

Erick Alvarez



Erick's cheerful nature has always been such an asset for him that it's difficult to not smile along with him. A natural slapstick comedian, Erick has been spreading joy through the halls of San Miguel for the past four years. Erick has played soccer and rowed for San Miguel while also learning the skill sets for being a coxswain. Erick is looking forward to attending the Excelsior Academy in September, where he will be developing his academic potential for a 21st century career. We also hope to see him in the sequel to Boys in the Boat!



At San Miguel, Erick participated in the following clubs: Grade 6: Lego and Rowing Clubs
Grade 7: Fitness and Rowing Clubs, Soccer Team and Saturday Film, Food, and Cooking Clubs — Grade 8: Soccer and Rowing Teams



Class of 2017 during a recent trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC



Class of 2017 at Mohonk Preserve where they are training to become Junior Rangers



Class of 2017 at Motorcyclepedia Museum in Newburgh where they learned about vintage motorcycles used in WWI and WWII

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**Class of 2017
Graduation Ceremony**

Thursday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.
San Miguel Academy of Newburgh
245 Renwick Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

SAVE THE DATE

Defying the Odds
2017 Annual Scholarship Dinner
Thursday, October 26
6:30 p.m.
Westchester Country Club
Rye, NY

(contact Cathy Joyce Wooters: cjwooters@newburghsanmiguel.org)



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2017 SPECIAL GRADUATION EDITION

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Dear Friends of San Miguel Academy,

Twelve years tremendous! Our principal, Mrs. DiMeo, is finalizing the Class of 2021 enrollment, marking the twelfth class to benefit from our alternative education. At the same time our first class, the Class of 2010, is entering its senior year of college.

These are exciting days for San Miguel Academy as we are beginning to see the fruits of twelve years of service to those families whose boys are looking to rise above the pressures of the insidious streets of Newburgh. Our outcomes have been impressive, due largely to the wonderful support that our donors have made possible for kids who are among America's most under-resourced demographic. We must also acknowledge the dedication and tireless effort of those who have worked for our program during the past twelve years - paid staff and volunteers! The many people who have rallied to advance our mission has been nothing short of remarkable.

This Class of 2017 is finishing its middle school journey while also envisioning a brighter future made possible by the academy. ALL fourteen of these boys have made a commitment to rise above the street. They all have come to realize that education is a means to a purposeful and more productive life. Everyone of these boys will go on to secondary educational settings that will continue what has been started at San Miguel Academy. We are proud of all of them. As you read about their accomplishments, we hope that you realize that you have made these opportunities possible for each of them. Your generosity has given these children a reason to dream about a better world, and even more, to make that dream a reality.

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your support. We ARE breaking the cycle of poverty through education and that gives us reason to say we are twelve years tremendous!

Sincerely,

Father Mark Connell

Introducing the Graduates

Nehemiah Williams



Nehemiah's intellectual curiosity and fearlessness are impressive. Always willing to be the first one to try something new, whether it be first in line to climb a 50 foot rock wall at Mohonk or diving into a new math unit or novel in Humanities, Nehemiah is often found engrossed in books pertaining to mythology, sports, or science. Nehemiah also ranks among the most competent tour guides in the history of SMAN. He's usually one of our "go to guys" when visitors join us. Nehemiah has played soccer and basketball for San Miguel, and we know he possesses other academic and athletic talents that he will continue to develop at Church Farms School in Exton, PA, this fall. Congratulations, Nemo!



At San Miguel, Nehemiah participated in the following clubs: Grade 6: Basketball and Soccer Teams and Saturday Cooking, Film, and Book Clubs — Grade 7: Basketball and Soccer Teams and Saturday Film, Cooking, and Book Clubs — Grade 8: Basketball and Soccer Teams and Saturday Film and Cooking Clubs



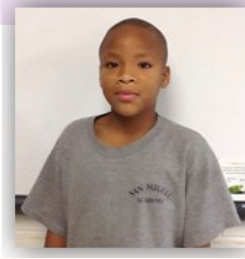
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Na'Sah Dabbs



The youngest of the Dabbs siblings, Na'Sah carries on a tradition of excellence here at San Miguel. Na'Sah's intellectual curiosity and knowledge of technology as well as his dedication to his studies are impressive. Na'Sah is an invaluable member of the SMAN community as he is always willing to assist the staff and his schoolmates. Na'Sah is an ambassador with excellent interpersonal skills, which will make him a great team leader, especially as he heads for Canterbury, the school on "the hill" in New Milford, CT. We look forward to hearing great things about Na'Zeem, Sa'Heed, and Na'sah as they continue through their educational careers. We join their mother in her pride for her boys' accomplishments.



At San Miguel, Na'Sah participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: Media and Lego Clubs — Grade 6: Fitness and Lego Clubs, Basketball Team, and Saturday Book and Film Clubs — Grade 7: Lego, Swimming and Maker Clubs, Basketball Team, and Saturday Film and Book Clubs — Grade 8: Basketball Team and Saturday Book, Film, and Food Clubs

Emmanuel Flores



Emmanuel is a conscientious student. He makes sure to ask questions when experiencing difficulty in class and he never shies away from asking the tough questions. Emmanuel has come a long way in a short time and exemplifies the "never quit" attitude of the SMAN Student Creed. When he experiences a setback, he sticks with it and doesn't give up until he accomplishes what he has set out to do. Emmanuel is an active member of his church and community.



Emmanuel has played soccer, basketball, and rowed for San Miguel. He will continue on his path to success at the Mount Academy next year. God bless you, Emmanuel!

At San Miguel, Emmanuel participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: 3D Design and Lego Clubs — Grade 6: Lego Club and Soccer and Basketball Teams — Grade 7: Woodshop and Lego Clubs, Soccer and Basketball Teams, and Saturday Film and Cooking Clubs — Grade 8: Soccer and Basketball Teams and Saturday Film Club

Niegier Foley



Niegier's smile is resplendent and infectious. Niegier has displayed good communication skills, especially while leading the school in daily calisthenics. He is an organized student, not a common characteristic among teenage boys! Niegier is a natural leader, who makes sure his voice is heard. As he has progressed through San Miguel, he started to understand his leadership abilities and used them with more frequency. Niegier has played soccer and basketball for San Miguel. His leadership skills will continue to develop as he attends Excelsior Academy in the fall. Best of luck, Niegier!



At San Miguel, Niegier participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: Media Club and Saturday Film Club — Grade 6: Fitness Club, Basketball Team, and Saturday Movie Club — Grade 7: Fitness Club, Basketball Team, and Saturday Film and Cooking Clubs — Grade 8: Soccer and Basketball Teams and Saturday Film Club



Henry Natharen



Henry is dedicated to his studies and always willing to assist the staff and his classmates. Henry aspires for perfection as he challenges himself to do better on each assessment and project. Henry is quiet, but he is often engaged in deep thought, working out a problem in his head or choosing his words carefully. He is impressively articulate, empathetic, and mature for someone of his age. He will be using these skills at Our Lady of Lourdes next year. Best wishes, Henry!



At San Miguel, Henry participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: Lego Club and Boy Scouts and Saturday Film and Book Clubs — Grade 6: Lego, Fitness and Rowing Clubs and Saturday Book and Film Clubs — Grade 7: Rowing and Fitness Clubs, Soccer Team, and Saturday Hiking, Cooking, Film, and Book Clubs — Grade 8: Film Club



Ronald is dedicated to his studies and always willing to assist the staff and his classmates. Ronald is a man of few words, but he shows his inner self by being a conscientious student, who often inquires about his grades to make sure he is on top of his work. A quiet leader, Ronald exemplifies the educational commitment a Miguel Man accepts on his journey to become a lifelong learner. In the fall of 2016, the eighth-grade Jr. Rangers were challenged with a fifty foot climb of the Trapps at Mohonk Preserve. On his first attempt Ronald climbed about ten feet, before descending back down the wall. Frazzled and trembling, Ronald took a break. After watching a few classmates climb farther up the wall, Ronald was inspired. He took a deep breath, took his place in line, and psyched himself up for the climb. With the support of his classmates and cheers of Mohonk staff, Ronald ascended to the highest point with ease. Ronald joined the elite who made it to the top, because "when faced with a mountain he did not quit." We know Ronald will continue to inspire us as he joins the Mount Academy in September.



At San Miguel, Ronald participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: Lego Club — Grade 6: Lego and Woodshop Clubs and Saturday Movie Club — Grade 7: Woodshop and Swimming Clubs and Saturday Film Club — Grade 8: Film Club

Angel Silva



Two years after his brother Andrew, Angel joined us at SMAN. Already familiar with how things worked around here, Angel transitioned well into grade 5. Angel used his time well to mature from a boy to a young man, while also making great strides in his academic performance. Angel is a skilled athlete, using his talents on the Soaring Eagles soccer team and in the "first boat" of our crew team. We are delighted that Angel will continue to follow the lead of his older brother as he joins the freshmen class at John S. Burke Catholic High School next year. Best of luck to Angel!



At San Miguel, Angel participated in the following clubs: Grade 5: Film Club — Grade 6: Lego Club, Soccer Team and Saturday Film and Cooking Clubs — Grade 7: Maker and Fitness Clubs, Soccer Team, and Saturday Film, Cooking, and Book Clubs — Grade 8: Soccer Team and Saturday Film and Cooking Clubs

