in her honor.

*The St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association Charitable Foundation (SMAAACF) was founded by a group of alumnae of St. Michael Academy shortly after the closing of the school, in honor of the school's mission of educating young women in a loving and caring community and assisting each to develop her gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life. The SMAAACF raises funds primarily to provide scholarships to low income girls to attend Catholic high schools in the New York metropolitan area.*

**We Need Your Contact Info!**

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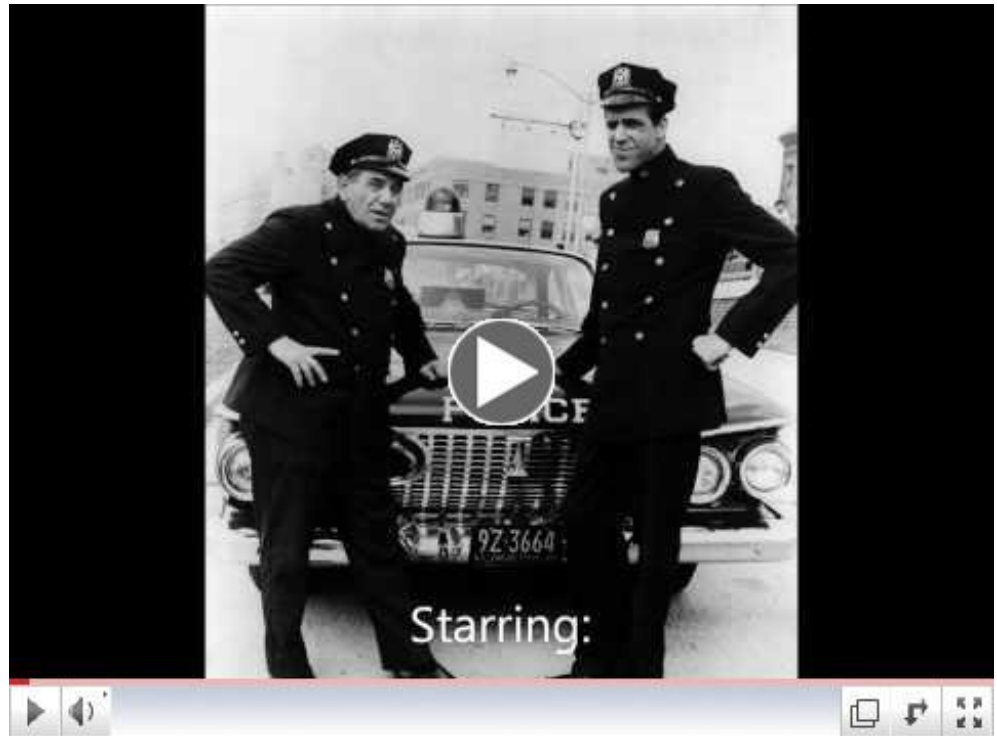
### Tax Information

Contributions made (including any dues paid) to the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association, Inc. are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

### Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

[SMAAANYC@gmail.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@gmail.com)



## Where Are You???

This is the time of year when we start to realize how much we are missing in our database. Here is a list of people for whom we need **physical addresses, phone numbers and email addresses**. Even if you are receiving our emails, if you are on this list, our information for you is incomplete. Please send your updated contact info to [SMAAANYC@gmail.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@gmail.com). Thank you!



*From the "Golden Anniversary" Class of 1966...*

Linda Allen, Gloria Anastasi,



Susan Anderson, Kristine Baehny,  
Pamela Banville, Linda Beckles,  
Anna Castner, Marilyn Cleary,  
Karen Collarini, Patricia Conaty,  
Mary Cunningham, Roseanne Di Biase,  
Margaret Doell, Kathleen Donoghue Clarke,  
Lynn Dowling, Ellen Duttweiler,  
Wendy Dynan, Eileen Erhman,  
Barbara Fallon, Lucy Fiorito Widness,  
Francine Fischl, Mary Jane Fogerty,  
Sherry Goldman, Margaret Haniotis,  
Mildred Hood, Elaine Hopper,  
Marialyce Hunt, Regina Imsand,  
Laura Job, Kathryn Keane,  
Kathleen Kline, Susan Kucinkas,  
Catherine Lamb, Elizabeth Lee,  
Kathleen Madigan, Kathryn McCarthy,  
Nancy McDerby, Margaret McGuire,  
Nancy Murphy, Frances Musumeci,  
Margaret Norton, Caroline Nowak,  
Judith Nuza, Alice O'Hanlon,  
Ellen O'Leary, Marilyn O'Leary,  
Diana Ortiz Deakin, Genevieve Pawlowski,  
Maryann Proscia, Miriam Ramos,  
Barbara Rosalie, Anna Rysytiwskyj,  
Mary Ann Santiago, Sara Schwartz,  
Cynthia Serafini, Diana Sferlazza,  
Carol Sokol, Linda Stanisci,  
Kathleen Tague, Marietta Toscano,  
Pamela Trozzi, Virginia Zaccagnino,  
Theodosia Zacharczuk, Christine Zosh

***From the "Silver" Anniversary Class of 1991...***

Davina Lynn Adams, Jacqueline Alicea,  
Laura Alpaca, Jessie Ayala,  
Kathy Chan, Mary Chan,  
Sandy Collado, Elena Cordero,  
Joana Cruz, Connie Decker,  
Suelene Dumas, Evelyn Ferreris,  
Carrie Grote, Jill Hoffman,  
Johanna Iglesia, Evelyn Jimenez,  
Tabatha Lozano, Tosha Lucas,  
Yesenia Marmolejos, Clara Martinez,  
Luz Medrano, Tonisha Mitchell,  
Michele Montalvo, Nicole Peters,

Edwige Pierre-Louis, Diana Rivera,  
Jessica Roldan Moran, Jacqueline Rosario,  
Jacqueline Victoria Rosario, Yesenia Sanchez,  
Jasmine Tavarez



**Thank You from the Presentation Sisters**



During the trip to the Mount in April, SMAAA President Lorraine Pogan Shef '64 presented the sisters with a check for \$500 from the

SMAAA Charitable Foundation. [Click here](#) to read

**President Sr. Patricia Anastasio's  
thank you note to us all.**

**In Memoriam**

## PASSINGS - Class of 1962

It is with a doubly heavy heart that we write to tell you of the passing of two members of the Class of 1962: Eileen Horan Hochman and Carolyn O'Connell. Both of these ladies were also graduates of the Elementary School and lived within two blocks of SMA, and a block of each other, when they were growing up. I lived around the corner from Carolyn and about a block away from Eileen. The closeness of their passing is an incredible coincidence. May their souls rest in peace.



Lorraine Pogan Shef '64

Pres., SMAAA

[Carolyn O'Connell's Obituary](#)

[Eileen Horan Hochman's Obituary](#)

**Dues are Due!**



*"June is Bustin' Out All Over!"  
So, bust a move and join the SMAAA  
(or continue your current membership)  
by sending in your dues ASAP!*

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and our charitable outreach. Your dues go toward covering our operating expenses. This emailed newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (last year's reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, website fees, etc.)

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. **Please become a member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by [clicking on this link](#) to fill out a "dues payment" form, and sending it along with your check for \$25 to:**

**Jeanne Billings**

6 Greenacres Avenue  
Scarsdale, NY 10583

**Please make your check payable to "SMAAA." (Please note that teachers and administrators can also be voting members by paying dues.)**

We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all of your SMA classmates and/or post it to your Facebook page. ("Nothing can our union sever!")

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**Facebook**



Just click on this Facebook button (above) to be taken to the official Facebook page of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association. And please "like" us!

## Website



Visit our website!

[www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com)

or

[www.SaintMichaelAcademy.nyc](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.nyc)

and let the good times roll!

Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates. Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

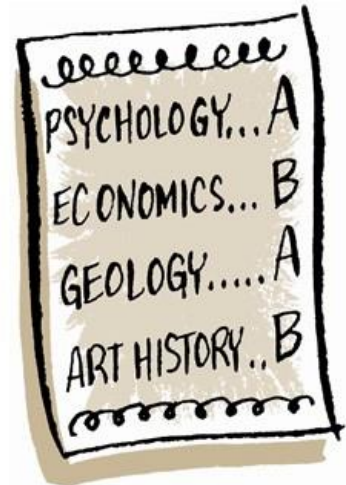


## Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website ([www.saintmichaelacademy.com](http://www.saintmichaelacademy.com)), click on "Newsletters" and

catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

Need your school transcript?  
[Contact the Church of St. Michael.](#) Please call Kenya in the St. Michael Parish Office (212-563-2547 or -2575) and she will assist you!



## Sisters of the PBVM

*Might We Suggest...*  
that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by [giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters](#). Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:



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