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# CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Friends of Central Catholic High School,

### *What's your definition of success?*

In December, Principal Doreen Keller and I were privileged to spend time in “Advent Reflection” with parents of our current freshmen and seniors. Often these moms and dads remarked on the high quality of our curriculum and instruction. Those with older children repeatedly described their smooth transition to college and success with university studies, thanks to the comprehensive preparation they received at CCHS.

It was interesting that, just as often, parents expressed gratitude for the spiritual enrichment and character formation their children receive at CCHS, for the school's safe and nurturing environment, and for the wholesome values we actively promote. So many described the blossoming of their sons and daughters into fine young men and women - and attribute this to their Central Catholic experience.

Naturally, the CCHS definition of success includes academic, athletic, and artistic achievement – these endure as hallmarks of our school. Still, at Central Catholic we measure success by standards which run broader and deeper, encompassing the integrity and dignity of the whole person.

In this issue of the Emblem you will read about Central Catholic alums whose success is notable by any definition. Undoubtedly, Mark Coccozza '66, Joseph Faro '87, and Lynelia Raposo-Reyes '00 can measure their achievements in earnings, accomplishments, and accolades. Yet the lives of these individuals – like so many of our graduates – are successful by standards that reach well beyond the bottom line: devotion to family, service to community, a meaningful life of faith, making the world a better place.

We salute Mark, Joe, Lynelia and all Central Catholic alumni who, through diligence and passion, have accomplished worthwhile goals and fulfilled noble dreams. We are proud of them. And we are grateful for any role Central Catholic has played in their success.

Wishing you and your families abundant blessings in 2011,

Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73

# ENTERPRISING MINDS NEED TO KNOW, WANT TO KNOW

*“Were you well prepared at CCHS for success in college?”*

*“Yes, better than I ever thought...”*



“ Keeping our program of studies in line with the advancements and changes in today’s data-driven climate requires that our teachers be knowledgeable of new trends in the worlds of business and technology and continuously update the content of the courses they teach. ”

- Jodi Linnehan Kriner  
*Chair of Business and Technology Department*



Ask graduates of Central Catholic, “Were you well prepared at CCHS for success in college?” Unquestionably, the reply you will receive is, “Yes, better than I ever thought. I’m well ahead of most of the students in knowledge and skills.” For many CCHS graduates, this outstanding academic preparation for university studies includes the knowledge and the skills required for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world of business enterprise.

TV advertisements for large brokerage houses, cable news channels, the quick and ready access to information on the internet, the lure of the ever-expanding applications of technology and the observed success of business leaders, inspire a significant number of enterprising Central Catholic students, today more than ever, to view the business world as a place where their talents and preparation hold professional promise and personal fulfillment.

The Central Catholic curriculum in Business and Technology studies has grown significantly over the last twenty years to meet students’ educational and career interests and goals. At present, nearly 30% of CCHS juniors and seniors elect to enroll in one or more of the offerings of the Business and Technology Department as part of their college prep studies.

Central Catholic’s present curriculum in Business and Technology is only faintly reminiscent of the days when students were limited to classes such as typing, mechanical drawing or business math. While Central Catholic’s

expansion in Business and Technology studies began in the 1980’s with the addition of computer studies and accounting, the decade of the 1990’s brought significant curricular enhancements which continue right through to the present – with more to come on the near horizon.

### Business Studies: Then and Now

Course offerings in Business and Technology studies grew over the period of the 1990’s to include Accounting II, Business Law, Marketing, Computer Applications, C++ Programming, A+ Certification and Web Page Design. In 2002, the school administration decided to elevate Business and Technology to the status of an academic department with its own chairperson. Jodi Linnehan Kriner, Central Catholic’s Director of Technology, was named the department’s chair, a position she deftly continues to hold today. Kriner has overseen the continued expansion of the Business and Technology curriculum with the introduction of Economics, Statistics, Management Information Systems, Visual Basic Programming and Web Development. The Business Department faculty has also expanded to include three full-time teachers: Charles Adamopoulos, Michael Staropoli and Donald Jalbert.

Each course in the Business and Technology Department requires students to become thoroughly familiar with and to apply 21<sup>st</sup> century hardware and software—most commonly used by colleges in training business majors. For example, accounting students make use of automated software to organize and manage data and reports. Marketing students can



Jodi Linnehan Kriner,  
Chair of Business and Technology.

use electronic surveys and databases and other resources to research new marketing methods. Business students use these same electronic resources to track the financial standing and future prospects of companies before participating in the annual Stock Market competition for high schools. In Economics and Statistics courses, students make frequent use of analytical and graphical software to understand the mathematical underpinnings of theories under study.

Recognizing the critical role technology plays in successful business enterprises in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Central Catholic’s curriculum and faculty insure students are introduced to the applicable technologies. This is true, not only in the Business and Technology course offerings, but across the school’s entire program of studies. To accomplish this, Central Catholic has invested over \$350,000 in the last eight years to grow its technology resources and to keep these resources at the state-of-the-art.

### Business and Technology Studies in 2011-2012

A major leap in the evolution of the Business and Technology Department will occur in the

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2011-2012 school year. First, a new course which focuses on emerging technologies will be introduced as an elective. The course will examine Google™ tools, cloud computing, Web 2.0 technology, information security and networks. Additionally, CCHS will collaborate with the Virtual High School (VHS) consortium of schools to offer online instruction for the first time, doing so in a wide variety of academic fields, including courses in Business and Technology studies.

Jodi Linnehan Kriner, Business and Technology chairperson, emphatically states, “Keeping our

program of studies in line with the advancements and changes in today’s data-driven climate requires that our teachers be knowledgeable of new trends in the worlds of business and technology and continuously update the content of the courses they teach.” To insure this relevancy, Business and Technology department courses at CCHS consistently challenge students with real life scenarios and ask them to work in collaborative teams. As a result, CCHS students remain unquestionably well-prepared with the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary for success in university studies and in the professional world.



Charles Adamopoulos

### “Raider Traders” – CCHS Students Learn the Workings of the Stock Market

Fostering knowledge and understanding of financial markets, Mr. Charles Adamopoulos, business studies faculty, requires students in his Marketing class to compete in the statewide “Stock Market Game” sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA).

Students are divided into teams of four and given a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest in an online portfolio. Adamopoulos requires students to research companies traded on the NYSE (New York Stock Exchange) and NASDAQ. On a weekly basis, students learn to research and evaluate past and current price/earnings ratios and other indicators. Student-teams must invest a virtual \$100,000 in a minimum of three companies at all times. Students are able to buy and sell stocks in their portfolio in weekly trading sessions over a period of 12 weeks. Investment earnings are tracked online by SIFMA who reports the final statewide standings of student-teams.

CCHS student-teams have been in the lead among the more than 900 student-teams in Massachusetts. CCHS teams have finished as high as 3rd & 5th in the “Stock Market Game” in the last five years. Looking for investment advice...TURN HERE !

## CCHS Business and Technology Department Course Offerings

### 2010-2011

- Accounting I
- Accounting II
- Business Law
- Marketing
- Statistics
- Economics
- Computer Applications
- Problem Solving Using Visual Basic
- Management Information Systems
- Web Development

### Additional Business & Technology Courses for 2011-2012

- Hot Topics in Computer Science – Emerging Technologies
- International Business (VHS)
- Advanced Placement Economics (VHS)
- Advanced Placement Statistics (VHS)
- Advanced Placement Computer Science (VHS)



# A Recipe for Success

*Building a Business Empire and a Vision for the Future*



Joseph Faro | '87

*"I never grew up as a CEO. I learned how to succeed as I went along in the business world. It's important to know what you don't know, to admit your mistakes and foster in oneself a spirit that learns from mistakes and moves you to excellence."*

– Joseph Faro '87

## The Road to Success Has No Shortcuts

Snow started falling late one morning on a cold January day, prompting a young man and his friend to start planning what they hoped would be an undetected escape from school. Their final class was a study period – no one would miss them. A quick trip to their lockers at the change of class, out a side door to the parking lot, a key in the ignition, and off they would go.

In the parking lot, the tires were spinning but the car wasn't moving. "Just gun it, gun it... let's get out of here!" he told his friend.

"You've got to be kidding! Look, he's up there... in the window."

Mr. William Cowie '59, the Dean of Students (aka the Dean of Discipline) stood perched in his office overlooking the parking lot, curling his index finger out the window.

With this gesture, Joseph Faro '87 screamed to his friend Dan Berard '87, "We're dead!"

Little did Faro know at the time that this was not an end but a beginning. Mr. Cowie's words resonate with him even today. "The only one you are fooling or cheating is yourself. There are no shortcuts in life if you want to be successful." This wouldn't be the first or last time Faro had the benefit of such a lesson.

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Mr. William Cowie '59

### Lessons from an Immigrant Family: the Road to Opportunity

At an early age, Joseph Faro saw firsthand the benefits of hard work. He bore witness to the steadfast labors of his father and mother as they strived to build a new life in America after arriving from Sicily in the mid-1950's. After a few years working in the textile mills, his father Joseph opened a small bakery in Methuen. As business grew, the bakery moved to Prospect Street in Lawrence and later to Winter Street in Haverhill. Faro worked alongside his father in the bakery, learning the food business close-up. He felt the power of his father's vision, witnessed the sacrifices he made and the passion he brought to everything made in the bakery. As the family grew, the Faros moved from Newbury and Common Street in Lawrence to Prospect Hill.

With long hours, years of hard work and a vision for the possible, that small bakery continues to thrive in Lawrence as Joseph's MultiGrains Bakery, serving commercial and retail customers across the New England area. Faro's mother, Rose, always saw education as the road to opportunity for her family and exemplified that for her children. She graduated from St. Mary High School in 1961 and earned a scholarship to Emmanuel College, later returning to her alma mater to teach science.

### Lessons of Passion and Purpose at CCHS

Faro's parents recognized that he was innately bright but that his boundless energy needed discipline and focus. Their answer: Central Catholic High School.

"I entered Central Catholic kicking and screaming, but I came out excited about learning," says

Faro. "My parents knew I was too busy with friends, looking to try everything a teenager can do for fun. I needed to reset my personal speedometer, and they knew it."

From his first days in class, he was strongly influenced by his teachers. "I will never forget the passion and intensity of every English lesson taught by Mr. Licare, Mr. Rich's oft-repeated encouragement to focus on your goals in life, Mr. McCue's impressive historical knowledge sprinkled with levity, and Mr. Adamopoulos' affection for each student. You could tell immediately that our teachers loved what they did. They had a clear purpose and goals that they worked unfailingly to reach. They demonstrated that this is the secret of a fulfilling life. Every teacher took a personal interest in you and believed in your potential even if you didn't see it."

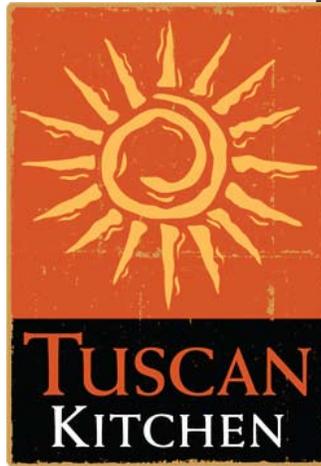


Tuscan Kitchen, Italian Restaurant and Bistro, Salem, NH

During a recent return to his alma mater, Faro marveled that Central Catholic continues to immerse its students in a culture of genuine personal achievement and core Christian values. “The belief in your potential to succeed at anything you can envision, the hard work it takes to get there, and the understanding that you never achieve anything without the support of others, is still present at CCHS and even stronger today.”

### A Plan for the Future

After graduating from Central Catholic, Faro enrolled in the Whittemore School of Business & Economics at the University of New Hampshire, where he earned his B.S. in business and finance in 1991. The values he learned at CCHS combined with the experience in his father’s bakery sparked an interest in an entrepreneurial studies course. As part of the course, Faro developed a business plan for “Joseph’s Gourmet Pasta & Sauces,” entering it into the university’s Holloway Prize competition. The business plan earned him second place, propelling him to move forward.



At age 21, Faro approached 15 local banks one by one, seeking \$1 million in financing. Each bank declined until the 15th was impressed more by his passion than by his plan. Faro admits he had no idea how to make artisan-style pasta, but he knew he had the drive to learn.

Faro spent months in the kitchen on trial and error – thousands of hours developing recipes for pasta of all kinds, gathering advice and eventually the approval of chefs at hotels and restaurants in Boston. He realized that to succeed on a profitable and practical scale, he had to automate the artisan process. After nearly 50 trips to Italy and hundreds of hours with engineers, Faro was able to develop what no other company had done before: an automated process for making top-quality, genuine artisan pasta so unique that no other company could duplicate it.

He employed 10 research and development chefs just to develop new product lines and began selling Joseph’s Gourmet Pasta & Sauces to major restaurant chains (including Bertucci’s, Carrabba’s Italian

Joseph Faro '87, with his wife Samantha and their three children Max, Olivia & Joe Jr.

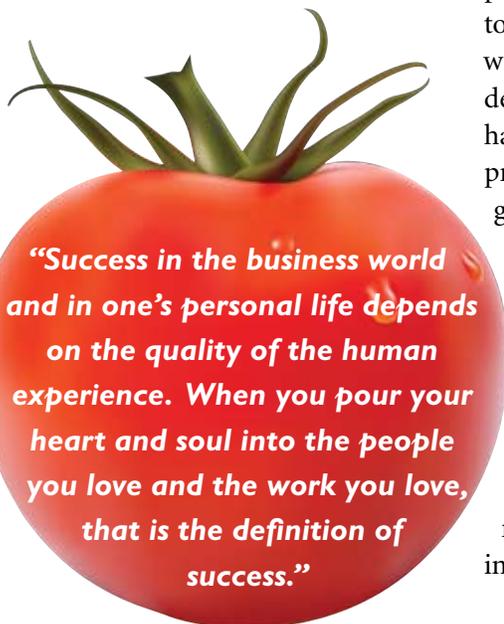
Grill, Legal Seafoods, and Olive Garden), country clubs, wholesale clubs and hotels. The old-world flavor and high quality of Faro’s product line set the standard in the marketplace. Business grew exponentially with over one million pounds of pasta produced and sold weekly from his Haverhill plant.

Joseph’s Gourmet Pasta & Sauces soon became one of the largest gourmet pasta companies in the world.

### A Legacy of Family, a Vision for Community

The values Faro learned as part of a close-knit immigrant family continue to inspire his vision for the future. Family is at the center of his heart and vision. Faro met his future wife, Samantha, when she came to his father’s bakery to buy a birthday cake. Married in 1995, they have three growing children, Joe, Max and Olivia. His desire to give his family the same loving presence his parents

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*“Success in the business world and in one’s personal life depends on the quality of the human experience. When you pour your heart and soul into the people you love and the work you love, that is the definition of success.”*



Artist's rendering of Tuscan Market

provided for him led Faro to the difficult decision to sell his company to Nestle in 2006. It was about priorities. "The key to life's true happiness, is balance," says Faro.

With his family as a focal point, Faro's new and exciting business and community vision has begun to emerge, one that he hopes his children will one day bring into full realization. He purchased seven properties at the intersection of Main Street and Route 28 in Salem, NH on which he hopes to create a pedestrian friendly downtown business development. The new development will consist of a family of artisan Italian businesses and facilities to give people a realistic glimpse of artisan Italy. "Salem has never had a downtown, and this development is the start of that."

Faro has transformed a large building into *Tuscan Kitchen*, an Italian restaurant and bistro that opened in November 2010 and features a varied fare of gourmet Italian dishes, pastas, breads and other dishes. "Everything we do, we make it ourselves to the point

that we make it in front of you – everything is cooked and baked in open kitchens." The restaurant has opened to a multitude of rave reviews.

Faro's plans go beyond *Tuscan Kitchen* to include *Tuscan Market*, a store selling the foods and wines found at the restaurant and an online marketplace called [TuscanMarket.com](http://TuscanMarket.com). Plans also include an outdoor park, *Tuscan Villa*, envisioned as a spot for outdoor weddings, food and wine festivals, or just relaxing

under trellises and kiosks in a beautifully landscaped setting.

As he considers every dream or vision he has had in life to this point, Faro attributes his success to the lessons he learned from his family and from his years at Central Catholic. "Success in the business world and in one's personal life depends on the quality of the human experience. When you pour your heart and soul into the people you love and the work you love, that is the definition of success." 



Artist's rendering of Tuscan Villa

# Learning the Definition of Success

*A Rising Professional, a Loving Mother, an Inspiring Role Model*



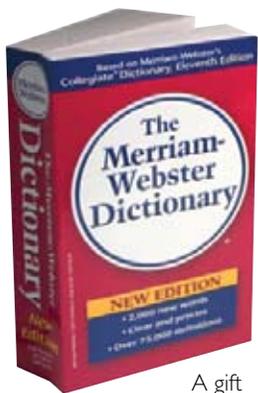
Lynelia Raposo '00

Lynelia Raposo-Reyes | '00

*“At Central Catholic, in my moments of doubt, my teachers urged me to be proud of my path: where I’d come from, what I needed to do each day to succeed, and, most importantly, to make no excuses to myself as I climbed the path of my dreams.”* — Lynelia Raposo-Reyes '00

## A Gift and a Promise

The 13 year-old girl was more than a little frightened as she prepared for her first day of school in America. She took a little comfort in knowing that some of her public school classes in Lawrence would be taught in Spanish, her native language. The day before school was to begin, the young girl’s father presented her with a gift, a dictionary. “You will need this in school every day. Don’t worry, I’ll help you study. Just do your best.” With these words, Lynelia Raposo '00 discovered her father’s decision to bypass her placement in bilingual classes in favor of classes taught fully in English.



A gift from Dad.

Though born in Methuen, Lynelia Raposo’s family moved to Puerto Rico when she was three, and she attended elementary and middle school there, where her father, Carlos, ran a bodega. Her mother, Lydia, emphasized the importance of education to her two daughters and went back to school herself as an example to them.

In search of greater opportunities for their children, Carlos and Lydia decided to return to America, as Lynelia prepared to enter eighth grade. The family settled into an apartment on

Water Street and Carlos opened a bodega on Jackson Street in Lawrence. With very limited English and armed with a new dictionary, Lynelia Raposo ventured forth anxiously on an uncharted path.

The support of her family and the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence – along with her dictionary – gave her hope as she struggled in school over those first months. By the middle of the year, her grades were improving steadily. Still unsure of her abilities, it took the encouragement of her parents and Steve Kelley '64 of the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club to get her to apply to CCHS.

## Her Central Catholic Experience

“Getting accepted to Central Catholic was the first major achievement of my life, I was so proud, but really scared, too,” recalls Raposo. “Central Catholic’s teachers were extremely encouraging and never gave up on me, even though I was struggling to understand spoken English and to write English properly. They were welcoming and approachable when I needed help and non-judgmental of my background and obstacles. As a result, I never gave up.”

“One of my many outstanding English teachers, Mr. (Joseph) Welch '90, remained after school with me to work on my English vocabulary and writing day-after-day. His teaching methods, breaking the class

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into teams for vocabulary and spelling competitions motivated me to study harder in English.” In addition, Welch’s method for teaching expository writing called for students to read and criticize each other’s essays in order to improve clarity and correctness of expression. “I learned how to write at a high level and also the value of teamwork in an academic endeavor from Mr. Welch.”



Mr. Joseph Welch '90

Raposo’s confidence grew along with each up-tick in her GPA. Her growing confidence led her to run for class office and to join the outdoor track team, where she qualified for the Massachusetts all-state meet in the discus. “The secret of Central Catholic’s success is that students are taught to believe that achievement must be their common goal, and that collectively as well as individually, we can be a powerful force for good in our life and the lives of others.”

### On to College

After graduating in 2000, Raposo enrolled in the Isenberg School of Management at UMASS – Amherst, confident that she would succeed. “Knowing I had

overcome obstacles in my path and made it through CCHS, I knew I could do anything,” says Raposo.

Raposo excelled from the start of her first semester, attributing a large part of her early success to the organizational skills she learned at CCHS, even admitting she depended on the CCHS Academic Planner she brought to keep her on track. She was invited to be a part of INROADS at UMASS, a mentoring and internship program that placed high-achieving, first-generation college, business undergrads with Fortune 500 companies.

She double-majored in Marketing and Spanish, spending the fall of 2002 studying at the Universidad de Seville in Spain. Through the INROADS program, she completed internships in sales and marketing with several national food chains. “I grew up in a bodega, so sales and distribution felt natural to me.”

### Entering the Marketplace

Upon graduation from UMASS

in 2004, Raposo was offered positions with Stop & Shop and Kraft Foods, ultimately choosing Kraft, a Fortune 100 company, for its emphasis on team building, a skill Raposo had well-developed.

Raposo thought her days of filling shelves in the bodega were in the past until starting at Kraft. She found herself stocking shelves and displays in supermarkets as part of Kraft’s philosophy that leadership and management must know its products from the ground up. Raposo advanced quickly – after a couple of months she was promoted to Retail Customer Manager and was planning Kraft’s product merchandising in 29 food categories for five stores. Her efforts improved sales by 4% to \$1.7 million and merchandising space by 26% over the prior year. She was named the “Sales Representative of the Year” for the Central Mass. region.

She was promoted again in 2006 to Retail Merchandising Manager, supervising, training and managing 32 employees within New



Raposo’s bodega in Lawrence.



Raposo speaking at Central Catholic High School's "Fulfilling the Promise" scholarship event.

England. Her "team approach" for New England replaced the former state-by-state paradigm and led to increased sales, cost reductions, and more highly motivated sales teams. These results brought deserving praise from Kraft's corporate officers.

Her upward climb continued in 2007 when she was named to Customer Category Manager and given responsibility for a yearly trade budget of nearly \$5 million for advertising and merchandising of eight Kraft food categories for 174 Hannaford's and 103 Sweet Bay markets. Again the results were rapid and impressive – she increased product line revenues by as much as 53% and oversaw a 10% increase in revenue in her food categories by negotiating merchandising agreements and developing programs to minimize out-of-stock occurrences.

Recognition of Raposo's success went beyond Kraft Foods Corporation to ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting). ALPFA offered

her a scholarship to attend Bentley University in Waltham, to obtain her MBA, which she completed in 2009. Despite her hectic work demands, Raposo wanted to get the MBA so she could prove to her own children one day "that you can do anything you set your mind to."

### Family

Central Catholic has played a role not only in her professional success, but in Raposo's family life. In 2006, she married Mario Reyes '97. Mario has worked for Price-WaterhouseCoopers and is now an auditor for a regional health services company. They met at Central Catholic and reconnected at UMASS where, as fortune would have it, Mario was a resident assistant in Lynelia's dormitory and helped her adjust to the demands of college life. They began dating and the relationship deepened into love and their marriage. In 2007, they were blessed with their first child, Sebastian.

### A Difficult Decision

The birth of their son led Raposo-Reyes to a personal and professional crossroads. "I remembered the amazing childhood I had, the pride my parents had standing by my side at my every achievement as I grew up, and I wanted that for my son, Sebastian."

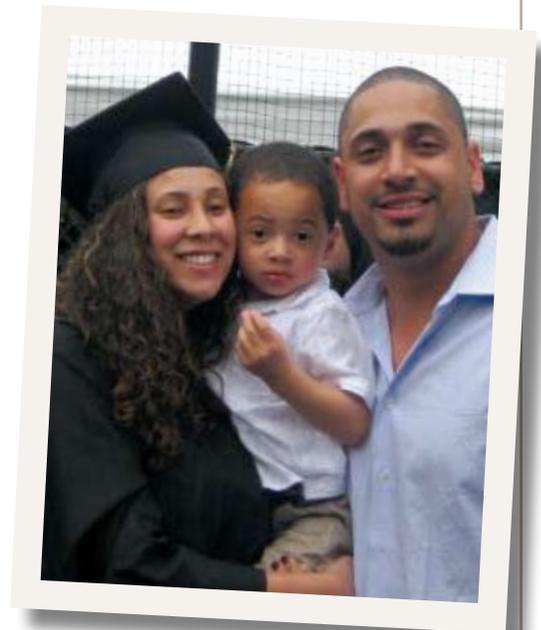
She informed Kraft of her thoughts of stepping away for a time and she was told by headquarters that Kraft had specific plans in mind for a bright future for her. This made the decision all the more difficult.

In October 2010, she left the corporate world, putting her

professional career plans on hold in order to spend time at home with her son. Her decision has given her the opportunity to pursue some of her other passions as well.

Lynelia has played an active role at CCHS, serving as a speaker for the Fulfilling the Promise Scholarship Program. She is a mentor for the INROADS students at UMASS, and she serves on the Board of Directors at the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence.

Regardless of whether it's as a high-powered business executive, a loving mother and wife, or an inspiring role model and mentor, Raposo-Reyes is making an impact on the world. "I know the definition of a successful life. I don't need a dictionary anymore." 🇪🇺



Lynelia with her husband, Mario Reyes '97, and their son, Sebastian, at Bentley College graduation.

# ALWAYS A BEST FOOT FORWARD

## Mark Coccozza | '66

Former VP of Stride Rite Corporation

Former President of Sperry Topsider

Former CEO of Maxwell Shoe

Founder & CEO of Modern Shoe Company



### An 'Aha!' Moment

Christmas was quickly approaching, and the father was coming up empty in the search for his daughter's desired special gift, a Strawberry Shortcake doll that was the year's hottest item and flying off the shelves. He feared that his daughter was going to be disappointed.

The magic of Christmas intervened when he took a business trip to Cleveland, coincidentally the home of American Greetings, the doll's merchandiser. He left Cleveland with not just the sought-after doll in hand, but with an idea that would help shape his future and the future of his company, Stride Rite. A top executive at the shoe company, Mark Coccozza '66 thought, "Why not design and market a 'Strawberry Shortcake' sneaker for children, one that could even smell like strawberries?"

In the first six months, Stride Rite sold 1 million pairs of 'Strawberry Shortcake' sneakers.

Coccozza attributes his phenomenal success over 35 years in the shoe industry to his thorough, "ground-level and up" experience combined with the ability to identify and capitalize on opportunities with confidence.

### First Steps

Mark Coccozza '66 grew up in an eight-tenement house on Elm Street in Lawrence, as the middle child of Gus and Dorothy Coccozza's three children. Extended family and relatives filled each tenement on the street lined mostly with families of Italian descent. When he graduated from Holy Rosary School, his parents wanted him in a Catholic environment and saw Central Catholic as the best place to prepare him for college.



“When you get an opportunity in life, you must be prepared to seize it and give it your best.”

*Mark Coccozza's advice to today's Central Catholic Students*

Cocozza came to Central Catholic with a different motivation: a love of basketball. “To play on a Central Catholic basketball team with my friends, Joe Janco, John Bresnahan, and Jim Dziadosz was my goal in life.” After a few months, his English teacher and freshmen basketball coach; Bro. John O’Connell, FMS, pulled the young Cocozza aside, clearly disappointed with his misplaced priorities.

“Bro. John was very emphatic with me one day after class, saying that despite my love of the sport, basketball was not the most important thing in my life,” states Cocozza. “If I wanted the chance to play, I’d have to prove to him that I had studied my class lessons first. I never forgot that conversation. It became the basis for spurring me on in my education and in my life. If CCHS didn’t push me, it’s likely I would have taken a job after graduation and skipped college entirely.”

Instead, he enrolled in the liberal arts-mathematics program at Northern Essex Community College, graduating with an Associate’s Degree and planning to become a teacher. “My CCHS teachers, Mr. Louis Gosselin and Bro. Edward Michael, FMS, made the study of math very enjoyable, so being a math teacher seemed like a good direction at the time.”

But in 1968, the Vietnam War had escalated, and though his older brother Gus enlisted in the Army Reserves, his parents talked Mark out of this plan. After a short stint at Northeastern University, Cocozza transferred to Lowell Technological Institute (present day, UMASS– Lowell), majoring in business administration and finance.

His love of math and his experience at a part-time job steered this change of direction. During high school and college, he worked part-time and over the summer for Stride Rite Corp on Franklin Street in Lawrence, where his father worked in the shoe warehouse. “I became a much better student in college. I had developed good work habits in my part-time job, remembered the lessons of CCHS, and saw the opportunities that an education presents after experiencing the day-to-day life in a shoe factory.”

## Hitting His Stride

Stride Rite, whose brand was centered in quality children’s shoes, offered Cocozza a full-time job after his graduation from Lowell Tech in 1971 and provided opportunities for additional management training, which he eagerly accepted.

“When you get an opportunity in life, you must be prepared to seize it and give it your best.” While working full-time at Stride Rite, he earned his MBA at Suffolk University at night. Cocozza steadily advanced through a variety of positions, relying on his knowledge of the shoe industry at the lower levels of production and building on the higher levels of design, marketing and merchandising. The Chief Executive of Stride Rite, a Harvard University graduate and a strong believer in case studies as a strategic tool, assigned Cocozza to bring Stride Rite’s potential marketing strategies to the Harvard Business School for study and feedback.

“Just as Nike was becoming a top seller,” says Cocozza, “we asked the Harvard Business School students if Stride Rite should move into the sneaker business? The advice was a resounding, NO! Do what you do best.” Stride Rite followed the advice. Rather than manufacturing sneakers, Stride Rite entered the sneaker market by acquiring the sneaker company Keds. “I assimilated very good business instincts from the CEO, and learned the benefits of growing a company through mergers and acquisitions.” Over time, he became vice president of marketing at Stride Rite. After successes with Strawberry Shortcake and Star Wars sneakers (Cocozza visited with George Lucas to obtain a license), he became Corporate VP of Merchandising. Stride Rite continued to grow through acquisitions of quality brands such as Herman’s Survivors and Sperry Topsider, becoming president of the latter. His personal experiences of the industry from the ground on up and his seizing every educational opportunity gave him a confidence to take on a riskier path.

## Breaking Away from the Pack

While Cocozza could have remained at Stride Rite and would likely have assumed the position of CEO eventually, he took a risk and accepted the operational leadership of a small shoe company, Maxwell Shoes. Age 38 at the time, he was challenged by the owner and CEO to grow the company.

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Bro. John O’Connell, FMS

Believing he had the necessary skills and the vision of a business model unique to the industry, Cocozza took the leap. “Truthfully, I knew if I did not succeed, I was young enough to start over somewhere else in the industry.” Once again, he lived by his mantra that “when preparation meets opportunity, seize it.”

Cocozza realized that the shoe industry could not thrive in the US if it was fundamentally based in manufacturing. Competition from foreign brands was already deflating the US shoe business. For the shoe industry to thrive in the US, fixed costs of production had to be scaled back with production occurring overseas. For Maxwell Shoe, a discount company with \$10 million in sales largely from selling close-out lines of shoes, growth would lie in effective marketing, smart merchandising and sales, and most important of all, successful acquisitions of shoe lines that would increase Maxwell’s appeal to a broader consumer footwear market.

With savvy negotiating skills he learned from Maxwell’s founder and CEO, Maxwell Blum, Cocozza navigated Maxwell Shoe through a series of successful acquisitions: the Sam & Libby shoe line, the Dockers for Women line, the Anne Klein shoe line and the Joan and David salon brand.

In 1994, Maxwell’s success led to Cocozza’s decision to take Maxwell Shoe public, and he worked assiduously at convincing analysts and the public, with the help of Bear Stearns, that investing in Maxwell Shoe would be profitable on the basis of sales growth from \$10 million to over \$150 million.

As a result, Cocozza engineered a successful public offering and became Chairman and CEO of Maxwell Shoe. In 1998, he led a second public offering of Maxwell stock. Maxwell’s success garnered strong interest by the CEO of Jones-New York Apparel Company, a \$3 billion company. In 2004, the CEO of Jones-New York, wanting to own Maxwell’s successful Anne Klein line, called Cocozza and asked if Maxwell Shoe was for sale. The answer was no. Cocozza felt the offer was too low and he and his Maxwell team had worked too hard to let the company go. Despite being promised the CEO position at Jones Footwear Group, the answer was still “no” because he continued to view the offer as undervalued. After an arduous, and at times rancorous negotiation, the Jones-New York CEO called Cocozza and

offered \$300 million for Maxwell Shoe. The modest company he led with originally \$10 million in sales was now valued at \$300 million! Says Cocozza, “I had learned early on in my business career that the most important element in business dealings is leverage, and I had what Jones wanted badly – so the leverage was with Maxwell, and the price was met.”

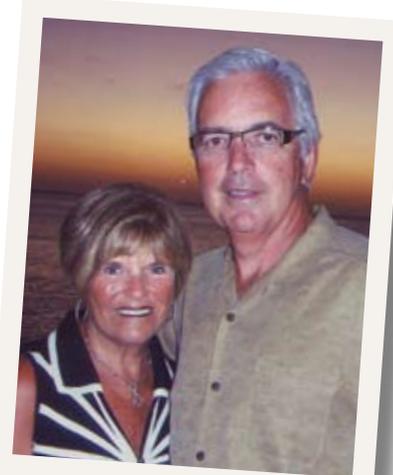
A two-year “non-compete” clause in the sale of Maxwell gave Cocozza time to assess the future. During this non-compete period, he returned to Stride Rite as a member of the Board of Directors. In 2006, with the help of several of his top Maxwell executives, Cocozza founded Modern Shoe Company in Readville, MA, which sells full lines of men’s and women’s footwear in the wholesale and retail markets. In August 2010, Cocozza sold his ownership in the company but is consulting as acting CEO during an ongoing CEO search process.

### Putting His Feet Up... For Now

Today, Mark Cocozza ’66 and his wife, Susan, live alternately in Florida and Boston. He credits his personal and business success to his family’s lessons and values and his educational roots at CCHS and in the Merrimack Valley.

“I have been very fortunate in my business and personal life. The ultimate satisfaction in life is to help those that have not been as fortunate as we have been, which is why we established the Cocozza Family Scholarship at Central Catholic and why my family has made commitments to Lawrence General Hospital, Children’s Hospital Boston, and the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.”

Cocozza is thankful that he took Bro. John’s early advice, and Central Catholic and the Merrimack Valley are thankful that he has kept his feet on the ground and put his “best foot forward” for students and citizens in need. ☺



Mark Cocozza ’66  
with his wife, Susan.

# Alumni News

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## 60th Anniversary Reunion - The CCHS Class of 1950



Members of the Class of 1950 came together on October 8 -9 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation from CCHS. Members of the Class of 1950 enjoyed a reception and toured the school then attended the homecoming football game (Raider victory). The reunion also included a breakfast at Jackson's Restaurant in Methuen.

Pictured in the photo front row (L-R): Tom Catalano, Al Peterson, John Gillis, Tom Courtney, Joe Kalil, 2nd row (L-R): Joe Ferrigno, Dan Lyons, Ray Lynch, 3rd row (L-R): Henry Foderaro, Bernie St. Laurent, Dave Twomey, Jim O'Hearn, Joe Indoccio, Tony Bellia, 4th row (L-R): Francis Lemay, Ned Leone, George Unick

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## A Golden Anniversary - Class of 1960 - St. Mary High School

Seventy members of the Class of 1960 of St. Mary High School celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a reunion on October 3 at the Seaglass Restaurant, Salisbury, MA. "We all had a blast!" remarked Patty Coco.



Photos courtesy of Frank Leone, Eagle Tribune

Reunion committee members in photo (L-R): Ellen Lacourse Giblin, Ann Falco Grecoe, Mary Czarnecki Durant, Barbara Giallongo Murphy and Sandra Ciardello Gatsas.



(L-R): Claire Bergeron Dupuiyo, Dianne Zanfagna Blake, Janet Janco Peters and Patricia Elia Coco.

## 54th Anniversary Reunion - Class of 1956 - St. Mary High School



Eighteen members of the Class of 1956 of St. Mary High School gathered in September in Ogunquit, Maine for their annual reunion which included dining, shopping and laughing!

Pictured in the photo are (clockwise L-R): Josie Patti Unis, Marilyn McCarthy Ralph, Joanne Bulger Young, Anna Cristaldi, Angela Cristaldi Nagy, Laurie Sambataro, Tina Bucyk Mahoney, Joyce DeLuca Marcin, Rita Cormier Janulewicz, Maureen Kneeland Souma, Anne Marie Keleher, Grace Lagana and Joanne Grella.

## CCHS Class of 1948 - "Lunch Bunch"

Good friends and good food! It has become a tradition for members of the CCHS Class of 1948 to meet for lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Andover several times a year to enjoy each other's company, "catch up" and remember their CCHS days.



Pictured above, (back row L-R): Paul Sullivan, Tom Garvey, Charlie Riley, Jim Maloney, Fr. Guy (Sammy) Vellardita OFM, Frank Foderaro, Vin Landers, Art Hamel, Bro. Rene Roy FMS, Joe LaPlante. (front row L-R): Ray Pecci, Ned Catalano, Bill Carney, Jay Tanzer, Tony Fragala and Joe Menowske.



### Calling All CCHS Theatre Guild Alumni!

You are invited to attend a reception in your honor on Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 PM. The reception is prior to the 7 PM "opening night" performance of the CCHS Theatre Guild musical, "*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*."

**RSVP: [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net)**

# Thank You *Giving*

## The New Balance Foundation and the Demoulas Foundation Make Major Commitments to CCHS

Central Catholic's 75-year commitment to the students and community of Greater Lawrence is at the heart of our mission as a Marist educational institution. We are very fortunate to have been generously supported in this commitment by two company-sponsored foundations.

In December 2010, the **New Balance Foundation**, sponsored by New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., presented CCHS with a \$250,000 grant to endow a need-based student scholarship at CCHS. The New Balance scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club who has been admitted to Central Catholic beginning in September 2011. Central Catholic is sincerely grateful to the New Balance Foundation for its generosity, its commitment to the Lawrence area, and its confidence in the benefit that a CCHS education provides for our students.

The **Demoulas Foundation**, sponsored by Demoulas Supermarkets and members of the Demoulas family, has committed generous philanthropic support to Central Catholic and its students consistently over the last decade.

The Demoulas Foundation made a significant financial gift to "A Light Beams Forth," the capital campaign for the South Academic Wing. Most recently, the Demoulas Foundation generously committed \$50,000 to Central Catholic's "Dreams & Opportunities" campaign. In addition, the Demoulas Foundation continues to be a major sponsor of the annual Golf Tournament which benefits the **Montagne Project**, Central Catholic's program to support economically-disadvantaged, "at-promise" students from Greater Lawrence. We deeply appreciate the generosity and commitment of the Demoulas family for supporting CCHS' efforts to provide an excellent college prep education to the young people of the Merrimack Valley.

## CCHS Recognizes Philanthropic Leaders

At a reception on September 30, 2010, Bro. Thomas Long, CCHS president, honored Central Catholic's philanthropic leaders. During this evening of friendship and celebration, Bro. Tom recognized and sincerely thanked individuals and organizations who have made financial gifts to the school over the last 20 years. Very special recognition was given to benefactors and entities

whose generous philanthropic support has been transformational to the students and faculty of our school. "We are grateful to all those who have supported the philanthropic initiatives of Central Catholic over the years. Your generosity has helped to advance our mission of educating young men and women of character, compassion and achievement in the tradition of the Marist Brothers," stated Bro. Tom.

### Transformational Benefactors

Mr. & Mrs. R. Kingman Webster  
Josephine G. Russell Trust  
The Catholic Schools Foundation  
Demoulas Foundation  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Thomas Catalano '50  
Dr. Thomas F. Carney '43  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Burkardt  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig D. Divino '69  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Webster  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald T. Maheu '60  
The Stevens Foundation

Below:  
Matt Fitzgerald '02  
and Melissa King  
at the Philanthropic  
Leaders Reception



Photos courtesy of Katelyn Connerty '11



Above (L-R):  
Marie and G. Thomas Catalano '50  
with Hy and Florence Der Bogosian  
at the Philanthropic Leaders Reception

# Investing in Excellence

## A Gift To The Annual Fund Has Transforming Power

When recently asked to describe what we do at Central Catholic, Christopher F. Sullivan '81, Assistant Principal, replied, "We're making the world a better place, one great kid at a time." Helping 1,340 young men and women become the best they can be, for themselves and for the communities in which they live, is at the heart of everything we do at Central Catholic High School.

The typical Central Catholic student is truly great. They understand and embrace the pillars of our school's culture: Christian faith, academic excellence, family spirit, compassion, respect for others and teamwork. They are committed daily to their own complete personal growth and that of each other—spiritually, intellectually, creatively, socially, and physically. "Central kids" are intelligent, motivated, hard-working, energetic, enthusiastic, forward-looking, caring and well-rounded. They are action-oriented and determined to make the world a better place for all to live.

Today many schools are being forced to cut offerings in academics, the arts, athletics, and reduce the number of classroom teachers. Many others impose user fees on extracurricular and athletic programs. This is not true at CCHS! Thanks to our many supporters to **Investing in Excellence: The Central Catholic High School Annual Fund**, we have been able to maintain our high standards and even expand academic opportunities, arts programs, extracurricular activities, community service projects and athletic teams. We can continue to make the world a better place – one great kid at a time – with your contribution to the Annual Fund.

To make a gift to: **Investing in Excellence: The Central Catholic High School Annual Fund**, go to [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net), and click on "Donate" at bottom right, or mail to: **Investing in Excellence**, CCHS, 300 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. Thank you!

## Catalano Challenge: A Thrilling Announcement for the 2010-2011 Annual Fund

We can continue to make the world a better place—one great kid at a time! Gifts to the Annual Fund are critical to helping CCHS achieve this goal.

**G. Thomas Catalano '50** wants to encourage our CCHS alumni, parents, grandparents and friends to support this effort. Tom, a loyal alumnus and benefactor of CCHS, has generously pledged to donate up to \$50,000 to Central Catholic in May 2011. There is a catch! He has pledged to match

dollar for dollar any new or increased gift to **Investing In Excellence: The Central Catholic High School Annual Fund** at the President's Circle level. Therefore, YOUR GIFT to the Annual Fund is critical to making the CATALANO CHALLENGE a resounding success.

*For more information on how you can join the President's Circle, please contact Michael J. Randall, Associate Director for Development, at (978) 682-0260 ext. 630 or [mrandall@centralcatholic.net](mailto:mrandall@centralcatholic.net).*



Don't miss this new 3 minute video, "Don't Give" on **You Tube** starring many CCHS faculty and alumni.



<http://tinyurl.com/DontGivetoCCHS>

# Class Notes

Class Notes from graduates of both Central Catholic and St. Mary High School (designated by SM) are listed in this section. Names and emails of Class Reps are listed immediately following each class year. Class Reps help keep classmates connected to each other and the School. To volunteer as a Class Rep: email [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net).

'39 Class Rep needed.

'40 Margaret (Kennedy) Massaro,<sup>SM</sup>  
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'41 **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class**  
Class Rep needed.

'42 Class Rep needed.

'43 Dr. Thomas F. Carney,  
[emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net)

'44 Class Rep needed.

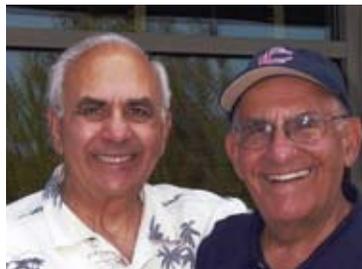
'45 Charles M. Conlon,  
[seaplum@comcast.net](mailto:seaplum@comcast.net)

'46 **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class**  
Class Rep needed.

'47 Class Rep needed.

'48 Anthony R. Fragala,  
[tonyfragala@comcast.net](mailto:tonyfragala@comcast.net)

The classmates of CCHS '48 had a luncheon on September 22 and October 20 at the Chateau Restaurant in Andover, MA. Classmate *Patsy Cambria* from California was visiting relatives in the local area and was able to attend a 1948 luncheon for the first time. Some of us had not seen Patsy since graduation. Aside from a little gray in his hair, he has not changed much at all. Thanks to *Jay Tanzer* for taking photos at the gathering.



*Patsy Cambria '48 & Tony Fragala '48*

'49 Class Rep needed.

'50 G. Thomas Catalano,  
[gton331@comcast.net](mailto:gton331@comcast.net);  
Joseph G. Indoccio, 978-673-3929

CCHS Class of 1950 held their 60th anniversary reunion at Jackson's Restaurant. See story and photo on Alumni News pages.

'51 **60th Anniversary Class**  
*Roland E. Theberge,*  
[rotheberge@comcast.net](mailto:rotheberge@comcast.net)

A speedy recovery is wished for *Dr. Martin Melia* after knee surgery.

*Roland and Joan (Mallon '51<sup>SM</sup>) Theberge* travelled to watch two of their grandchildren march in the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade on January 1, 2011 with the Londonderry (NH) High School Band.

Calling all CCHS 1951 graduates who are interested in getting together to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation. Please contact your class agent Roland Theberge or Jennifer Plouffe at the Office of Institutional Advancement, [jplouffe@centralcatholic.net](mailto:jplouffe@centralcatholic.net) or (978) 682-0260 ext. 638.

'52 John R. White, [js2024@verizon.net](mailto:js2024@verizon.net)

'53 G. Joseph Shaheen,  
[joe-bun@comcast.net](mailto:joe-bun@comcast.net)

*Fr. George F. Riley OSA '53*, a leader in Catholic education for both Villanova University and Merrimack College, was honored at a 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Princeton Club in New York City recently. See sidebar story and photo on next page.

'54 Atty. Richard P. Consoli,  
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'55 John A. Mele, [meleplaya@verizon.net](mailto:meleplaya@verizon.net)

'56 **55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class**  
*Vincent F. Riviezzo,*  
[riviezzo2@comcast.net](mailto:riviezzo2@comcast.net);

*Marilyn (McCarthy) Ralph,<sup>SM</sup>*  
[irishmmr@earthlink.net](mailto:irishmmr@earthlink.net)

From class rep, *Marilyn (McCarthy) Ralph*: In June, about sixteen of the St. Mary High School '56, enjoyed a delightful afternoon by the pool of *Josie Patti Unis's* home. Per usual, Josie outdid herself in the hostess department. The food was plentiful and the company was the best and we shared many laughs. We went to Ogunquit, Maine again for our annual weekend getaway in September. There were eighteen of us, and for three days we shopped, and laughed and ate. Our sides were sore from laughing. Great camaraderie! We went to the Atkinson Country Club for our 3rd annual Christmas Luncheon. If you have not participated in any of our functions, please give it some serious thought and join us! We really have a great time. Get ready for our 55th reunion, 2011! See story and photo on Alumni News pages.

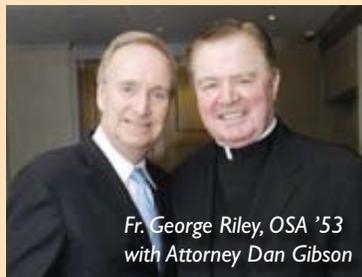
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## AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Reverend George F. Riley, OSA, a '53 graduate of Central Catholic High School, was honored recently at a 75th birthday party at the Princeton Club in New York City. More than 100 family members and friends turned out to recognize the accomplishments of a man who arguably is one of the most gifted, world-wide leaders in Catholic education. Fr. Riley holds a Doctorate from Catholic University and has been honored with many national awards over the years for his inspired university leadership, among them "Man of the Year" by the New Jersey Chapter of B'nai Brith, the Heisman Trophy Foundation, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Italian Press Club.

During his 50 years in the Augustinian priesthood, serving under eight presidents of Villanova, Fr. George Riley, OSA '53 has authored many manuscripts and articles on religious topics, taught ethics and contemporary religion at Villanova University, and was Villanova's first liaison to the Peace Corps. Fr. Riley was named Vice President for University Relations in 1972 and has led two highly successful major capital campaigns at Villanova. Without Fr. Riley's talents and dedication, Villanova would not be the prestigious national university that it has become today.

Attorney Dan Gibson, graduate of the Villanova Law School, of the firm, Gibson & Behman, recalls that "Father Riley has proved to be a wonderful mentor and a great friend. His contributions to Villanova University, Merrimack College and the Order of St. Augustine have been without equal."



Fr. George Riley, OSA '53  
with Attorney Dan Gibson

'57 Donald A. Auger,  
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'58 Class Rep needed.

'59 Alfred E. Torrisi,  
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'60 Eugene H. Ginchereau,  
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Patricia (Elia) Coco,<sup>SM</sup>  
[librapatty@comcast.net](mailto:librapatty@comcast.net)

St. Mary HS Class of 1960 held their 50th anniversary reunion at the Seaglass Restaurant in Salisbury, MA on October 3, 2010. See story and photos on the Alumni News pages.

### '61 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary Class

Robert L. Veilleux,  
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Maurice J. Viscuso, [momov@aol.com](mailto:momov@aol.com)

Joe Musumarra '61 and wife Joan adopted Trae Musumarra '11 and his two sisters 10 years ago. This family story was recently featured in the Eagle Tribune on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Thank you Joe and Joan for your life-giving spirit by giving these siblings a home! Check out the full story by following this link: <http://tinyurl.com/cchsmusumarra> Joe's oldest son, John, is a 1990 alumnus.



Joe '61, Joan and Trae Musumarra '11  
Photo courtesy of Carl Russo, Eagle Tribune

St. Mary HS, class of 1961, will hold their 50th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen. We are missing contact information for many classmates. Please contact Roz Bastek Clark at [rozclark@comcast.net](mailto:rozclark@comcast.net) with information or questions.

'62 Jacqueline (Greska) Cassidy,<sup>SM</sup>  
[cassidyj1@verizon.net](mailto:cassidyj1@verizon.net)

'63 Class Rep needed.

Capt. Terence P. Flynn served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967–1970. In a note he recently wrote in remembrance of his CCHS classmate, John F. Fitzgibbons, a commissioned officer in the 1st Air Cavalry division of the U.S. Army, he said "John was killed in combat in Vietnam on November 25, 1968. I don't think I ever met a finer human being."

'64 Kenneth Gabriel,  
[emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net)

'65 Class Rep needed.

Louis DiBerardinis is the Director of the Environment, Health and Safety Office at MIT. Lou also holds an appointment as a visiting lecturer in Occupational Health at Harvard School of Public Health. Lou generously sponsors the Harvard Book Award to CCHS students annually. The students of CCHS are grateful, Lou!



Harvard Book Award Winners: (L-R)  
Courtney Smith '11, Patricia Ryan '11,  
Viet Le '11, Lauren Boehm '11 with Marilynn  
McGrath, Harvard's Director of Admissions

### '66 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class

James P. Dziadosz,  
[jardscentral66@aol.com](mailto:jardscentral66@aol.com)

Dave DeFillippo is now serving as Director of Community Relations at CCHS after serving 11 years as principal.

Jim Dziadosz recently visited CCHS for the first time in many years and remarked with pride on the new facilities, programs, talented students and faculty at the school. Jim is the new Class Rep. for both CCHS and St. Mary HS, class of 1966.

Send us your news! Email your class note to [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net) or the Class Rep listed for your class. Don't forget to send along color photos!

'67 Atty. Peter J. Caruso Sr.,  
pucaruso@carusoandcaruso.com

Charlie Daher can be seen behind the Boston Celtics bench at most home games, while Charlie and his family often appear in TV and radio ads for his dealership, Commonwealth Motors. Anthony Piazza, Esq. is a world-renown mediator in California. As for me, Peter Caruso, my wife, Gayle (LaFleur) Caruso '68<sup>SM</sup> has her artwork showing in New York and Boston; and, we will soon have another grandchild, a boy, due in April (3 granddaughters also). Joe Tropiano, Esq. and Peter Caruso had a law case together in southern NH. Jim Lanigan, John (Shane) Watson, Bill Burdin and crew have been the usual contributors to 1967 class notes, but they are running out of material. Please send updates on anniversaries, newborns (grandchildren), retirements, and other adventures, etc. to the e-mail listed above. You can also email photos.

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'69 John Giarrusso,  
johnnyg24@comcast.net

'70 Thomas Forzese,  
tforzese@hotmail.com

'71 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class  
Richard A. Holak, rickholak@yahoo.com

'72 Atty. Robert C. Autieri,  
rcalaw1@aol.com

'73 Class Rep needed.

'74 Gino J. Baroni,  
gbaroni@tridentgrp.com;  
Janice (Solomon) Solomon,<sup>SM</sup>  
jandmsol@aol.com

Gino Baroni has been elected to the Board of Directors at Enterprise Bank.

'75 Gary J. Gallant,  
gigallant@comcast.net

'76 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class  
Joseph S. DiSalvo, joceltic@optonline.net

'77 John C. Housianitis,  
jhousianitis@centralcatholic.net

'78 Dennis A. Conlin,  
daconlin@comcast.net

Richard Padova is an instructor in the Global Studies Department at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Rich also serves as an occasional political columnist for the Eagle Tribune.

'79 Stephen A. Daly,  
sdalynh@comcast.net;  
Steven J. Kurek, sjkurek@comcast.net

'80 Lynne (Dimauro) Lovasco,<sup>SM</sup>  
Lindzey62@msn.com

'81 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class  
Class Rep needed.

'82 John M. Shaheen,  
johnshaheen@comcast.net

'83 Francis "Chip" MacDonald Jr.,  
chipmacdonald@verizon.net;

Tina (LaCroix) Conlin,<sup>SM</sup>  
tconlin@comcast.net

Charles (Chuck) Samaris was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army in June 2010. He is assigned to the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. Col. Samaris was selected as an Army Senior Service Security Fellow and is presently studying at M.I.T. In June 2011, Colonel Samaris will take command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Concord, MA. Col. Samaris served combat tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Desert Storm. Chuck and his wife, Kathleen, recently visited CCHS and were astounded by the continued growth and excellence seen at his alma mater.

'84 Wayne A. DeLuca,  
waynedeluca@gmail.com

'85 Christine (Found) Dunn,<sup>SM</sup>  
christinedunn@rocketmail.com

'86 25<sup>th</sup> Silver  
Anniversary Class  
Lynne (Pilat) Chase,<sup>SM</sup>  
lchase@winnco.com

Jon DiVito recently sent us a note about some wonderful accomplishments: "I recently got a part as a football coach in the comedy "Boyband". It sold out at the Woods Hole Film Festival. The movie stars Michael Copon, Robert Hoffman, Ryan Hanson, Ryan Pinkston, and several other Hollywood actors. I also received word that I have been cast in a speaking role in a Willem Dafoe movie named "Liquid Sky" filmed in Massachusetts in November. I live in Rutland, MA with my wife Dr. Cheryl DiVito and our four children."

'87 P. Jonathan Beauchesne,  
Jonathan.Beauchesne@bmc.org;  
Edward R. Crespo, eddiecrespo@gmail.com

Joseph Faro's vision for a fine Italian restaurant serving old world artisan recipes has become a reality with the opening of the Tuscan Kitchen in Salem, N.H. in November 2010. See feature story and photos in this issue.

'88 Mark T. Duquette,  
mark\_duquette@yahoo.com

John Galvin writes that he has been serving in the U.S. Army for 20 years and recently has returned to the U.S. after a year-long deployment in Kuwait and Iraq. He enlisted in the Army in 1991 after two years at Bridgewater State College, and in 1999 completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. John currently holds the rank of Major and is stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State. He and his wife, Kimberly, have three sons, CJ (14), Ryan (11) and Ian (8). He sends his "hello" to all his CCHS '88 classmates.



Major John Galvin '88 and wife, Kim

Send us your news! Email your class note to [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net) or the Class Rep listed for your class. Don't forget to send along color photos!

'89 Robin Ard,<sup>SM</sup> [Rockin571@aol.com](mailto:Rockin571@aol.com);  
Lorraine (Garcia) Mojica,<sup>SM</sup>  
[lorymojica@comcast.net](mailto:lorymojica@comcast.net)

Atty. Alexander R. Cain, owner of Law Offices of Alexander R. Cain was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

MVB magazine called *Christopher Merrill* "one to watch" as a young professional making a positive impact on the quality of life in the Merrimack Valley. Chris is the Director of Admissions at CCHS.

'90 Kami Buntin Crawford,<sup>SM</sup>  
[kcbrn26@aol.com](mailto:kcbrn26@aol.com)

Dr. Richard Laspina, a Methuen pediatrician, was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

Kerry (DeFillippo) Calobrisi<sup>SM</sup> and husband, Frank Calobrisi celebrated the 1st birthday of their first child, and future Raider, John David Calobrisi.



Kerry (DeFillippo) Calobrisi '90,<sup>SM</sup>  
John David '27, Frank Calobrisi '90

'91 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class  
Jennifer (Sirois) Beaudoin,<sup>SM</sup>  
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'92 Michael T. Torrisi,  
[MTTorrissi@gmail.com](mailto:MTTorrissi@gmail.com);  
Sinead Cassidy,<sup>SM</sup> [sincass02@hotmail.com](mailto:sincass02@hotmail.com)

Rosemary Ford,<sup>SM</sup> associate editor of magazines and features, was one the people named by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

Michael Torrisi, managing director at Morgan Stanley, was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

MVB magazine called *Jonathan O'Sullivan* "one to watch" as a young professional who is making a positive impact on the quality of life in the Merrimack Valley.

Jon is the owner and founder of JOSCON, a building and remodeling contracting company in Atkinson, NH.

'93 Frank C. Morris,  
[fcmorris@gmail.com](mailto:fcmorris@gmail.com)

MVB magazine called *Dr. Ken Gabriel*, "one to watch" as a young professional making a positive impact on the quality of life in the Merrimack Valley. Ken has a practice in chiropractic medicine in Methuen.

'94 Thomas J. Felago,  
[tfelago@gmail.com](mailto:tfelago@gmail.com);

James C. Riviezzo,  
[james\\_riviezzo@yahoo.com](mailto:james_riviezzo@yahoo.com)

Matthew Matosic is currently serving in the US Army Reserves while attending grad school. He shared the following with us about his military service: US Army Airborne & Ranger School Graduate; 2008 United States Army Chemical Corps Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year; 2007 Chemical Corps Soldier of the Year; Three Army Commendation Awards, Army Achievement Award, Joint Service Achievement Award, Good Conduct Award; Two Iraqi Campaign Medals '06 & '08, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal '09.

Christopher Boyd and his wife Catherine are pleased to announce the arrival of Caroline Anne in October. Big brother, Christopher Joseph Boyd, Jr., also welcomed her home.

Charles G. Putney and wife Karen were blessed with a daughter, Violet Adele, in November 2010. Violet joins big siblings Luke, four, and Charlotte, five and a half. Chuck, former editor of the Emblem, is Central Catholic's Website Project & Content Manager. Central Catholic is launching a new website later this year.



Charlotte and Luke Putney welcome little sister, Violet Adele

'95 Jason M. Ball, [jayball77@aol.com](mailto:jayball77@aol.com)

The Rev. Patrick S. Armano, pastor of St. Monica Church in Methuen, was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

Brian D'Hondt and his wife Kelly recently welcomed twin daughters, Delaney Reese and Riley Ann. The girls also have a big sister, Hailey.

James and Lisa Qualter are the proud parents of a son, Caden James, who was born in October.

Keith Ouellette returned this past September to his alma mater, College of the Holy Cross, as a visiting assistant professor in the Mathematics Department. Prior to coming to Holy Cross, he earned his M.A. in 2001 and Ph.D. in 2006 in Mathematics at UCLA, where he also taught as an assistant professor until July 2010. Keith can be reached a [keith.rouellette@gmail.com](mailto:keith.rouellette@gmail.com).

'96 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class  
Michael J. Armano,  
[mike@attorneyarmano.com](mailto:mike@attorneyarmano.com);

Joel L. Boutin, [joelboutin@gmail.com](mailto:joelboutin@gmail.com)

Jason Larocque was recently promoted to a Dean of Students in the Lower School at St. Albans in Washington, DC. He is also pursuing a Master's Degree at the University of Pennsylvania in School Leadership. As head baseball coach, his teams have gone 81-18 in three years. He will go for his 100th win this spring.

'97 Jonathan J. Rossi, [jrossi79@yahoo.com](mailto:jrossi79@yahoo.com)

Laura (Champagne) Hutchins graduated from the United States Naval Academy Class of 2001. She served 5 years active duty in the Marine Corps as an Aviation Maintenance Officer: Laura deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and later deployed with the 15th MEU in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She officially separated from the Marine Corps Reserve in May 2009. Her husband, Major Benjamin Hutchins, continues to actively serve in the Marine Corps as a harrier pilot. He is stationed with VMA-231 in Cherry Point, NC and returned home safely from Afghanistan in June 2010, following his 5th combat tour. Laura and Ben are the parents of two wonderful boys, Wyatt, who is 3, and Henry, who turned one in June.

'98 Angela I. Kulesza,  
angela.kulesza@gmail.com;

Andrew P. Nikonchuk,  
anikonchuk@centralcatholic.net

*Jeffrey Couture* married Jaimie Lee Bell on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at the New England Inn in Intervale, NH. Jeff is a 2002 graduate of Saint Michael's College in Vermont and is a project manager with Ratte Construction in Andover. The couple spent their honeymoon in the Greek Islands and now reside in New Hampshire.

*Michael Milton* recently checked in and let us know that he is now teaching social studies at Burlington High School.

*Bradley A. MacDougall*, vice president of government affairs at Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM), was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

*Paul Barbagallo* and his wife Stacy welcomed a daughter, Lucy Marie, in September. Lucy joins big brother Paul Daniel.

'99 Timothy M. Hattori,  
thattori66@yahoo.com;

John P. Muldoon, *jpm2024@yahoo.com*;

Richard P. O'Donnell, *Rickod1@hotmail.com*

*Eric Mane*, owner of Henry's Jewelry and Donovan's Trophies (Essex Street, Lawrence), was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.' *Eric Mane and Heather Wiggin '01*, CCHS high school sweethearts, were married in May 2010.

'00 Nicholas C. Brown,  
nicholascbrown@yahoo.com;

Karen L. Carberry, *kcarberry@hotmail.com*;  
Thomas R. Comeau,

*tom@philbincomeaufh.com*;

Daniel D'Agata, *danieldagata@yahoo.com*

MVB magazine called *Ashleigh (Ward) Brown*, chairperson of the CCHS Fine and Performing Arts Department, "one to watch" as a young professional who is making a positive impact on the quality of life in the Merrimack Valley.

*Jamie Durkin* has been named head coach of wrestling at Andover High School. After a stellar wrestling career at Central and a year of prep school at Northfield Mt. Hermon, he then went on to Div. 1 Clarion University (PA) and graduated from Western New England College in 2006. He promises his Andover team that "we'll work hard and be hard-nosed."

*Karen Carberry* was a member of the USA Dance Team that won the world tap championship in Germany in December 2010. See sidebar story.

## '01 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class

*Vincent T. Forzese*, *vforzese@gmail.com*;

*Christina Gallardo*,  
*bella101383@hotmail.com*

*Heather Wiggin* graduated from medical school at the University of Massachusetts, Worcester in May 2010. Dr. Wiggin has begun her residency at U. Mass. Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA. Oh, in her spare time, Heather and *Eric Mane '99* were wed in May 2010.

After graduating from Colby College in 2005 with a BS in Psychology, *Kelly Klemarczyk* developed a passion for working on the issues of homelessness and affordable housing. She is now the Coordinator for Administration and Development in a highly successful affordable housing program in Cambridge, MA. Kelly and her husband-to-be, Peter, live in Somerville, MA and were engaged on the top of a mountain peak in NH in October. They are planning on being wed in the fall of 2011.

'02 Michael P. Burkardt,  
mpburkardt@hotmail.com;

Kelli Lynn Carberry,  
kcarberry@hotmail.com

*Kelli Carberry* won the individual title of World Champion at the World Tap Dancing Championships in Germany in December 2010. See sidebar story. *Kelli Carberry* and *Todd Beaudoin* celebrated their engagement recently.

*Matt Fitzgerald*, co-owner of Mann Orchards, was one of eight Raiders selected by MVB magazine as one of the 40 'most successful, up-and-coming professionals in the Valley.'

## WORLD CHAMPIONS OF TAP DANCING

Kelli Carberry '02 competed as a member of the USA Dance Team at the World Tap Championships in Reisa, Germany in December. Kelli's captivating dance performance entitled "Mardarin", earned her the title of "World Champion for 2010." By virtue of winning the title of World Champion, Kelli will be featured in the company of "Tap Reloaded", touring Europe in spring 2011. The USA Tap Dance team also took first place in the 16 and older category and was crowned as "World Champions." The USA Dance Team "World Champions", include Kelli, her sisters, Karen '00 and Kristina '06 and three current CCHS students: Alexandra Equi '11, Katrina DeBenedetto '13 and Alison Carrier '13. All the CCHS dancers study at Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studio in North Andover. Teams from over 30 countries competed in the World Tap Dance Championships.



*Kelli Carberry '02 "World Champion"*  
(top center of podium)

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*Sarah Ouellette* is currently pursuing an accelerated B.S. in Nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital after having graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, MA with a B.S. in Psychology. Sarah is also diligently training for her second Boston Marathon to benefit Brigham & Women's Hospital.

*Jennifer Shamberger* married Jacob Dibbert, July 2010. Jennifer earned her B.S. in Elementary Education from Lesley University and works as a teacher in The American School in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Her husband is the Assistant Principal of the middle school at The American School of Dubai.

*Elizabeth Kobrenski* and *Joel Melville* celebrated their wedding in June 2010 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lawrence. The wedding party was also made up of CCHS alums: *Michael Moulton '02*, *Brad Dufresne '02*, *Patrick Delaney '02*, *Jared Melville '05*, *Olivia Retelle '08* and *Adrienne Retelle '10*. Elizabeth earned her B.S. from Boston University and is certified as a chartered financial analyst. She is currently VP of the credit research group at State Street Corporation. Joel graduated summa cum laude with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from UMASS-Lowell and currently is a physical therapist at Lahey Clinic in Lawrence.

**'03** Amanda L. Angell,  
*amandabangles@gmail.com*

*Adam Stahl* has announced his engagement to Shannon McCormack. The couple plans a May 2011 wedding. Adam earned his paramedic degree from New England EMS Institute and is employed as an EMT with Patriot Ambulance.

MVB magazine called *Thomas Sipsey* "one to watch" as a young professional who makes a positive impact on the Merrimack Valley community. Tom is the assistant director of admissions at CCHS.

*Janelle LaRose* recently became engaged to Jason P. Graham. Janelle graduated from Westfield State College in 2007 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Janelle and Jason plan to be married in the fall of 2011.

*Chad Pusateri* is a 3rd year medical student and a Medical Corps Officer in the United States Navy. Chad completed his officer training in Newport, RI, has trained in dive medicine at the Naval Underwater Medical Institute and the Naval Submarine Medical Research Lab in Groton, CT. Last fall, he completed rotations in Newark, NJ, and will complete his rotations at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL and Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA.

*Nicolette Faro* recently became engaged to Adam Mascari. Nicolette graduated from Roger Williams University with a BA in Marketing and works as a marketing and communications associate for Liberty Mutual in Boston. Nicolette and Adam plan to be wed in June 2011.

**'04** Robert P. Barry,  
*Robert.p.barry@gmail.com*

CCHS has a new athletic trainer... *Brian Bradley*, graduate of Merrimack College (2008) & University of Florida (2010). Before joining the staff of CCHS, Brian interned in summer 2010 as an assistant athletic trainer with the Lowell Spinners and accompanied the Spinners when they played at Fenway.



**Brian Bradley '04 – CCHS athletic trainer**

*Scott Doherty* recently performed in the show "Riverdance on Ice" at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The show was taped for broadcast and will air on NBC on Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 4:00-6:00PM EST – Check your local listings for this new show combining world class ice skating and the music and dancing of Riverdance. Scott, we look forward to seeing you in this NBC special!



**Scott Doherty '04 in Riverdance (2nd row-middle-in black shirt)**

*Victor Martinez* is now the Assistant Director of Education and Leadership for the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.

*Jeff Cargill*, nearing completion of his third year at Georgetown University's Law School, had the good fortune to have Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, as a lecturer in a class on Constitutional Law. He enjoyed a casual conversation with Justice Scalia after class.



**Jeff Cargill '04 and US Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia**

*Erica Hall* celebrated her marriage to Dustin Raiche in April 2010 at St. Joseph Church in Salem, NH. The maid of honor was *Karen Bastek* and *Holly Eringis* was a bridesmaid. Erica is the Benefits Coordinator at Rivier College in Nashua, NH and is working toward her MBA at Rivier.



**Erica '04 & Dustin Raiche**

*Kristen Klemarczyk* earned a B.A. in Fine Arts at UMASS-Boston and is employed by the Whole Foods market chain.

*Brigid McKernan* and *Eric Gosselin* celebrated their engagement and are planning a wedding on June 18, 2011. Brigid earned her B.S. and R.N. in Nursing from Boston College and is employed as an RN at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, while Eric received his B.S. from UMASS-Lowell in Business Administration, Management Information Systems. Eric is employed as a system administrator at Enterasys Secure Networks in Andover.

'05 Brian J. Ford, [brianjford@gmail.com](mailto:brianjford@gmail.com)  
*Patrick DeCola* graduated from St. Joseph College, ME with a BA in Communications and Journalism. He has interned with Comcast Sports New England (CSNNE) and was the beat writer for the New England Revolution for CSNNE. Pat is making a name for himself as an up-and-coming sportswriter. He is working for FoxSports.com covering major league baseball and also covers high school sports for the Manchester Union Leader. Check him out: <http://msn.foxsports.com/mlb/powerRankings>

## '06 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class

**Kristina L. Carberry**,  
[kris.carberry@gmail.com](mailto:kris.carberry@gmail.com);

**Stephanie R. Caruso**,  
[Caruso@fordham.edu](mailto:Caruso@fordham.edu)

*Nicole M. Grandinetti* graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Suffolk University in May. She is now teaching third grade as a "Teach For America Corps" member in the Mississippi Delta.

*Adrian Adames* graduated from M.I.T. in June 2010 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He is currently interning at Heartland Robotics in Cambridge, MA and applying to graduate schools and dreaming of California schools, U. Cal. Berkeley and Stanford. He writes that he is very grateful for the first-class education and preparation CCHS provided. It stood him in good stead at M.I.T.

*Kristina Carberry* was a member of the USA Dance Team that won the World Championship in Germany in 2010. See sidebar story.

'07 Michael J. Cronin Jr.,  
[mcronin@bryant.edu](mailto:mcronin@bryant.edu)

Congratulations to *Haley O'Sullivan* on being elected co-captain of the Columbia University track team! Haley, a senior majoring in psychology and political science, is the daughter of proud father *Daniel "Terry" O'Sullivan '64*.

*Angus MacDonald* was named an NCAA All-American for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year in leading the UMASS-Lowell cross country team to 13<sup>th</sup> place in the NCAA Division 2 National Championships.

'08 Christine M. Blain,  
[cmblain35@hotmail.com](mailto:cmblain35@hotmail.com)

The following information was published in the Eagle Tribune newspaper on October 12, 2010 and has been edited for space. To read the full article, visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/cchsharrigan>.

Wounded Marine Cpl. Todd Nicely 26, became a symbol of determination and courage after losing both arms and legs when he stepped on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan last March. He is believed to be only the second quadruple amputee to survive the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Marine could have bled to death after being badly wounded by a roadside bomb. But *Lance Cpl. Sean J. Harrigan*, responded quickly, providing lifesaving first aid before getting Nicely on a medical helicopter. "Despite the large amount of blood flowing out of all extremities and the extreme pain that his squad leader was in, *Lance Corporal Harrigan* found a way to apply tourniquets on all four of the Marine's amputated limbs," according to a military report commending Harrigan for "heroic achievement. By remaining calm under an extremely chaotic situation, he single-handedly saved the life of his squad leader... all the while ignoring the significant secondary enemy threat to himself," the report noted. For his own part, Harrigan remains humble about his lifesaving heroics. So far, he has shunned any publicity about the events of March 26. He didn't even tell his parents, Mark and Sheryle Harrigan of Andover. For his actions, Harrigan received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal as well as a handwritten thank you letter from four-star General and then commander of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, Stanley A. McChrystal.

*Jamie Adames* completed two years at Valencia College in Orlando, FL and has transferred into the undergraduate business program at UMASS-Amherst. Jamie recently received acceptance for an internship this coming summer at Price-Waterhouse Coopers.

*Nicole Bazzinotti* is studying for her degree in Marketing with a minor in International Business at Hofstra University. She thanks her teachers and classmates who took the time to complete a survey for her marketing class.

*Rachael Palmisano* is studying at the Boston University program in Los Angeles, CA for spring semester 2011. She has also landed an internship in public relations with 20th Century Fox.

*David Kando* just completed his first co-op term at Northeastern University. David has been working with the Deshpande Foundation in India, teaching English and Creative Thought in a 5-month intensive training program with the Deshpande Center for Social Entrepreneurship, for budding social entrepreneurs all over India.

*Dariush Nejad*, with help from his classmate and business partner, *Andrew Gauthier*, has developed a website, [www.artlovefame.com](http://www.artlovefame.com), to showcase Dariush's art work and in the future develop his art into a commercial business. Dariush is in the process of transferring from Northern Essex Community College to the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, while Andrew is double majoring in accounting and quantitative analysis at Bentley University.

*Amanda Alon* was chosen as captain of Boston University's Cheerleading team.

*Kersten Foulds* has declared a double major in Criminal Justice and Accounting at the University of New Haven. She serves as the director of finance for Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority and as senator in the student government, and she has been accepted into the Alpha Sigma Phi Criminal Justice honor society.

*Francesca Leone* was named to the Dean's list at UNH in 2010.

*Laura Solomon* was elected president of Kappa Delta sorority at Northeastern University and completed a six-month co-op at Jacobs Engineering.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of Class Notes. If you notice an error, please email [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net) or call 978-682-0260 ext. 635.

While *Colleen Bourque* was studying abroad at Stirling University in Scotland, she had the opportunity to hike the Cuith-Raing on the Isle of Skye, pictured in photo.



*Colleen Bourque '08 (3rd from right) on Scotland's Cuith-Raing*

*Ricky Holak*, junior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of the WPI crew team which won the College Division title at the Head of the Charles Regatta in October.

## Raiders '08 Studying Abroad

*Emily Alaimo* in Galway, Ireland

*Emily Barbagallo*  
in Barcelona, Spain

*Christine Blain* in Paris, France

*Francesca Leone*  
in Gold Coast, Australia

*Brittany Tiani* in Waterford, Ireland

*Best wishes to our educational travelers! We look forward to hearing from Raiders who have set their plans to study abroad. Let us know your plan and also send us photos from abroad to include in an upcoming Emblem!*

'09 *Lisa M. Rand*, [lrاند852@g.rwu.edu](mailto:lrاند852@g.rwu.edu)

'10 Class Rep needed!

*Natalie Sanchez* reports that CCHS has prepared her very well for her first year at Johnson & Wales, especially Coach Adamopoulos' marketing class. She is majoring in international business.

*Shanna Wiggins*, a first year student at Harvard, auditioned for and was accepted into Harvard's Ballet Company.



*Shanna Wiggins '10*

We love to hear from all of our alumni. If you have news that you would like to share with the CCHS Raider Community, send an email to [emblem@centralcatholic.net](mailto:emblem@centralcatholic.net) or write us a note at: Emblem, Central Catholic High School, 300 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. Many class years still need a class representative. Please consider serving in this capacity for your classmates.

## A Truly Championship Enterprise!



Raider Girls Soccer Captures 1st Mass. State D1 Championship  
Congratulations to the Raiders and Coach Casey Grange '03.




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# In Memoriam

The following members of the Central Catholic community have been born into eternal life. We ask that you join with our school community and the Marist Brothers in keeping them and their families in your prayers.

Claire T. Torpey '34 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Mary A. (Keraghan) English '35 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Mary Helen (Carney) Lavin '39 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Marguerite M. Raymond '39 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Claire (Dowd) Boddy '43 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Edward J. Spires '43  
 Joseph B. Morrison '46  
 J. J. Raymond Roy '48  
 John P. Sangermano '48  
 John (Jack) F. Sheehan '48  
 Leonard J. Ronan '49  
 Andrew A. Bradley '49  
 John J. O'Donnell '51  
 Francis (Frank) J. MacDonald '53  
 Roger A. Vachon '53  
 James R. Burton '55  
 Jerome G. Driscoll '55  
 Rita Mary (Fitzgibbons) Gordon '55 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Dr. Carole (Rau) Schultz '55 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Raymond L. St.Onge '56  
 Denise E. (Schiavone) Noorigian '59 <sup>SM</sup>  
 John H. Fitzgibbons '63  
 Michael L. Sipsey '64  
 Patricia A. (Foley) McDonough '65 <sup>SM</sup>

Thomas J. Stundza '65  
 Richard B. Carrier '67  
 Sharon (Lavin) Terry '69 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Mary Beth Fleming '74 <sup>SM</sup>  
 Michael A. DeVito '78  
 Patrick J. Deignan '80  
 Mark W. Drouin '82  
 Phillip Thomas II '89

## Faculty & Staff

Bro. Kenneth Marino, F.M.S.,  
*library assistant, 2000, 2001*

## Friends of CCHS

Fred Bradley,  
*grandfather of Leah '13  
 and Nicholas Bradley '14*

Caitlin C. Chelton,  
*daughter of Charles Chelton '66*

Katherine Coulon,  
*mother of Nicole Coulon '13*

Alfio D'Agata,  
*father of Sam D'Agata '69;  
 grandfather of Fred '90,  
 Stephen '93, Daniel '00, Alfred '86,  
 Richard '90 and Mark LaSpina '93.*

Michael J. Iannazzi,  
*father of William Iannazzi '71*

Gaspere (Gus) J. LaGrasse,  
*father of Richard '57, Gus Jr. '62,  
 Kevin '74; grandfather of Bryan  
 LaGrasse '84, Timothy '85, Kevin '96,  
 and Cara '98 Hart*

Robert C. Laprel,  
*father of Robert '93 and Brendan '00*

Joan Martin,  
*grandmother of Johnathan Martin '11*

Madeline Martin,  
*aunt of Diane Howard,  
 CCHS Faculty Member*

CPL. Peter Orlando, USMC,  
*son of Edward Orlando '59*

Frederick Soucy, Jr.,  
*father of Alec '12 and Colin Soucy '14*

Alexander T. Vellette,  
*uncle of Dave DeFillippo '66,  
 CCHS Faculty Member*



Our Lady of Guadalupe ▶  
 Stained Glass Window  
 Carney Family Chapel at CCHS.

# CALENDAR OF Upcoming Events

Schedule and events are subject to change. Please visit [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net) or contact the School ([raidernews@centralcatholic.net](mailto:raidernews@centralcatholic.net)) for updated information and more details.

## JANUARY

### Jan. 8:

5:00 PM Class of 2010 Yearbook Signing Party, Baroni Room

6:00 PM Boys Varsity Hoops vs. Andover

### Jan. 30:

1:30 PM Basketball Alumni Day—Raider Girls vs. Cambridge

3:30 PM Raider Boys vs. Bishop Hendricken HS

Alumni reception with current team members after the games. For tickets, call the Athletic Office at (978) 682-0260 ext. 640 or email: [sdowner@centralcatholic.net](mailto:sdowner@centralcatholic.net)

## FEBRUARY

### Jan. 31 – Feb. 4:

Catholic Schools Week

### Feb. 7:

7:00 PM Accepted Students Night

### Feb. 12:

7:00 PM CCHS Parents' Social—Wine and Tapas, Baroni Room

## MARCH

### Feb. 28 – Mar. 4 :

CCHS Spirit Week

### Mar. 10:

6:00 PM Fulfilling the Promise Scholarship Dinner

### Mar. 19:

7:00 PM Catwalk 4 Cancer Fashion Show

### Mar. 21:

Spring sports season begins... visit website for schedules

## APRIL

### April 7:

6:00 PM Theatre Guild Alumni Reception

### April 7-9:

7:00 PM Theatre Guild Musical, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"

### April 12:

7:00 PM Class of 2015 "Welcome to CCHS" Night

### April 28:

"Evening of the Arts":  
6:15 PM Student Art Exposition  
7:00 PM CCHS Concert and Jazz Band Spring Concert

## MAY

### May 1:

11:00 AM 75th Anniversary Mass, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, celebrant

### May 26:

7:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass—Class of 2011, St. Mary Church

### May 27:

7:00 PM 73rd Commencement—Class of 2011, Memorial Gymnasium

### May 27-28:

A 50th Reunion Celebration for the Class of 1961

## JUNE

### June 8:

2010-2011 school year closes

### June 30:

Closing of the 2011 Annual Fund... The final day of the fiscal year & the last opportunity to make a donation to: *Investing In Excellence*.

Please send in your gift by this date or make an online gift at [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net).

## JULY

### July 25

Golf Classic, In honor of Craig Divino '69, Dinner & Auction, Haverhill Country Club

# 2011

# Calendar Notes from the CCHS Admissions Office

- February 1** *Decision Letters* sent to applicants for September 2011
- February 7** Accepted Students invited to *CCHS Accepted Students Night*
- April 14** *New Student and Parent Orientation*...Congratulating and welcoming our newest Raiders – the Class of 2015
- May 12** *6th and 7th Grader Information Night*...A chance for younger students and parents to learn first-hand about CCHS
- 6th and 7th Graders should complete the *online inquiry form* on the CCHS website, [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net), to begin receiving news and updates from the Admissions Office.

## Do you know an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who has yet to apply to CCHS?

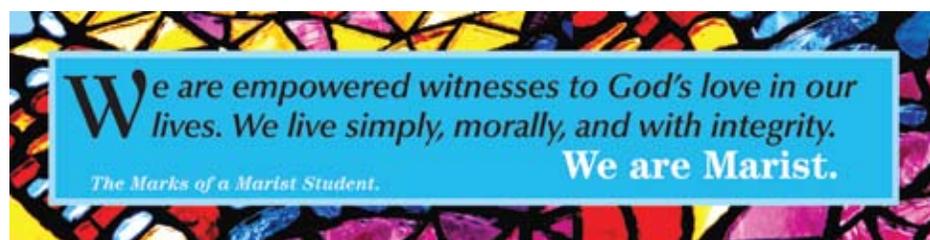
Feel free to contact the Admissions Office (978) 682-0260 ext. 605 to learn about the "late application" process.

The CCHS Admissions Office offers school tours on most Tuesdays through Thursdays for prospective families, as well as our full-day **Raider for the Day** shadow experience for prospective students.

The Admissions Office welcomes all inquiries at (978) 682-0260 ext. 623 or [admissions@centralcatholic.net](mailto:admissions@centralcatholic.net).

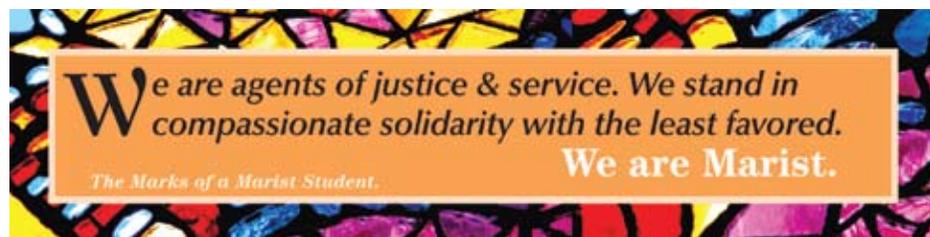
## The Marks of a Marist Student

Central Catholic High School students, past and present are educated in Gospel and Marist values. They are taught to aspire to develop into good Christians and good citizens, "harmonizing faith, culture and life." As such, CCHS students should clearly demonstrate the "Marks of a Marist Student."



We are  
Empowered  
Witnesses

We are  
Servant  
Leaders



We are Agents  
of Justice and  
Service

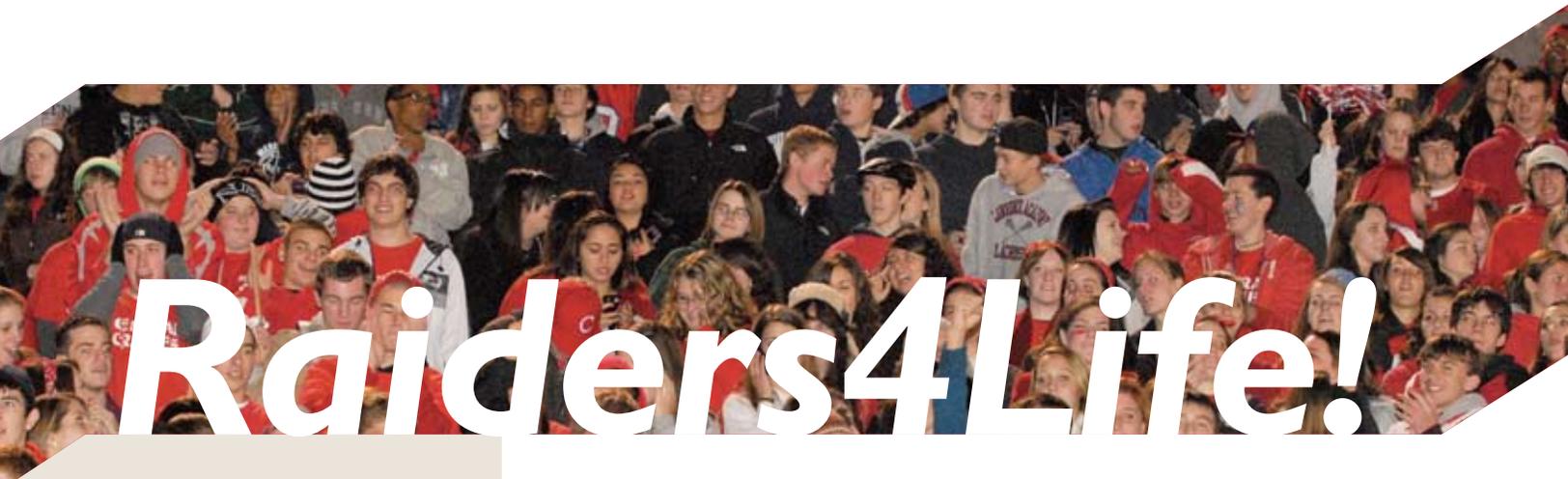


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# Raiders4Life!

Looking to connect with Central Catholic? Submit your email address at: [www.tinyurl.com/RAIDERconnect](http://www.tinyurl.com/RAIDERconnect)

Receive the latest news via 'Raider News Email Updates' (one every month or two) and learn about the latest developments with students, alumni, and the School (unsubscribe at any time).

## RAIDERconnect...

 The internet, email, and social media have become important tools through which Central Catholic connects with friends and alumni (and vice versa). Below are some of the ways in which you can stay connected to Central Catholic.



1. Facebook Fan Page: [www.facebook.com/CCHSAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/CCHSAlumni)  
**Over 1,500 Fans!**



2. 'LinkedIn' Networking Group: [www.tinyurl.com/CCHSLinkedIn](http://www.tinyurl.com/CCHSLinkedIn)  
**Over 620 Members!**



3. The 'Raiders4Life' YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/CCHSRaider](http://www.youtube.com/CCHSRaider)



4. Twitter: Follow David M. DeFillippo '66: [www.twitter.com/ddefillippo](http://www.twitter.com/ddefillippo)



5. Bro. Rene's 'Daily Bread' blog: [www.cchsbroreneroy.blogspot.com](http://www.cchsbroreneroy.blogspot.com)

6. The CCHS website: [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net)