

# Inspiring Confidence

Dear Friends,

Each June marks the end of the year while plans for the new school year take shape. The 2017-18 school year was exciting and memorable in so many ways (many of which are captured in this magazine), and we look forward to building on these successes for the next school year.

In addition to all the great things that took place in and outside the classrooms, the School completed its self-study and re-accreditation process required by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). This school improvement exercise allows us to celebrate our strengths and identify areas of improvement that will help sustain SGS for another 63 years and beyond.

Saint George's measures its success through our students' school experience as well as their preparation for college and life. This year we had several opportunities to hear firsthand from parents and students, both current and alumni, about their SGS experience. Over and over, they shared anecdotes about opportunity, confidence, community, and leadership. As a result of their feedback, we developed the tag line, **Inspiring the Confidence to Serve and Lead**, to reinforce our mission and core values.

We take great pride in celebrating the accomplishments of this school, its teachers, and our students. This year, Saint George's captured the WIAA Scholastic Cup for the top school in the 2B classification statewide. This represents sustained success in athletics, activities, and academics throughout the year. It is a school-wide award and is indicative of the SGS student commitment to a well-rounded school experience. When examining the results over the last 15 years, SGS is the most successful school in the state. Read more about all the accomplishments that went into earning this award on page 11.

As a K-12 school community, we are fortunate to see our students grow in confidence from the littlest Dragons in Kinder-

garten to the accomplished seniors prepared for college. This year's seniors included six who began here in Kindergarten, joined along the way by 33 classmates to create the SGS Class of 2018, our newest alumni. We applaud their leadership, their service, and their scholarship. We will long remember the special memories, or "moments" in the words of graduation speaker Ryan Hayes (page 14), which they have left as a legacy to Saint George's School.

I would like to thank all of our teachers for their dedication and commitment to Saint George's and their students. Be sure to read the special salute to our departing teachers and the many lives they have impacted while at SGS on pages 22-24.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to the 64th year of SGS when we will be **Inspiring the Confidence to Serve and Lead**.

Sincerely,

— Jamie Tender, Head of School



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**Head of School**

**Saint George's Spring Gala brought the school community together on May 5th for an evening of fellowship and fundraising under a tent at the nearby Kalispel Country Club.**

