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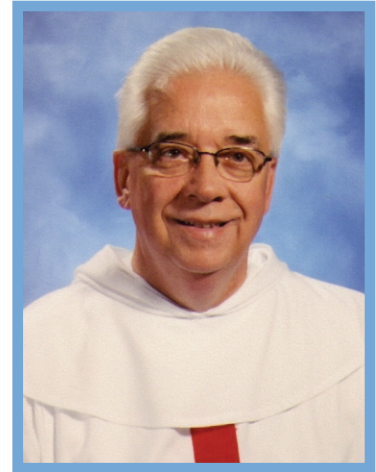
From the President's Office

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

In late summer of every year, Dr. McMahon and I collaborate on the themes for our two opening talks to the faculty and staff which are delivered in the few days before school resumes in mid-August. It is always our hope that our words and thoughts would engender approaches to Catholic education which would not only help the students, but also rejuvenate our own stamina as leaders within the school. Standing in front of any group of people for 180 days a year requires an internal, spiritual drive which keeps us focused and faith-filled.

In my talk this year I spoke about the reflective life. Every person listening to my talk in August as well as the readers today of the *Red and Blue Review* realizes the pressures of deadlines, schedules, commitments and responsibilities. With all of these impinging on our minds and hearts, it is easy for us to slip into a routine which never gives us the time to go beneath the duties to re-discover the reasons for all that we do. I reminded my colleagues that we are entrusted with the holy task of passing on the faith of Jesus to the next generation of faith-filled gentlemen, as well as passing on the wisdom of the ages for the next generation of scholars. To make this a reality, we must also model what it means to be a person who knows what is important in life, who knows how to balance our days and nights, and who demonstrates that faith and wisdom are components of a successful person. Reflection is a gift that we give to ourselves regularly, so that when we pause and think about relationships, about values, about choices and about each other, then we become more connected and capable to be the person who never takes life for granted. All of us are so happy when we meet someone like this in our own lives, and each of us is called to be that person in the lives of each other. We need to be reminded on a regular basis that reflection and slowing down are not a waste of time; rather, it is an opportunity to restore our spirits and to renew our commitments to be the type of man or woman that God has planned for us.

Here at DeMatha, we are blessed with faculty and staff who regularly accept the challenge to be reflective people in the ministry of Catholic education. Within this Red and Blue Annual Report, we are also blessed to read the names of countless alumni and friends of DeMatha who make the decision to support our mission to educate the next leaders in society and in the Church. The 72-year history of our school would be diminished if we did not have the gift of Board Members, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who know what it means to be true to the mission of the School. Together, we make it happen at DeMatha; many thanks and prayers for all that we do to let the words of the mission come to life daily on Madison St. Hyattsville.

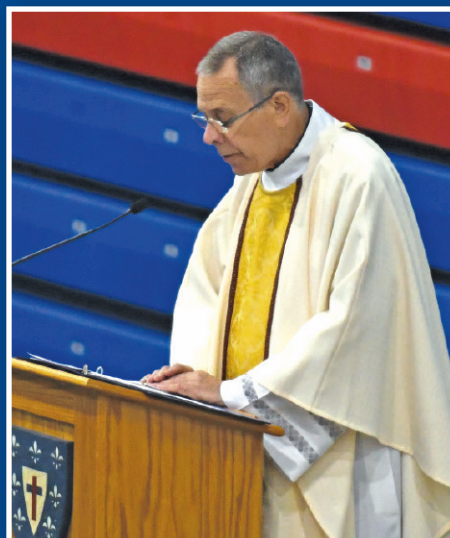
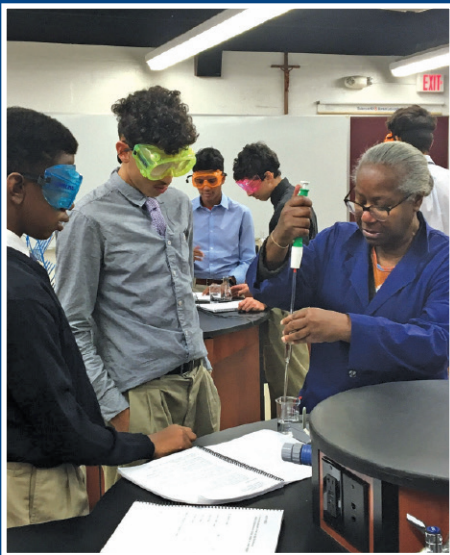


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Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T.
President



DeMatha Catholic High School Strategic Plan – 2019-2023





OUR MISSION

DeMatha Catholic High School is a college preparatory institution dedicated to educating young men in the Trinitarian tradition. DeMatha's historic and ongoing mission is to serve students of differing abilities, interests, and backgrounds from the culturally rich and diverse greater Washington Metropolitan area.

Faculty and staff work to help young men develop a way of life characterized by attention to scholarship, dedication to moral principles, devotion to hard work, and the awareness of the need to serve others. Through a broad-based and rigorous curriculum, numerous opportunities for spiritual growth, a wide range of co-curricular opportunities, and a comprehensive service program, DeMatha cultivates a respect for other people that finds its most complete expression in students who become faith-filled gentlemen and scholars.



SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

DeMatha Catholic High School offers to young men in the Washington area a college preparatory program in which faith and knowledge complement each other. A faculty and staff composed of Trinitarian religious and dedicated lay men and women provide a program of instruction that serves young men of varied intellectual, religious, cultural and economic backgrounds. The Trinitarian charism that informs DeMatha asks that students become "men of action, men of prayer."

The DeMatha student develops spiritually and morally in a community where faith seeks understanding and is lived in service to neighbor. Religious instruction provides the student with an intellectual appreciation for the Judeo-Christian tradition as well as an ecumenical respect for diversity in religious expression and creed. Intellectual growth occurs within the moral framework and is achieved through a broad-based curriculum that incorporates appropriate pedagogical techniques and technological innovations.

A rich co-curricular program provides an opportunity for informal and formal instruction where students witness and understand the sound principles for human rights and the corresponding need for self-discipline. By experiencing healthy competition and sportsmanlike behavior involved in physical education and athletic events, students grow toward physical and social maturity.

DeMatha's administration and faculty are engaged in a continuous program of self-study, but the goal of a DeMatha education remains the same, to produce Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

A. CATHOLIC IDENTITY

GOAL: As the teaching presence of the Roman Catholic Church, DeMatha Catholic High School shall continue to advance the Trinitarian tradition which

welcomes young men of all faiths who become faith-filled Gentlemen and Scholars.

STRATEGIES

1. Review and strengthen the Theology curriculum.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 - 2023

2. Review the liturgical life of the school and the Christian Service program.
3. Continue to provide annual spiritual retreats for faculty and students.
4. Investigate partnering with a Catholic university to provide professional development opportunities related to integrating faith into the curriculum.

B. MARKETING

GOAL: Promote the mission of DeMatha Catholic High School widely and effectively through a comprehensive marketing plan.

STRATEGIES

1. Foster a community where administrators, faculty and staff are able to articulate, consistently and effectively, the mission of DeMatha Catholic High School.
2. Create consistent visual representations of the mission message at DeMatha Catholic High School.
3. Utilize the website as an effective marketing tool.

GOAL: Enhance comprehensive recruitment plan to attract students of differing abilities, interests and backgrounds.

STRATEGIES

1. Further strengthen the feeder patterns of DeMatha Catholic High School by continued collaboration with the Archdiocese of Washington.
2. Develop an internal enrollment team for the purpose of diversifying recruitment efforts.

C. ADVANCEMENT

GOAL: Develop a culture of philanthropic giving for DeMatha Catholic High School.

STRATEGIES

1. Create by the Leadership and Advancement an annual advancement plan.
2. Optimize fundraising by engaging in effective long-range planning for the 75th Anniversary celebration at DeMatha Catholic High School.

D. GOVERNANCE

GOAL: Enhance the ability of the Board of Directors to effectively implement and oversee policies consistent with the mission of DeMatha Catholic High School.

STRATEGIES

1. Implement a training and professional development plan for the members of the Board of Directors.
2. Enrich the Board of Directors by identifying and nominating additional individuals with varied skills and backgrounds.

GOAL: Enrich the educational environment for administration, faculty and staff by increasing communication, collaboration and transparency.

STRATEGIES:

1. Establish an Administrative Cabinet and associated procedures.
2. Review and update faculty and staff policy manual.
3. Develop and communicate a policy regarding a clear definition of accommodations that can be provided to students with documented learning needs.
4. Develop, implement, and regularly monitor strategies to connect course learning outcomes to course assessments.

GOAL: Ensure the continuation of achieving accreditation standards and goals.

STRATEGIES: 1. Establish an Accreditation Committee.

GOAL: Continue efforts to improve the safety, security, energy efficiency and functionality of the campus.

STRATEGIES:

1. Develop a long-term Campus Master Plan.
2. Develop, implement, and update policies and procedures related to a safe and secure school environment.

E. FINANCE

GOAL: Maintain financial sustainability

STRATEGIES

1. Continue practices for the efficient and effective deployment of resources.

F. CURRICULUM

GOAL: Ensure that the Master Schedule meets the needs of the students and the instructional objectives.

STRATEGIES

1. Ongoing review of the Master Schedule by the Administrative Cabinet.

GOAL: Deepen the technological literacy of students.

STRATEGIES

1. Explore and evaluate technology curriculum offerings. Identify opportunities for academic enrichment by enhancing the curriculum through the integration of innovative technology.

G. TECHNOLOGY

GOAL: Provide administration, faculty and staff with the current technological tools and the training necessary to utilize fully such tools to enhance the learning environment and to improve administrative functions.

STRATEGIES

1. Develop a Three-Year Technology Plan.
2. Engage an external consultant for an independent, annual audit of the systems, practices, protocols and procedures.



DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023

2018 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE RETREAT ATTENDEES

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THE DEMATHA PLAN

DeMatha Catholic High School recently finished its fourth Strategic Plan. The Plan was assembled under the direction of the Center for Catholic School Excellence (CCSE) at Mount St. Mary's University.

CCSE serves as a site for reflection, strategic planning, and inquiry for school, parish and diocesan leaders. Mr. Timothy O'Brien '77, Chairperson of the DeMatha Board of Directors, contacted the Center in an effort to seek assistance in the development of a strategic plan. The CCSE team, collaborating with DeMatha, included Dr. Barbara A. Marinak, Dean, Division of Education, Professor Elizabeth C. Monahan, Director of the Center, and Dr. Stacey Brown-Hobbs, Accreditation Consultant.

DeMatha has a long standing relationship with the community. The school is located just northeast of Washington, D.C., in Prince George's County. It is a four-year college preparatory school founded by the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives or Trinitarians in 1946. The school has recently adopted a President/Principal model of governance. DeMatha enjoys a stellar reputation and sends nearly 100% of its graduates to excellent colleges.



Members of the DeMatha faculty with officials from Mount St. Mary's University met over the summer to discuss and collaborate on the next DeMatha Strategic Plan that will run from 2019-2023.

Zach Landow's Friendship Formed Through Service

DeMatha has a strong reputation of developing faith-filled gentlemen and scholars among its students, to help serve others. Some students develop that sense of service during their years on campus and others, like senior Zach Landow, have had that sense of service instilled for much longer. Zach, a player on the Prep Hockey team as well as the marketing director for the Spanish Club, has volunteered for a variety of youth organizations since he was in elementary school. Zach participated in back-to-school shopping drives for the Catonsville Children's Home, assisted with the Baltimore



Zach Landow has volunteered for several youth organizations while at DeMatha.

Saints special needs hockey team, and more recently assisted with a book drive for the children of the Baltimore Boys and Girls Club.

"I've always had a passion for helping others," Landow said.

During that time with the Baltimore Boys and Girls Club, a friendship grew between Zach and, a now, nine-year old boy named Chance who lives in inner city Baltimore. After meeting with Zach and watching him skate, Chance became very interested in learning how to skate as well.

"Whenever I see Chance, he gets this humongous grin," Landow said, "We got him some skates and a helmet and my dad and I have been taking him to learn how to skate in Columbia, MD., on Saturdays."

Last year, Zach received the 'Hero of Baltimore Award' by the Baltimore Boys and Girls Club for his service to the youth organization and was asked to speak at the organization's annual fundraiser. As part of his speech, he and the Baltimore



Boys and Girls Club surprised Chance with a 529 plan, which will pay for Chance to do two years of community college followed by two years of college at a state school when he is older. According to Zach, Chance was extremely excited at all of the commotion around him and the event even if he didn't fully grasp the gift of college.

"He had no idea what was going on," Landow said, "He thought he was getting a guitar or a Jeep as his surprise. But we gave him a graduation cap and he was just smiling because everyone started clapping like crazy."

Zach's life will continue to be busy during his senior year at DeMatha, but he's planning to continue working with Chance and volunteering with the Baltimore Boys and Girls Club as often as he can. He hopes to help out with a similar youth organization in college, but he knows he won't be able to visit Chance as often as he does now.

"I'm not going to be here as much," Landow said, "But I hope to stay in contact with Chance as long as I'm alive. Life-long friends."

With the world as chaotic as it is today, trying to make a difference that changes the world can be a daunting task. But making a difference in one person's life can be just as good because it changes that person's world. By reaching through with small acts, Zach said he wants to continue being that faith-filled gentleman and scholar after he graduates from DeMatha in June.

"Service has always been a really big part of my life. As long as I can help people directly, that's all I want to do."

Zahir Muhammad Staying One Step Ahead In Chess

Chess is a game of the mind. It forces players to envision what their opponent is thinking and to plan out their own moves far in advance to ensure the utmost success. Over the last few years, junior Zahir Muhammad has gained attention throughout the country as he has competed and won tournaments at the city, regional and national levels. This past summer, Zahir, a Washington, DC resident, was invited to participate in the National Junior Chess Competition in Madison, WI. He was one of 51 state/province representatives throughout the country and finished tied for eighth overall in an impressive showing of skill, endurance and tenacity.

"I walked in with the DC flag and saw everyone else walk in with their state flags," Muhammad said, "It was fun because I got to meet a lot of different people who were at the top level of their state, but it's also in my head because everyone you play is the best in their state. So when you look around, you realize that."

How did Zahir rise to national levels in chess? He had several mentors growing up who helped him progress through various levels of competition and has been coached in both a team and individual setting. But it was when Zahir's father taught him how to play when he was three that he wanted to improve so he could beat his dad at his own game.

"He probably defeated me 400 times in a row before I finally beat him when I was seven. But that kept me going because I know that competitive nature was there in really wanting to beat him. It made me want to continue to keep playing and practicing."

The success of the sports programs at DeMatha has been well-documented and Zahir knows this very well as he also competes on the school's track and field team. Even though chess is different from a sport like track, Zahir said the preparation and training needed for success is extremely similar.

"You can go out on game day and play, but you have to practice those skills, in terms of looking at the board, visualizing things, seeing how the pieces move and coordinate together

to create stronger attacks," Muhammad said. "For me, I'll practice a lot during the week and then just chill on a Saturday of a match. I won't have to stress myself out over it because I know I've put the work in throughout the week."

In addition to chess and track, Zahir is also involved in the Black Student Union and National Honors Society at DeMatha and also participated in the DeMatha Leadership Institute over the summer. In addition, he's taking classes this year that include Honors Physics, Pre-Calculus and AP Language & Composition. Zahir's success at chess has spread around campus and he said that people approach him and ask questions about the sport.

"When I came here as a freshman, there were maybe one, two or three people playing a small get-together," Muhammad said, "At one point this year, there were maybe six or seven people playing on three different boards and there were five people at each board watching."

Zahir hopes to get back to Nationals next year. But until then, he is preparing for local tournaments such as the Northern Virginia Open this fall. He said he hopes to continue playing chess competitively at the collegiate level and has reached out to similarly talented players his age to formulate a plan on which colleges to apply. Zahir is hoping to succeed in more tournaments so that he can reach the Chess ranking of 'Expert' by the end of the school year, which is a 2,000 level rating. (Zahir is currently at 1,804.)

As Zahir continues to improve, he said he enjoys introducing more people to the game. Zahir was recognized for his talent at chess in a special ceremony in October where he received a plaque from DC Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray. Zahir said he's excited to continue using his platform to bring other people into the sport.

"I feel like here on campus, that's a microcosm of the bigger level," Zahir said, "I want to use that reputation to bring other people in and help them get better at chess as well."





Bro. Josh Warshak: A Journey To DeMatha

Discerning a spiritual life is a journey that can take many twists and turns. The call to religious life and the priesthood started building in the mind and soul of DeMatha Campus Minister Bro. Joshua Warshak O.S.S.T., in the fifth grade while growing up in Texas.

"I grew up in the Methodist Church and we had a wonderful minister," Bro. Josh said. "And I remember thinking that I'd like to be him one day. I just started seeing the priests as role models to me."

Bro. Josh became a Catholic in the eighth grade and grew more serious in taking the next step of his vocation after college. While deciding between which religious community to be a part of, the Trinitarian Order offered something special for him.

"When I came to the Trinitarians, I saw a group that really cared and knew about each other and really valued each other as a presence in our lives and in our ministry. I essentially found my home," Bro. Josh said.

After several years of theological studies in San Antonio as part of his seminary work, he came to DeMatha as a pastoral intern in 2016. He assisted Campus Ministry Director Ms. Erin Bright with organizing liturgies and services on campus, ran retreats, assisted teaching in the DeMatha Way classroom, and preached several times at daily mass.

"I love working in a school environment," Warshak said. "I love this school. I think it has a great mission of inclusion and diversity. I think we cast a wide net and I think the school is thriving because of it."

Bro. Josh completed his internship and returned to Texas to finish his last year of studies. After graduating this past May with his Master of Divinity, he returned to DeMatha for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Next summer, he will profess his Solemn Vows and become a fully professed member of the Trinitarian Order.

The first six months of this final year of preparation has Bro. Josh working once again in the Campus Ministry Office. One



Bro. Josh is working this school year in the Campus Ministry Office.

area he has focused on is the Junior Retreats where he accompanies groups of 10 DeMatha juniors to perform service at a homeless men's shelter in Washington, D.C. Bro. Josh teaches the groups about the Gospel mandate to care for the sick and feed the hungry and then the students put it to action by serving lunch and interacting with the people at the shelter. Bro. Josh said it's a great opportunity not only to help those in need, but also to break down stereotypes and create new social narratives about the homeless population.

"If you get to know somebody who is homeless and then later hear a negative comment about the homeless population on the news or family members talking about it, hopefully their mind goes to the person they met. They'll say 'I met this guy at the homeless shelter and he's not X, Y or Z. He just fell on hard times.'"

In January, Bro. Josh will travel to Rome where he will spend six months with other Trinitarians throughout the world who are also preparing for their final Solemn Vows.

"This time in Rome is an opportunity to know each other because we are a rather small international community," Bro. Josh said. "We will get to connect and we'll do an in-depth study of the writings of our reformer St. John the Baptist of the Conception who, in the 1500s, wanted to return the community to a more authentic way of living."

Bro. Josh has been preparing for Solemn Vows a long time and he said his goal is to return once more to DeMatha next year where he can fulfill his ministry in the school community. He does, however, recognize that he may be sent somewhere else if that is what's needed in the Trinitarian community. Regardless, Bro. Josh is pleased with the work that has been done at DeMatha to teach a group of young men to better care for and understand the world around them.

"I think we're doing some really good work here in the DMV area," Bro. Josh said. "We're educating a diverse group of men to be Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars."



A second documentary on Brendan Looney '99 titled 'Brendan' will be released soon.

LAST APRIL, CBS SPORTS RAN A FEATURE ON JOHNNY SURDICK '14 OF Army lacrosse who wore #40 in Brendan's honor even though Brendan played lacrosse at Navy. Of course, at Navy, one lacrosse player wears #40 each year in honor of Brendan. The video feature ran at halftime of the Army-Navy lacrosse game.

Earlier this year, Kevin Looney '74 received this letter from an 11-year old boy from Poughkeepsie, NY who saw the broadcast. Here is the letter:

"Dear Brendan Looney Foundation:

Hi, my name is (). I am 11 years old and in sixth grade. I play hockey, baseball, and lacrosse. I would like to go to the Naval Academy and then become a Navy SEAL. Recently, I watched the Army-Navy lacrosse game and I watched the special on Brendan Looney. I learned that he wore #40 and that only one player on the team gets to wear that number and that player is the hardest worker on the team. As a result, I changed my hockey and lacrosse numbers to 40. I hope it will remind me of what I want to become. I also want it to remind me of Brendan's core values: to be strong, to be accountable, and to never complain. Brendan is my role model and one of my heroes. I hope you take my donation in memory of him."



The game NBA 2K19 was released and contains an animated scene of Victor Oladipo '10 of the Indiana Pacers doing a post-game interview with Dave Aldridge '83 of Turner Broadcasting. After the brief interview, the Aldridge 'character' faces the camera and says, "Victor, One DeMatha." It is a great scene. David is a member of the DeMatha Board of Directors.

TWO NOTES WE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM PEOPLE/FAMILIES WHO were only at DeMatha a short while.

The first is an e-mail received by Mr. Rick Reeves, Science Chair:

Dear Mr. Reeves:

Hope you are doing fine and are ready for the new semester at DeMatha!

I am not sure if you remember me, but I was a German exchange student that came to DeMatha for a short 6-week exchange back in 2013.

In the past 5 years, I have graduated from high school and started my bachelors of science international management double degree program at the ESB Business School in Reutlingen, Germany. For the second part of my program, I recently moved to Raleigh NC, to finish my second bachelors degree at NC State University, Poole College of Management.

As classes will start here at NCSU tomorrow, I just wanted to take 5 minutes to say thank you for giving me the chance to study at DeMatha 5 years ago - this exchange definitely contributed to my personal and academic development. Not only did I make friends for life, but I also learned a lot about myself and my abilities to adapt to a new academic environment. It does give me the confidence and experience that I need to succeed in the upcoming two years in the States.

I hope you have a terrific late-summer and hope to see you soon - maybe I will get the chance to visit you at DeMatha when I visit my Aunt in Maryland this semester.

The second was a note received by Ms. Anne Metz, Finance Director:
Dear Ms. Metz and Colleagues:

Sometimes life does not go as planned. Our son's transfer to another school was a very difficult decision for our family and we will be forever grateful that you made the process as smooth as possible. Our family will always hold DeMatha in high regard. Please accept this donation.... DeMatha is a phenomenal school and we are sorry it did not work out.

The Class of '88 celebrated their 30th reunion in September and group leader Dave DiLuigi, an officer on the DeMatha Board of Directors, delivered a wonderful speech at the event. Here was the final part of the speech:

"OUR EXPERIENCES AT DEMATHA, AND THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS formed here, have made us better friends, husbands, sons, and fathers. To a person, when asked what DeMatha means to him, the response is, 'DeMatha changed my life. I wouldn't be where I am today if it hadn't been for this community.'

As I stated five years ago, the diversity in our class – race, education levels, physical abilities, and socio-economic status – served not to divide us, rather this diversity brought us closer together because we were accepting of each other's differences, learned from them and have come to truly love one another. Our class has lived the school's mission to serve students of differing abilities, interests, and backgrounds from the culturally rich and diverse Washington Metropolitan region, where the faculty help young men develop a way of life characterized by attention to scholarship, dedication to moral principles, devotion to hard work, and the awareness of the need to serve others.

In closing, my belief is that for those present in this room and our brothers who were unable to join us, DeMatha, its people, its traditions, its history and its commitment to excellence in all things is a part of who we are. I am proud to be a DeMatha Man. I am fortunate to have shared these experiences with you, and I consider it one of the greatest gifts in my life to be a member of the Class of 1988. I love you guys."



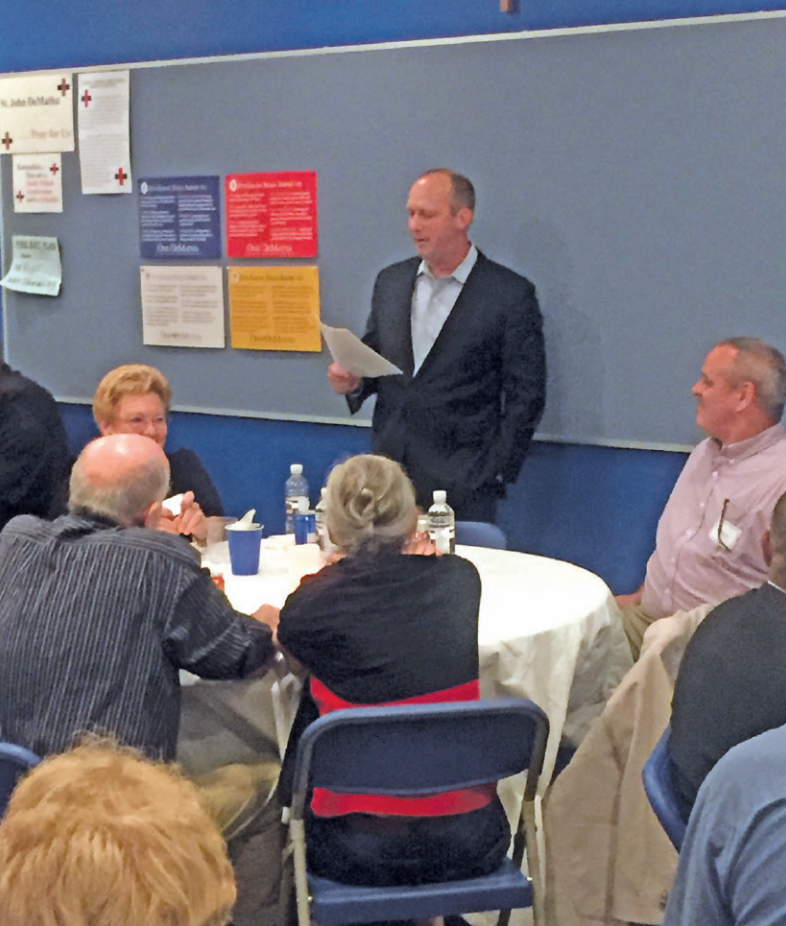
A MISSIVE FROM CHRISTINA MATTA, MOTHER OF JONATHAN '19:

Shane Denman '11 was Jonathan's role model. Shane, although eight years older than Jonathan, had a very close relationship with my son. They grew up together carpooling to the same elementary and middle school. Jonathan looked up to him so much, that when Jonathan was in elementary school and Shane was at DeMatha, all Jonathan wanted was to be a Stag. He looked up to Shane in a way that only a Faith-Filled Gentleman and Scholar could provide.

Jonathan wanted to be a Stag so badly, that when he played Crofton Recreational Lacrosse, he would proudly wear Shane's DM lacrosse helmet, although it never fit and wobbled on his head when he ran up and down the field. He was proud to represent DeMatha in the only way he could before attending.

DeMatha was the only high school Jonathan applied to, and it was his dream to go there and be a Stag, which came true when he got accepted in 2015. On Jonathan's first day of high school, Shane, although in college, made time to surprise Jonathan, and drive him to DeMatha to recreate their younger years of lower school carpooling. The brotherhood that DeMatha creates will bond Shane and Jonathan together forever, which only a Stag can understand.

Shane's ambition, kindness, thoughtfulness, and overall demeanor were the qualities that made Jonathan look up to him and want to be a DeMatha Man. Shane embodied the exclusive qualities of a Stag. As Jonathan completes his time at DeMatha, he too has been molded into a Faith-Filled Gentleman and Scholar who shares the same qualities as Shane, who came before him. A DeMatha Man's quality is admired by many, had by few, and is important for influencing the man you want your son to become.





Alma Matters



John J. Fitzpatrick '52 founded and was installed as the first president of Society for the Preservation and Propagation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in the United States.

50's

Joseph Duffy '59 volunteered at the annual DeMatha Senior Booster's Crab Feast in the Antler Room in September.

60's

Mike Mewshaw '61 wrote a review book on the novel 'Autumn In Venice: Ernest Hemingway and His last Muse' in 'The Washington Post' this past summer.

70's

Peter Bay '74, who recently celebrated his 20th year as the conductor of the Austin, TX Symphony Orchestra.

Phil Gentilcore '75 recently retired from the US Department of Education.

Jeff Hathaway '77 and Mike Brey '77 met up in Kansas City in September for meetings with the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Board of Directors. Mike will be the next president of the Association.

Rev. Ray Donaldson S.J. '78 began a new ministry mission as the chaplain at the Gesu School in Philadelphia. He previously served as a mathematics teacher at the school from 2005-08.

Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78 spoke at DeMatha in October, as part of the annual Alumni Speaker Series, on the topic of 'The Virtues of a DeMatha Education: Friendship, Aristotle, and Basketball.'

Dr. Jim Newcity '78, a physician for 32 years, is now in his 19th year in Harrisonburg, Va., practicing anesthesiology.

Ken Klotz '79 and his Institute of Karate made the cover of "The Best Of Columbia Magazine."

80's

Adrian Branch '81 will be inducted into the University of Maryland Hall of Fame in November.

John Selby '82 is currently living in Sasebo, Japan teaching Social Studies and English.

David Aldridge '83, a veteran sports reporter and a DM Board Member, is now the Editor-in-Chief of The Athletic DC.

Darryl Bruce '84 is the new assistant athletic director at Bishop Ireton HS.

David Mundy '84 is the Director of Jazz Studies at Indian River Charter High School in Vero Beach FL. He is also the Worship Leader at the Community Church of Vero Beach.

Kevin McCarty '86 has a new job as vice president of Security, Governance, Risk and Compliance at Marriott International.

Kevin Davis '87, former Baltimore City Police Commissioner, spoke at an event on the Catholic University campus in October regarding the topic of Freddie Gray & The Baltimore Riots and the relationship a big city police culture has with its residents.



Darryl Bruce '84 and Bryce Bevill '90 work at Bishop Ireton HS as Asst. Athletic Director and Athletic Director, respectively.

Malcolm Wiley '87, a former special agent in charge of the United States Secret Service's Atlanta Field Office, was featured this week on the CNBC show 'American Greed.'

William Lipscomb Jr. '88 is the executive pastry chef at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

Scott Marchakitus '88 is now a Director at Deutsche Bank.

Peter Murphy '88 recently moved to Wisconsin. Peter is now the Director of Families and Schools of Discipleship for the Diocese of Green Bay.



L. Anthony Bagley '89 served as a coaching intern for the Cleveland Browns this past summer after being named a recipient of the NFL Bill Walsh Fellowship.



Faculty member and coach Mike Jones '91 and his wife Stayce on their wedding day this summer.

as an information security operations analyst for the University of Phoenix.

Freddy Anzures '94, an original iPhone designer, is now a Designer in Residence at 'Caffeine' in the San Francisco Bay area.

Tim Strachan '94 stepped down as a University of Maryland football radio analyst after 22 years.

Jeffrey Smollon '94 and his wife Katie welcomed their second child, Benjamin Mark Smollon, into the world on Sept. 2. Katie's father and Benjamin's grandfather is **Paul Gentzel '79**.

Greg Cristell '95 and his wife Ashley celebrated the birth of their daughter Charlotte Madison in September.

Joseph Gardella '96, owner of Joe Benny's Pizzeria in Baltimore had his restaurant named *Time Magazine's* BEST pizza in the state of Maryland in September. Current DeMatha Advancement Assistant and Coach **Ben Fleri '11** is Joe's cousin and also helps

out at the restaurant on occasion.

William Rollings Jr. '96 is working as a publishing specialist for the Government Publishing Office. He is also a head boys' basketball volunteer coach for St. Anthony Grade School in Washington DC.

Brian Westbrook '97 will be inducted into the Philadelphia Hall of Fame in November.

Nick Stefanelli '98 opened his newest restaurant Officina in October in Washington DC's 'The Wharf.' Officina will occupy 14,000 square feet, with a market on the first floor, a trattoria-style restaurant on the second floor and a rooftop bar with an adjacent private-event space.

Paul Bowling '99 is working as a senior recruiting consultant for Freddie Mac.

Jim O'Neill '99 and his company, Journey Mindfulness, started a new Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Course in Ellicott City, MD in October.

90's

Kenny Blakeney '90 was named an assistant coach to the Columbia University men's basketball team in September.

Derek Mills '90 joined his stepson, New York Giants' Odell Beckham Jr., at the wide receiver's 5-year, \$95 million contract extension ceremony in August.

Brian Clapp '91 competed in September at the World Weightlifting Championships in Barcelona, Spain for Team USA. He finished ninth in the world in the 85kg weight class.

Leonard Nickens '91 is working



Joon Yoo '92 was working on site at DeMatha last summer as a third party fire protection engineer inspecting the DeMatha kitchen renovation, which has since been completed.



00's

Christopher Fritts '00 works at American Security Programs as a Fire Life Safety Program Coordinator.

Robert Hay '00 was recently appointed as the new Executive Vice President of The Medical Society of the District of Columbia.

Joey D'Amico '02 is the project supervisor and estimator at Morris Construction.

Carlo DiFranco '02 currently works as a grants management specialist for the US Department of Energy on the National Renewable Energy campus in Golden, CO.

Aaron McNeil '02 was featured in a *Baltimore Sun* article about his participation in a small businesses training program run by Bloomberg and Goldman Sachs.

Brian Potskowski '02, son of faculty member Ed Potskowski, married his bride Liz Welch in England in September. **John Quashie '02** was Brian's best man.

Taylor Claggett '04, a coach on the Dutch Men's National lacrosse team for the last four years, helped his team finish 22nd out of 46 squads at the Federation of International Lacrosse Championship last summer in Netanya, Israel.

Paul Rabil '04, with the US Lacrosse team, defeated Canada to win the World Lacrosse Championship in July. He made the cover of *US Lacrosse Magazine*.

Curtis Bennett '05 was featured in a University of Delaware article that discussed his work at the National Aquarium and on inspiring the next generation of environmental conservationists.

Timothy Whitaker '05 is a Senior Contracting Officer at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.



John '11, Andrew '14 and Patrick Malloy '16 at the University of Mary campus in Bismarck, ND., here with statues of the UMary mascot (a Marauder) and of St. John de Matha! The St. John de Matha statue was put there to show that even the Marauder had the ability for redemption, if only he asked. St. John de Matha is here pleading for the release of the Marauder's prisoners.



Joseph Peacock '12 married his wife Amanda Hishmeh on Sept. 9 in Ijamsville, MD. Danny Peacock '09 served as Best Man and Stephen Wist '12 was a Groomsman. Kevin Case '12, Sean Hartig '12 and David Singh '10 were also in attendance.



John Lovett '14 and Tyler Lenhart '18, quarterbacks at Princeton and Columbia respectively, after a matchup in September.

Ryan O'Neill '07 recently started a podcast called 'This Amazing Life.' He is a personal trainer and fitness instructor.

David Benson '08 has a new position as Service Delivery Manager at Oracle.

Rodney McLeod '08 joined a campaign that is offering free health services to children in Camden, NJ.

Kevin Melo '08 is working as a Registered Nurse in the ICU at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Joey Rice '08 & Ben Warnquist '11 represented the Middle Atlantic Golf Association in September in the 67th Mason-Dixon Match at R.T Jones Golf Club in Virginia. Both went 2-0 in their matches and helped the team win over the Philadelphia Golf Association.

TJ Harris '09 was recently promoted to director of financial operations at Smartlink LLC.

Cameron Gadson '17, a sophomore at Morehouse College, was chosen as an Adams Scholar Service Scholarship recipient where he will serve as the Assistant Program Director (Intern) to District 11 for the City of Atlanta.



George Cornelius '06 served as the Chief Engineer of the World War 2 ship, the John W. Brown, during a trip to Cambridge, MD, in August.

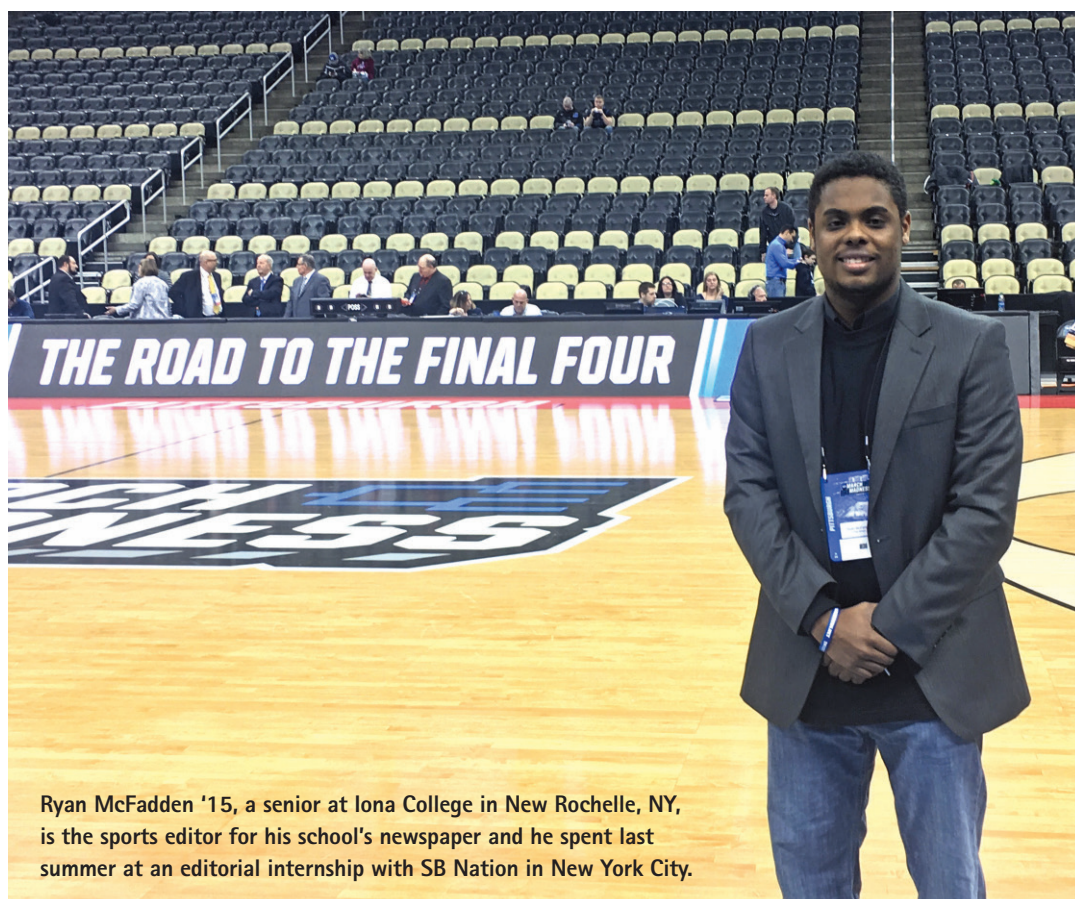
Donte Fenner '06 is working as a Groomologist at Uppercuts Men's Grooming Salon.

Ross Wixon '06 helped found District New Music Coalition, a contemporary-music advocacy organization. The organization held its first conference in September at Georgetown University.

Chike Croslin '07 was named a 2018 Temple Bar Scholar. His scholarship will be sponsored by Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

Justin Winfree '06 started a new job as an art instructor at the Arthur Blank YMCA in Atlanta.

Jerai Grant '07 signed a one-year basketball contract with BC Neptunas in Europe.



Ryan McFadden '15, a senior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, is the sports editor for his school's newspaper and he spent last summer at an editorial internship with SB Nation in New York City.



This DeMatha Red and Blue Meetup for alumni was held at the University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park in July. These events allow alumni to reconnect and network with their classmates. Follow DM on social media to find out about Red and Blue Meetups.

Michael Harris '09 was recently hired as the assistant coach for the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs in the Southern Professional Hockey League.

Nate Kopunek '09 is an assistant soccer coach at Georgia Southern University.

Cody Pearson '09 is the Director of Competitions for Easter Pennsylvania Youth Soccer.

Eric Schwartz '09 is working as the assistant director of compliance for Indiana University Athletics.

10's

Darrin Bonas '10 works as an Account Executive at G6 Sports & Entertainment Group.

Jerian Grant '10 was featured in an NBA.com article in October about his upcoming season with the Orlando Magic.

Jeff Knox Jr. '10 is playing as a linebacker for the Toronto Argonauts this season in the Canadian Football League.

Robert Nisson '10 is working at

Mark G. Anderson Consultants as an Assistant Project Manager.

Ryan Davis '11 graduated from University of San Diego School of Law in May. Ryan sat for the California Bar Exam and is currently working at the medical malpractice defense firm of Hegeler & Anderson in La Jolla, CA.

Paul Harrison '10 has a new job as a Project Manager with Sugar Mill Construction in Fairfax, VA.

Cory Puffett '10, DeMatha faculty member and coach, worked as a Camp Director for the



Sydney Reyes '18, a freshman at the US Air Force Academy Prep School, was honored with a 'uniform rope' for Athletic Excellence in the USAFA fitness test. Sydney also finished his 1st quarter with a GPA of 3.35.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission this past summer.

Evan Higgs '11 is a Procurement Specialist at the CoStar Group Inc.

William Wright '11 is a teacher at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Clinton, MD. He was an intern last year at DeMatha.

Timothy Cleasby '12 is serving with AmeriCorps Vista in Bozeman, MT, to develop a new affordable housing initiative for the community's chronically homeless population.

Jonathan Mayuga '12 works for Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch, P.C. as an Administrative Assistant.

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Michael Sprunk '12, who graduated from Clemson University in 2016 with a Bachelors degree



Nathan Smith, Jonathon Turcotte, Mitchell Cooksey, Scott Sindall, Sean Stephenson, Trevor Irish, Billy Reading all class of '12 at Scott Sindall's wedding in October.

in Mechanical Engineering, is now completing his Graduate Research Assistant Program at Auburn University. He is currently spending six months in Stuttgart, Germany in a paid internship program working for Daimler.

Darien Strachan '13 started a new job as a technology analyst at Accenture Federal Service.

Mark Allen '14, a running back at Penn State University, was featured in September on the cover and in the feature article of *Game Day Magazine*. Mark's career unfortunately ended this fall with a knee injury.

Keegan Meyer '14 was named the Big South Sports Player-of-the-Week in October for his play on the High Point University soccer team.

Cam Phillips '14 was signed to the practice squad of the Buffalo Bills.

Ja'Whaun Bentley '14 made his NFL debut in the New England Patriots 27-20 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday and had seven tackles and a QB hit. He was featured in an article on the USA Today's Patriots Wire, which mentioned DeMatha.

Sean Doyle '14 is the new defensive coordinator of VMI Lacrosse.

John Lovett '14, quarterback for Princeton University, was named the Ivy League Offensive Player-of-the-Week in October. It's the sixth time John has received that honor.

Brady Thompson '14 is a recent Lehigh graduate and new Commercial Real Estate Associate at NAI Michael (Lanham, MD).

Dolph Hegewisch '16 was featured in an article in *'The SU Flyer'* about his perseverance and his role to the Salisbury University soccer program.

Robby Napoli '15 and the Lux Choir, which he helped founded, recently released its second album.

Evan Santa '15 won the WACO Golf Championship in September carding rounds of 64-72. Evan also won the prestigious 2018 Bubby Worsham Memorial Championship placing his name next to former winner Arnold Palmer!

Koby Osei-Wusu '14, playing for the Richmond Kickers this season, was called up by DC United in September for a friendly game against CD Olimpia from Honduras.

Danny Reading '15 traveled this summer with the Mt. St. Mary's rugby team on a cultural immersion trip to New Zealand.

Tino Ellis '16 was rated by Pro Football Focus as the No. 1 cornerback in the country in week one for his performance in Maryland football's 34-29 win over Texas.

Timothy Figueroa '16 worked as a sales engineer intern at CenturyLink last summer.

Markelle Fultz '16 began his second NBA season in the Phi-



Donnell Troy '18 is a member of the North Carolina Central University Marching Band.

adelphia 76ers starting lineup in the season opener against the Boston Celtics in October. He was also featured in an article on ESPN's The Undeclared website about his upcoming season.

Shane Simmons '16 was featured in a 'Roar Lions Roar' article about his return to the Penn State football team.

Grant Donaldson '17, a linebacker for Air Force, got his first career start in October in Air Force's victory over Navy and had the second most tackles on the team.

Anthony McFarland '17 was named Big Ten Co-Freshmen of the Week in September after a 112 rushing yard and 2 TD performance in Maryland's 42-13 win over Minnesota.

Chase Young '17 was named a Big Ten Co-Defensive Player-of-the-Week and National Defensive Player-of-the-Week for his play in Ohio State's win over Penn State in October.

Justin Gielen '18 and his soccer team Baltimore Celtic won the National US Youth Soccer Championship in Texas last summer for the second straight year! Justin was awarded the golden ball trophy, for most goals in the tournament, for the second straight year. He now plays for the University of Maryland.

Dominic Lyles '18 was named Offensive Scout Team Player-of-the-Week for the Bucknell University football team in October.

Scott Toves '18 is a member of the University of Michigan Marching Band.



Father James and Coach Tony MacAulay, pictured here with generations of the Foran family at the hockey golf tournament in September in memory of Brent Crowell '90.

REUNIONS

It was great seeing a lot of Stags on campus this fall for Reunions. Make sure to check the DeMatha website and to follow the school on social media to stay up to date on future reunions! Pics from the '73, '74 and '84 gatherings will be shared in the next issue.



Lizabeth Ahern, mother of Derek '99

Joe Bartolommeo '66

Josephine Vita Basile, mother of Charles Basile '76

James A. Basile, brother of Charles Basile '76

Hannah Battle, mother-in-law of Phil Whatley '68, grandmother of Jason '94 and Joshua '00 Whatley

Carl Bradford '98

David Peter Chadwick, father of Scott '81

Tom Cleary '61, brother of Tim (dec.) '57, Jay '65, Jack '65, and Brian '70. Brother-in-law of Bob Menoche '61 (dec.)

Lloyd Corley Jr. Lloyd was a former student at DeMatha from 1994-96.

Joan H. Doyle, grandmother of Brian Lane '16

Susan Oliver Ervin, wife of Paul '82, mother of Ashby '19 and Ethan '22 Ervin. Sister of Thomas Oliver '85. Sister-in-law of Jack '74, Joe '79 and Peter '81 Ervin. Drew '99, Jason '18 and Drew '19 Robertson are also part of the Ervin family.

David Forness '84, brother of Paul '80 and Peter '81

Nicholas Garofalo, grandfather of Garrett Leadmon '18 and faculty member Chris Garofalo

Robert Gawne, grandfather of Michael '15 and Robert '12 Bigelow and Mark Nicholson '20

Steven A. Gifford, father of Brian '97

Loretta Guerrin, mother of former longtime faculty member Pat Guerrin



Marquis Jalen Brown '16.



Stags gathered recently for the funeral of Linda Faison, mother of Hezekiah Jr. '93 (third on the left) and grandmother of Hezekiah '20.

William "Bill" Bernard Hume, Navy SCPO (Ret.), grandfather of Kevin Sackett '00

Jon Kennedy '78, brother of Karl Kennedy '84 and Sonny Lowe '89

Margaret "Peggy" Kopczak, mother of Mark '89 and Matthew '91

Patty Lasick, wife of Joe '53 (dec.), stepmother of Joe '74

Richard Marth, brother of John '63 and James '64

John McNamara, friend of DeMatha. John was a St. John's grad who had been covering the Stags since he was a student at the University of Maryland in the early 1980's. John was one of the victims of the terrible shootings at the *Capital Gazette* in Annapolis in July.

Albert "Mickey" Melcher '62, brother of Emmett '62 (dec.)

Norman "Jack" Miller, father of Mike '79

Bruce Mitchell '68, father of Sekou '90

John "Jack" R. Morrison, father of Jay '86, Matt '90 and Michael '94

Colin Mulhern, son of Mike '72, nephew of Pat '69

Thomas E. Mundy '83, brother of David '84

Joseph W. Parks '52

Joseph Michael Prangley '61, father of Michael '87. Broter of Greg '65 (dec.), Pat '68 and Chris '75

Eleanor M. Proctor, sister of Gregory P. Harrod, Sr. '72, aunt and godmother of Gregory P. Harrod II '99

Hugh (Bud) Robey, father of Michael '80

Brenda Rowe, grandmother of Michael Rowe '05

Richard Joseph "Snap" Schnappauf, grandfather of Brett Drumheller '06 and Daniel Tapscott '10 and great uncle of Ronnie '89, Sean '91, and Bryan Yerby '93

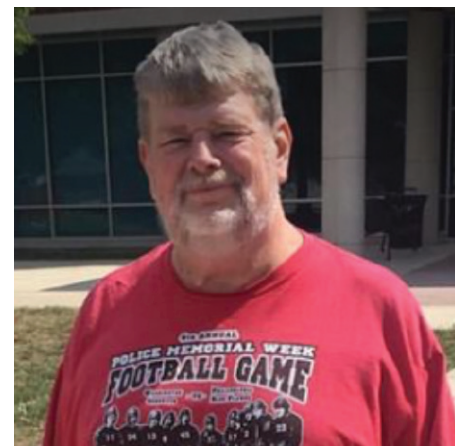
Walter Smith, brother of Ray (dec.), former faculty member. Uncle of Billy '85, Ray '87, and Carl.

Norma Stueckler, mother of James '69 and William '75

Joanne (Thomas) Sutton, sister of John Thomas '79

Allen D. Yates, grandfather of Joe Holliday '19 and Sam Holliday '13

Hilda Yoast, aunt of staff member and Stag Store Manager Jeane Scott



Brad Garner, father of Matt '00 and Nick '03 (dec.) Brad was a longtime DeMatha coach and supporter.