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Author and Activist Craig Kielburger Speaks to Saint Mary's Hall Upper School Students

(San Antonio, Texas) – On January 26, Saint Mary's Hall welcomed human rights activist Craig Kielburger, who spoke to Upper School students about empowerment and responsibility within the context of addressing global poverty. Craig's charitable organization, ME to WE, partnered with an SMH service trip to Tanzania last June. While on the trip, students learned about the ME to WE sustainable development model as they worked on a school-building project in a Maasai community.

Students were so inspired by their Tanzania experience, they took the opportunity to invite Craig to speak, tour the SMH campus, and have lunch with AP Modern European History students. In preparation for his visit, Upper School students held several events to create awareness on campus for global issues:

- They conducted a water walk simulation so the Upper School community could experience the challenges Maasai women face in accessing clean water on a daily basis.
- The Tanzania team partnered with the UNICEF club to sell Rafiki bracelets with proceeds going to female artisans in Tanzania and Kenya.
- Advisories were given an activity reflecting on global issues.
- The SAGE Dining Services staff created a table display exhibiting Tanzanian cuisine.

To continue this humanitarian effort, SMH is planning a service trip to Tanzania in June 2019.

Craig's organization provides a holistic development model called WE Villages, helping to lift more than one million people out of poverty in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Craig has received 15 honorary doctorates and degrees for his work in the fields of education and human rights. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author who has published 12 books, as well as a nationally syndicated columnist. Craig has received The Order of Canada, the Nelson Mandela Freedom Medal, and the World Children's Prize. His work has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, 60 Minutes, and the BBC.

Since 1879, Saint Mary's Hall has set the standard for college preparatory education in San Antonio by providing a wide-range of exceptional opportunities in academics, athletics, fine arts, and core values education to create well-rounded students that are successful in college and life. Saint Mary's Hall offers exceptional opportunities for children ages 3 through grade 12.