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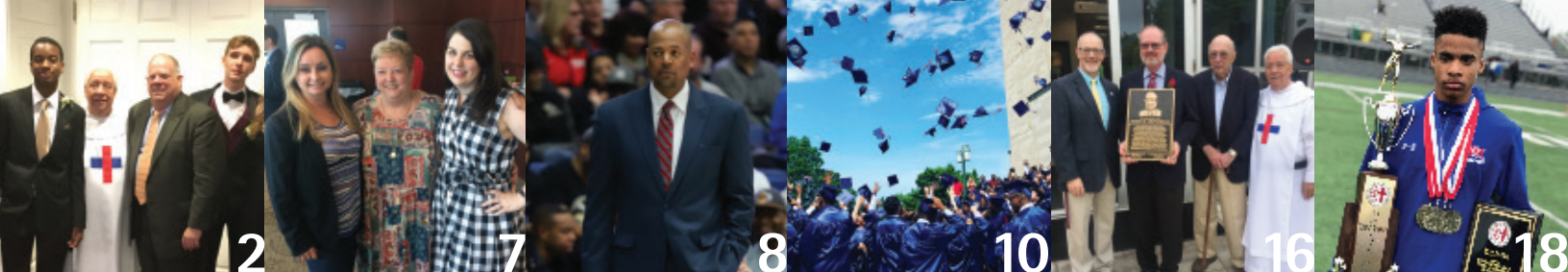
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On The Cover: Pillars of DeMatha Personified

As June's graduation for the Class of 2018 neared, six seniors were picked to be featured on how they each represent one of DeMatha's six pillars: Faith, Community, Service, Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Read more about these students, their impact on DeMatha, and their future plans on Pages 14 and 15.





From the President's Office

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

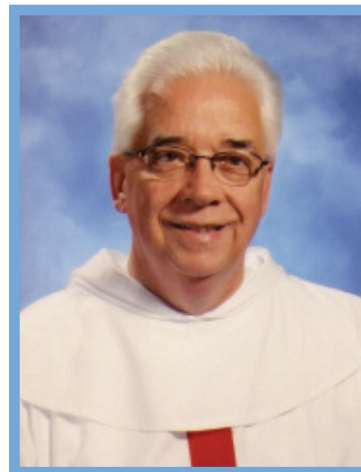
Most of us in life are never sure the impact that we have on the lives of those around us. We sometimes look for immediate feedback, and those rare moments are great. The majority of people must wait for a while before we learn that our interaction with others was a positive moment of grace and wisdom, and when we learn about that, it is a blessing. DeMatha had one of these positive moments recently.

In the fall of every year right before the Thanksgiving break, many of our recent alumni come back to DeMatha to visit the school and reconnect with faculty and staff. This past November, several members of the Class of 2017 came to DeMatha to talk about their first few months in college. Three of the alumni came into my office and were very excited talking about their new schools, courses, friends, and challenges. I always ask if they were academically well-prepared with their DeMatha education for the rigors of college, and I always get an affirmative answer. This time I also asked a new question.

I asked the men what is it that they miss most about DeMatha now that they are in a new academic setting. They thought for a moment, and one of the men said: "I miss the close relationship that we had with our DeMatha faculty throughout the high school years. We could always talk with them and they were always interested in listening and helping. We don't have that here in college."

It is no secret that DeMatha has always been fortunate to have a dedicated faculty and staff throughout our 72-year history, and it is an aspect of our school that makes us proud. What was so special this past November is the recognition that our recent alumni had about the commitment and dedication that surrounded them throughout their high school years, and this recognition prompted insight and gratitude. We often speak about the importance of building relationships as educators within a Catholic school. These enthusiastic recent alumni were more voices in a large chorus of accolades continuing the melody about the quality of our faculty and staff.

Thank you for all that you do to support this unique part of our identity at DeMatha. We are grateful for your support and love of all that is DeMatha. With the recent graduation of the Class of 2018, we now number more than 10,000 alumni who proudly wear the Trinitarian tradition of the DeMatha red and blue cross. Now, that is a memory worth sharing!



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President



Rising senior **Moises Alvarez** won a scholarship (all expenses paid, with transportation) where he traveled to Germany this summer to attend school, live with a German family and go on various excursions for three weeks.

Student News

Rising senior **Harrison Sturges** was on stage as a guitarist at the legendary Whiskey A Go-Go venue in Los Angeles, playing as part of a California tour with the Metro DC School of Rock.

Rising senior **Jesse Parham** was named the latest recipient of the Coleman Mellett '92 Music Scholarship in May. Like Cole-



Rising senior **Jared Beverly** ran a book drive at DeMatha in May for a special-needs school in Jamaica.

man, **Jesse** is a first-chair clarinet player for the Stags.

Rising senior violist **Zach Shieh** participated in a 'Next Generation' concert last April at the John Kendall Recital Hall in Takoma Park, MD.

Rising senior **Jack Scully** was invited in March to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

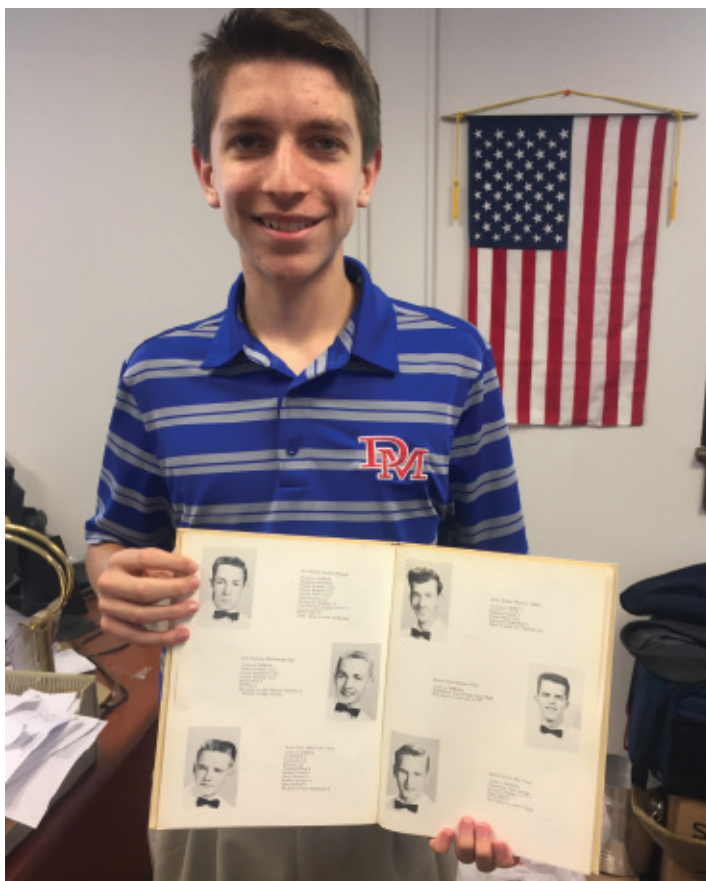
Rising junior **Zahir Muhammad** won the DC Scholastic Cup Chess Challenge in May and advanced to compete in the Nationals this summer.

Rising sophomore **Juan Hernandez** attended a religious pilgrimage in Rome back in May with his local church youth group where he got to see Pope Francis and visit historical sites of Christianity.

Rising sophomore **Scottie Tran**, a member of Mr. Rick Reeves' Honors Biology class, was accepted for the GEMS (Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science) Program sponsored by the US Army. The program encourages young people to become scientists. It's taking place at participating Army Research Laboratories this summer.



Congrats to the Class of '18 recipients (**Cameron Griffin**, **Kyle Hagin**, **Frederick Umeh**, and **Marcelo Saunders**) of Senatorial Scholarships, courtesy of Maryland State Senator (and DM Parent) **Doug Peters**. We thank Senator Peters for his support.



Rising sophomore **Adam Zgol** was named the winner of the John McDonough '56 Memorial Scholarship for the 2018-19 school year.



*“Both Resume Virtues
and Eulogy Virtues
are important.”*

Principal's Perspective

I have been principal for 18 years and coming to school each day is an inspiration. We have been blessed with a spectacular mission; I get to work with tremendous kids and families; I have great colleagues and there is remarkable support from the alumni community. I almost certainly have the best job in the world.

At the beginning of the year I asked the community to help me think about the things that unite us, what binds us together. I often talk with the community about Resume Virtues and Eulogy Virtues. Resume virtues are the accomplishments, awards, and honors that you put on a vita when you apply for a job. Your Eulogy virtues are those traits of character that you display that people remark upon at your funeral – and no eulogy has ever begun by saying, “he was a 4.0 student at Stanford and he drove a Lamborghini.” But both virtues – Resume and Eulogy – are important.

Here is a Resume virtue which inspired and thrilled me this year – the basketball team won the WCAC in dramatic fashion. But here’s what else was important: our director of Christian Service requested help in going into the neighborhood after school to drop-off empty grocery bags, talk with our neighbors, and collect bags of food during our food drive. The basketball program was all in – and that’s a eulogy virtue.

We processed nearly 1400 applications to colleges and universities and more than 65% of those applications yielded an acceptance and, WITHOUT factoring multi-year athletic scholarship offers from multiple universities, our students were offered more than 19 million dollars in scholarship money – we’ll put that on DeMatha’s resume.

Our students did 15,000 thousands of hours of Christian community service, collected 260 coats in our coat drive and participated in eight service drives. I hear from shelters and food banks and retirement homes almost every week saying DeMatha students were outstanding representatives of our school. Those are eulogy virtues.

Our hockey team won the WCAC for the second year in row; they raised more than \$30,000 with St. Alban’s for veteran’s charities this past February.

Our music program won virtually every award to be won at the music festival we attended – put that on the Resume. When we had kids yelled at because of their race and called despicable names – they did not engage and would not be provoked – tremendous character is a Eulogy virtue.

The support we receive from the alums and parents is inspirational. That support helps make possible our resume virtues, but the support itself is a eulogy virtue. You are part of DeMatha’s inspirational feedback loop. That’s what binds us together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel McMahon".

Daniel J. McMahon, Ph.D. '76
Principal



The DeMatha Parent Organization held its annual Mother-Son Brunch in April with guest speaker Jonathan Mason '08, a Harvard grad and now entrepreneur.

School News

Mr. Rich Blorstad's '10 engineering students competed in the University of Maryland's Fire Protection Engineering Competition in April at the ATF Testing Lab in Beltsville. Teams built structures to a specific criterion, which were evaluated after a controlled burn.

DeMatha held its New Student Welcome Night in April to a large crowd of newly enrolled Stags. Class of 2022!

In March, the DeMatha SGA organized and held a 'Gathering For School Safety' to commemorate the lives of the 17 students lost in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS shooting in Florida back in February.

DeMatha held a Workshop for middle school language arts teachers in March.



Students in the AP Biology and Chemistry classes visited the Proton Cancer Treatment Center in Baltimore in May.



Mr. Mike Curran's '99 AP US History classes traveled on a field trip in April to visit several monuments in Washington DC, including the FDR Memorial, the MLK Memorial, the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, and Arlington National Cemetery, among others.



Former Stag and current Maryland Governor Larry Hogan 'crashed' the DeMatha Prom in May.



The DeMatha Ecology Club helped celebrate National Arbor Day at Riverside Neighborhood Park by 'adopting' the park back in May.



The faculty members who were a part of Offutt House celebrated their victory at the End-of-Year meetings in June after the Offutt House won the House Cup for the second year in a row.



DeMatha hosted Fr. Janil, who visited from the Trinitarians vice-province in India, in May for a mass and tour around campus.



Seven students joined Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 and Mr. Marty Hager '73 for a week-long service trip at Nazareth Farm in Salem, West Virginia, in June. The students assisted in various projects in and around the farm as well as at several homeless shelters in the nearby area. They also had the opportunity to learn about rural poverty and the effects that the opioid crisis has had on the region. Also in Campus Ministry news, the DeMatha community raised over \$1,600 for the CRS Rice Bowl program this year.



The 24th annual Science Expo presented the research of students who were taking chemistry classes this year at DeMatha and it was another success. Rising junior Benjamin Boucher, pictured here with Department of Sciences Chair Mr. Rick Reeves, was named the top overall winner with his project, 'The Effects of Creatine on Goldfish.' Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski '86 was the guest speaker at the Awards Dinner.

Additional first place winners included Noah Johnson '20 (Behavioral Science), Thomas Parsons '20 (Biochemistry), Eric Charley '20 (Botany), Austin Williams '19 (Engineering), Tan Vu '19 (Physics), and Jack Smith '20 (Zoology).

Members of the DeMatha instrumental music program with their Pigeon Forge Competition awards outside of Dollywood in April.



SPECIAL AWARDS

Voices of DeMatha trio – **Gabriel Feleke '19**, **Reggie Zayas '18**, **Lucas Arzayus '20**, **Matthew Ober '18**, Flute – Wind Ensemble

Sinfonia First Violin Section – **Zachary Shieh '19**, **Dane Frandsen '19**, **Kelvin Francis '19**
Mr. Matthew Bickel '95 and **Mr. James Roper**, Director Awards of Distinction

Pigeon Forge Music Festival

The impressive talent of the DeMatha music department performed very well at the Pigeon Forge Music Festival in Pigeon Forge, TN., in April. Every music group with DeMatha placed first in their respective divisions.

Concert Band II – Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Division II – Excellent rating, First Place

Concert Band – Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Division III – Superior rating, First Place

Symphonic Band – Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Division IV – Superior rating, First Place

Wind Ensemble – Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Division VI – Superior rating, First Place Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Champions

Sinfonia – Orchestra Division VI – Superior rating, First Place

Percussion Ensemble II – Percussion Division I – Superior rating, First Place

Advanced Percussion Ensemble – Percussion Open Division – Superior rating, First Place

Wind Ensemble and Sinfonia – Grand Champions of the Instrumental Division

DeMatha Harmonics – Men's Chorus Division III – Excellent rating, First Place

Voices of DeMatha – Chamber/Madrigal Division III – Superior rating, First Place Choral Champions

Music News

Fourteen DeMatha students were a part of the two Honor Bands that performed at the Washington Archdiocesan Music Teachers Council concert in February. Congrats to the following musicians who were selected and who performed in the concert: **Zachary Shieh '19** (Violin 1), **Dane Frandsen '19** (Violin 1), **Kelvin Francis '19** (Violin 2), **Eugene DeLoatch '18** (Violin 2), **Jalen Best '19** (Viola), **Michael Brosniham '18** (Viola), **Steven Wang '19** (Cello), **Asa Dawson '19** (String Bass), **Matthew Ober '18** (Flute), **Jesse Parham '19** (Clarinet), **Badi Joyce '19** (Trumpet), **Donnell Troy '18** (Trombone), **Cameron Griffin '18** (Trombone), **Keydon Smith-Herold '18** (Tuba), **Waverly Harris '18** (Percussion), and **Devin Doiron '19** (Percussion).

The Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Sinfonia received Superior ratings from all of the adjudicators at the PG County Band and Orchestra Festival held in March.



Several members of Voices of DeMatha, with faculty member **Mr. Jim Turk**, performed the US and Canadian national anthems at March's USA Warriors Hockey Sled Team game in Bowie. The group also performed in February at the hockey team's annual game in honor of our nation's military. There was also a performance at the Blue Mass, held at DeMatha in May for those police officers in Prince George's County who had died in the line of duty.



Ms. Donna Davis received an honorary DeMatha diploma during the Academic Awards Ceremony in April for her 15 years of service to the school.

Mr. Matthew Bickel '95 and his wife Chrissie led a community fundraising campaign in June for Cure SMA, an organization that works to find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Mr. Keith Rafferty and Mr. Joseph Gazaille received their certification as religion teachers in May from Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Mr. Sam Haller was recognized by *The Washington Post* as a finalist for the publication's Teacher-of-the-Year Award.

Mr. Michael Curran '99 and his wife Sarah welcomed the birth of their daughter, Thora Eve Curran, in April.

Mr. Ed King was formally inducted into the Armstrong County (PA) Sports Hall of Fame in April.

Fr. James, joined with Fr. Damiam and other Trinitarians in Bristol, PA, celebrated his 45th anniversary of priestly ordination.

Fr. James also joined fellow Trinitarians,



Fr. Tom Morris and Fr. Charles Flood at the Easter Vigil mass at Incarnation/St. James Parish in Trenton, NJ in March.

Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 spoke at the NCEA conference in Cincinnati in April about the topic of 'The Joy of the Gospel and Utopian Thinking: Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and The Lord of the World.'

Mr. Tommy Paolucci '97 and Ms. Maritza Velasquez Paolucci celebrated the birth of their son Mateo in March.

Mr. Mike Jones '91 was featured in March as 'Coach-of-the-Week' on WJLA in DC.

A Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Ms. Mary Yarrish, the beloved faculty member who taught at DeMatha for 35 years before retiring in 2016. A donation by Christopher Murphy '05 has been made to kick start the effort to raise monies for the Fund. Alumni and others are welcome to contact the school if they are interested in following Mr. Murphy's lead. The Mary Yarrish Scholarship Fund will also be a giving option when the DeMatha Giving Brochure is released in the fall. The Fund will provide academic aid to students who work hard in the classroom who may also need financial assistance. Anyone wishing to contribute now or anyone with questions, should email Thomas Ponton '78, Director of Advancement, at tponton@dematha.org or call at 240-764-2222.



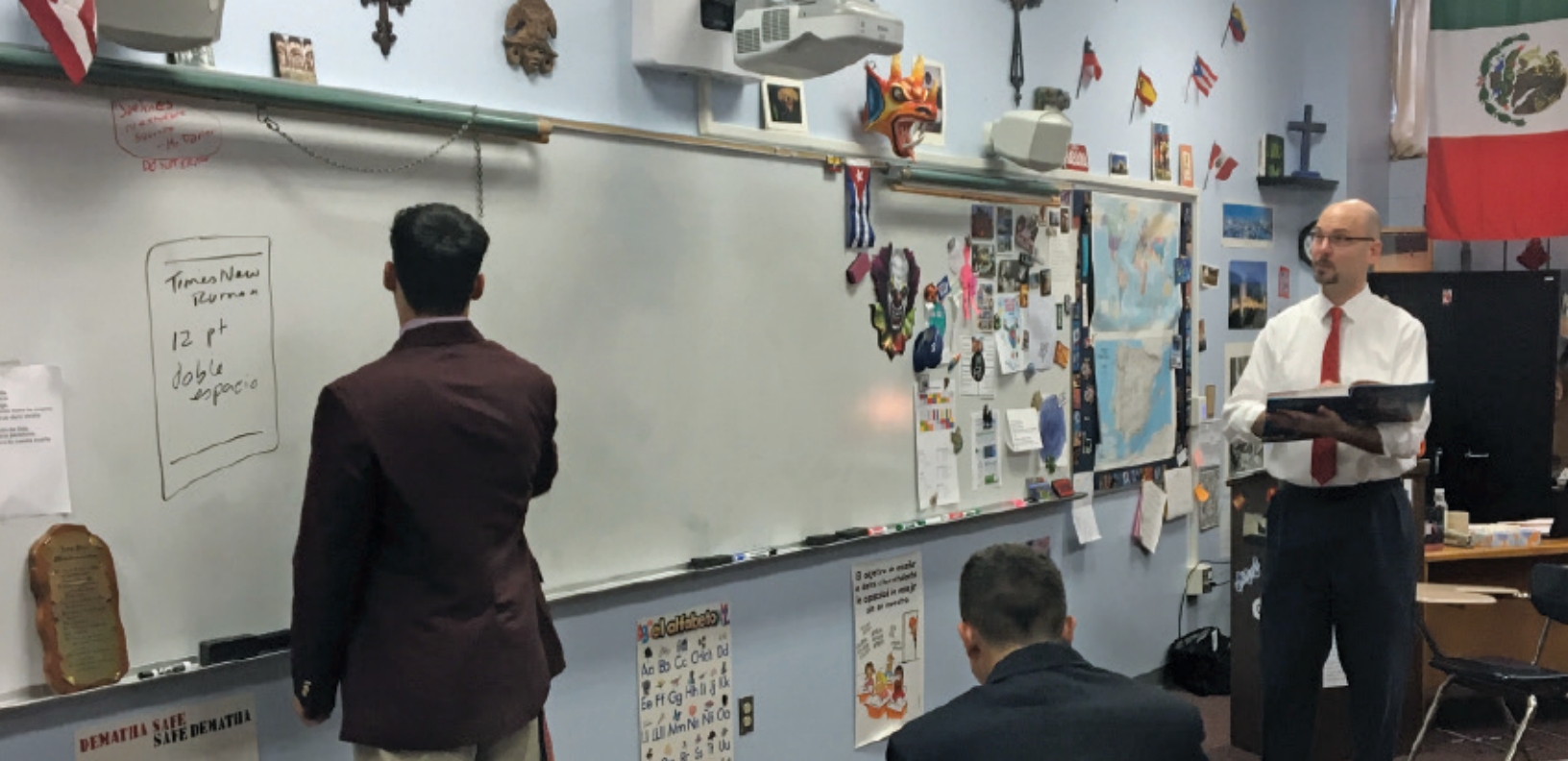
Fr. James, Mr. Tommy Paolucci '97, and Mr. Ben Fleri '11 with Mr. Harry Qiang (after a cup of coffee at Vigilante), DeMatha's Mandarin teacher the past two years via the Confucius Institute before he returned to China in July. We will miss him!



Mr. Vaughn Holsey and Mr. Edward Potskowski organized and ran the very successful annual Art & Photography Exhibit at DeMatha in April.



A reception was held in May for Ms. Nikki Karl, Ms. Carol McKee and Ms. Julie Penndorf as they finished up their final years working at DeMatha and have pursued other endeavors. All three were recognized for their service of at least 15 years to the school.



Mr. Paul Davies: Broadening Students' Horizon with Spanish Culture

Travel and learning about different cultures can widen the mind, strengthen the soul and create unforgettable experiences. For DeMatha faculty member Mr. Paul Davies, a passion for Spanish culture inspired him to share the language with his students for the past 20 years.

"The goal is to develop their skills and get them a solid foundation of the language," Mr. Davies said, "If not, then they'll have at least been exposed to something a little different to what they're used to."

Despite taking various Spanish classes in high school, Mr. Davies was originally a finance major at the University of Las Vegas and then subsequently switched to studying hotel management. But he eventually realized later at UNLV that he loved the Spanish language so much that he knew he had to make a change.

"So I switched my major again and really never looked back."

Mr. Davies later attended graduate school at American University and used that time to fully immerse himself with the Spanish culture as he studied in Madrid, Barcelona and Chile. He said those travels were important for strengthening his command on the language.

"It's nice to bring in some relevant experience, especially when teaching a language," Mr. Davies said, "I just wanted to be very competent in Spanish."

After graduating with his master's degree, Mr. Davies was referred to DeMatha by a classmate and ended up interviewing with former principal Mr. John Moylan. Later that same day, Mr. Davies received a call that the job was his.

"I was really excited, but also nervous to teach high school and all-boys as I had more university experience and had attended public school."

Right out of the gate, Mr. Davies taught six classes and had a lot on

his plate. He appreciated the support system of experienced teachers that DeMatha had in place for helping him get through his first few years.

"Ana Maria DiLuigi, she took me under her wing along with Judy Rawson. I had amazing support here from John (Moylan) and Bill (Clark) and the entire department. Mary Yarrish and Rich Macheski pulled me through as well," Mr. Davies said.

In addition to teaching Spanish, Mr. Davies has been very active in other aspects of the DeMatha school community. Not only has he twice served as Faculty Chair for the Foreign Languages Department, but he also ran the National Honor Society with Ms. Janet McGrath, the Academic Quiz Bowl with Mr. Marty Hager '73, and even a bowling club with Ms. Sarah Stockton. But teaching the Spanish language and culture has been what has connected Mr. Davies the most with his students.

"Looking back over the years, there's been a handful of kids that have really continued with the language," Mr. Davies said, "They've gone to study abroad and some have lived abroad longer than I did. So many have come back and say how their eyes have been opened and that they love to travel now."

Twenty years is a long time and yet it can feel like it moves in an instant. While Mr. Davies looks back fondly at his first 20 years teaching at DeMatha, he hopes to continue doing what he loves for the foreseeable future.

"This isn't one of those jobs where you go in 9-to-5 and it's the same old thing," Mr. Davies said, "Every day is different but every year brings a new group of kids. It's just different attitudes and different ways to try and teach them. Hopefully, we'll see me many more years here doing what I love."

Mr. Mike Jones '91: Alum, Coach, Teacher, Father

Some alumni return to DeMatha after graduation to teach, some to coach, and others to work in administrative and/or staff positions. Since he started working for the school in 1998, Mr. Mike Jones '91 has worked as a guidance counselor, taught psychology and public speaking, worked as an admissions representative, and has most notably coached the DeMatha varsity basketball team since the retirement of legendary head coach Morgan Wootten in 2002. Mr. Jones said his versatility has allowed him to better understand other teachers and, even more importantly, communicate with the entire student body.

"I think I have great relationships with kids that don't play basketball that go here," Mr. Jones said, "I'm proud these students can come up to me and have a conversation. They need help and they're not afraid to ask and, if they want to joke with me, they're not afraid to do that either."

Yet basketball and DeMatha are two things that have frequently intertwined with each other throughout Mr. Jones' life. He played under Mr. Wootten and was the Stag's second leading scorer during his senior season on the 1991 team that won the WCAC and finished the year 30-0, one of only two undefeated teams in school history.

"Coach (Wootten) definitely represented another father-type figure to me for my years at DeMatha," Mr. Jones said.

He later had an excellent collegiate career at Old Dominion University and played professionally for years in countries such as Hong Kong, Portugal and Finland. As injuries started to pile up later in his playing career, Mr. Jones remembered what his coaches at DeMatha had told him years ago.

"When you're finished playing, come back and be a coach. I was always looking forward to that opportunity."

That opportunity arrived in 1998 when Mr. Jones was hired to work in the counseling office as well as serve on Coach Wootten's staff. Mr. Jones said he continued to learn more from the revered DeMatha coach and teacher by working as one of his assistants.

"In the four years I worked under him, it really impacted me because you got to see how important it was to always know that everything you do and everything you say, you are always being watched by somebody," Mr. Jones said, "Whether it be by your players or by other young people who could potentially be your players, or parents and coaches. I really learned that from him."

Mr. Jones was named the interim head basketball coach in 2002 upon Mr. Wootten's retirement and was named head coach for good a year later. He has carried on DeMatha's basketball tradition by



amassing 435 wins and seven WCAC championships, including one most recently in February. And Mr. Jones has had the pleasure of seeing several of his players make it all the way to the NBA.

That being said, Mr. Jones made it clear that he is incredibly proud of all of his former players and the different, but successful, paths their lives took after graduation. A few Mr. Jones cited include Byron Richards '07 who is not only playing overseas, but also involved in personal training and is designing his own comic book series. Other former DeMatha basketball players included professional model Brandon Parker '04, doctor and Rutgers University professor Steve Danley '03, and the assistant general manager of the Atlanta Hawks Jeff Peterson '07, just to name a few.

"DeMatha develops so much more than just musicians or just athletes or just scholars," Mr. Jones said, "We develop the whole person and I think my former players are an epitome of that. You can go in all walks of life and to see what these young men are doing, it's truly impressive. I could not be more proud."

Mr. Jones looks back at his 20-plus years at DeMatha fondly with his progression of student and player to teacher and coach. Soon, he'll start preparing his varsity basketball team for an upcoming season that will have the Stags looking to defend their WCAC title. But he is also focused on being the best father he can be to his daughter, Maya.

"My proudest achievement is my daughter," Mr. Jones said, "Regardless of how many games I win and how many championships we win, I couldn't be more proud than to be Maya's dad. I have to do everything I can to make sure she knows how important she is to me. I've got 900 sons, but only have one daughter and that is a special thing."

Graduation of the Class of 2018: Cha

The Stag brotherhood officially crossed the 10,000 mark as 180 young men from the Class of 2018 walked across the sanctuary of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on June 1 for the 70th Commencement of DeMatha Catholic High School.

For the family, friends, and faculty members in attendance, it was impossible not to be impressed by what the Class of 2018 had accomplished throughout its four years on Madison Street. From academics and arts to athletics and service, the latest group of graduates certainly left their mark in the history books of DeMatha. The Graduation ceremony stood as an event in time where one could look back at personal growth, but also look forward toward the future.

Mr. Hank Stawinski '86, chief of the Prince George's County Police Department, acknowledged to the rows of soon-to-be graduates that he remembered walking in that same path and sitting in those same pews at his graduation over 30 years ago.

"I embarked on a journey that has literally taken me around the world and returned me safely before you today. That journey has afforded me the privilege of addressing you as you embark upon your own journey," Mr. Stawinski said.

That journey for the Class of 2018 has taken a new turn beyond campus, and the DeMatha community will get to hear about and even witness parts of these journeys as these young men enter the next chapters of their lives. Mr. Stawinski encouraged the Class of 2018 graduates to take the road less traveled.

"If you choose to conform, if you choose to live a life of convention then you will live a life, but you will not live your life," Mr. Stawinski said, "If you reject the status quo and demand more of people and institutions; if you chart your own course, then you will be lauded or condemned, perhaps both, in your lifetime. But one thing is for certain, you will lead an authentic life."



Anthony Walker Brown '18 with his mother Ms. Karmen Walker Brown.

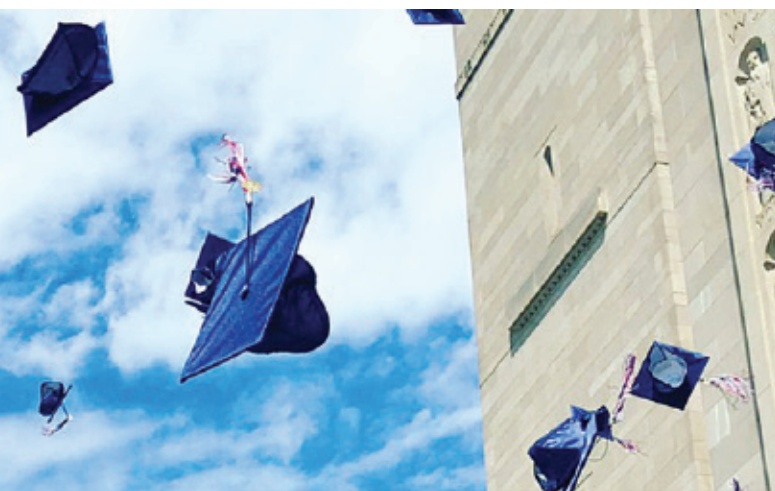


Jake Kotelchuck '18 with his grandfather Dan Melvin '58.



*Brothers and graduates of 2018
we came from...4313 Madison*

Starting The Course of A New Journey



Class of 2018 grads with their dads who also graduated from DeMatha.



Matthew Metz '18 reading at the Baccalaureate Mass.



Commencement speaker, PG County Police Chief Hank Stawinski '86.

The graduates also listened to speeches from their fellow classmates as Brevin Franklin delivered the Welcome Address followed by Tyler Lenhart with the Senior Farewell. As both speakers shared stories about their time at DeMatha, it's possible a sense of calm fell upon the graduates as they knew the DeMatha brotherhood would be with them, through good times and bad. The concept of brotherhood was further exemplified during the ceremony when members of the Golden Anniversary class of

1968 were acknowledged by Fr. James and Fr. Damian and stood on the altar amongst a strong round of applause.

The musical talents of DeMatha's students were also showcased during the ceremony as The Symphonic Band performed 'The Star Spangled Banner' after the Invocation by Ms. Julie Penndorf and Voices of DeMatha sang 'America, The Beautiful' and an excellent version of Rudyard Kipling's 'If'.

After the members of the Class of 2018 received their high school diplomas and moved their tassels from the right to the left side of their caps, The Voices of DeMatha performed a stirring rendition of the Alma Mater, 'DeMatha Forever!'

The new graduates sang along, as they had many times throughout their four years at DeMatha.

But this time it felt different.

Perhaps because this was the last time that they would sing this song with all of their classmates together in one place. Sure, there will be reunions and visits back to campus where an opportunity to sing the Alma Mater might happen, but not all together like in this setting. It's a sense of finality that the journey at DeMatha has come to a close, but also a renewed vigor that life's course is now about to be recalibrated and charted once again.

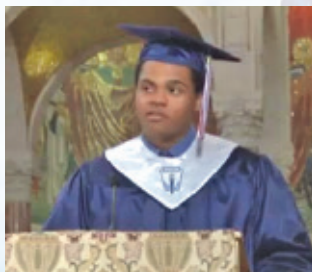
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— TYLER LENHART '18

CLASS OF 2018: EXCERPTS OF GRADUATION

BREVIN FRANKLIN: WELCOMING ADDRESS

It is difficult to re-create this moment even with reunions. Besides going to college, people lose touch with one another; they start jobs and families; they move to new cities; they move on to the next stage of their lives. This is probably the last time we will be gathered together... with this exact group of guys. Clearly, the brotherhood will always be there...as it is among all DeMatha students and graduates. However, we will never again walk the halls of DeMatha together. It is strange to think that just months ago, you could find all of us on campus somewhere, and all of us were here almost every school day for four years. That four-year routine ends today. What was once easy to do, gathering as one class, will now be much harder. Do not take today for granted as if it were like all those other school days.



TYLER LENHART: SENIOR CLASS FAREWELL

DeMatha has prepared us like no other institution to be men of character, men of accountability, men of excellence, and most importantly, men of faith. As DeMatha graduates, we will be faced with many challenges and decisions that will test our faith... The challenge for us is to search our hearts and be driven by a higher purpose, not the temporary applause. One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves, right here, in this monumental moment in our lives, is to commit to the faith journey and embrace the outcomes, good or bad, along the way. Brothers and graduates of 2018, always remember where we came from...4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.



2018 GRADUATION AWARDS

The Cardinal Award: **Dale J. Gray**

DeMatha High School Citizenship Award: **Christian K. Gomez** and **Mekhi E. Vance**

DeMatha High School Alumni Award For General Excellence: **Justin M. Gielen**

Dr. Charles 'Buck' Offutt Faculty Award for General Excellence: **Scott C. Toves**

DeMatha High School Scholar-Athlete Award: **Luke A. Burger**

DeMatha Parents' Organization Award: **Julius C. McCullough**

H. Thomas Eastman Award: **Joshua M. Brannan**, **Timothy B. Dinsmore** and **Anthony M. Walker**

Father Augustine Derricks, O.S.S.T. Award: **Jordan M. Jeletic**

Father Patrick T. Glynn, O.S.S.T. Award: **Tyler H. Lenhart**

John L. Moylan Award For Academic Excellence: **Jack R. Davis** and **Tyler H. Lenhart**

Katherine Mauser Award: **Jack R. Davis** and **Matthew S. Hunt**

Kiwanis Club Award: **Timothy P. Pyne**

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: **Anthony E. Toro**

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Musician Award: **Keyden Smith-Herold**

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: **Ning Wang**

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Thomas J. Burke Business: **Jack R. Ravis**, **Melvin J. Spann** and **Anthony E. Toro**

Computer Studies: **Ning Wang**

English: **Luke A. Burger** and **Jacob B. Dolinger**

Fine Arts: **Ahmir A. Clark**, **Jovanni Portillo-Holsey** and **Shawn A. Riley**

Photography: **Christian K. Gomez**

Mary R. Yarrish Mathematics: **Justin M. Gielen**, **Jordan M. Jeletic**, **Daniel Okereke**, and **Matthew J. Metz**

Music: **Dale J. Gray** and **Matthew D. Ober**

Biology: **Scott C. Toves**

Chemistry: **Omar M. Toumbou**

Combined Science: **Ning Wang**

Environmental: **Jordan M. Jeletic**

Physics: **Matthew J. Metz** and **Ning Wang**

Douglas Tschiffely and Richard Macheski Social Studies: **Brevin T. Franklin**, **James B. Keith** and **Anthony M. Walker**

Theological Studies: **Matthew J. Metz** and **Keyden Smith-Herold**

French: **Nathan A. Braun**

German: **Matthew J. Metz** and **Mekhi E. Vance**

Latin: **Ryan D. Holt** and **Jason M. Robertson**

Spanish: **Marcus Davis-Mercer**

SERVICE AWARDS

John H. Mitchell Band: **Waverly M. Harris**, **Keyden Smith-Herold** and **Donnell D. Troy**

Brothers Standing United Award: **Khoran H. Gomez** and **Wesley K. Dankwa**

Campus Ministry Award: **Dale J. Gray** and **Daniel Okereke**

Chorus Award: **Dale J. Gray** and **Reginald E. Zayas**

Fr. Paul Donovan Drama Award: **Lincoln J. Norton** and **Abraham Villatoro**

Mock Trial Award: **Camaran A. Gaillard**

National Honor Society Award: **Luke A. Burger**

Newspaper Award: **Elijah E. Klopp**

Orchestra Award: **Will P. Lobo**

Science Scholar Award: **Jordan M. Jeletic** and **Daniel Okereke**

Student Government Award: **Octavio A. Sanchez**

Yearbook Award: **Quincy T. Cook**

CLASS OF 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, 80% of DeMatha's seniors were offered scholarships and financial aid totaling over \$20 million. Recognized below are those students offered scholarships, grants and awards and the schools they will attend this fall.

(Note: Scholarship Information and records had to have been submitted to the DeMatha Counseling Center and/or DeMatha Advancement Office for placement on the list below. If we missed somebody, please email cglowacki@dematha.org and we will put it in The Red and Blue Review fall issue.)

ACADEMICS

Christian Baldon – Towson
Evan Benberry – Hampton
Joshua Brannan – Stevenson
Anthony Brown – Maryland, Eastern Shore
Garrett Brown – Towson
Luke Burger – Maryland
Kollin Caldwell – Mount St. Mary's
Keith Coleman – Earlham College
Jack Davis – Penn State
Jacob Dolinger – Maryland
Joseph Drury – Goucher
Brandon Dula – Virginia State
Brevin Franklin – UMBC
Xavier Fuller – DePauw
Blaise Gardineer – Wake Forest
Christian Gomez – Northeastern
Cameron Griffin – Towson
Joel Henderson – Loyola New Orleans
Charles Johnson – Xavier
Ibrahim Koroma – St. John's (Queens Campus)
Reece Marcelle – Miami FL
Patrick Marcos – UMBC
Julius McCullough Jr. – St. Joseph's
Daniel Okereke – Maryland
Jovanni Portillo-Holsey – Morgan State
Devin Richmond – Maryland
Jason Robertson – Catholic
Kaleb Royer – West Virginia
Marcelo Saunders – Mount St. Mary's
Malcolm Stidham – Mount St. Mary's
Nehemiah Thompson – St. John's (Queens Campus)
Omar Toumbou – Morehouse
Scott Toves – Michigan
Robell Tsegaye – Mount St. Mary's
Mekhi Vance – Penn State
Ryan White – Mount St. Mary's
Michael Williams – Savannah State
Reginald Zayas – St. John's (Queens Campus)

MUSIC

Dale Gray – UMBC
Waverly Harris – Maryland
Will Lobo – Maryland
Matthew Ober – Maryland

FOOTBALL

Jalen Brown* – St. Francis
Austin Fontaine – Maryland
Evan Gregory – Maryland
Anthony Hill Jr. – Old Dominion
Michael Holt Jr. – Shepherd
Tyler Lenhart* – Columbia
Dominic Lyles* – Bucknell
John Morgan Jr. – Pittsburgh
Mahlon Slaughter – Malone University
Judson Tallandier – Pittsburgh
Anthony Toro – Delaware
Detrick Washington Jr. – Morgan State

BASKETBALL

Mark Anthony Fidelis* – Lycoming

BASEBALL

Edward Clark* – Wilson
Malcolm Edelin* – Stevenson
Jordan Jeletic* – US Naval Academy
Kai Joseph* – Pittsburgh at Bradford
Eli Klopp* – Wilson
Timmy Pyne* – Ursinus
Mike Williams – Savannah State

LACROSSE

Garrett Degnon* – Johns Hopkins
Keith Dukes – UMBC
James Keith* – Furman
Garrett Leadmon* – Duke
Cameron Leydig* – Stevenson

SOCCER

John Freeman – LaSalle
Justin Gielen* – Maryland
Anthony Walker* – Haverford College

TRACK AND FIELD

Jared Holloway – St. John's University (Queen's Campus)
Brendon Stewart – University of Southern California

**Academic Component*

Faith



Community



Service



PILLARS OF DEMATHA

JULIUS MCCULLOUGH

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: DeMatha Parents' Organization Award

Other Activities at DeMatha: Baseball

Where and What He'll Study: St. Joseph's University (PA) (Computer Science)

Julius McCullough's faith was put to the test in June of 2017 when he went into cardiac arrest and fell into a coma for two days during wisdom teeth surgery. Things were looking so dire that Julius' family was preparing to make funeral arrangements from the hospital.

"I had some dreams and then I saw my granddad who had died the summer before," Julius said, "I was talking to him and went out to shake his hand, but I couldn't. So I came back to reality."

Thankfully, Julius woke up and he quickly learned that while he was under, the doctors only gave him a 12 percent chance to live. His family prayed by his side every day and later told Julius that Fr. James and faculty member Mr. Homer Twigg had also come to visit, pray and show the school's support. Julius got to enjoy his senior year at DeMatha and said his faith in God had indeed strengthened since last year's ordeal.

"I wouldn't be here without God right now and it feels good knowing your school is behind you."

OCTAVIO SANCHEZ

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: Student Government Award

Other Activities at DeMatha: Jazz Lab/ Ensemble, Pep Band

Where and What He'll Study: University of Maryland College Park (Computer Science)

After making positive impressions in the music department during his time at DeMatha, Octavio Sanchez took a step out of his comfort zone before his senior year as he decided to run for SGA President and ultimately won the election. But with limited SGA experience under his belt, Octavio said it took him some time to adjust.

"There were some kids in the SGA that I hadn't really met before and they'd already been in there a couple of years," Octavio said, "But it was a humbling experience because I was part of this group as an active spokesperson."

Among the events and drives he helped organize this past school year, Octavio said the event that turned out to be a personal favorite was the Teacher Appreciation Lunch, held in May in the Antler Room. "The teachers have been here much longer than I have and I just wanted to give something back to show how much the students appreciate them for the work they do."

JORDAN JELETIC

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: Father Augustine Derricks, O.S.S.T. Award

Other Activities at DeMatha: NHS, Baseball

Where and What He'll Study: Naval Academy (Engineering)

Service has been a big part of Jordan's life. In addition to participating in last winter's Service Trip in Camden, NJ., Jordan earned the Eagle Scout Award after completing a service project at the cemetery of Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, MD.

Jordan, brother of Chris '15, took pictures and plotted over 4,500 graves at the site. He then organized the information online about each grave and included the specific picture of the gravestone with names and years of birth and death. For Jordan, receiving the Eagle Scout Rank was a proud moment that was years in the making.

"I'd been working on this since first grade and it was a culmination of everything I had done."

After graduation, he will undergo a larger mission of service by enrolling in the Naval Academy. He credited his parents for the way they raised him and DeMatha for preparing him for the future. "Everything DeMatha has done has set me up and will be put to the test at the Academy."

Academics



Arts



Athletics



The six pillars provide a foundation into how DeMatha strives to build a program on both the formation of faith, community and service, and the information of academics, arts and athletics that come together to create Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars. Here are six graduates from the Class of 2018 who symbolized a specific pillar of DeMatha and the impact they brought to campus that continues to strengthen the DeMatha Brotherhood.

LUKE BURGER

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: DeMatha Catholic HS Scholar-Athlete Award

Other Activities at DeMatha: Crew

Where and What He'll Study: University of Maryland College Park (Engineering/Math)

Luke Burger was one of DeMatha's top students academically as he finished the 2017-18 school year with a 4.4 GPA and was named a National Commended Merit Scholar. But since Luke and his family originally lived in Silver Spring, MD., DeMatha didn't initially appear as an option for high school. But when his family moved to College Park, the possibility of attending DeMatha was on the table.

"I came down and shadowed one day and it felt like I could see myself here for the next four years," Luke said, "You could just kind of be you and learn and grow."

Luke quickly excelled as a Stag and he credited several teachers, including Mr. Chris Benedick, Mr. Mike Curran and former faculty Ms. Mary Yarrish on his academic development and personal growth.

"DeMatha really has teachers that care and want to see you do well."

MATTHEW OBER

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: Music Department Award

Other Activities at DeMatha: NHS, Science Scholars

Where and What He'll Study: University of Maryland College Park (Flute Performance)

Matthew Ober started playing the flute in fourth grade, but he got his introduction to DeMatha in eighth grade when Band Director Mr. James Roper visited Matthew's middle school and let him and other students perform with the DeMatha Wind Ensemble. When he later became a Stag, Matthew was able to dig deeper into his passion of music and placed in several highly competitive ensembles. He also started developing an interest in visual arts after taking one of Mr. Vaughn Holsey's painting classes. Matthew said these two types of art forms ultimately connect with one another.

"We talk a lot about color and texture in music, which is something you don't really associate with sound but it is a part of sound. There's different shades that you'd give to sound to make something more emotional to the audience," Matthew said.

Matthew will continue his musical journey at the University of Maryland and credits DeMatha for his growth as a musician.

"Experiencing this community surrounded by music has helped me see what I want to do in the future."

JUSTIN GIELEN

DeMatha Senior Award/Recognition: DeMatha Catholic HS Alumni Award for General Excellence

Other Activities at DeMatha: NHS, SGA

Where and What He'll Study: University of Maryland College Park (Business-Honors College)

Justin Gielen, son of Mike '85 and brother of James '15, was a standout in soccer and basketball while at DeMatha. He broke records, was named both the Washington Post Soccer Player-of-the-Year and Gatorade Soccer Player-of-the-Year in Maryland for his senior season and won the WCAC Championship with the basketball team in spring. He enjoyed the process of growing as a player and as a leader with both teams.

"With basketball, I had made the freshmen team and then JV so I kind of worked up through the ranks. I think that taught me a lot about humility and being able to sit on the bench throughout an entire game," Justin said, "With soccer, I was on varsity in my freshmen year, which I think gave me confidence in myself and in the ability to play. So I kind of got the best of both worlds."

Justin will attend and play soccer for the University of Maryland this fall after being recruited by dozens of schools. He said he feels more connected with his fellow DeMatha classmates now compared to when he first became a Stag.

"At DeMatha, people mean a lot more. It's just a bigger sense of brotherhood when you come here."

Mr. John Mitchell's Teaching and Impact Honored with Plaque, Reception



Over a hundred guests gathered on a pleasant evening in May at the Trinitarian (Monastery) Plaza on the DeMatha campus for a reception to honor music department co-founder and instructor John Mitchell's 41 years of teaching at the school. Fr. James helped kick off the evening with a prayer.

"Throughout Your holy word in the Bible, it invites us to make beautiful music to honor Your presence in our lives. DeMatha has done that for many years under John Mitchell's leadership," Fr. James said. "Bless this gathering tonight... Bless those members of John's family who first instilled a deep love of music."

The crowd assembled early in the plaza and enjoyed some light snacks and refreshments and conversation with one another. A number of Mr. Mitchell's former students came to the event and they themselves went on to either study and teach music at their own respective schools or perform professionally. Dr. Daniel McMahon '76



spoke about the far-reaching impact that Mr. Mitchell created both at and outside of DeMatha.

"He influenced music education throughout the region," Dr. McMahon said. "Numerous area schools sought to strengthen their arts programs to compete with DeMatha and that has benefited countless kids. Many DeMatha alums now head prestigious secondary and middle school band programs borrowing from John even as they forge their own ways."

Mr. Mitchell said that since he retired in 2011, he's worked with and listened to other schools' ensembles at various music festivals and that very few, if any, compare favorably to the expertise and skill level that has continued at DeMatha.

"I think one of the most important reasons is that the quest for excellence takes place in every DeMatha classroom and every athletic field, as well as on the concert stage. This environment of expectation to always give your best is just impressive," Mr. Mitchell said.

After speaking, Mr. Mitchell was presented with a plaque that details his numerous achievements with the DeMatha music department, which included being named *The Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Private Schools in 1996 and being named a National Catholic Education Association 'National Educator of Distinction' in 1993. He will now be forever immortalized in the Brendan McCarthy '64 Center as the key individual who formed DeMatha's renowned music program into what it is today.



Dr. Daniel McMahon '76, Mr. John Mitchell, Mr. John Moylan, and Fr. James pictured at May's reception honoring Mr. Mitchell. He and Mr. Moylan co-founded the DeMatha music program in 1970.



Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78: Baylor University Dean Has Come Long Way Since DeMatha

When the class of '78 gathers for its 40th reunion in September, Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78 will be present. For the past 15 years, Dr. Hibbs has been Dean of the Honors College and Distinguished Professor of Ethic and Culture at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

While Dr. Hibbs has come a long way from his days at DeMatha, he has always kept in touch with his alma mater and he and his wife Stacy (also a Ph.D. and a professor at Baylor) have been great supporters of the school down through the years.

"When I left DeMatha and attended the University of Maryland I was a business major but soon discovered I wanted to study philosophy and literature," Dr. Hibbs said. "I realized then how much I liked the classes I had with Joe Carroll and Buck Offutt at DeMatha and how they planted a seed in me. Their teaching was formative."

It was at this time Dr. Hibbs also got to know (the late) Father Thomas Wells who was working at St. Mark's Catholic Church in nearby Adelphi, MD. "I was taking some classes at Maryland that challenged what I believed in and how I should be living. Father Wells really pointed me in the direction of many of the Catholic authors I would later write about."

Dr. Hibbs also wound up leaving Maryland at the time. He joined the seminary (for a year) and attended the University of Dallas, where he studied philosophy. Dr. Hibbs remained at Dallas, completing his bachelors and masters along the way. Next stop was the University of Notre Dame, where he also studied philosophy, gaining his Ph.D. in 1987.

Shortly thereafter, Dr. Hibbs began his teaching career, first at Thomas Aquinas College in California, and then at Boston College, where he was Chair of the Department of Philosophy in the final three years of his 13 years on campus. He has been in Texas now since 2003.

At Baylor, as Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Hibbs oversees four undergraduate programs and 1,000 students, over 35 full-time faculty and 15 staff members, and two student dorms on campus. In addition to teaching, he is also the Director of 'Baylor in Washington,' a program designed to give the school visibility in the nation's Capitol, provide internships for students, as well as outreach to alumni living in the region.

Dr. Hibbs is also a prolific writer with seven books to his name – two on film and culture; one on art; another, more recent publication on the philosopher Pascal; and three on St. Thomas Aquinas. In fact, Dr. Hibbs is considered one of the foremost authorities on Aquinas, and last year was president of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. He has lectured extensively both in the United States and abroad.

"St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest minds in the history of western civilization," Dr. Hibbs said. "From my teachers at DeMatha and from Father Wells I had learned that you should challenge your mind by studying the best authors. For the questions I had as an uncertain college student, Aquinas, who combines a rigorous approach to philosophical questions with theological brilliance, was the perfect guide."

It will not be hard for Dr. Hibbs to attend the DeMatha reunion as he will be taking a sabbatical this fall, while working on a new book and studying at Catholic University. As for DeMatha, it was 10 years ago that he was the school's Commencement speaker. Of course, Dr. Hibbs' brother, Mike '80, was a former teacher and coach at DeMatha in the 1980's and 90's. Mike now teaches and coaches at the Canterbury School in Fort Myers, FL.

So the Hibbs' Stag roots run deep. Back in 1978 at DeMatha, Dr. Hibbs said his main ambition was to play lead guitar in a rock band. Suffice to say, a lot has changed in 40 years.

WINTER SPORTS

Swim Team Wins A Sweet 16

The swim team, coached by **Tom Krawczewicz '81**, finished with a record of 16-5-1 this season, 6th in the WCAC, and placed 8th in the WMPSSDL (Washington Prep School Swimming and Diving League). The Stags also completed the season finishing 26th in Metros (out of 60+ teams).

The team was led by seniors **Xavier Fuller** and **Cade Jackson**, who both scored points in their respective events in the two big championship meets. Seniors **Nathaniel Robinson**, **Nathan Braun**, **Joel Henderson**, and **Ryan Krawczewicz** were a big part of the success of the team during the season in the many dual meets.

Juniors **Westley Douglas** and **Myles Richardson** and sophomore **PJ Emrich** were an integral part of the team. Richardson was DeMatha's highest finisher in any event at the championship meets, finishing 3rd in the WCAC in 50 free and top 8 in the same event at the WMPSSDL and Metro area championships. He also scored points in the 100 free in each of those meets. His time in the 50 free was the second fastest time for a DeMatha swimmer since 2005. Douglas became a key member of all three relay teams for the big meets and Emrich was DeMatha's highest finisher in the 500 free in the championship meets for DeMatha since 2010. Richardson was named All-County Swimmer of the Year and Fuller was first-team All-County along with Richardson.

Wrestling Battles at WCAC Tourney

The varsity wrestling team, coached by **Bruce Williams**, finished in seventh place at the conference tournament held in early February. The Stags found success as senior **Jason Robertson**, junior **Ty Kane**, senior **Deaglan McGuire**, and senior **CJ Smith-Cassidy** all placed during the competition. Robertson also placed third in the 220-pound division at the Melee on the Metro competition in February while Smith-Cassidy placed fifth in the 145-pound division. The wrestling squad will look to build on these gains into a successful 2018-19 campaign starting this winter.



Basketball Team Sweeps WCAC, MD Private School, and Alhambra Tourneys

The varsity basketball team might've had a few setbacks in the 2017-18 season, but the Stags achieved ultimate victory by defeating Gonzaga in a thrilling WCAC title game 54-53 to win the conference championship. It marked the first WCAC title for DeMatha since 2011. The win marked the seventh WCAC championship in 16 years for head coach **Mike Jones '91** and the team shortly thereafter also won the Maryland Private School Championship and the heralded Alhambra Invitational.

Deservedly so, the Stags finished No. 1 in the final Top 20 rankings from *The Washington Post* and were ranked second in the latest edition of *USA Today's* Super 25 Regional Rankings. With a young core returning that includes rising seniors **Justin Moore** and **Jahmir Young** and rising juniors **Earl Timberlake** and **Hunter Dickinson**, look for DeMatha to be the decided favorites to repeat as champs next season.

Prep Hockey Goes Back-To-Back, Wins 2nd WCAC Title

The prep hockey team won its second straight WCAC championship with a 3-1 victory over O'Connell. The Stags were led by junior **Erick Reiniger** who scored a goal and dished out an assist as well as junior **Ryan Olson** and senior **Alvon Barard IV** who each provided a goal in the win. Junior goalie **Andrew Tackacs** also saved 16 out of 17 shots. Coached by **Tony MacAulay**, the Stags also advanced to the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League (MAPHL) championship game where they fell to Gonzaga. The squad finished the year with a 26-10-2 record and ranked No. 3 in *The Washington Post*.

Tackacs earned MAPHL First Team Honors while senior **Wyatt Hinkson** received Second Team honors and freshman **Tyler Mercier** was an Honorable Mention. The Stags will look to go for the three-peat in the WCAC and claim the MAPHL title next season.





SPRING SPORTS

Track Team Sprints Toward First Place

The varsity outdoor track team ran past the competition on a rainy May afternoon to finish first at the WCAC championships. Senior **Brendon Stewart** was named Athlete of the Meet with four gold medals (100m, 200m, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay). Senior **Devin Richmond** was the Field Event Athlete of the Meet with 2 gold medals (high jump and triple jump). **Buddy Crutchfield** was named Coach of the Year.

The Stags also ran in the prestigious Penn Relays in April and the 4x100m team (**Stewart**, junior **Nick Cross**, junior **Damon Green**, and senior **Naim Muhammad**) became the only US team to reach the finals, all others being teams from Jamaica! DeMatha finished with the US No. 1 rank in the event with a time of 41.36 seconds.

Tennis Team Wins Seven

After posting a 7-3 record during the WCAC regular season, **Coach Damon Austin's** tennis team found success in May's WCAC Tournament where the Stags saw five of their nine singles and doubles positions/players make it to the various semifinal rounds. There were several standout performances throughout the regular season, which included sophomores **Miles Ponds** and **Jaden Crosson** who each went 14-5 in their singles and doubles matches and **Kamran Blake** went 13-5.

Golf Finishes Strong Season In Second Place

The varsity golf team, coached by **Dan Spotts '81** had another strong season as the Stags finished with an 8-3 record on the year and placed second at the WCAC Golf Championships in May. The team was led by senior **Matthew Malits** who shot a score of 76 in the season ending tourney. Other key Stags included seniors **Patrick McKinney** and **Collin Mercier**.

Crew Team A Force To Be Reckoned With

The 2017-18 varsity crew team made history yet again this season. In the first annual Maryland-Delaware High School Rowing Championships, DeMatha took home the gold in the varsity 4+ and silver in the varsity 8+. The Stags also placed third in both the 2nd varsity 8+ and 2nd varsity 4+ events. Two weeks later, the 2nd varsity 8+, coached by **Rich Blorstad '10** and led by seniors **Blaise Gardineer**, **Garrett Brown**, **Kyle Hagin**, and **Nico Mora**, rebounded to beat St. Andrew's, who had the winning time at the Maryland-Delaware Championships.

In May, at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta, the world's largest high school regatta, the varsity 8+, coached by **Andrew Bright '03** and led by seniors **Luke Burger** and **Matthew Hunt**, advanced to the semi-finals after a 12th place finish in the time trial, a new best for the crew program.

Burger and Hunt both received honorable mention for *The Washington Post's* All-Met rowing team. Sophomores **Matthew Sloan** and **Connor Feeley** were invited to participate in the Junior National Team's development camp in the summer.



Baseball Falls In Thrilling WCAC Championship

The varsity baseball team, coached by **Sean O'Connor '94**, battled to Game 3 of a best-of-three game series in the WCAC Championship against St. John's before falling 6-4 in extra innings at Nats Academy in Washington, DC. The Stags finished the year with a 19-13 record. Despite the title game loss, DeMatha advanced to the WCAC championship round for the seventh time in 11 years.

Some standout performances throughout the season at the plate included junior **Thomas Keehn** who had a .397 batting average with 28 RBIs, as well as junior **Clark Burroughs** (.333 BA and 32 RBIs), sophomore **Jack Bulger** (.322 BA and 31 RBIs) and sophomore **Jake Maske** (.317 BA and 12 RBIs). Key pitchers on the mound for the Stags this year included sophomore **Alex Greene** who went 6-1 with a 1.29 ERA and 38 strikeouts, senior **Timmy Pyne** (6-0, 3.50 ERA, 32 SOs) and junior relief pitcher **Jack Slider** who picked up seven saves with a 1.85 ERA.

Lacrosse Team Wins 12

The varsity lacrosse team, coached by **Scott Morrison**, battled through a tough conference schedule to finish the season with a 12-7 record after a first round WCAC loss to O'Connell. But the Stags earned several key regular season wins included a dramatic 13-12 road victory over St. John's in April and a blowout win over Spalding. Key contributors included **Garrett Leadmon** (First Team Washington Post All-Met and WCAC All-Conference), **Keith Dukes** (First Team All-WCAC), **Garrett Degnon** (All-Met Honorable Mention, Second Team All-WCAC), and **Evan Ostrowski** (First Team All-WCAC), among others. Leadmon was also named an All-American by US Lacrosse and **James Keith** was named on the All-Academic Team by US Lacrosse.



The Lacrosse team, while on a trip to Virginia Beach in March, participated in Navy SEAL training.

Rugby Team On The Rise

Under coach **Marcus Wood**, the rugby team competed through a difficult schedule this season and picked up and earned impressive wins against St. John's and the Morris Lions of New Jersey, among others. Seniors on the team included **Cameron Bailey**, **Evan Benberry**, **Justin Chatman**, **Wesley Dankwa**, **Eugene DeLoatch**, **Oscar Escamilla-Lopez**, **Shane Floyd**, **Ibrahim Korona**, **Nick Wolcuff**, and **Melvin Yates**.

Army-Navy LAX

Greyson Torain '14, Johnny Surdick '14 and Nick Ramsey '14 after the Army-Navy Lacrosse game in April. During the CBS Sports television broadcast of that game, there was a halftime feature on Surdick who wore No. 40 at ARMY in honor of the late Brendan Looney '99, even though ironically he actually played at NAVY.



Family All-American

Garrett Leadmon '18 pictured here with his proud parents Donna and Jeff. Leadmon finished off his stellar DeMatha lacrosse career by being named an All-American by US Lacrosse. He will play lacrosse starting at Duke this year.



Bracket Buster

Jairus Lyles '13 received national attention this spring when he led the greatest upset in NCAA Tournament history as the No. 16 seed UMBC Retrievers knocked off top overall seed Virginia in the first round of the NCAA Tourney 74-54. Lyles scored a game high 28 points in the victory. And to think that that incredible sports feat and NCAA appearance wouldn't have happened if Lyles didn't make both the game-tying and then game-winning shots to defeat Vermont 65-62 and win the America East Conference Championship. He scored a game-high 27 points in that victory. Lyles played at DeMatha alongside other famous basketball alumni including Victor Oladipo '10 and Jerian '10 and Jerami Grant '12, among others. During his senior season at DeMatha, Lyles averaged 13.4 points and 4.3 assists per game. In July, he had signed a deal with the Utah Jazz. Good luck to Jairus as he embarks on his NBA career!



Several members from the Class of 2009 Rocking the Red during one of the Stanley Cup Watch Parties outside of the Capital One Arena in Washington DC in June.



A gathering of parents, students and alumni took place in Davidsonville, MD., in early July when DeMatha parent and longtime Washington Capitals equipment manager Craig 'Woody' Leydig, father of Cam '18, brought The Stanley Cup over for a celebration. The Park brothers (Paul '77, Jimmy '84 and Nate '86), Dr. Ray Solano '90 and John Cosgrove '00 were a few others with connections to the Capitals organization that got to celebrate with the Stanley Cup. Steven Williams '04 covered the Capitals' Championship Parade with FOX5 in DC.

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(240) 764-2222 for details.



Alma Matters

60's

Bill Kennedy '64, a Vietnam Vet, was part of a week-long remembrance in Easton, MD (May 31 to June 6) of those who gave their lives in the Vietnam conflict. During the week, the names of the 58,286 fallen Americans were read. Bill made sure that he personally read the names of the three DM grads who died in the conflict: **Donald Patrick Caldwell '62**, **David Murray May '63**, and **Joseph F. McDermott '68**. Specifically, the Traveling Vietnam Wall was at the VFW in Easton during the period.



Bill Kennedy '64, a Vietnam Vet, participating in the week-long Vietnam remembrance in Easton, MD (May 31 to June 6).

70's

Adrian Dantley '73 was featured on NBC Nightly News in March. Dantley, who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, has gained notoriety for his work as a crossing guard in Montgomery County, MD.

Pete Strickland '75, was honored in March as the Gael-of-



Members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1968 gathered in the Alumni Lounge on the evening of May 31 to reminisce about their DeMatha experiences. They were also honored the following day as part of the Class of 2018's graduation at the Basilica of the National Shrine.

the-Year at the Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Pete, who is the coach of the Irish National Basketball team, led to Irish to a Bronze Medal at the Small Nations Tournament in June. It was the first medal for an Irish team since 1994. In July, Pete was named Athletic Director at St. John's Catholic Preparatory HS in Frederick, MD.

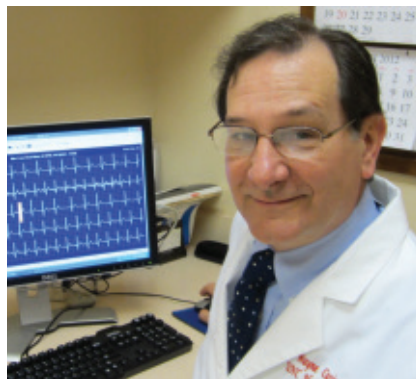


Bob Milloy with Charlie Kenny '68 at the class of '68 50th reunion in May. Mr. Milloy, the legendary football coach, began his career at DeMatha in the 1960's. Mr. Kenny was honored at the event by his classmates with the establishment of a Mock Trial Chair at DeMatha. Charlie has been the moderator of the DeMatha Mock Trial team for over 20 years. He is also a member of the DeMatha Board of Directors and President of the DeMatha Alumni Association.

He plans to continue coaching the Irish as well.

Mike Brey '77 received a contract extension in April to stay head coach of the Notre Dame men's basketball team until 2024.

Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78, of Baylor University, moderated a panel in Washington DC in May that included Dr. Robert George of Princeton and Dr. Cornel West of Harvard. The subject was the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Wayne Cascio '73 is the new director of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He remains active in clinical cardiology and maintains his appointment as a Professor of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Joe Broadwater '74, pictured here with Kevin Looney '74, was honored in March with a Federal 100 Award for exemplary Federal service. Joe is a senior VP and GM of Space Group with Vencore, Inc., a private defense contractor.



From the program in March: When NASA's Exploration Mission 1 thunders past the pull of Earth's gravity next year, it will be possible in part because of work done by Broadwater and his team of industry and government experts. It used to take years for NASA to transition to new launch software, but now it takes just four months due to the advanced technology he and his team have put into place. The new system will allow for quick transitions between government and commercial payloads. Broadwater has also been instrumental in ensuring appropriations for manned space travel as an industry adviser to the Senate.

80's

Lee Buck '80 and his wife Mary had their newborn son Jacob Raphael baptized at the DeMatha chapel in July.

Jim Carroll '80 is the new Associate Vice Chancellor & University Architect, with Design & Construction Management, at the University of California, Davis.

John Consoli '81 was honored recently with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his tremendous photography work at the University of Maryland.

Jim Nelson '81 is the Editor-in-Chief of *GQ Magazine*. The magazine ran a piece in September by Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah on the making of Dylann Roof, a uniquely American terrorist. It was announced in April the piece won a Pulitzer Prize.

Vic Roy '85, with his son Ryan who is a rising senior at DeMatha, won the Father's Day Golf Tournament at South River Golf Club in June.

Mike Thomas '86, of Lighthouse



Deacon Curtis Turner '86 traveled in June with his wife and mother to the Holy Land and were joined by former coach and faculty member **Morgan Wootten** and his wife **Kathy**.

Insurance, was named a Maryland Small Business Insurance Advocate of the Year.

David DiLuigi '88 was inducted in March into the Academic Circle of Excellence Alumni Hall of Fame at Mount. St. Mary's University.

Dave Floyd '88 was featured in a story in *The Baltimore Sun* on how he is bringing a unique technology project to schools in Howard County.

L. Anthony Bagley Jr. '89 received the NFL Bill Walsh Fellowship

where he will join the Cleveland Browns this summer during training camp for a coaching internship.

Daniel De Weldon '89 is starring in the TV drama series called 'Badland Wives' and a thriller/horror film 'Anonymous 616'.



Corporal Michael Garner '86 retired in June from the Prince George's County Police Dept. after 21 years of service.



Dave DiLuigi '88 of Wilmington Trust and **Christian Mester '90** of McCarthy, Winkelman, & Mester. Both were Title Sponsors of the Ray Smith Golf Classic in April which, in its 30th year, attracted over 120 golfers and made close to \$30K for the Father Mike Malloy Scholarship Fund. Dave is also an officer and member of the DeMatha Board of Directors.



This DeMatha Red and Blue Meetup for alumni was held at Franklin's in Hyattsville. These are great events for alumni to reconnect with their classmates. Follow DM on social media to find about future Red and Blue Meetups.

90's

Bryce Bevill '90 was named the new Athletic Director at Bishop Ireton HS in May.

Heath Schroyer '90 has been named head basketball coach at McNeese State.

Mike Jones '91 was named Maryland Boy's Basketball Coach of the Year by USA Today High School Sports.

Brian Clapp '91 finished in second place at the National Weightlifting Championships in Buffalo, NY in the Men's 85 kg weight class, which qualified Brian for a spot with Team USA at the World Championships in Barcelona in August.

Dr. Ray Pensy '91 was featured extensively in a recent *Washington Post* story on his efforts in the recovery of a Baltimore City police officer after being shot on duty in 2014.

Joon Yoo '92 is an adjunct professor of mathematics at UMUC and is the owner of Columbia Fire Protection, LLC.

Tim Figueroa '94 is a senior account executive at Fusion.

Travis Lyons '94 is the new head boy's basketball coach at Riverdale Baptist HS in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Francis Abbey '95 was nominated for a Regional Emmy for a feature piece he shot and directed with WUSA9 called 'What I Wish I Knew: Breast Cancer Survivors.'

Justin Fairfax '96 received the 2018 Northern Virginia Urban League Man of the Year Community Champion Award in a ceremony in April.

Mike Pegues '96 is now an assistant basketball coach at Louisville. He had previously been at Xavier.

Jason Wolfe '96, a hockey coach, was featured in a great

story in *The New York Times* in March.

Mike Cefaratti '97 and his wife Meghann welcomed the birth of their daughter Annamaria Francesca in June.

Mike Macheski '97 took his eighth grade Social Studies team from St. James Middle School in Myrtle Beach, SC., to the National History Day Finals in College Park this June. The students were declared State Champs for their performance of "Flappers: Their Role and Significance in United States History." The students competed against entries from across the nation.

Brian Adams '98 recently finished his 13th year with the Washington DC Police Department.

Jason Nader '98 recently became Vice President at First Home Mortgage Corporation. He and his wife, Kendra, were featured in an article in the

July edition of Baltimore Real Producers Magazine.

Nick Stefanelli '98, a professional chef, will soon be opening a three-story Italian market and restaurant called Officina at The Wharf, and also a still-to-be named Greek restaurant in downtown DC. Nick also currently runs the Michelin Guide starred Masseria in DC.

Pete DeMattei '99 received the 2017 Program Manager of the Year Award for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Middle East District.

James Kent '99 was recently appointed to the faculty of the Eastern Music Festival where he will play in the festival orchestra, teach private lessons, and give master classes to students.

Bill Sutton '99 was promoted to vice president of business development for the construction firm R.S. Mowery & Sons Inc.



00's

Danny Wintersteen '00 and his wife Jenna welcomed the birth of their child, Annie, in May.

Tilden Brill '01, a basketball coach for Heitage HS in NC, was featured in a March story on HighSchoolOT.com about how his DM roots influenced his coaching philosophy at Heitage.

John Gekas '01 graduated from law school at Catholic University receiving his JD.

Tom Thayer '02 and his wife Gina welcomed the birth of their first child, Hunter Edward Thayer in March.

Jon Walter '02 and his family welcomed the birth of their son Conor Reed in May.

Dr. Steve Danley '03, a professor at Rutgers University, will soon have his first book published, 'A



M.J. Miller '36, son of **Matt '08**, sporting his DeMatha onesie. MJ's uncles are **Chris Miller** and **Aaron Jacobson**, class of '09. Matt is also a lacrosse coach at DeMatha.



Rob Patterson '09 (First Lieutenant, US Marine Corps) married **Hannah Emerson** of Owings, MD in June at the US Naval Academy Chapel. Several Stags were in attendance and in the wedding party, including Rob's brother **Tim '15** who served as the best man.

Neighborhood Politics of Last Resort: Post Katrina New Orleans and the Right to the City.'

Michael Kolosvary '03 and **Logan Buckley '11** graduated in May from the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Bobby Plant '03, an assistant coach for the DM Prep Hockey team, and his wife celebrated the birth of their first son in March, **Robert Kenneth Plant** (Robbie).

Paul Rabil '04 set the Major League Lacrosse record in points scored with 522 back in June.

Derek Adams '05 recently started a new job as a multimedia designer at the Department of Homeland Security.

Sean Calabrese '05 received the Veteran Teacher-of-the-Year Award for Bellevue HS in Ocala, FL. He was selected for this award by his co-workers and the administration at Bellevue.

Donte Fenner '06 recently became an assistant manager of the Extraordinary Barber Studio in Silver Spring, MD.

Ross Noone '06 got married in April with many Stags in attendance.

David Benson '08 is an associate service delivery manager at Oracle.

Dr. Larry Funke '08 recently accepted a tenure-track position at Ohio Northern University and had a journal paper accepted in the Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering entitled "Control of Final Part Dimensions in Polymer Extrusion Using a Variable-Geometry Die." It discusses his efforts to advance the state-of-the-art in manufacturing by enabling more complex parts to be made via extrusion. Larry also had a conference paper accepted to the American Society for

Engineering Education annual conference entitled "Incorporating the entrepreneurial mindset into a system dynamics course." **Larry Funke '08** and his wife **Liz** now have a second addition to their family as **Liz** just recently gave birth to baby **Cecilia**. **Cecilia** now joins her sister **Anna** in the Funke family.

Brandon Hack '08 got married in Annapolis in May.

Joe Rice '08 finished in second place in the Maryland Amateur Golf Championship held in June.

Ben Warnquist '11 was a semifinalist.

Rodney McLeod '08, a safety for the Super Bowl winning Philadelphia Eagles opened a 'Back of House' fashion boutique at Pentagon City Mall in March.

Raheem Cardwell '09 is working as a gift processor/data analyst for Georgetown University.

10's

Eric Brothman '10 is working as a senior reactor operator/nuclear shift supervisor for the energy company PSEG in New Jersey.

Cory Frontin '10 received his masters from MIT in June, before continuing to work on his PhD, and was married in June to his fiancé, Judy Beaudoin.

Michael Meriwether, Jr. '10 is a sale and leasing consultant at Mercedes Benz of South Charlotte.

Jerian Grant '10 was traded to the NBA's Orlando Magic in July after playing the last two seasons with the Chicago Bulls.

Victor Oladipo '10 led the Indiana Pacers to Game 7 of the NBA Playoffs and almost pulled a first round upset over the Cleveland Cavaliers. He was named the NBA's Most Improved Player in June.

Luke Higgins '11 married his wife Emilia Pedersoli (Seton '11) in July and several Stags were in attendance.

Ben Warnquist '11 won the prestigious Belle Haven 4-Ball with his playing partner in May and later finished in first place in the United States Open Local qualifier with a round of 67.

Jerami Grant '12 signed a three-year contract to remain with the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder.

Vernon Q. Jones, II '12 was nominated for membership in The National Society of Leadership and Success and will be inducted into The Golden Key International Honour Society in April on the campus of Bowie State University. Vernon is studying Sociology at Bowie State University.



Michael Branthover '11 married in July and several Stags were in attendance.

James Robinson '12 was featured in a European publication in May on his professional basketball career overseas.

Scott Sindall '12 has been promoted to Area Manager at Ruppert Landscaping in Frederick, MD.

Brian Charles '13 underwent training with the Baltimore Police Department where he served as a squad leader and also ran flag detail.

Matt Fitzsimmons '13, a grad student in trumpet performance at Southern Methodist University

in Dallas, has studied in Slovenia this summer as a recipient of the American Slovenian Education Foundation Fellowship where he subbed with the Ljubljana Philharmonic Orchestra and worked with the Ljubljana Radio Orchestra.



Cameron Pritchett '11 graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in May.



John Metz '12 married **Kelly Sinclair** (Elizabeth Seton alumna) in June where numerous Stags were in attendance.

Jairus Lyles '13 signed with a contract with the NBA's Utah Jazz.

Patrick Sheerin '13 is a legislative assistant with the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Ja'Whaun Bentley '14 was taken in the fifth round of the NFL Draft in April by the New England Patriots.

Nick Bulgarino '14 graduated from the Eastman School of Music in May with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Music: Trombone.

Kyle Gregory Burns '14 graduated in May from The University of Hawaii with a Bachelor's degree in Geology and has accepted an Army Officer commission as a second LT. specializing in ordinance.

Antonio Rosanova '14 and **Michael Dunn '14** were named

to the All-Centennial Conference Baseball team for their production at McDaniel in the 2018 season.

Deonte Holden '14 is currently a management intern for the department store company Belk.

Lucius Jackson '14 is a research analyst at Marine Archaeology International.

John Lovett '14 has been named a captain for the Princeton football team for the upcoming season.



Galen Baker '13 graduated in June from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering.

Matthew Odell Morton '14 graduated from LaSalle University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in criminal justice and minoring in information technology.

Jay Pasenelli '14 and the Texas A&M Army ROTC Marksmanship Training Unit was named the Cadet Champion Team at the Army Small Arms Championship held at Ft. Benning, GA., in March.

Cam Phillips '14 was signed as an undrafted free agent in April by the Buffalo Bills.

AJ Read '14 graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May and received his commission to report for duty to the Cyber Command Unit at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Brian Stamper '14 is the secretary of Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honors Society at University of MD College Park. Brian was selected to present his paper at the National Convention of Sigma Tau Delta in March in Cincinnati.

Kordell Williams '14, with the Navy Track & Field team, helped Navy win the IC4A Championship for the first time since 1973. Kordell finished third in the 110m hurdles final.

Kenneth Chigbue '15, of Howard University, was the bronze medal winner in the 200m race at the 2018 ECAC IC4A Indoor Track & Field Championship. Kenneth and **Lester Crockett '15** also ran in the Maryland Half Marathon earlier this summer in memory of Lester (Bucky) Crockett (Lester '15 father).

Jaire George '15, who plays football at Vanderbilt University, was named as one of two Vanderbilt Student Athletes-of-the-Month in June.

Darryl Haraway '15, a sprinter with Florida State University, competed in the NCAA Track & Field competitions after posting a time of 10.09 seconds in the 100m dash, which is the No. 4 NCAA legal time.

Brandon A. Jones '15 is interning this summer in the Purina Division of Land O'Lakes, Inc. in Ohio. He is studying Equine Sciences at University of Kentucky.

Brendan Keane '15, who is a member of UMD's Turf Bowl, placed fourth recently in a competition at the Golf Industry Show.

Alex Kincaid '15 was named the 2018 MVP of the crew team at Washington College.

Chad Lilley '15 (saxophonist) performed with the National Orchestral Institute in June during their Summer Festival at the University of Maryland.

Robby Napoli '15 and the Gettysburg College Choir recently performed his original composition 'Lux Aeterna' at their Spring Tour Concert.

Nate Darling '16 will join fellow Stags **Corey McCrae '02** (coach) and **Ryan Allen '17** as part of the University of Delaware men's



Jordan Pittman '13 graduated from the US Naval Academy in May. **Nick Ramsey '14** and **Mac Burke '14**, not pictured, here also graduated in May from Navy.

basketball team for the 2018-19 season.

Markelle Fultz '16 became the youngest player in NBA history to record a triple-double after a March victory over the Milwaukee Bucks where Markelle had 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists off the bench.

Billy Hickmott '16 and **Clyde Drayton '17** recently attended a reception for the Georgetown Institute of Politics and met former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Trent Ashton '17 was named Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom) Rookie of the Year in lacrosse for his freshman season at Eastern University. **Zach Taylor '16** and Ashton, with Eastern College lacrosse, won the MAC Freedom Conference Championship in May.

Chase Young '17 was featured in a Sporting News story on the possibility of a potential breakout season this fall with the Ohio State football team.

Noah Doney '18 attended the National Society of Black Engineers Convention in Pittsburgh in March as part of the FIRE (Future Innovative Rising Engineers) Junior chapter.

Dale Gray '18 was featured in a very nice piece on his music ministry in a May edition of The Catholic Standard.

Camaran Gaillard '18 received the rank of Eagle Scout in March.

Kyle Hagin '18 received the rank of Eagle Scout in May.

Jordan Jeletic '18 was featured in a Hyattsville Life & Times article in June that looked back on his DeMatha days as he prepared to enter into the Naval Academy. He also received the rank of Eagle Scout in December.

James Keith '18 was named an Academic All-American by US Lacrosse.

Matt Malits '18 shot rounds of 75-73-71 to finish tied for second place in the 2018 Frank Emmet Schoolboy Golf Championship in June.

Timmy Pyne '18 received the Kiwanis Citizenship Award in May.

Sydney Reyes '18 recently received the General's challenge coin as an "Honor" from Air Force General (Ret.) John Hopper. Sydney has committed to the United States Air Force Academy Prep School.



We are pleased to report that **Ross Tschiffely '14**, son of long-time faculty member Doug, is back home and in full recovery mode after a long stay out of town for a series of medical issues. Best wishes to Ross and his family. He is a true Stag!



Luke Farrell '14, pictured here with his father **Terry '83**, Fr. James and Fr. Damian, graduated from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business with a B.S. in Accounting and a B.S. in Finance as well as a Sports Management Fellowship. Luke will begin his career at Deloitte this August as a Tax Consultant and will sit for the CPA exam this fall.



News and Notes

Class Reunions

The Class of '88 will get together on Saturday, September 8 at DeMatha while the Class of '78 will reunite on September 15 and the Class of '98 will gather on Friday, October 5. If you would like to organize your class get together, contact Mr. Tom Ponton (tponton@dematha.org). Check the DeMatha Express for more information.

DeMatha Express

Stay informed with up to the minute news on everything happening at DeMatha (alumni events, school activities, student accomplishments, sports, etc.) with our e-newsletter, the DeMatha Express. Contact Ms. Teresa Farrell (tfarrell@dematha.org) to receive the Express every Thursday.

DeMatha Football on ESPN2 Aug. 25

The varsity football team takes on St. Thomas Aquinas (FL) in this highly anticipated national matchup. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 at 8pm. Go Stags!

45th Annual DeMatha Senior Booster's CRAB FEAST

Saturday, September 22nd • 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$55 advance/\$65 door • Kids \$40 advance/\$50 door

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Mike - 240-417-0393
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Kaleidoscope Concert – Oct. 13

Make sure you don't miss out on the instrumental music department's extravaganza, the 7th annual Kaleidoscope Concert. This event features food, fun and great performances from DeMatha's music ensembles in fun, pop-type concert. Who knows, you might see the occasional faculty member or alumnus perform! Look for details and ticket information this fall in the DeMatha Express and on the DeMatha school website.

Alumni Stag Night – Nov. 21

The annual Stag Night will take place on Wednesday, November 21 (the evening before thanksgiving) in the Antler Room. Last year's Stag Night was a great success with guest speaker and former Washington Redskins offensive lineman Joe Jacoby. Make sure to plan now for an evening of food and fun. Look for details and ticket information on the website and in the DeMatha Express.

Update Your Information!

You can update your contact information and join the online directory at <https://www.dematha.org/alumni/update-your-information>. Make sure to check the school website for upcoming events and alumni news.



William Albright '58

George Aulisio, brother of Callixtus 'Kix' '68 and Julius '73

Timothy A. Ballenger, father of Tom '02

Mike Bates '76, brother of David '69, Richard '70, Bob '71, Chris '79

Margaret Berdak, mother of Michael '66

Connor W. Bohan, father of Brendan '95

Etha Thel Boykin, father of Michael '76 and David '81

Lawrence Contillo, father of Larry '77 and Mike '78

Rosalie F. Curtin, mother-in-law to Gregg Kaderabek '74, grandmother to Chase Lintner '15 and Michael Kaderabek '20, cousin and aunt to Daniel Crowley '65, Danny Crowley '91 and Timothy Crowley '96

Timothy Donoghue '78, brother of Dennis '78, Jack '79, Paul '83, Peter '84. Numerous other DeMatha connections.

James Joseph Dunn, father of Kevin '78

Calvin Fischer, father-in-law of Kevin Davis '87, grandfather of Jack '18, Matthew '21, and Michael '21 Davis

Curtis Frontin, father of Cory '10

Robert Gatton, father-in-law of Dr. Ray Solano '90, grandfather of Alec '19

John Gough, father of Tim '78, Brian '81, Danny '83, Craig '85. Grandfather of Ryan '13, Connor '17, and Ethan '21

John D. Greene, Jr., grandfather of Alex '20

James J. Hagerty '89

Kimberly Sue Harris, wife of Ed '82 and sister-in-law of Charlie '77, Patrick '85, Hugh '86, and Beth (Elizabeth Seton '87)

Elsie Pearl Hayden, mother of Joseph '87

Elizabeth Hernandez, sister of Patrick Ferguson '84 and James Ferguson '78

Robert Johnson, father of Bobby '79, brother-in-law of George '62, Chris '68 and Joe O'Hare '71

Patsy Keehn, mother of Sean '83 and Brian '86, grandmother of Ryan '09, aunt of Tom '84, great aunt of Thomas '19

Algimantas Landsbergis, father of Andrew '87 and Liudas '91



A service for **Jordan Scott '05** was held in late June and a large number of Stags were in attendance to show their support to the Scott family during such a difficult time.

Mars Leadmon, grandfather of Garrett '18

Paul Luebker '59

Mary Lee Kane, grandmother of staff member Connor Glowacki

Cay Thi Mai, mother of staff member Paul Pham and grandmother of John '13

Rosemary McFadden, mother-in-law of Dave Diluigi '88

Mary McKee, mother of John '67 (dec.) and Frank '69. Grandmother of Shawn McKee '89 and Ed Goundry '82. Mother-in-law of Carol, staff member

Emmett S. "Dickey" Melcher '62, brother of Mickey '62

Pat Moxley, mother of Kyle '95



Bob Chroniger '63. Bob had eight brothers attend DeMatha and numerous other connections too. His parents were legendary boosters of the school. Bob was also a Senior Booster.

Joseph Navalaney, grandfather of Anthony '01 and John '05

Lawrence O'Connor, father of Larry '87, grandfather of Sean O'Connor '19 and Mac Budowski '21

Richard Payne '55, brother of John '58 and Thomas '66

William E. Phillips Sr., uncle of Ed Boyer '50, grandfather of William III '97 and Robert '00

Angelo P. Picillo '86

Alfred M. Porrazzo, father of Mark '75

Johnny Poss, father of Johnny '93

Richard Del Ricco, father of George '91

Fred Richardson '50, brother of John '51

Sylvia Robbs, mother of (football coach) Vance '96, grandmother of Kevin '00 and Mekhi '18

Joseph "Spanky" Robertson '73, father of Drew '99, grandfather of Jason '18 and Drew '19, brother-in-law of Jack '74, Joe '79, Peter '81 and Paul '82 Ervin. Also, Kyle Woods '99 was Spanky's son-in-law

Raymond Scherl '57, father of Michael '98 and Andrew '01. Ray was also a former employee of DeMatha.

Lloyd G. Smith '74

Carlet Spearman-Taylor, mother of Tony Taylor '99

Thomas S. Stogdale '50

Dennis Straub '80

Leo Weisberger, father of John '77 and James '80

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2018 DeMatha Varsity Football and Soccer Schedules

Varsity Football Schedule

AUGUST

25	St. Thomas Aquinas (FL) @ St. Thomas Aquinas (ESPN2)	8pm
31	Imhotep (PA) @ Germantown Supersite (PA)	7pm

SEPTEMBER

7	Franklin @ Franklin	7pm
14	Canada Prep Academy @ Sports & Learning Complex	7pm
21	Friendship Collegiate @ Friendship Collegiate	7pm
28	Avalon @ Sports & Learning Complex	7pm

OCTOBER

6	BYE	
12	Gonzaga @ Sports & Learning Complex	7pm
19	Good Counsel @ Good Counsel	7pm
28	St. John's @ Sports & Learning Complex	7pm

NOVEMBER

3	McNamara @ McNamara	2pm
11-12	WCAC Semifinals	
17-18	WCAC Championship	

Varsity Soccer Schedule

AUGUST

31	Churchill/Whitman @ TBD	TBD
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SEPTEMBER

1	Churchill/Whitman @ TBD	TBD
7	The Heights @ Heurich	3:30pm
10	Good Counsel @ TBD	TBD
11	Landon @ Landon	4:30pm
14	St. Albans @ St. Albans	4:30pm
16	Northwood (PA) @ Haveford, PA	1pm
18	Good Counsel @ Good Counsel	TBD
20	Bullis @ Bullis	6pm
27	Gonzaga @ Holy Cross	3pm

OCTOBER

2	Paul VI @ Heurich	3:30pm
5	McNamara @ Heurich	3:30pm
9	Ryken @ Heurich	3:30pm
12	O'Connell @ O'Connell	TBD
16	Ireton @ Witter Street Fields	4pm
19	St. John's @ St. John's	TBD
23	Carroll @ Carroll	4pm
30	WCAC Quarterfinals @ Heurich	3pm

NOVEMBER

1	WCAC Semifinals @ Heurich	3pm
3	WCAC Finals @ Soccerplex	7pm