



## The Michaelite (December 2017)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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### Pictures!

**Here they are...  
Pictures from the wildly successful  
SMA Reunion 2017!**

## Passings

### **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 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**  
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(VP - Charitable  
Foundation)

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(VP - Association)

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(Treasurer)

**Jeanne Boyd Billings '74**  
(Secretary)



[Click here to access the pictures.](#)

To see a slideshow of the photos, simply click on one of the little magnifying glass icons next to any picture to start the "show." Enjoy!

*Thank you to our photographer Joseph Seyfried (brother of Board member Kathy Seyfried) for donating his services at our reunion.*

## **Reunion 2018 - Save the Date!**

**It's never too early to start planning for the next reunion! Reunion 2018 will take place on Saturday, September 29th (the Feast of St. Michael!)**

**Reunion 2018 will celebrate the jubilee classes ending in "3" and "8" and honor the silver and golden anniversary classes of 1993 and 1968, respectively. Please know that our reunions are always open to ALL SMA alumnae. Just gather a group of your friends and come!**

*(Will you and your classmates be celebrating a milestone birthday in 2018? Why not get together at the 2018 Reunion to party hearty? The more the merrier!)*

## **Reunion Slideshows**

In recent years, it has become our custom to run a slide presentation at the reunion luncheons (courtesy of SMA Board member Kathy Seyfried.) This year's "show" [can be viewed by going here.](#)

**Genevieve O'Hare '47**

**Maria Pani '74**

**Eileen Roether '63**

**Patti Wu '70**

## **Join Our Mailing List**

 **JOIN OUR MAILING LIST**



To see presentations from previous years, [please follow this link.](#)

## **Reunion Program**

[Click here to see the 2017 Reunion Program](#)

### **Tax Information**

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

**Questions? Comments?**

**Write to us at...**

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

# **St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association**



**Reunion 2017**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2017**  
**12:00 PM**

**St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association**  
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St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association

**SMAAA Charitable Foundation News**

# Charitable foundation

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, SMAAA Charitable Foundation Vice President, Blanca Camacho ('74) presented scholarships to three graduating 8th graders from the Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Manhattan who, coincidentally, all started attending St. Jean Baptiste High School in the fall.



Ms. Tamia Richardson was the proud recipient of a four-year Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association Scholarship. St. Jean Baptiste will receive \$250 per year towards her tuition.

Ms. Jade Solano and Ms. Christa Jirmnson were each the recipient of a Caridad Arroyo Gorostiza Scholarship, a one-year scholarship started last year by Ms.

Gorostiza's son, Dr. Felipe Gorostiza, who was the last principal of St. Michael Academy, and additionally funded this year by her nephew, Mr. Juan Arroyo. Ms. Solano will receive a \$200 award and Ms. Jirmnson a \$100 award which, again, will be paid directly to the school for their tuition. In addition to this year's recipients, Dr. Gorostiza has also chosen to renew the scholarship of last year's recipient, Alexis Weishaupt, who is currently attending Saint Vincent Ferrer High School.

This brings to a total of seven the number of scholarship recipients to date. We now have a full house, as it were, since we are in our fourth year of scholarship awards and the seven represent students who will be freshmen, sophomores, a junior, and a senior in the coming school year.

Although our awards are modest we have increased our scholarships by either the dollar amount or number of recipients in the past four years. We are grateful for larger donations such as those made by the Gorostiza family and the Class of '75 which established specific awards, as well as all other donations which when combined put a smile on the recipients' faces. We hope to be able to make a bigger difference by awarding bigger scholarships in the future.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. It is much appreciated!

*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.*

**SMAAA Totes and Umbrellas**



Just before last year's Reunion we introduced our SMAAA Tote Bags which were an instant hit! This year we are debuting our newest addition - our Folding Umbrellas!

You can carry it yourself to show the world you are a Michaelite, or you can give them as gifts - especially to your SMA Family and Friends! The SMA Umbrella opens to a full 42" and folds down to a compact 11". Just the right size to pop into your SMAAA Tote Bag (18"W x 13"H with a 5" base and 29" straps, made of 100% cotton canvas).



You can order these beautiful items online by [going to our website](#) and using the PayPal button, or by mailing a check for **\$30 for a tote OR an umbrella, or \$55 for a tote AND an umbrella** (made payable to *SMAAA Charitable Foundation*) to Jeanne Billings, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. **Please don't forget to include your name and address, and indicate clearly the items/quantity you are purchasing.**



## Dues are Due

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and our special events. 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 SMAAA you must renew your membership



annually. Please become a member of 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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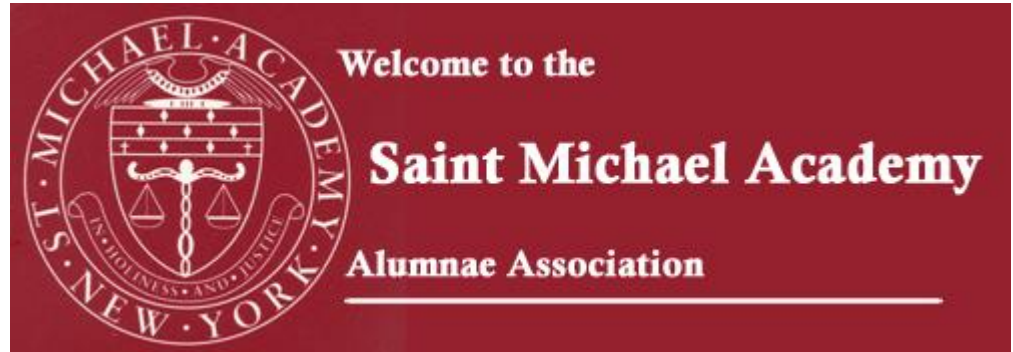
## Facebook



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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

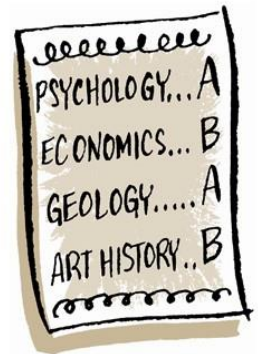
Are you new to "The Michaelite"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website ([www.saintmichaelacademy.com](http://www.saintmichaelacademy.com)), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!



## Transcripts

Need your school transcript?  
[Contact the Church of St. Michael.](#)

Please call the  
Church of St. Michael Office  
(212-563-2575)



## Giving Back

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:

[Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)  
Administration Office  
84 Presentation Way  
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949



## Passings

Prayers are requested for the family of Anna-Marie Soldo Peralo, Class of '81. Anna Marie left us very unexpectedly earlier this month. Also from the Class of '81, Kerri Ann Kennedy died on November 26, 2017. ([Read her obituary](#))

We received word of the passing of Lorette Dumas Schmidt, Class of '51. Her friend Dorothy McKay writes..."She was the belle of most of our musical productions. The best that comes to mind...."How are things in Glocomora"....RIP dear friend."

We lost Joan M. Smith, Class of '49, in June. Joan was the mother of Marianne Smith, who has done much of the photography for our reunions. ([read Joan's obituary](#))



