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Letters

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Encore event at SJHS will not soon be forgotten

Editor,

The curtain has come down and the show is over but the memories will live on. Oh what a show it was!

One hundred and fifty-two St. Joseph High School alumni from the classes of 1951 through 2017 returned to recreate 24 variety show and musical acts as part of this wonderful event called Encore. An additional highlight this year was Zoe Downey, Leah Terry and Megan Yacobozzi recreating their performances from the SJHS "Showtime 18."

The leaders of this extravaganza were our very own foundation board members Dennis Bowen, producer, assisted by Bob Ehrenberg. They assembled a committee of 15 St. Joe alums who gave their hearts and minds during the past two years to make this event a huge success. Alumni from across the country returned to tune up their instruments, under the direction of Steven Reed, put on their dancing shoes under the tutelage of choreographers Connie Cassidy and Cammie Hernandez, sharpened their dramatic skits under the direction of Donna Nelli Metz, and harmonized their voices to entertain two joyous audiences of over 1,000 people.

The benefactors of this event are none other than the students who attend the St. Joseph Public Schools. All the funds generated through ticket sales and sponsorships, minus expenses to stage the show, are directed to the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation. The mission of the SJPSF is "to raise, steward and distribute resources to enrich the education of students in the St. Joseph Public Schools." 

On behalf of the foundation board, I say "thank you" to our organizers, performers, sponsors, attendees and everyone who worked so hard to make this show a huge success. It was an event that will not be forgotten!

Bill Marohn

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