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Sky's the Limit for Gonzaga Football

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Contributor

Everyone doubted them. Opinions from reporters, local coaches, sports blogs, and others offered little hope. Dark clouds accompanied a flood of early predictions concerning the eventual outcome of a game under the Friday night lights against the nationally ranked DeMatha Stags. But the Eagles did not doubt. They were certain.

From the beginning of the season Gonzaga Football had one acronym in mind: NEF. Now Embrace Finish. On the night of October 16th against the No. 2 team in the country in front of thousands watching in the stands and

on national television, they exceeded expectations and emerged victorious in convincing fashion.

With incredible catches from Max Fisher (Who made ESPN's Sportscenter Top Plays) and Jirhe Love, vital runs from Tyree Randolph protected by his strong offensive line, and defensive vigor from the likes of Joseph Zuccari and Nick "Box" McEvoy, the Eagles were able to defeat the Stags.

One phrase that was continuously heard after their 24-17 win was "Shock the World." This was repeated the following week as the Eagles secured a 32-13 win in Olney against the Good

Counsel Falcons. That evening, quarterback Sam Brown's two touchdown passes and Mitchell Johns' two interceptions led to their first 8-0 record in years.

Set to face a stout Archbishop Carroll team on Senior Day and St. John's as their final regular season game. Coach Trivers' team has a chance to do the unexpected and finish with no losses.

"We've already come this far. No one believed we could and that is what has motivated us throughout this season. Our main goal is to win the WCAC championship of course, but we can't underestimate

anyone especially going into the playoffs. We have to take it one game at a time." says junior defensive end Roger Mellado.

It took months of endurance and dedication for this team to be on the verge of history. They've been questioned for a lack of size and strength. They've been doubted in the numbers game as critics have pointed to a handful of scholarship offers. But no one can doubt their will. The love that unifies the Eagles each week is reinforced by the crowd in purple. With high expectations late in the season, the sky's the limit for Gonzaga football. ★



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Interview with the SGA President

By: Aquilian Staff

It wasn't easy, but we were able to track down Gonzaga's SGA President and ask the important questions. We probably should have checked our own office first. But hey, it's early in the year - we are still finding our stride.

Aquilian Staff (AQ): Why are you storing food in the Aquilian Office? Why can't we have any?

Andy Carluccio, SGA President (Pres): We were very fortunate to host two very successful Star Wars Movie Nights in our theater. I had to use our office to temporarily store the soda and candy that we gave out at the events. If you eat them now, you will deprive Visitation of a significant portion of their food supply for the last movie night. That warrants a visit from SGA Treasurer, Strongman, Christian Tabash. So put that Kit-Kat down!

AQ: Fine, point well made. If you were stranded on a desert island with only one presidential candidate, who would you choose and why?

Pres: Donald Trump, because if he can build a wall across our entire border with Mexico, I bet he can build a pretty good bridge from the island to the mainland as well.

AQ: You have served on the Student Government since your freshman year. Do you feel like you have made an impact over the past four years?

Pres: I've certainly done my best to leave an impact! I have always taken my responsibilities on the student government very seriously, and I hope that my doing so has inspired others to think about the SGA as a real resource for the Gonzaga community. My goal has been to redefine the Student Government as a powerhouse for student-driven change on

campus. The degree to which I have been successful in this respect will largely be determined by the legacy my administration leaves on Eye St. once we depart, but I am certainly proud of the work we have already accomplished. And I say "we" with an important emphasis because the student government operates as a team of students and faculty members. I am incredibly lucky to have two fantastic moderators in Miss Miller and Mr. Hanagan and a group of dedicated guys to work with this year. In terms of a specific item that I hope makes a lasting impact, I would really like to see the SGA Constitution that my cabinet and I wrote over the summer guide the work of my successors, as it contains the themes and structures that I believe to be essential to a successful administration.

AQ: What three concepts are important to your administration?

Pres: A large part of my campaign was focused on the promise that my administration would be transparent, thorough, and effective. These concepts continue to play an important role in our current work. We have attempted to demonstrate transparency mainly through our Canvas meeting notes, the State of the School series on WZAG, and our Town Hall meeting. For example, if you looked over our meeting notes, you would see the Movie Night with Visi evolve from a concept into a fully planned event. I really want my fellow students to take advantage of this resource and jump into the conversation as they see our work pan out! Transparency is closely tied to accessibility, and I hope that, by having a Canvas page, an email address (SGA@gonzaga.org), and active representatives, students feel that they have a strong influence in the SGA. We strive to be thor-

ough by having weekly meetings in which we discuss the many ways in which we can play a role in improving the Gonzaga community. Lastly, our administration is effective because we stay true to



the goals we set for ourselves and work diligently to see them accomplished.

AQ: How do you respond to criticism?

Pres: When I hear criticism of the SGA, I take these comments into serious consideration. I represent the entire student body, both those who agree with me and those who don't, so it is important to take everyone's opinion into consideration as decisions are made. Unfortunately, I almost never hear the criticism firsthand, so it is very challenging for me to incorporate these opinions because I am often unaware of them. Students should understand that because SGA@gonzaga.org has yet to receive a single email from a student, I must assume that everyone is on-board with what the SGA is working on. I strongly encourage students to send their constructive criticism my way so I can address it! I am always open to making changes.

AQ: What SGA projects can we look forward to this year?

Pres: There are many projects in the works right now, but there are three very exciting ones that I can talk about at this time. First, I can say

ery other student either had a ride to the game already figured out or had a conflict that evening that prevented them from going. I am opening to considering providing a bus to an away game again, but

with confidence that Prom 2016 is going to be amazing! Presently, we intend to use the majority of our financial assets to make this event as memorable and entertaining as possible. I also intend to continue the movie night series with Visi into the second semester. Lastly, we want to hold an event on our new Eye St. campus second semester, perhaps to coincide with a spring sports game. You'll hear more about all of these items in the coming months. I also want to take this opportunity to mention that the SGA is fueled by the ideas of the student body, so if you have something you would like to see us plan, please let us know!

AQ: How many people signed up for the GC bus? When should we do that again? Would a boat to the St. John's game be more popular?

Pres: We had a grand total of eight responses for the bus. To me, that meant that ev-

only if there is a significantly higher level of interest. All boat-related questions should be addressed to senior class rep Emmerson Cox.

AQ: What things are important for future SGAs to consider?

Pres: Again, I would advise my successors to make use of the SGA Constitution. I would also remind future administrations that membership in the SGA is a privilege bestowed by the student body, and any SGA office must be given the respect and dedication that it is owed. I hope that future presidents will continue to develop the relationships Gonzaga has with other high schools in the area. Finally, I would encourage the SGA to continue to experiment with new ideas in the hopes that some of them will bear fruit. Don't be afraid to make a bold move. Even if it only makes a single improvement in the life of a single student, that is a success in my book. ★

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The Eagles’ Encounter with Papa Francis

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In the early hours of Wednesday September 23, 2015, Mr. Every and eleven students embarked in a van up the road to Annunciation parish. The group then shuttled over to the Apostolic Nunciature, and waited for Pope Francis. Within 100 yards of the Vatican’s Embassy, maximum security was established. We filed in behind bicycle-rack barricades just a few steps from the front door to His Holiness’s residence. Anticipation and excitement drifted over the crowd of about 100 elementary to high school aged students and their faculty chaperones from schools across Washington, D.C. We watched the Na-



val Observatory clock across the street pass. Chants of “Te Quiero”, “Ole, Ole, Ole [with] Francisco, Francisco” mixed with prayer brightly lit the atmosphere. Media was mounted on a platform by 34th Street. Security personnel, clergy, and a nun came in and out of the front doors. It wasn’t long before a steely gray Fiat 500L pulled into the entrance area. Then the two main doors of the Vatican’s Embassy were pulled wide open. Papa Francis descended down the steps and immediately made his way toward us. He strolled and beamed by at each individual he encountered. He took time to shake hands, give hugs, and provide blessings. I called out for him – *Papa*,

Papa! He heard my call, and I stretched my arm over the crowd and he gripped it, and held it, looking at my face with a great grin on his face. The moment was filled with love and peace. I stood humbled and then pulled back into the crowd. I watched as he moved along the line. He reached the rest of the Gonzaga students and he embraced who he could. Gabriel Aguto said, “God Bless you, Father”, to which he responded “Pray for Me”. Papa Francis blessed the security guards and blessed some children. Then he made his way over to his modest means of travel, and was escorted along by large, big black SUVs. His peace hung over the crowd in a graceful cloud. ★

Service in Apopka, FL

By: Mateusz Gierdalski ‘16
Senior Contributor

For a couple of years illegal immigration has been a popular topic, particularly its impact on American workers and overall economy, but also about the many problems immigrants themselves are dealing with. The American government faces problems not only with newly arriving immigrants, but also with those that already are here and have been for many years.

Hearing about these problems, I decided to go to Apopka, FL to gain a first-hand knowledge of immigrants’ daily lives. My experience at Apopka really opened my eyes and ears. At the beginning, I did not know what to expect or think of this trip. When our group landed in Florida, we could smell the heat; but, for some reason, I just knew it would be an amazing experience.

When we arrived at the Hope Community Center directed by Sr. Ann Kendrick, I was shocked. I thought it was going to be a run down house or a makeshift center that was a soup kitchen in the afternoon. It was not. The building was specifically made for the people in the community. These people call the Hope Center a second home. When they are in times of hardship, they can always turn to the Center for help and support. This support is not only from

the staff, but also from other people served by the Center. They all have gone through the same hardships and are there to support one another as a family would. This reminded me of Gonzaga, where boys from all different backgrounds come together and form a tight knit fraternity. We want the best for one another because this feeling of brotherhood will stay with us forever.

One of the more striking things that I learned this trip was how little these people get paid and how dangerous their job is. Each gleaner carries a bag that can fill up to ninety pounds of fruit in it at a time. These workers have to climb thirty foot trees to get these fruits because every single one counts. Nothing can be left behind. For one bag, of ninety pounds of fruit, a worker is given thirty to forty cents. This is practically slave labor. I asked myself whether it was worth doing at all because with one day’s pay from working the fields they cannot afford to buy the produce they pick.

It gave me the chills when I first heard about these working conditions - it sounded like extortion. The worst part is that the owners of the farm lie about paying their workers less than minimum wage. On their checks, it says that they are receiving full minimum wage for their hard, back breaking work, when in fact, everyone one

knows they are not. None of the workers want to bring this up to anyone because they will be fired and black-listed, so they will never get a job again.

However, not all of my time there was spent confronting oppression. I got to meet many new people that I never thought I would be friends with. My host family was very welcoming and treated us like their own children. This was very inspiring to me because these people gave up their rooms and beds for someone they had no connection to and have never met before. They cooked for us, gave us a bed, watched movies with us, and became our best friends for the week. The smile on the kids faces were indescribable when we introduced them to new card games and played FIFA 15 on the Xbox. They gave us their best and I am hoping that we did the same.

One thing that will resonate with me for a long time is what Sr. Kendrick said: “We all know you can’t make a change now, but when you do get in a position of power after a great school like Gonzaga. We hope you will think of us.” This quote will keep pushing me forward to be my best, so that I can help anyone in any way I can. The trip to Apopka truly opened my eyes and gave me understanding of illegal immigration from immigrant’s own point of view. ★

Back in the D.R.

By: Charlie Begala ‘16
Senior Contributor

While I was in the Dominican Republic, it seemed that most of my focus was on the bugs and the heat. There were massive spiders, six-inch centipedes that can give you a painful bite, beetles the size of two golf balls, and more mosquitoes than you can imagine.

Looking back on the trip however, the uncomfortable parts of the trip are an afterthought. When I conjure up memories from the DR trip, the people of La Penda, Dominican Republic are what I cannot forget.

Emily is a nine-year old girl who lives in a small, beaten down home with her grandmother and four-year old sister. Because her grandmother is losing her memory, Emily has essentially had to assume the role as head of the household. She runs errands, cooks meals, watches over her sister, and basically performs any task her grandmother can’t do. And she’s nine. On top of all that, she has an incredible thirst for knowledge. Her family hosted Mr. Laguilles, and she kept asking him to teach her English. Within the first few days, she learned how to say “good morning,” “how are you,” “I’m fine,” “I am nine years old,” “I am from La Penda,” and more. And when Mr. Laguilles remarked to her grandmother how naturally smart she was,

she said that she would love to send her to some kind of higher education, but simply cannot afford to pay for it. So despite how much she could possibly achieve, this responsible, brilliant young girl may never get the education she needs to reach her potential. Yet despite all this, she and her family are always smiling, always friendly, and some of the happiest people you’ll ever meet.

Felix is a seventeen-year old boy who lives with his parents in a house that he is currently building single-handedly. Regis Bridgeland, Jackson Mote and I were able to sit down with Felix and his parents and talk with them for over an hour. Felix pointed to all the plywood walls he had put in place, and indicated where else he would work. Through all the floor laying and latrine building, Felix made sure to take as much of the work as possible, never wanting a break or even a drink of water. It was not only his work ethic that struck the whole group, but the fact that he was our age. In a few weeks time, we would be enjoying the beach and having a great summer. But Felix is still in La Penda, building himself a living space.

So if you want a luxurious time, then don’t go to the DR. But if you want to meet people like Emily and Felix, the Republic is full of stories like theirs. ★

GO! to Camden, NJ

Helping in Emmitsburg, MD

By: Jase Ashkin '16
Senior Contributor

Throughout my three years at Gonzaga, I have heard about the troubles facing Camden, NJ. Prior our trip there in early June, I expected Camden to be a place



that was full of despair, poverty, and desolation. Because I perceived Camden like that, I knew that this immersion would be the perfect fit for me.

Camden ranks third in CQ's most dangerous cities in America. The chances of becoming a victim of assault are one in seven. There are fifteen Camden Special

the guys from Saint Louis High School staying with us and immediately began to learn our mission for the week. The Romero Center stressed the importance of the Catholic Social Teaching principles, and each day they would govern our work. Un-

like most service trips that require mostly physical labor, the Romero Center works to provide ministry of presence. In other words, our service might have just been a quick drive to a homeless shelter to start up conversations with the visitors. On some days we went all the way into Philly, and other days we would just go down the street. Towards



Force units, and the Camden County Police Headquarters recently added thermal drones to fly the sky at night.



We left on a gloomy Saturday and arrived to Camden mid afternoon on June 1st. I had never seen so many boarded up shops or row houses except in places like Southeast, D.C or in parts of Baltimore.

On Federal Street, businesses, homes, groceries stores all had jail cell like bars protecting the windows. We turned into the gated off Romero Center campus. For the rest of the week, we were in their hands. We met

expressed that even seeing us makes his day so much better. The most important part of the trip were the friendships we formed.

We did not leave any of the service sites without having a story to tell about a friend we just met. Most people associate Camden with hopelessness; I know that I did. But we saw Camden improving, turning into a city that can make great strides with a little help from its friends. ✶

By: Charlie Goetzman '17
Contributor

For the entirety of Emmitsburg II the teachers and faculty members on the trip could not stop repeating that it is the "best service trip at Gonzaga."

While I still don't think I'm qualified to make such a claim yet, I can't deny how simultaneously fun and eye-opening the whole experience was.

We arrived at Gonzaga early Monday morning with a pillow, some work clothes, a water bottle and some sunscreen, and we headed out in the Gonzaga vans to Emmitsburg, Maryland, a little rural town about

its 300 students, a fact that made the pretty well-kept school dependent on volunteer work just to keep it running.



This idea of arriving someplace fairly comfortable looking to do charity work became a pattern over the next few days. The fact that the rural poor are normal



an hour and a half from D.C. hedged up on the border of Pennsylvania. We arrived at the retreat house, which was simply what a regular house would look like with 10 extra bedrooms tacked on, and from there we went right to work, which for my group meant landscaping the local elementary school.

This school didn't appear to be in need of any charity—it was a fine looking school, not unlike something you'd see in a nice neighborhood in Virginia, but we were told it could afford only one janitor for

cleanup and, with a few unfortunate holes drilled into Ruth's living room wall, hung the drapes, too, and we were rewarded with home-

made cookies and nonstop praise for Gonzaga boys. The next few days we did similar work—pulling weeds, cleaning out a garage, painting a

porch, and, at every job site, we were met with people who were as happy just talking to us as they were getting work done on their houses.

One women talked about her experience as a volunteer nurse in Pakistan, another told stories about her trips to Europe. People we would never meet elsewhere were willing to open up about themselves, sometimes only after getting comfortable with us, sometimes right away, but they seemed to just want somebody to talk to.

Adoration for Gonzaga was another pattern that kept on repeating itself, and it came from just about everyone—all the people in the houses we visited, a group of mentally disabled adults Gonzaga goes bowling with every year that starts asking for us to come back in December, an old woman who went to college with Mr. Furnary's mom.

I'm not sure that any of us were particularly angelic, but the fact that Gonzaga seems to be known by the whole town goes to show the power and value of offering simple help to those around you. ✶





Gonzaga Players Share Hoop Skills Abroad

By: Nick Jenkins ‘16
Managing Editor

This past summer, Gonzaga students engaged in a multitude of activities ranging from volunteer work, service activities, vacations, preparation for fall sports and summer jobs. However a few of Gonzaga’s very own basketball players received an opportunity of a lifetime, that is, the chance to play internationally.

A few of Gonzaga students including Mathew Bailey ‘18 were selected to play in Israel as part of the Peace Players organization. PeacePlayers is an international organization that uses basketball as a means to unite and educate children around the world.

PeacePlayers was founded in 2001 with the motto of

“children who play together can learn to live together.” The overarching goal of



PeacePlayers is to unite and educate young people from different communities and backgrounds through basketball. PeacePlayers strives to develop future leaders, educate children of the importance of leading good lives and working to improve their respective communities.

PeacePlayers is an international organization with lo-

cal chapters in South Africa, Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Cyprus, New Orleans

and Israel. I had an opportunity to interview sophomore Matt Bailey about his PeacePlayers experience.

Nick Jenkins ‘16 (NJ): How did you become involved with PeacePlayers?

Matt Bailey ‘18 (MB): I became involved through Gonzaga and my parents recommended that I participate.

NJ: What was Israel like?

MB: I found Israel to be very different than Washington.... Different in every aspect. I could feel the tension with Palestine and it made me appreciate that I live in the U.S.

NJ: How was playing basketball in Israel different from playing stateside?

MB: It wasn’t nearly as different as I thought it would be. In the end, it’s basketball.

NJ: What surprised you most about the Peace games?

MB: The skill level of the players was very high. We faced some very good Israeli’s players.

NJ: What did you learn?

MB: I learned that no matter

where you are, people your age are similar and want the same things out of life.

NJ: Do you intend on participating in the Peace games again?

MB: Absolutely

NJ: What is your fondest memory of participating in the peace games?

MB: Well, I almost got dunked on.

NJ: How will the experiences of playing abroad shape the future of how you view the world?

MB: This trip helped me to realize that Israel is safer than what one might expect, and to see people as people, rather than what the media portrays. ★

Historic Soccer Home Game on Buchanan Field

By: Kenneth Carter ‘18
Contributor

Here at Gonzaga it is quite usual to see a football or lacrosse game on Buchanan Field, but never has there been a soccer game held on Eye Street.

On Monday September 28, 2015 Gonzaga took on Saint Mary’s Ryken on Buchanan Field. The Eagles defended their territory as they cruised along to a 8-1 victory; improving their record to 3-3-2 on the season. Gonzaga was led by Senior Matt McCann who scored 2 goals, and Junior Reyni Arbutski who also scored twice.

Home games for the Eagles have usually been played at Long Bridge Park In Arlington, Virginia, so having such a senior filled



roster playing a game on Eye Street for the first time in their four year career meant a lot to them and the coaching staff.

“The atmosphere of walking onto the field from

Eye Street was electric”; those are the words of Head Coach Scott Waller who was able to lead his team to a dominating win.

Playing in front of your home crowd is a good feeling for any team, but for the soccer team to have played their first true home game was an ecstatic feeling for the team,

“ H a v i n g the game on Buchanan allowed us to announce line ups, increase our fan base and give the players a campus feel” said Coach Waller. The dominating win against



Ryken put the Eagles at 2-0 in Conference play on the Season. Gonzaga’s also won its second game on Buchanan Field against Bishop McNamara 4-2, and celebrated Senior Day in true Gonzaga fashion.

As they look to continue their winning ways; Gonzaga now heads into the WCAC Playoffs riding high with quality wins against DeMatha, Paul VI, and Good Counsel. ★

Djenovici, Montenegro to Takoma Park, MD

By: Jase Ashkin ‘16
Senior Contributor

At 10 p.m. on August 2nd, twenty-seven members of Gonzaga Water Polo flew across the pond and landed in Munich, Germany.

From there we took another plane to Dubrovnik, Croatia. After waiting about an hour at the border, our bus entered the mountains of Montenegro. Nearly twenty hours later from when we left Dulles, we were lounging out at a beach side restaurant located on the southern tip of

the Bay of Kotor.

For the next ten days, the beach town of Djenovici, Montenegro was our home. Our daily routine was composed of an early morning workout, quick breakfast, practice, down time, lunch, games or scrimmages, and dinner. Our training facility was a simple water polo course set up in the salt-water bay. We played teams from all over the area, and some of those teams feed the Montenegro National Team with players.

Training for nearly five

hours a day took a toll on us, however we returned to the states in great shape and with lasting memories. One of my favorite memories includes our visit to Dubrovnik, Croatia, which is used as the set for King’s Landing in the HBO series Game of Thrones.

After a short break of only four days, Gonzaga Water Polo was back at it at Takoma Rec. Center with a surprising change. Our fearless leader in Montenegro, Coach Ivan Ivovic, accepted a coaching job at Ponoma Col-

lege in California. As a result, United States Navy Captain Tom Popp was back on deck after a year of absence. With “Popp” and Coach Joe Viola at the helm, the season began at our first tournament at the US Naval Academy. After some great competition, Viola emphasized this is going to be a special season.

The main objective of the varsity program’s season is to win the High School Prep Eastern Championship Tournament. The last time the Eagles took this trophy to Eye Street was back in 2011. This

tournament is a bracket made up of the top eight private school teams along the coast. The tournament is set for November 7-8th at Episcopal School in Pennsylvania. The tournament follows a single elimination process and each team is ranked based off their wins in the regular season. So every game we play leading up that weekend is crucial in determining our seed. With important wins over Loyola, McDonough, and Mount St. Joe’s, the guys in purple speedos are a tough team to beat. ★

To NOLA for Service with St. Bernard

By: Casey Gilroy '16
Senior Contributor

This past summer, twelve students along with two teachers embarked on a journey to New Orleans to work with the St. Bernard Project (SBP). SBP is an organization which began after Hurricane Katrina and helps to rebuild homes for those who can no longer afford the repairs and reconstruction themselves.



They receive much of their work and workers through volunteers who do not turn a profit from the work they

are doing. Whether they are paid or not the work people put into refurbishing these is astonishing.

We arrived in New Orleans and spent the half day or so preparing for the work we would do in the week and relaxing for some time in the evening after dinner. After a good night's sleep we had an early morning wake up where we headed toward the main office of SBP to get a quick debriefing of what the organization does and stands for. After this we headed over to the house we would be working in/on throughout the remainder of the week. The house was relatively small and very run-down.

We spent the entirety of our time in the house doing three things: sanding, mudding, and priming the walls and ceilings. Our days were spent working for about eight hours or so in the New Orleans heat with a little lunch break somewhere in the middle of the day. We spent much of our time working extremely hard while also having a good time dancing and singing along to whatever radio station someone decided to put on. It mostly consisted



of classic rock with the occasional country, rap, or pop songs. After the long day of work we would head back to house for some free time to just hang out and clean up followed by dinner. We would end every night with a fun game to play all together along with a reflection of the last day and a prayer.

This trip was not only fun, but it taught me more than I could ever imagine about poverty and what some people have to go through on a day-to-day basis. Katrina was over ten years ago and still many people cannot even live in their homes due to the damage it received in the hurricane. Sure the work

was hard, but the end result and seeing that we helped get this house one step closer to being finished and livable once again made all of the hard work worth it. This trip is one I will never forget and I hope anyone who goes in the future enjoys their time as much as I know we did. ★

McKenna Immersion Helps at Home

By: Nick Zaso '17
Contributor

This summer's McKenna Immersion service trip was incredible! Our group of 14 Gonzaga students led by Ms. Paine and Mr. Konzman dedicated this week to serving the homeless and hungry of our community in D.C. The



trip took place right here on campus in the Father McKenna center, but we also traveled to other locations around the district, including S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), Martha's Table, D.C. Central Kitchen, Ben's Chili Bowl, and the D.C. Council's office. Throughout the week, our group lived, worked, and ate amongst the homeless members of our community, and we also learned the many

varying causes of homelessness and what we could do to solve the root causes of this issue.

At the McKenna Center, we prepared, cooked, and served breakfast and lunch for the homeless, cleaned up after the meals, and organized the food pantry. Our group also served food at

S.O.M.E., which is located just a few blocks north of Gonzaga. While serving these men and women, we were able to speak with them and hear their stories of how they became homeless, and often how they were turning their lives around. From these conversations, we realized many of them were trying hard to change their situation after going through extremely tough circum-

stances.

We then walked to D.C. Central Kitchen, which is also located very close to Gonzaga. D.C. Central Kitchen does amazing work in providing food to other affordable or free services in order to help those services perform more effectively. These are services that provide job training, clothing, medical care, etc. D.C. Central Kitchen also has a culinary job training program for homeless and previously incarcerated men and women, and they employ some of the graduates from this program to work in their own kitchens, allowing them to give back to a service that has changed their lives.

On the last day of our service week, we visited the D.C. City Council office, where we advocated for the rights of homeless people. Earlier in the week, we met with a representative from the National Coalition for the Homeless, and he informed us of the many issues regarding homeless men and women today and how there are a variety of causes for

homelessness, not just the stereotypical drug or alcohol addictions. During our research, we soon realized the problem of homelessness was very complex, and it was hard to find an easy solution help ameliorate these people's situation. Issues such as expensive affordable housing, discrimination in job interviews, and the inability to receive proper medical care were very difficult to solve.

For many of us, this was our first real exposure to the needs of homeless men in our community, but we all gained a new perspective, appreciation, and dedication to the

programs on our campus that require student volunteers to function. Throughout our group reflections that week, it became increasingly clear that we were all committed to volunteering more at programs like the McKenna Center, Campus Kitchen, and McKenna's Wagon which are made so convenient to us on campus. After participating in McKenna Immersion, I am looking forward to future Gonzaga outreach summer service trips in my remaining years here, and I am excited to volunteer more on campus throughout the year. ★



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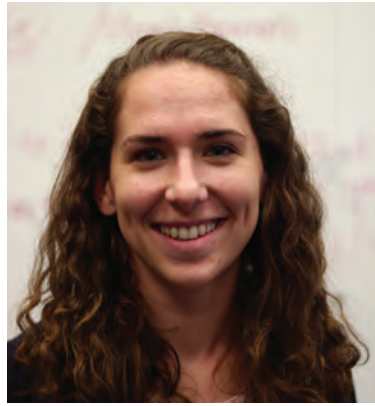
Rose Eberhardt, Soc. Studies
College: Marquette U
Fav. Team: Chicago Blackhawks, Duke Blue Devils
Fav. Food: Strawberry ice-cream
Fav. Dance Move: They are all great
Fav. Superhero: Wonder Woman
Least Fav. Subject: Math



Brandon Cowan, Soc.Studies/Classics
College: Baylor University & University of Notre Dame
Fav. Sports Team: Texas Rangers
Fav. Food: Burritos
Fav. Dance Move: N/A
Fav. Superhero: Aeneas
Least Fav. Subject: N/A



Conor "Mister" Scott, Soc. Studies
College: UMD, College Park. Notre Dame of Maryland University
Fav. Team: Buffalo Sabres
Fav. Food: Burritos. Or Pizza. Or a Pizza Burrito (is that just a Stromboli?)
Fav. Dance Move: The one where you hold your arms out and wave them in such a way that their motion resembles that of water.
Fav. Superhero: Aquaman
Least Fav. Subject: All of them. I prefer Predicates



Madeline Albrittain. Spanish
College: University of Mary Washington, Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao, Spain)
Fav. Sports Team: Washington Caps!
Fav. Food: Popcorn
Fav. Dance Move: ?
Fav. Superhero: ?
Least Fav. Subject: Math



Chris Moore, Comp. Sci./WZAG
College: Stevenson University
Fav. Team: Blackhawks
Fav. Food: Cheeseburger
Fav. Dance: Cabbage patch or Shopping cart
Fav. Superhero: Spiderman
Least Fav. Subject: Geometry



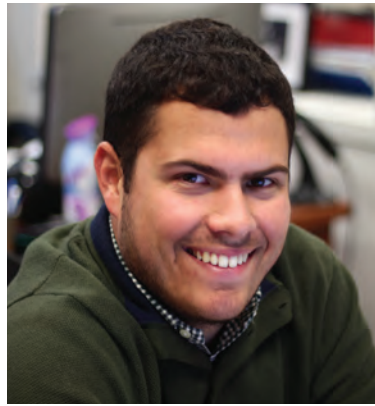
David Cho, Music
College: University of Southern California
*Fav. Sports Team:*tie: U of Mich. and U of So Cal.
Fav. Food: Anything from the grill
Fav. Dance Move: none
Fav. Superhero: Jack Bauer, 24
Least Fav. Subject: anything math



Donnie Green, Campus Min.
College: Saint Louis University and University of Notre Dame
Fav. Sports Team: Cleveland Cavaliers
Fav. Food: Hawaiian Pizza
Fav. Dance Move: The Dougie
Fav. Superhero: Batman
Least Fav. Subject: Chemistry



Terry Kernan, Math
College: St. Vincent College
Fav. Sports Team: Orioles-Redskins-Caps-Wizards
Fav. Food: Chicken Fajitas
Fav. Dance Move: Michael Jackson's Thriller
Fav. Superhero: Superman
Least Fav. Subject: Writing



Michael Fiore, Dean of Students Office
College: Loyola University Maryland
Fav. Sports Team: New York Yankees
Fav. Food: NY Pizza
Fav. Dance Move: Cotton Eye Joe
Fav. Super Hero: Superman
Least Fav. Subject: Physics



Mary Kate Kimiecik, English
College: La Salle University/ American University of Rome, John's Hopkins University
Fav. Sports Team: Steelers/ Nationals/Capitals
Fav. Food: Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies
Fav. Dance Move: The "Truffle Shuffle"
Fav. Superhero: Loki from The Avengers
Least Fav. Subject: I never liked math.



Kellie Stewart, Counseling
College: Indiana University
Fav. Sports Team: Indianapolis Colts!
Fav. Food: Chocolate & pizza (not together, of course)
Fav. Dance Move: I've got a lot of great dance moves...
*Fav. Superhero:*I don't really have a favorite Superhero... does James Bond count?
Least Fav. Subject: Math was not my best subject.



Stephen Neill, Development
College: Holy Cross
Fav. Sports Team: 1988 Gonzaga JV Lacrosse (I anchored 3rd midfield line) / 2004 Red Sox (especially Kevin Millar)
Fav. Food: Fried clams & cole slaw
Fav. Dance Move: Turbo's Broom Dance (see 80's movie classic Breakin')
Fav. Superhero: Incredible Hulk (Lou Ferrigno version)
Least Fav. Subject: Computer Science (sorry Mr. Howell)



Jack Miossi, ASC
College: Georgetown University
Fav. Sports Team: Die-hard Blackhawks fan
Fav. Food: Flank Steak
Fav. Dance Move: Cross-step Waltz
Fav. Superhero: Quicksilver
Least Fav. Subject: Geometry



Will Clemens. ASC
College: Xavier University
Fav. Food: That which I don't have to pay for
Fav. Dance move: cabbage patch
Fav. Superhero: Batman
Least Fav. Subject: The weather



Pat Cooney, ASC
College: Elon University
Fav. Sports Team: Washington Nationals
Fav. Food: Italian
Fav. Dance Move: Shopping Cart
Fav. Superhero: Batman
Least Fav. Subject: Intro to Taxation