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Hannah Dear and Andrew Sanli anchor the Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, *Bruin News Now*, which was filmed at the state Capitol. The episode took second place in an international high school journalism competition.

BNN receives international recognition

St. Joe's student-produced, weekly newscast *Bruin News Now* took second place in an international competition sponsored by the honor society for high school journalists.

Bruin News Now for Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, which was filmed at the state Capitol, placed second in the award for News Show for Web or TV. Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists sponsored the 2020 Writing, Photo and Multimedia Contest.

"I'm so excited and couldn't be more proud of our dedicated, hard-working, high school journalists," Principal Dena Kinsey said.

"Despite the fact we are a small school of about 400 students in a small state, our students competed head-to-head with larger schools here and abroad and finished second. That says a lot about the quality of students at

St. Joe and in our journalism program."

The contest saw high school journalism students from five countries submit a total of 2,439 entries in 30 categories. Entries came from schools in such places as Los Angeles, Miami, Singapore and South Korea.

Bruin News Now is in its fifth year. The Mississippi Scholastic Press Association named BNN the state's best high school newscast in 2017 and 2018; it was a finalist for the award in 2019.

"This award is huge," said St. Joe senior Hannah Dear, who co-anchored the winning newscast. "This award is a great reflection on our school and how strong and amazing our journalism program is."

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NEWS FROM THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAMPUS

Catholic schools closed through April 17

St. Joseph Catholic School will remain closed through Friday, April 17, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Cathy Cook, diocesan school superintendent, said the Diocese of Jackson "will continue to monitor information regarding COVID-19, as well as the recommendations and directives of national, state, and local government officials."

Classes resumed online this week

While many public and private schools spent this week planning how to continue teaching students, St. Joe was one of the first in the metropolitan Jackson area to begin online teaching when classes resumed Wednesday in Grades 7-12. [Click here](#) for a news release about our online learning.

Important online class notes

As classes resumed this week and will continue online through April 17, here are some things parents and their children should remember to take care of on a daily basis.

■ **Class Attendance:** Please remind students that they must check in with each of their classes electronically by 2 p.m. each day or they will be marked absent. They can check in on each class' LMS page.

■ **Class Assignments:** Students should make sure they get their class assignments each day and file them by deadline. They can find daily assignments on each class' LMS page.

■ **ZOOM:** Some classes may meet online as a group in video conferences using the ZOOM app. Students should make sure they have the ZOOM app loaded on their tablets. ZOOM also is available as an app on iPhones and Android devices.

■ **GroupMe:** Some classes also use GroupMe for students to keep in touch with fellow students and their teachers in a controlled chat environment. The GroupMe app also is available on tablets as well as iPhones and Android devices.

Canceled and postponed events

■ **Spring musical:** "Sister Act," originally planned for a three-day, four-performance run in April, has been canceled. Next up will be the fall play, which has not been decided.

■ **Bruin athletics:** All scheduled athletic events and practices – including those for Bruin baseball, softball, track, golf and others – are postponed until further notice.

■ **St. Joseph's Day:** The celebration has moved to Friday, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. A St. Joseph Altar will be in the administration building and take-out dinner will be available 4-6:30 p.m. for a donation (no specific charge). All are welcome.

Madison Mayor's Youth Council

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors can apply for the Madison Mayor's Youth Council 2020-2021. [Click here](#).

Essay and art contest

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an essay and art contest for Grades 9-12. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship. [Click here](#).

College scholarship opportunities

■ The Madison Ridgeland Rotary Club is sponsoring the Jimmy Nelson Memorial Scholarship contest open to seniors in the Madison-Ridgeland area. [Click here](#).

■ Seniors can apply for the Jackson Rotary Club Mentor Scholarship Program, a maximum \$16,000 total grant for college. Deadline: March 20. [Click here](#).

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