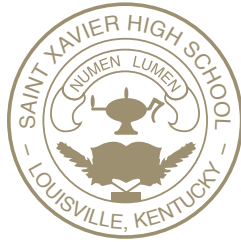


146TH GRADUATING CLASS  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018





## ALMA MATER

LYRICS AND MUSIC BY BROTHER EDWARD JOSEPH, C.F.X.

ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY RICHARD E. MATTINGLY '68

HAIL SAINT XAVIER ALMA MATER,  
HAIL WE PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY,  
MAY THY SONS BE EVER FAITHFUL,  
EVER TRUE TO THEE.

LET THY PRAISES ROAR,  
THUNDERING TO THE SKY.  
WE WILL EVER LOVE THEE,  
DEAR SAINT XAVIER HIGH.

HAIL SAINT XAVIER ALMA MATER,  
HAIL WE RESPECT THY LEGACY,  
WE ARE BROTHERS CALLED  
TO SERVE IN GOD'S COMMUNITY.

LET OUR ZEAL EXPLODE;  
LET OUR SPIRIT FLY.  
WE ARE PROUD TO BE THE MEN,  
OF SAINT XAVIER HIGH.

## 2018 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS THOMAS P. BORDERS



THOMAS P. BORDERS GRADUATED FROM SAINT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1961, WHEN THE CAMPUS WAS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE AT THE CORNER OF 2ND STREET AND BROADWAY. WHILE AT ST. X, TOM WAS A CLASS OFFICER, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, CO-CAPTAIN OF THE TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM, AND A SCHOLAR ATHLETE GRADUATING AMONG THE BEST STUDENTS IN THE CLASS.

AFTER ST. X, HE OBTAINED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AND HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. BOTH DEGREES WERE IN ENGLISH.

IN 1971, TOM CO-FOUNDED BORDERS BOOK SHOP WITH HIS BROTHER LOUIS AND SERVED AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. DURING HIS TENURE, THEIR BOOKSTORE BUSINESS QUADRUPLED IN SIZE. THE BORDERS BROTHERS OPENED THEIR FIRST "SUPERSTORE" IN 1985 AND ADDED A WHOLESALE BUSINESS KNOWN AS BIS (BOOK INVENTORY SYSTEMS), WHICH BECAME THE INVENTORY SUPPLIER FOR LOUISVILLE-FAN-FAVORITE HAWLEY-COOKE BOOKSELLERS. BY THE EARLY 1990S, BORDERS BOOKS WAS A HOUSEHOLD NAME IN THE MIDWEST, AND MANY CONSIDERED IT THE PREMIER SUPERSTORE CHAIN OF THE DECADE. SALES TOPPED OUT AT \$100 MILLION, AND THE COMPANY WAS SOLD IN 1992. PRIOR TO STARTING THE BUSINESS, TOM TAUGHT ENGLISH AT BELLARMINA COLLEGE.

TOM IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF MIDTOWN GROUP IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. HE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BANK OF ANN ARBOR IN MICHIGAN AND HAS SERVED ON ITS BOARD SINCE 1996. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HARRY RANSOM CENTER (THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN) ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 18 YEARS AND IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN. TOM IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TAPESTRY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TOM BECAME THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE ST. X CLASS OF 1961 TO BE NAMED AN OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS, JOINING WILLIAM T. HEAVRIN AND RAYMOND J. WEIS. HE ALSO HOLDS THE HONOR OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE ST. X ALUMNI HALL OF HONORS. TOM IS THE OLDEST OF FOUR BROTHERS WHO ATTENDED ST. X. IN ADDITION TO LOUIS, A MEMBER OF THE ST. X CLASS OF 1966, DANIEL AND CHRISTOPHER GRADUATED IN 1969 AND 1972, RESPECTIVELY.

TOM AND HIS WIFE, CARMEL, A SACRED HEART GRADUATE, RESIDE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN.



Xaverian Brothers

*Sponsored Schools*