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SMCHS Yearbook Wins 3rd Consecutive Award

Neenah--Menasha: For the third consecutive year, Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, announced that St. Mary Catholic High School's (SMCHS's) yearbook program has been named a Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence. On September 22, 2016, the SMCHS yearbook program received a plaque and a banner to display in school so the entire school community can celebrate the group's outstanding achievement.

The 2016 National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes the development of engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (*ICT*) literacy.

"This yearbook staff worked so hard to be sure that each of our students was represented at least three times in the yearbook, which is no small feat," said advisor Jessica Ott. "They put a lot of time and effort into producing a quality, crisp yearbook that we are all very proud of!"

The 2015-16 St. Mary Catholic High School award winning yearbook team, who produced the award-winning volume, included Sydney Gagne, Katrina Franda, Marissa Quinonez, Kara Brightwell, Mason McParlon, Mary Mattio, Jensen Mackenzie, Emily Minton, Karli VanCamp, Mary Ahles, Mack Blashka, Mike Schmitz, Pat Knapinski, James Schultz, Kyle Vandeventer, Abby Fischer, Fred Bergholz and Carly Jossart, under the direction of SMCHS Art Teacher Mrs. Jessica Ott, yearbook advisor.

Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented to schools for for achieving the defined criteria in each of three following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

St. Mary Catholic High School a regional high school located in the Village of Fox Crossing, is part of [St. Mary Catholic Schools \(SMCS\)](#). The system also includes St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel Elementary Schools in Neenah, as well as St. Mary Elementary School in Menasha and St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Village of Fox Crossing. SMCHS is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.



PHOTO ID: *The 2016-17 SMCHS Yearbook Class: Jessica Ott (advisor), Joey O'Neill, Jensen Mackenzie, Sydney Gagne, Carly Degner, Rachel Dulcamara, Ally Kosik, Brandon Wagner, Ryan Conn, Jacob Romnek, Keaton Noffke, Joe Stinski and Jacob Hopwood*

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