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The New Dorm

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On April 1, 2014, the SCLHS General Board voted to approve the construction of a new 6.9M dormitory on the SCL campus. Ground-breaking took place on May 30, 2014, and construction began in July. Now near completion, God-willing the new dormitory will be dedicated on Friday, May 29, 2015 and welcome thousands of SCL long-distance students for years to come. It is our prayer that our students will find both rest for their bodies and their souls within these walls.

In this issue of *St. Croix Today*, we invite you to learn more about the new dormitory, and we introduce you to some of the people who will keep it a safe and comfortable home away from home for our many student residents.

For those who cannot make it to the dedication service, more images will be shared in the next issue of *St. Croix Today* and online at www.StCroixLutheran.org/dorm.

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HANNAH SCHMIEGE
Associate Dormitory Director

As the first dormitory director of SCL's new 152-bed, 3-story, 6-wing dormitory, Hannah Schmiede will have the pleasure of overseeing the day-to-day operation of the dormitory, supervising staff, and providing caring guidance to domestic and international students who are far from home. In addition, Schmiede will serve as one of six dormitory supervisors and as an associate in the admissions office.

Schmiede is a 2008 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College and earned a master's degree in Comparative and World Literature in 2013 from Zhejiang University, China. She came to SCL in August 2014 as the associate dormitory director and will begin her new position as director in July 2015 when Dr. Carrie Pfeifer, the current director, assumes a professorship at Bethany Lutheran College. Under Dr. Pfeifer's direction, Hannah has already practiced many of the responsibilities of the director, and with her multi-cultural experience, she is well-suited to face the adjustments that often occur when students live away from home for the first time.

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One of six children, Schmiede was born in Madison, Wisconsin. Her father, a pastor, and her mother, "a quiet, faithful woman with intellectual curiosity" inspired her to use and increase her abilities to serve God and others. "Two of the 'capital-C Callings' that I believe God has given me are to mentor young people and to foster healthy communities. I took the call to SCL because I knew God was providing a way to fulfill both of these Callings."

Schmiede recently traveled to Japan and Korea where she met some of the parents who send their children to SCL. "I was able to see first-hand the bravery and sacrifice that it takes to send your child abroad."

With her compassion for others, understanding of world cultures, and strong faith, Schmiede is ready to face the challenges of running the new dormitory. "God has not called me to fix problems or people, he has called me to faithfully serve each day and give the rest to him."

The New Dorm Construction Timeline



July 23, 2014
Heavy machinery arrives and begins excavation.



September 5, 2014
Footings are poured, foundation formed.



October 30, 2014
First-floor slabs are set in place.



November 12, 2014
The first snow-fall of the year.



December 12, 2014
First-floor walls framed.



January 13, 2015
Third floor walls complete.



February 13, 2015
Outside prepped for finishing, windows in.



March 18, 2015
Interior and exterior finishing moves rapidly.

Inside the New Dorm

Here's a sneak peek into the new dorm before the May 29 Grand Opening! The interior is decorated with calming earth tones and decorative glasswork. Some of the key features of the dormitory include:

SECURITY

- Security cameras are on each floor as well as the outside of the building.
- Personalized key fobs help track who comes and goes from the dormitory.
- Single-gender wings are secured with key fobs specific to the wing so that students from another wing cannot gain unauthorized access.
- Exit doors lock to prevent re-entry.
- Digital sign-in and sign-out boards are available on the first floor.
- Six full-time dormitory supervisors live on campus and provide for the needs and security of the students (one per wing).

ROOMS

- Bright, spacious double-occupancy rooms.
- Each room is outfitted with beds, underbed storage, closet space, desks, and chairs.
- Each room has its own temperature control and air conditioning unit.
- Screened windows open to allow fresh air into the room.

STORAGE

- Students are given a closet and underbed storage in their room.
- There is additional storage space available on each wing.
- Overflow storage is available on the lower level of the building for each student.



Architectural rendering of the lower level dining area.

DINING

- The lower level features a fully-staffed cafeteria and dining area with room for all students.
- Each wing features a kitchenette with a sink and microwave for use by all wing residents.

LOUNGE

- Each floor has a common area to connect both wings.
- Each wing has a separate student study lounge.
- The lower level of the dormitory features a game room and student lounge.

VENDING

- Vending and change machines are located on the lower level.

LAUNDRY

- Single-gender laundry facilities are located on the lower level.
- Linen service is provided for each student.
- Laundry service is an optional amenity provided to students for a fee.

The New Dorm: Who Built It

The new 152-bed dormitory at St. Croix Lutheran will mean more than a few new beds for a few more students. Added comforts like brighter rooms, personal temperature control, kitchenettes, spacious community bathrooms, and numerous personal study spaces will help make living away from home easier.

Much of the credit for the dormitory's excellent design and construction goes to Pope Architects, St. Paul, Minnesota and Catalyst Construction, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Al Holmes, SCL's director of building and grounds has overseen all of the work and carefully scrutinized the build as it took place. "Working with Pope and Catalyst has been a good experience. Despite a few setbacks that were out of our control, they managed to work through them toward completion. We are very happy with the result," states Holmes.



L to R - Steve Endsley and Jeff Wheeler, Catalyst Construction, and Al Holmes (SCL) look over the plans during construction.



LIVING IN THE DORM "LIFE ALTERING"

NICK KRUEGER
Class of 2005

Nick Krueger, the oldest of three siblings who attended SCL, came as a freshman resident from Menomonie, Wisconsin in 2001. "I had just turned 14 when I enrolled at SCL. Even for an independent personality like I had, and even though my parents were only an hour away, it was an awfully big step to start living away from home (a step most kids take when they start college at 18)."

His experience in the dormitory was positively life altering, and one that he looks back on with fondness. "It was very hard at first, but I made an effort to get involved in activities that forced me to make friends and keep busy, and I quickly began to thrive on the action."

Krueger recalls the faculty and staff as being especially supportive. "We had universally dedicated residence life staff who spent a lot of energy making sure we stayed involved and interacted positively with one another; they were some of the most important people in my life."

When asked about the new dorm, Krueger states, "I am very thankful to learn that nearly twice as many students as before will be able to live on campus; that students from abroad continue to choose SCL and come to know Jesus while they attend; and that students will have access to first-rate living space."

Krueger graduated with a BA from Ripon College in 2009 and earned his MA from Georgetown University in 2010. He currently works for the Wisconsin State Assembly as legislative assistant to Rep. Terry Katsma. He is married to Abbie Timmermann, and lives in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Reunions

CLASS OF 1990 - 25-YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Address: The Penfield Party Room, 101 East 10th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

Time: 4:00pm

Contact Info: Deb (Haberhorn) Crowley:

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Geo.irishhockeymom@gmail.com or 651.216.2127

If you have alumni news, please forward your updates to Dave Ubel at DUbel@StCroixLutheran.org.

Alumni Updates

David Gilleland '09 and **Ashley Wittig '09** were married on Saturday, February 21 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Gilleland earned a Biomedical Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and currently works for Vascular Solutions as a Quality Engineer Technician. Wittig graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a Communications & Journalism degree and currently works for St. Croix Lutheran as the Event Manager and Admissions Coordinator.



Lindsey Wales '10 graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a degree in Nutrition and is currently pursuing an occupational therapy degree at Herzig University in Minneapolis. She will be married to Ben Brown in June at Crown of Life in West. St. Paul.



Reconnect at the St. Croix Gala!

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Hilton Hotel (MSP Airport/Mall of America)

3800 American Blvd East
Bloomington, MN 55425

Tickets are \$65/individual or \$550/table of 8. Crusader Corps members receive complimentary tickets! Visit www.StCroixLutheran.org/gala to purchase your seats online and preview items for the Live Auction and Silent Auction. More items are added every day!

5:00 - Doors open, games, silent auction, hors d'oeuvres
7:00 - Silent auction closes, remarks, dinner, live auction

Want to volunteer or make a donation? Contact Ashley at AGilleland@StCroixLutheran.org or 651-455-1521 x105.



WINTER SPORTS RECAP



Boys Basketball

Conference Record: 10-1
 Overall Record: 30-3 (School Record)
 Highlights: Bethany Pepsi Classic Champions; MLC Tournament Champions; Tri Metro East Conference Champions, Section 4AA Champions, Class AA 3rd Place; Silver Medalist Academic All-State; Class AA All Tournament Team - Ade Lamu and Trenton Krueger



Girls Basketball

Conference Record: 11-2
 Overall Record: 24-5
 Highlights: MLC Tournament Champions; Tri Metro East Conference Champions; Placed 2nd in Section 4AA.



Dance - Kick

Overall Record: 5th Place in the Tri Metro Conference
 Highlights: Team captains Kaylea Gislason and Nicole Matykiewicz. 6 veterans and 5 new dancers; 4 seniors.



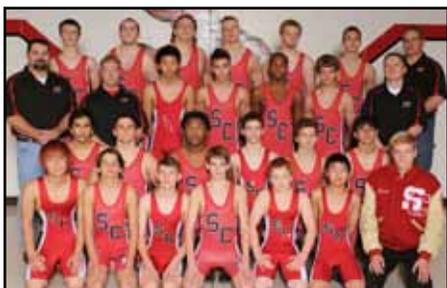
Dance - Jazz

Conference Record: 5th Place in the Tri Metro Conference
 Highlights: JV Jazz places 3rd at Fridley. Nicole Matykiewicz receives dance MVP award.



Hockey

Conference Record: 2-3
 Overall Record: 16-9-1
 Highlights: One off school record for wins in a season. Consolation champs for Schwan's Cup Holiday Tournament.



Wrestling

Conference Record: 3-4
 Overall Record: 4-13
 Highlights: Thirteen first-year wrestlers. Gehl earns Tri-Metro All Conference heavyweight champion, Section 4AA heavyweight champion, state tournament participant.

All Conference

Danica Cambrice
 Audrey Gadison
 Randy Gehl
 Kaylea Gislason
 Aage Rovney
 Ade Lamu
 Trenton Krueger

Basketball
 Basketball
 Wrestling
 Dance
 Basketball
 Basketball
 Basketball

All Conference 2nd Team

Jazmyn Solseth

Basketball

Honorable Mention

Xavier Conzet
 Gabby De Anda
 Joshua Galkowski
 Joshua Kirchert
 Stephanie Kletscher
 Nicole Matykiewicz
 Tommy Metcalf
 Stephanie Miller
 Venkat Valluri

Wrestling
 Dance
 Hockey
 Wrestling
 Basketball
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All-State

Randy Gehl

Wrestling

Basketball Fever!

The boys and girls basketball teams were on fire this winter, both claiming the MLC Tournament Championship and Tri Metro East Conference Championship. The boys also won the section 4AA championship, putting them into the state competition as the #1 seed; they finished third and with a 30-3 overall record (a school record). The girls team finished second in the section and ended the season with a 24-5 record.



Senior Ade Lamu thrilled the crowds with breakaway dunks.

Drs. Gene and Carrie Pfeifer Accept Call to Bethany Lutheran College

Dr. Gene Pfeifer, third president of SCL, has accepted a call to be the tenth president of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota and will assume his new position on July 1, 2015.

Pfeifer has served as President of SCL since 2007. Prior to his tenure at SCL, Pfeifer was Professor of Education and Director of Clinical Experiences at Martin Luther College (MLC) from 1993 until 2007. Under Pfeifer's leadership, SCL has seen significant growth in both domestic and international students and the campus has been improved and expanded.

Pfeifer is married to Dr. Carrie Pfeifer who will leave her positions at St. Croix Lutheran as instructor, Learning Resource Center Director, and Dormitory Director to join the faculty at Bethany as a full-time associate professor in the Education Department and Learning Disabilities Coordinator. She holds a doctor of education with special education focus from Nova Southeastern University.

"This decision has not been easy. We both are

thankful for the grace and numerous blessings God has showered upon SCL over the past

eight years, so saying good-bye to a ministry for which we've grown to be extremely passionate will be difficult over the next several months," said Pfeifer. "Carrie and I are excited about the future opportunities the Lord has put before us. We are equally confident that the Board of Regents and administration at SCL has developed a plan for transition that will serve God and his people here."

A call to fill the position of president at SCL will be issued in late April.



Retirements



After 43 years of teaching (32 years at SCL), math department chair and instructor Mr. Jon Harley will retire effective June 30, 2015. Harley began teaching at SCL in 1985 and developed the math program from basic courses to Calculus AB and BC. He also developed the school's computer science program and for many years maintained the network while teaching six hours each day. Harley taught several computer programming languages. Additionally, he coached football, track, wrestling, and golf and was the advisor/organizer for the national math exams and local competitions. His selfless nature and enthusiasm for teaching is always apparent, and he will be missed.



For the past seven years, Mrs. Donna Harley has been the smiling face and helpful voice greeting SCL callers, attendance record-keeper, and vital office assistant. Prior to working at SCL, she was an executive assistant in a corporate office and brought years of experience to the position. Mrs. Harley will retire alongside Mr. Harley at the end of June. We are grateful for her service and dedication.



Mrs. Bev Leier, assistant director of mission advancement and 28-year SCL veteran, will retire effective June 30, 2015. In addition to her current role, Leier has served as office manager, event planner, assistant to the president, communications director, and rental coordinator. Bev's extraordinary organizational skills were instrumental in the move from the Crusader Avenue campus to SCL's current location, and she has been an invaluable resource and advisor to the entire faculty and staff. Leier's exceptional skill level and ability to make everyone feel special will be greatly missed.



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Dormitory Dedication and Open House - May 29

You are invited to tour the dormitory and attend the dedication service on Friday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. The Spring Music Concert will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Tours of the new dorm begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the dedication service in the the new residence dining hall in the lower level of the dorm. Tours will continue afterward until about 6:45 p.m.

The final music concert of the year featuring the Crusader Band, Oakdale Avenue Jazz Band, Croixaliers, Concert Choir, and Chorus will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the SCL gym. We hope you will stay and enjoy this fun, high energy concert. For those who are not able to attend, the concert will be streamed live at www.StCroixLutheran.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday, April 11 | SCL Gala |
| Sunday, April 12 | HS Spring Sacred Concert - LIVE STREAM
Open House and Tours
Spaghetti Dinner |
| Sunday, April 26 | New Friends |
| Friday, May 1 | <i>The Miser</i> (SCL Drama), 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, May 2 | <i>The Miser</i> (SCL Drama), 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, May 15 | MS Play and Concert, 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 25 | Memorial Day Event, 10:00 a.m. |
| Friday, May 29 | Dormitory Dedication and Open House
HS Spring Concert -LIVE STREAM |
| Sunday, May 31 | Graduation |

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