



# ACADEMY NEWS

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA ACADEMY | Winter 2011



## Academy Students Learn About Careers in Law

A key element of preparing the Academy's students for successful professional lives is exposing them to a wide variety of potential careers and the education and experiences required to join these professions. In early December, 8th grade students visited with the attorneys of Brown Goldstein Levy in their offices in downtown Baltimore. The students were greeted by former State's Attorney Stuart Simms who led a tour of the firm, talked about his work and some of his past cases, and shared with our young men that he remembered Mr. Brune from his days as a football player at Gilman. The Academy students had the opportunity to meet and learn from several other attorneys who emphasized the

importance of education and hard work as the key to their success, and of the importance of giving back through volunteer work in the field. Greg Care talked to the boys about his efforts on civil rights and anti-poverty issues at the Public Justice Center and Tim Elder recently joined the firm as a Disability Rights Fellow and volunteers his time working to make the internet and other technologies more accessible to the blind. Sincere thanks to Academy supporter Kevin O'Keeffe for facilitating this and other educational learning experiences for our students.

## M&T Bank recognized for its work with the Academy

In early December, Academy President John Ciccone, Board Member Chris Rahl and student Khalil L. attended the 2010 Mayor's Business Recognition Awards Luncheon where M&T Bank was honored for its work in mentoring the youth of Baltimore City including their active participation as Big Brothers to students at Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy. M&T Bank also has supported the Academy with a grant for the 2010 summer program. Thank you Chris and all of our friends at M&T!

# CHRISTMAS At The Academy



## The annual Open House and Christmas Program

is always a highlight of the holiday season. Open House provides an opportunity for Academy sponsors to visit with their special students and catch up on the first semester's activities. Following open house in the school, the Christmas Program in Saint Ignatius Church gives school families, students and benefactors of the Academy a chance to celebrate the season together.

After an opening prayer by Taivon B. '12, Devontay H. '11 presented a reflection on the true meaning of Christmas that revealed the impact of his three years at the Academy:

*While most people look at Christmas as a time to receive gifts, I look at Christmas as a time to give joy and opportunity. If our sponsors didn't think of giving, we wouldn't have received the opportunity to attend Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy. Here at (the Academy) being a Man for Others is emphasized in everything we do.*

After a presentation on the holiday celebrations of other faith traditions, alumnus Darian Kelly '08, a junior at McDonogh School, spoke about his time at the Academy and the opportunities it offered him, followed by closing remarks by Academy President John Ciccone. Guests and students adjourned to Ignatian Hall for fellowship and refreshments before departing for the holiday.

Photos courtesy of Holly Looney.



## Academy Students Strive To Be Men For Others

Students at Saint Ignatius are constantly reminded of the importance of being "Men for Others," the Jesuit motto. This year, a new program was introduced to help our students put this aspiration into action. In the "Men for Others Project," when students see their peers treating others with kindness and respect, they are encouraged to nominate them as a Man for Others. Students have nominated their classmates for such reasons as loaning a tie or belt, returning lost items, gathering homework for an absent classmate, helping with studying or homework, or defending a classmate who is being picked on.

Nominated students are recognized in several different ways; some students will have their names and deeds posted on the "Men for Others Project" bulletin board. In addition, monthly drawings are held where nominated students have the opportunity to win various prizes such as lunch with a teacher, Baltimore sports gear, or other great prizes. This program has been a resounding success proving Saint Ignatius students are well on their way to becoming Men for Others!



## Landon White '00— A Man on a Mission

Landon White '00 is one busy man! After graduating from the Academy, this remarkable young man earned his high school diploma from the Friends School of Baltimore in 2004, and a BS in Information Systems from Morgan State University in 2008. While at Morgan State, Landon was a member of the tennis and club lacrosse teams, and held executive positions in several clubs.

Professionally, Landon worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and the Maryland General Assembly where he assisted Senator Catherine Pugh. Currently, Landon is in his second year of law school at Howard University School of Law. During his breaks from law school, he has clerked for an Administrative Judge at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and studied under former Constitutional Court Judge Albie Sachs in South Africa.

Landon has taken the Academy's mission of being a "man for others" to heart, volunteering with the Red Cross, First Tee, and the Baltimore Youth Alliance to name just a few. Currently, in addition to his law school studies, Landon has embarked on a project to create a magazine for African American students entitled Astute and has developed an impressive business plan and media kit. Clearly, Landon is a man on the move, and a great role model for current and alumni students that with a good education and a lot of effort, the sky's the limit.



## Academy Volunteer Tom Greene— A True Man for Others

Aside from the help they receive from our dedicated faculty, Academy students also benefit from wonderful volunteer tutors who work one on one to give struggling students the extra help they need to succeed.

Tom Greene is one of our most dedicated volunteer tutors. Tom learned early about being a Man for Others during his years at Loyola High School and the College of the Holy Cross. He spent his professional life in commercial real estate, starting in 1970 with the Rouse Company and ending with KLNB. Tom and his wife Mary Jo are active parishioners at Saint Ignatius Church, and he remembers one day at church hearing a call for volunteer tutors at the Academy. Tom phoned his good friend Anne Porterfield who is the Academy's Reading Specialist who encouraged him to give it a try. Now three years later, Tom is at the Academy two days a

week happily giving of his time to help others. Mrs. Porterfield remarked, "Tom works one on one with some of our more academically challenged students, helping with their homework, patiently guiding each one through the skills he needs to succeed—organization, neatness, note taking, memorization, planning and studying. What each of 'his' boys experiences is far more important—devotion, commitment, patience, dependability and a very personal interest. Sitting in on his homework sessions you hear every success being congratulated and every set back being encouraged to try again"

When asked about his experiences at the school, Tom shared that he "enjoys his work at the Academy immensely" and is truly inspired by the energetic and talented faculty with whom he works. For Tom, the Academy is "really an exciting place. It's great to see what (the boys) are capable of when they are given a chance." Thank you Tom for the gift of your time and talent to our students—you truly are a Man for Others.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer tutor at the Academy, please contact Erin Conway at 410-539-8268 ext 83 or at [erin.conway@saintignatius.org](mailto:erin.conway@saintignatius.org)

## Academy Wish List

### Looking for a way to help our program?

From little to big, here are a variety of items we could really use:

- Office supplies: notebooks, backpacks
- Large commercial non-slip door mats
- 3 Tall locking metal cabinets with shelves
- Board games—especially Uno, Connect Four and chess sets.
- Rubber playground balls—basketballs & dodge balls
- Uniforms for the basketball team
- A Laptop Cart with 15-18 break-resistant laptops
- Classroom Smartboards

If you want to help, please contact Debby Morris, Director of Development at 410-783-9279 or [debby.morris@saintignatius.org](mailto:debby.morris@saintignatius.org).



## The Ravens and the Academy Team Up For Fitness

In 2007, the NFL launched NFL PLAY 60, an annual national youth health and fitness campaign to challenge the epidemic of childhood obesity. In early October, representatives of the Baltimore Ravens including LB Brendon Ayanbadajo came to an assembly at the Academy to invite our students to participate in this exciting program. Our students heard about the importance of maintaining physical fitness by staying active for at least 60 minutes every day and two teams of students competed in a contest of push-ups and jumping jacks. Mr. Ayanbadajo stressed the value of good nutrition and the importance of exercise as keys to good health. The NFL PLAY60 program at the Academy began in early November and ran for four weeks. Student recorded their activities and minutes in a log book provided by the Ravens which they turned in each Monday to their homeroom teacher to be tallied. Some teachers incorporated "activity breaks" into their classes consisting of balance exercises, jumping jacks and hand-eye coordination activities, for two to three minutes at a time. At the end of the program, 6th grade student Lavoy W. had tallied the most activity minutes and, as reward for his efforts, was a guest of the Ravens on the sidelines of the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



**Breakfast at the Academy**

**Tuesday March 24, 2011**  
honoring leadership donors of the annual fund

**Annual Sponsors Luncheon**

**Tuesday April 19, 2011**  
honoring academic year student sponsors

**Graduation**

**Thursday May 26, 2011**  
**6 pm**  
Saint Ignatius Church

**Summer Sponsors Luncheon**

**Thursday, July 14, 2011**  
honoring summer term student sponsors

The Academy students, faculty and staff thank all of our many benefactors who make our program possible. Watch for your invitation—we hope to see you at the Academy!



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## Local Foundations Support the Academy

The Academy community extends sincere appreciation to The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, The Baltimore Ravens All Community Foundation, the Morris Mechanic Foundation and The John Leidy Foundation for providing important grant support for the Academy's program.

Three cheers for The Sheridan Foundation for funding the purchase of a new 14-passenger school bus for the Academy! This handsome new school activity bus will transport our students to field trips and sporting events safely and in style for many years to come.



**Thank you Sheridan Foundation!!**

## HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES (to date)

- Archbishop Curley High School
- Calvert Hall College High School
- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
- Friends School of Baltimore
- Georgetown Preparatory School
- Gilman School
- Loyola Blakefield
- Mount Saint Joseph High School
- Park School

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (to date)

- Arcadia University
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