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A Legacy of Giving: Coach Battle

If you're looking for Coach Battle these days, you'll probably find him fishing at one of his favorite spots.

Coach Battle retired from Guardian Catholic School in June of 2019, closing a **38-year career** that began in 1981. During that time, Coach has educated more than one generation of students and their parents. When Coach spoke, everyone listened — knowing that his words would guide, inspire and empower students, coworkers and friends to achieve their full potential.

We recognize Coach Battle for his leadership, consistency and incredible gift for knowing and motivating each person he met. It's hard to adequately capture his legacy, but **the seeds he planted will continue to grow in future generations.**

As students and staff gathered in the halls on his last day to applaud Coach Battle's last walk through our school, each of us knew how much we would miss him. Thank you, Coach, for the 38-year gift of serving our children as their coach both in sports and in life.

We honor Coach Battle as an **outstanding Christian role model, father figure and coach.**



The mission of the Guardian Catholic Schools is to participate in God's work by providing advocacy, resources and governance to Guardian Catholic School. These resources enable the school to provide educational and spiritual opportunities to children and families regardless of financial situation or religious preference.



Mervin G. Denny,
Executive Director
of Advancement



Sr. Dianne Rumschlag,
SND, PhD, Head of School

The Giving Season

Dear Friends,

The 2019-2020 school year marks our third year as Guardian Catholic School. In August, our doors welcomed 94 new students and hundreds of returning students. All of this is possible because of our generous supporters, committed families and dedicated staff.

In this Fall edition of *The Messenger*, we highlight our supporters and their gifts to showcase the positive, direct impact on the lives of our students. Highlights include:

- **Coach Battle** One generation of children and their parents were educated and guided by Coach throughout his 38-year career.
- **The Schuppert Family, Vincent and June Schuppert** Because of their donation, six alumni were awarded four-year Florida university scholarships.
- **The 8th Grade Class of 2019** Our loyal donors provided 15 scholarships enabling recipients to attend local Catholic high schools and two scholarships enabling enrollment at The Bolles School and Episcopal School of Jacksonville.
- **16th Annual Ron Townsend Golf Classic: Save the Date, March 2, 2020** Funds raised provide critical scholarships for our students. All Guardian students receive some level of scholarship assistance.

As the giving season approaches, please consider a donation. Your gift can change the future of a child's life!

You Can Help Us:

- **Provide scholarships for a quality, values-based education** regardless of financial status or religious belief.
- **Complete funding of \$100,000 for capital investment** in our new school. Naming opportunities available.
- **Build a reserve to provide for the long-term maintenance** of our new facilities.

Call (904)765.1920 to learn about these and other opportunities to be part of our legacy.

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Protecting Potential: Alumni Corner

Vincent and June Schuppert have been loyal supporters of Guardian for more than six years. This year, their generous donation of \$85,000 was matched by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, providing six Guardian alumni with four-year Florida university scholarships. Selection criteria included leadership skills, character, financial need and volunteer activities. Each awardee will be mentored until high school graduation to ensure college readiness.

We are proud of our Guardian awardees:

- **Raelyn Hardwick**, Grade 9 – Bishop Kenny High School
- **Carissa Iszard**, Grade 12 – Episcopal School of Jacksonville
- **Breeland Madison**, Grade 9 – The Bolles School
- **Devin McLeod**, Grade 9 – Bishop John J. Snyder High School
- **Ny'Reon Shuman**, Grade 10 – Bishop Kenny High School
- **Ashley Thompkins**, Grade 11 – The Bolles School

The educational achievements of these high school students began at Guardian Catholic where all our students receive scholarship assistance. An amazing 96 percent of our students graduate from high school with many students pursuing higher education. The success of Guardian alumni is due in large part to loyal donors such as the Schuppert family. We thank Vincent and June Schuppert for giving the gift of quality education to our students.



Presenting The 8th Grade Class of 2019



The Pat Tierney Scholarship
Recipient: Alani Boyd



Ron Townsend Scholar
Recipient: Breeland Madison



Ron Townsend Scholar
Recipient: Diego Suarez



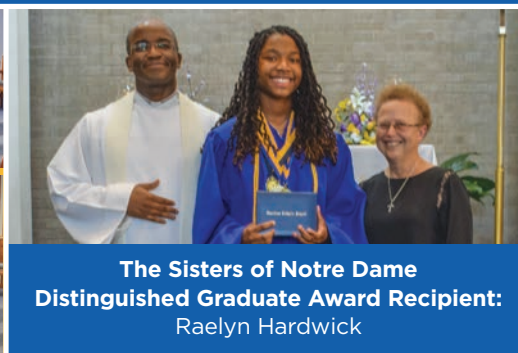
Bishop John J. Snyder Peace in Christ Award
Recipient: Chandler Ivory



Guardian Catholic School
Graduation Class of 2019

The Sisters of Notre Dame
Scholarship of Excellence Recipients:
(Top, L-R): Adan Turner, Jamia Prince,
Katlyn Reilly, Willie Major, Azhah Johnson,
Billy Jean-Louisnat, Raelyn Hardwick,
Lakiya Crews, Alani Boyd

(Bottom, L-R): Devin McLeod, Chauncey
Richardson, Jamil Johnson, Chandler Ivory,
Tre'Vaughan Hernandez, Emanuel Bruny



The Sisters of Notre Dame
Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient:
Raelyn Hardwick



We recognize the Class of 2019
for distinction in:

- academics, hard work and character
- Christian values and community service
- athletic ability, positive attitude and class spirit



Pre-K Parent Meeting: Nurturing Potential



Dinner, engaging sessions and hands-on activities combined to make an evening of learning for Pre-K parents and their children. Through the efforts of Ms. Jackson, Principal; Donna Williams, School Counselor; and Pre-K teachers and staff, parents explored academics, social/emotional growth and faith formation with a focus on ways to engage their young children in learning at home.

Special guest Greg Griffin spoke to parents about the importance of reading to their children and donated a book to each child to begin their own personal libraries. One of the big takeaways for parents that evening was how much their children are capable of learning—even at the ages of three and four.





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16TH ANNUAL

Ron Townsend
GOLF CLASSIC

BENEFITING GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

at Timuquana Country Club

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 2, 2020 | TEE-OFF AT NOON



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