

## 2006 GRADUATES...WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



### Christopher Evans St. Pius V

Tall and quiet. Yet when he can, he'll throw a pretty good one-liner your way. When thinking about him, confidence, humor, kindness and determination come to mind. Christopher Evans is a 2006 St. Pius V graduate and is now a sophomore at Bishop Kenny Catholic High School.

Christopher is maintaining a "B" average and finds the biggest challenge is staying organized. He states that high school forces you to sharpen your organizational skills and he thinks his are well on their way.

Based on the sheer number of activities he participates in, he *IS* well organized. In his freshman year at Kenny, he joined the marching band playing the saxophone. Shortly thereafter, he switched to the trombone. After football season, he joined the Kenny symphonic band and played in the Christmas program. He has traveled to Savannah to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. He was invited to participate in the Festival of Winds at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is a true musician in the making.

As if all that isn't enough, Christopher took summer classes in order to join the Bishop Kenny NJROTC where he is a Cadet Petty Officer, 2nd Class, assistant to the historian *and* ceremonial platoon commander. Just recently he has been accepted in the Tri-M Music Society at BK (Modern Music Masters). All this he sums up with "I love being part of the Bishop Kenny community."

Christopher has his future planned, college first and then the military band. He says he knows he must do what he has to in order to do what he wants. He contributes the ROTC for his discipline and advanced maturity. He considers his solid foundation a gift from his loving parents and his educational success to St. Pius V School.

### DeAndrea Green Holy Rosary



Sitting down with Ms. DeAndrea Green, Holy Rosary Class of 2006, confirmed what we are accomplishing on the north side of Jacksonville. In a word, *Excellence*.

DeAndrea is now a sophomore at Bolles School, maintaining a "A-B" average. She is enjoying the diversity of the student population and has made many new friends.

Not only is DeAndrea holding her own academically, she also plays outfield on the school softball team and participates in Pathfinders in her west side church.

Rose Hanson, DeAndrea's mother, takes her to school daily, a 30 minute drive each way. Occasionally she'll get a ride with a friend. Rose doesn't consider this a sacrifice but a blessing. She is very aware of the opportunity her daughter has been given by receiving this scholarship. Her face shows the gratitude better than any words could express.

DeAndrea aspires to be a pediatrician and minor in child psychology. She prays daily for the Lord's guidance, spends the summers playing tennis and caring for her little sister, Lydia Rose, a Holy Rosary pre-k four year old.

When asked what she'd like for Christmas, "Nothing in particular" was the answer. She received everything she wanted at a recent Sweet 16 Birthday party. She suggested that she not get gifts for her 14th and 15th birthdays in order to have the Sweet 16 Party she'd been dreaming of, which she did. Growing up she desired books, clothes and shoes as presents versus toys and games.

DeAndrea's hope for the future is to attend an Ivy League college or University of Florida. She looks forward to a future that will allow her to return all the gifts she has been given.

She credits Holy Rosary for giving her the educational and spiritual foundation needed for a successful and positive future. There is no doubt we will see much more of her and we wish DeAndrea the very best the future has to offer.

## A MESSAGE FROM JIM



As Guardian enters its 13th year of service, I would like to thank all you for making such a difference in the lives of the children on Jacksonville's north side. During these first 12 years, your generosity has provided more than 1,600 scholarships and raised more than \$4 million dollars in support of these two schools. This year alone, St. Pius V & Holy Rosary are educating 381 students; most of whom would not benefit from the quality education they are receiving without your support.

*Once again I am asking that you help us by continuing your financial support for Guardian of Dreams. With the 2007-2008 school year more than half over, we find we haven't raised what was projected and required to meet our financial commitment that we made to each school. As of January 1, 2008, we are \$50,000 behind our planned donation. This level of giving is vital to the continued success of these schools.*

100% of your contributions go directly to the schools and the monthly tours allow you to see your gifts at work. St. Pius & Holy Rosary schools prepare their students for the future: 90% of our graduates will graduate from high school and many go on the college. All of these are a reality because you care enough to help. We need your help again. Our commitment to the schools has increased each year as the need for assistance increases. Please do what you can to help us help the schools, our children and our families. Thank you for all you have done.

**Jim Selzer, Executive Director**



### Holy Rosary Christmas Program A Joyful Celebration



Many thanks to all who attended this unbelievably talented Christmas program. From the pre-k singers, piano solos, Holy Rosary Spirit Dancers, the reading of the "The Night Before Christmas" and the energetic song of the choir, this was truly a joyful celebration.

It was a such a pleasure for the Holy Rosary & Guardian of Dreams staff to see some of our donors in attendance and enjoying the beautiful sounds of the season.

For 7 years now, Ron Ginder, Director of Human Resources for the Diocese of St. Augustine, has donated close to 800 handmade wooden toys a year to various non-profit organizations all over north Florida.

The past two years our schools have received Ron's wooden treasures. Aside from creating toys and games for schools, Catholic Charities and hospitals,

Ron builds custom furniture.

Thanks again Ron for all that you've done for our students.



## 2007 Christmas Card Winners

Each year the Guardian staff and volunteers are tasked with choosing the winners of the Annual Christmas Card Contest.

This year's first place winner, who designed the adorable snowman Christmas card, was St. Pius 6th grader, Kiahri Farquharson. Holy Rosary 6th grader, Destiny Flucas, took second place and Holy Rosary 4th grader, Matthew Waters was our third place winner.

Many thanks to all the students who entered. We can't wait to see what the 2008 entries will bring. Congratulations!!

### **First Place**



### **Second Place**



### **Third Place**



## Yet Another Milestone in Our Step Towards Excellence

There have been several milestones laid at Holy Rosary School in the past year and on Wednesday, December 5th, another was put in place; one which many believe to be the corner stone of a solid, well provided and successful education.

Since the school opened more than 50 years ago, the library was located next to the school office. At that time card catalogs and books were the mainstay of an efficient library. Today, the need for computers, additional resources, greater work space and computerized inventory is the order of the day.

Through a grant from the Sovereign Order of Malta, Holy Rosary has received a new library. It is located in the building that previously housed pre-k three year-olds and kindergarten classes prior to the construction of the new classroom addition.

The library was dedicated on December 5th, 2007. Jack Demetree, Knight of Malta and longtime supporter of Guardian, was in attendance (pictured right) and accepted a certificate of appreciation that is proudly displaced in the library. Approximately 25 guests were in the new library that morning and witnessed the dedication and blessing of this great addition to the Holy Rosary campus. Along with computers, more work space and computerized catalog this library provides this year's student population, and that of years to come, the benefits of a first class learning facility.

### Sincere gratitude to The Sovereign Order of Malta



### Tours in 2008

All tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and private tours are available.

To join or schedule a tour please call 765-1920.

**February 19, 2008**

Holy Rosary

**March 18, 2008**

Saint Pius V

**April 15, 2008**

Holy Rosary

## Anne's Helping Hands ...

Since 1995 there has been a certain volunteer that has never hesitated to donate her time, talent and treasure to Guardian of Dreams. Along with serving on our Board of Directors, Anne Storch is one of our most readily available volunteers. She's sweet, caring and can brighten an entire room. Anne, and her late husband Fernando, have been involved with Guardian since the beginning.

It was Fernando's desire to help and his dedication to our students that started the "Breakfast Club"; a group of men who serve hot breakfast to our students every morning. This priceless service to our students continues today and keeps Fernando's memory alive and well. Today, breakfast is served daily at both St. Pius V & Holy Rosary Schools.



Anne's willingness to aide Guardian in our efforts ever ceases. Whether sorting a mailer, stuffing envelopes or helping at the Annual Golf Classic, Anne is always more than eager to lend a helping hand. Thank you Anne for your hard work on behalf of our students.

Enclosed is my gift of:

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- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$2,500
- My gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Give the gift of Education!***

Consider becoming a sponsor by providing a quality education for one of our students.

***Gifts and pledges in any amount & frequency are welcome. No gift is too small!!***

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