

Meygan Echols, Waltham

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“I am proud to attend because the school stands for such a good purpose. Saint Bede Academy stands for a good education and being a family.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“I like that the upperclassmen are so welcoming and reassure the freshmen that everything will be great.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that they are welcoming of anyone and they accept you for (being) me.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *I plan to go to law school and represent third-world organizations.*

Jane Barnes, Peru Catholic

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“My parents, brothers, and cousins all went here and I know it gives you a good education.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“I like how friendly everyone is, how small the school is, and that there are boarding students.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that everyone is welcome to go there for high school.”*

Ryan Edwall, Peru Catholic

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“I am proud to attend Saint Bede because it is a grand school, it is very well known.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“I like that the school focuses on academic success, that it is known for academics. I like the numerous amount of clubs that help people get involved with the community.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that I have somewhere I do belong that will help me prosper. It also reminds me I do have a place where I belong with the community.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Obtain a Master’s Degree in Mathematics*

Ethan Borelli, Ladd

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Saint Bede has many nice people and I get the chance to be who I am.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“It is a small school and it will get me deeper into my faith.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“This phrase means that I belong at Saint Bede and it is like a second home.”*

Anna Morton, Princeton Logan

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Because my mom went here.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“The family-like atmosphere, good education, small classes, and sports.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It makes me feel accepted and at home.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Go to college and become a neonatal doctor.*

Alex Dittmar, Peru Catholic

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“It is a school deeply rooted in strong faith with many friendly faces.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“Everyone is kind and informative and I feel this is the place I should be.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“This school is accepting and inviting. You will be at home here.”*

Carly Eustice, Ottawa Shepherd

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“I am proud to attend Saint Bede because my family takes a big part of the school.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“The atmosphere and the people at the school.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that it is becoming my second home.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Go to college and become an optometrist.*



Michael Manning - Junior

Grade School: Ladd

Activities: Ambassadors, Football, Basketball, Track, SBASG, Spanish Club, Interact Club, Lectio Divina

Why I am proud to attend SBA: *I am proud to attend Saint Bede because of its high standards in learning. My dad has shared stories of tradition at Saint Bede; now I have become part of this tradition and know how special it is. It begins every morning when I walk through those front doors. From reciting the Benedictine prayer at the beginning of each class to shaking the hand of a smiling Brother George to putting on the Bruin jersey before I step on the football field every Friday. Right now, I am Saint Bede tradition.*



Gianna Elias - Freshman

Grade School: Spring Valley JFK

Activities: Softball, Golf, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, Venturing, Last Supper Club

Why I am proud to attend SBA: *I am proud to attend Saint Bede because of the family-like atmosphere. I only had three people from my graduating class and chose to attend Saint Bede. From the minute I walked through the door I felt accepted as part of the Saint Bede family. Everyone welcomed me like they had known me all their lives and not once have I felt like an outsider. I also feel that Saint Bede offers the best education around for those who want a challenge. I have no doubt that I made the right choice in choosing Saint Bede.*



Julia Pohar - Senior

Grade School: Peru Parkside

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, SBASG, Ambassadors, Spanish Club

Why I am proud to attend SBA: *I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy because I get to be my own person here. Everyone is so nice here and it already feels like home. My parents didn’t graduate from here, so I will be the first. I’m starting my own tradition and it feels great.*



Daryl Senica - Sophomore

Grade School: Waltham

Activities: Football, Interact Club, Track, SBASG, Venturing, Yearbook

Why I am proud to attend SBA: *I am more than proud to attend Saint Bede Academy; I am thankful. Now I can extend my tree of knowledge to different branches of experiences that I could never have imagined. I get to follow and hopefully exceed in the footsteps and goals that my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandfather set for me years ago. But best of all, I get to be a part of the biggest and best family around – the family of all the Saint Bede students.*

Mya Dietman, Spring Valley JFK

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“I am proud to attend Saint Bede because it’s a good school and applies Christian values to daily life.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“The number one thing I like about Saint Bede is that it’s like one big family.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means to me that no matter who you are, what you look like, etc. you’ll be accepted.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Attend Harvard University and become a lawyer in the Special Victims Unit.*

Bryn Robinson, Ladd

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Academically it is a very good school to go to. All of the teachers and students are very kind and accepting.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“It has a very large campus and it offers a lot of sports and clubs that anyone can join.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that whether you are good at academics or sports there is always something you can join and be an important part of.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Go on to college and become a marine biologist.*

Alexis Wittenauer, LaMoille Allen

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Because I can be myself. At my old school, I knew everyone and I felt I had to live up to expectations. I am happy where I am.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“I like that there is a lot of prep for college. (Because I want to be in a good college.)”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“To me, this phrase means everyone is welcome here.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *I plan to become a successful veterinarian.*

Max Manning, Ladd

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Because I finally get a chance to participate in the many traditions this school has, such as Spirit Week, going to mass, and singing the fight song.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“I love how everybody gets along and are all friends. It really feels like we are all one big family.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“This school was meant for me and that it is the best school that will give me a chance to progress past high school and become a successful adult.”*

Pamela Needs, Home School

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“The reputation of Saint Bede is to be respectful, cheerful, and accepting. I am proud to carry on that reputation.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“Everyone knows each other’s name and the teachers take the time to get to know the students.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“People accept each other for who they are and help you be comfortable in your own skin.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *Attend a university and work in a school.*

Lauren Pillion, Oglesby Washington

Why I am proud to attend Saint Bede Academy: *“Because I can make a difference and I am known.”*

What I like about Saint Bede: *“It is a welcoming place and it is small so I can make friends.”*

What the phrase “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *“It means that I can make a difference.”*

Future plans (beyond high school): *I want to be a professional photographer and travel to Dublin, Ireland.*



Name: Jim & Susan Knoblauch
Son: Evan Knoblauch, Oglesby Washington
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *We are proud to see our son “fit right in” as soon as he began summer activities, camps, and practices.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *Smaller class sizes, community atmosphere, and the ability to be involved in many areas.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *It means that students are special and will be accepted and welcomed by the school community.*

Name: Dave & Lory Kilanowski
Daughter: Tiana Kilanowski, Dimmick
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *The family atmosphere and academics that Saint Bede has to offer.*
These qualities attracted us to send our daughter to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *After attending 8th grade Algebra, there was no choosing. Saint Bede was the only choice.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to us: *As I said, no choice. This is where our daughter belongs.*

Name: Rob & Rhonda Brandt
Daughter: Kaytlin Brandt, Holy Family
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *I want to give my daughter opportunities that I didn't have. She is a very positive and driven person. Saint Bede is the perfect match giving her keys to open doors of higher education, preparing her for the world, and keeping faith as her guide.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *Kaytlin's goals of attending Oxford University (England) require a high school of Saint Bede's caliber with regards to academic excellence, global outreach in the student body and the ability to have religion as the core of every school day.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *By God's grace we were able to come back to the IV area. We knew that there was no other place to send our daughter. Saint Bede has always been our hope and choice as the high school for Kaytlin.*

Name: Rob & Jo Schramm
Son: Aubrey Schramm, Spring Valley JFK
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *We are looking forward to being a part of the Saint Bede family. There is just something to be said about the care children receive in private school.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *Quality education with teachers that go above and beyond for their students.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *To us it is a warm welcome. We know our daughter will always be looked out for and pushed to succeed.*

Name: Joseph Sanchez & Melody Burgess
Son: Dash Burgess, Oglesby Washington
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *For what Saint Bede stands for: confidence, integrity, and education for the future.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *It was ultimately my son's decision upon attending such a prestigious Academy solely for his education values.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *It puts you where you need to be to be an adult in this vast world.*

Name: Lori Boekeloo
Son: Sawyer Gray, Putnam County
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *I've heard so much about superior athletics, academics, and family atmosphere.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *In the beginning, it was so he could play football, but we're excited about the academics too.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *In praying about this decision, we found peace.*

Name: Joe & Kathy Marena
Son: Joseph Marena, Spring Valley JFK
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *I am a Saint Bede alum (82) and very proud my son is keeping the tradition going. My father and all my brothers are also alumni.*
These qualities attracted us to send our son to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *A better education; discipline; caring for the students; the Saint Bede family.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *After attending the Open House my son wanted to be a part of Saint Bede. It is where he belongs.*

Name: Jim & Jennifer Manning
Sons: Michael & Max Manning, Ladd
Why I am proud to be a Bruin Parent: *I graduated from Saint Bede in 1985, 30 years ago. Now my sons Michael and Max are carrying on the tradition. I couldn't be happier!*
These qualities attracted us to send our daughter to Saint Bede Academy for high school: *The education and the experience. The academic curriculum prepares you for college and is a sound basis for future endeavors. The social and religious climates prepare you for life.*
What the phrase, “Saint Bede Academy: Where You Belong” means to me: *There is no other choice. Saint Bede is an experience of a lifetime. The change I have seen has all been positive and the current administration works to keep tradition alive.*



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