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iel also gives to others.

He has returned to St. Jude to speak with current students about his military service, explaining what it means to be a soldier and veteran, and to encourage others to think about doing the same.

Daniel credits his Catholic education with instilling in him the desire to serve.

“Catholic education has given me a unique perspective of the contemporary struggles our world faces and how to best help others in times of need,” he said.

St. Louis King of France School

A faithful volunteer who is always ready to support others, Elise Moran has been selected a Distinguished Graduate of St. Louis King of France School in Baton Rouge.

A graduate of the Class of 2000, Moran gives her time unselfishly to her alma mater and parish church.

In honoring her, school administrators said she is “extremely reliable, conscientious and faithful.”

A member of the church community at St. Louis King of France since 1989, Moran serves as the director of religious education. She is also the editor of the church’s weekly parish bulletin.

Despite her many commitments, Moran also serves her extended commu-

nity. She volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, cooking meals for the men’s shelter. She also offers her assistance and talents to St. Pierre’s Center for the Arts, a Lafayette-based organization that uses art therapy to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

Moran said her Catholic education prepared her for life. She credited it with giving her the spiritual tools needed to prepare for a bright future and foster a better understanding of what it means to be faith-filled and live a life of service.

St. Michael High School

The success of the next generations is the measure of success for Joseph Cefalu III, Distinguished Graduate for St. Michael High School in Baton Rouge.

“A Catholic education helps teach and mold our youth by utilizing positive morals and values that are not necessarily incorporated in other education systems,” said Cefalu. He is a 2005 graduate, attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson LLP and co-founder of Club BLUE, a young



Elise Moran

professional’s group associated with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge. “Club BLUE members, including myself, serve as mentors of Boys & Girls Club children, spread awareness of the difficulties facing youth in our area and help raise funding to provide the club children free after school and summer care, among many other things,” said Cefalu. “Being a part of Club BLUE and watching it grow has been one of the most fulfilling things I have done.”

St. Michael principal Ellen Lee said, “Joseph embodies the mission of St. Michael High School by seeking the truth, living the faith and serving like Christ in his everyday life. On top of juggling the demands that come with a successful career, Joseph makes time to volunteer for Club BLUE. Joseph’s commitment to serving the youth of the community through his volunteerism makes him outstanding among our alumni.”

Among Cefalu’s achievements include being chosen the Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2016 and 2017.



Joseph Cefalu III

“Joseph is a hard-working professional who recognizes that his gifts and talents were meant to be used in service of others. He showed tremendous initiative by seeing the need for and co-founding Club BLUE, which mentors and supports children in need,” said Lee.

St. Peter Chanel School


St. Peter Chanel School in Paulina principal Paula Poche only had to look to her own staff to identify the school’s Distinguished Graduate.

Sue Beier, a 1984 graduate and a 24-year educator at St. Peter, was chosen for her dedication to Catholic education and to the school, Poche said.

“Her commitment to the school and her Catholic faith has instilled many values and morals in each child she has taught,” Poche said. “She has touched many children’s lives and instilled them to start loving Jesus.”


Beier has not strayed far from home, returning to St. Peter immediately after graduating from college to launch her teaching career. She has volunteered countless hours with the Beta Club Spring Festival and many other social committees. She is also involved with the church’s parish council and served as chairperson for the committee that raised more than \$1 million to build a multi-purpose gym.

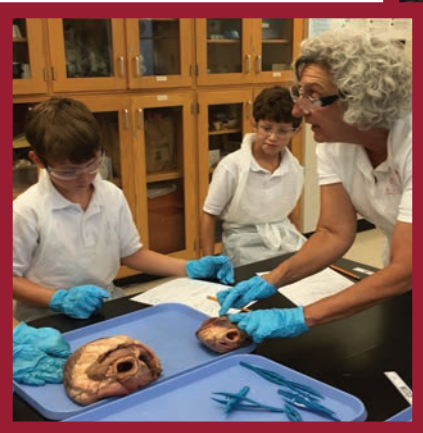



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