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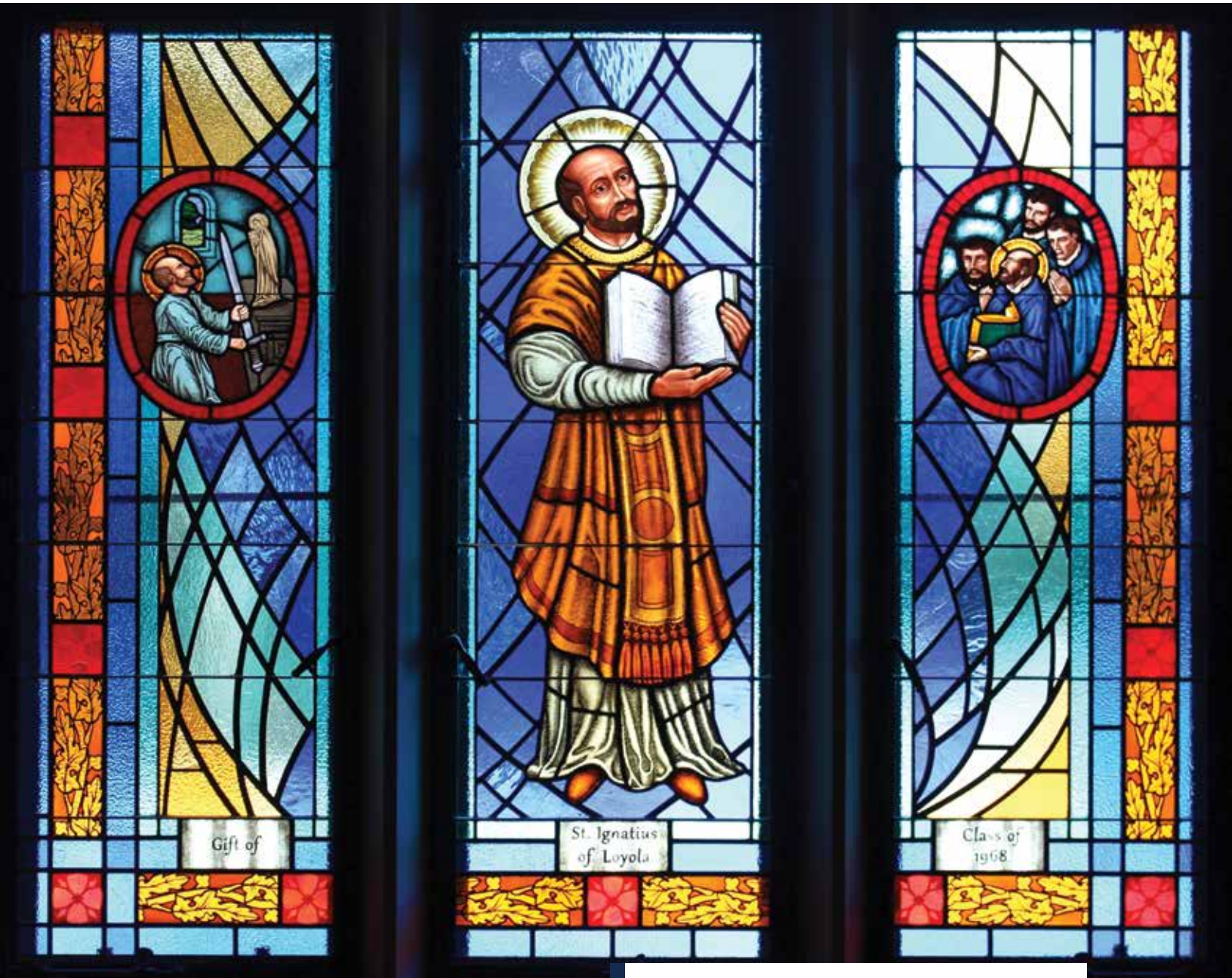
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Canisius High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, independent, college-preparatory school serving young men of diverse backgrounds from throughout Western New York. Canisius challenges its students to strive for excellence as critical thinkers and effective communicators who are open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to justice.

Canisius promotes the development of students through a comprehensive liberal arts curriculum firmly rooted in the Jesuit tradition of education, spirituality and service.

Faithful to St. Ignatius Loyola's desire to provide care and concern for the whole person, Canisius affords each member of the school community the opportunity to develop individual talents for the service of others and the greater glory of God.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

A handful of German Jesuits in 1870 had a bold vision for a school in Buffalo, New York and Canisius opened on Ellicott Street with fewer than 50 students. But even with that bold vision, those early Jesuits could never have imagined how the school would prosper, evolve, and grow over the years.

Celebrating 150 years is a wonderful time to reminisce and to give thanks for God's countless blessings. It is also an opportune moment to look to the future. We are challenged, as those early Jesuits were, to look outward, to be bold and audacious, for we should never be satisfied with the status quo. Over the past few years, we engaged many of our alumni, parents, friends and students and asked them to consider their experiences at Canisius and look to the future. We listened carefully. What did we hear?

"Our mission remains as relevant as ever: we want to change the world – and we will do it one mind, one heart, one student at a time."

A Canisius education must be distinctly and unapologetically Jesuit, accessible to qualified students, and delivered by the best possible faculty.

Learning must be global and connect our students to the network of Jesuit schools, our alumni, and opportunities across our nation and around the world.

We heard a call to develop the arts, and created a quality home for our arts programs in our new Center for the Arts. It is a home that provides students with opportunities to develop their talents and connects them with the vibrant arts community in Western New York.

In a school where 65% of students play a sport, quality athletic facilities are important in order to attract high level talent. We heard the call to complete the Stransky Athletic Complex with a stadium quality turf baseball field, a JV field and tennis courts. While not all our students are athletes, each wants to be part of a school with facilities they can be proud of – and great teams.

These priorities emerged from our listening, informed our discernment, and allowed us to create initiatives for a capital campaign to coincide with our sesquicentennial celebration. The goal is to raise \$18 million: \$5 million for the capital projects associated with the initiatives mentioned above, \$10 million for endowment support for our programs and the students and teachers of tomorrow, and \$3 million for the highest priorities and best use in each year of the campaign. We are making good progress toward that goal as we have already raised over \$12 million. You can read more about the campaign on page 12, and I hope you will add your support.

Those early Jesuits had a bold vision. They looked to the future and saw both a world of challenge and promise. They laid the solid foundation for the rich tradition of our school that we hold in sacred trust 150 years later. Our mission remains as relevant as ever: we want to change the world – and we will do it one mind, one heart, one student at a time.

Today, it is our turn to act on a bold vision and ensure that Canisius is equipped to provide our students with the best Jesuit education imaginable so they will continue the mission of making a difference in the world – for good.

Blessings and gratitude,

David Ciancimino, S.J.
Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Adolescence is a vibrant period of personal growth coupled with an expanding appreciation for the fullness of the human experience – including our history. Part of our mission as a Jesuit school is to develop our students' capacity to see the world beyond themselves, and we have a unique opportunity in our sesquicentennial year to help them do so by learning about the rich tradition of Canisius High School.

Recently, Canisius students formed a connection with an alumnus of their alma mater – he was, in fact, our oldest living alumnus (at age 107) until his death on September 13th. **Mr. Casper Ligotti '29** graduated 15 years before Canisius began its move to Delaware Avenue. He went on to attend Canisius College, but his father's death forced him to withdraw early. He served as a U.S. Army colonel during WWII, with assignments ranging from infantry to intelligence. Mr. Ligotti worked for decades at Ford Motor Company, and was an acquaintance of Henry Ford.

We learned that Mr. Ligotti had only one living relative, a grandniece, and no one to serve as pallbearers at his funeral. Canisius has followed the lead of other Jesuit high schools in establishing a St. Joseph of Arimathea Society, through which students serve as pallbearers at the funerals of those in need. Sometimes, this includes the homeless, lonely, or otherwise forgotten. Students help to bear the weight of loss in several ways. Along with carrying the casket, they serve as witnesses to the lives of the deceased, and as listening ears to friends and family left behind.

The experience had a profound impact.

"Going to the funeral made me realize the strength of the Canisius community," commented **William Pratt '20**.

"It's amazing how we can make connections with people, even after death." **Thomas Wood '21** added, "I was caught off guard by how appreciative the family of Mr. Ligotti was."

Perhaps **Jack Perry '20** summed it up best after serving at Mr. Ligotti's funeral: "All life is valuable."



Casper Ligotti '29 was Canisius' oldest living alumnus until his passing in September.



Peter Hartung '20, Chris Heitzhaus '20, Thomas Struckmann '20, Thomas Wood '21, Jack Perry '20, Will Pratt '20, and James Oh '20 served as pallbearers at an alumnus' funeral.

This type of service is befitting the Jesuits' rich tradition of service at the margins of society. It's also in that vein that nine students prayed with incarcerated men who were making a weekend retreat at the Collins Correctional Facility in October. The Corporal Works of Mercy – including burying the dead and visiting prisoners – are ingrained in the teachings of Jesus.

"Tension is important... because so often, this is where growth begins – at the margins, in tension."

These are not easy tasks. Visiting prisoners opens the door to critics who think such people are not deserving of our care. Serving at the funeral of a stranger places one in an uncomfortable situation.

That tension is important, however, because so often, this is where growth begins – at the margins, in tension.

The educational experience is constantly evolving at Canisius, while remaining grounded in our Ignatian principles. The St. Joseph of Arimathea Society and a new prison ministry at Canisius are ways for us to live the Jesuit tradition of Canisius. Serving those in need empowers students to recognize the dignity of all people through experiences beyond the classroom.

Respectfully,

Andrea Tyrpak-Endres

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres

CANISIUS THROUGH THE YEARS

A timeline of some significant moments and milestones in the evolution of the academic program at Canisius.

Canisius experimented with curriculum changes that included scheduling the day in 20-minute modules. Most classes were two modules long while labs were three. Other modules allowed for unstructured time for students. The experiment was short-lived as the school shifted back to a more traditional schedule by the end of the decade. During this time the school also implemented the advisement system which allowed for daily meetings between a student and the teacher who served as his advisor.

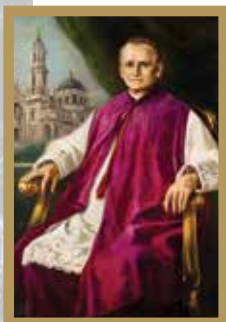
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Jesuits at St. Michael's parish on Washington Street started a Latin class with eight students in 1855. In 1866, a young man named Nelson Baker was one of the students studying Latin. That young man became the now Venerable Fr. Nelson Baker who built the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna as well as the institutions which today bear his name. Fr. Baker is also the first person named an honorary member of the Canisius Alumni Association.



Jesuit missionaries came to Buffalo in 1848 at the request of Bishop Timon of the Diocese of Buffalo. In 1851 the bishop offered the Jesuits, for a nominal sum, a piece of property on Washington Street on the condition that they build there a college for the education of youth and a church for the Germans.

Curriculum was divided into two courses, the Greek Course and the Science Course. Both courses offered identical curriculum over the first two years. In the third and fourth years, students could either study Greek or two branches of science.

On opening day, September 5, 1870, the combined high school and college had 35 students. Fr. Henry Knappmeyer wrote on the blackboard the Pater Noster and the Ave Maria in Latin and told students to memorize them for the following day – the first homework ever given to a Canisius student. The curriculum in the early decades of the school gave prominence to Christian doctrine, mathematics, history, the natural sciences, Latin and Greek.



The first Canisius High School building on Ellicott Street.



Early in the decade, Canisius became one of the first high schools in the region to provide iPads for each student, and began a curriculum design and review process to adapt to changing times. This led to a new Introduction to Technology course to replace the Freshman Seminar. The new course integrates robotics and coding in the makerspace lab. In 2019, Canisius implemented a House System to strengthen cura personalis. The House System prioritizes “vertical integration” among the grade levels within the Houses to facilitate peer leadership and mentoring.

Latin became an elective rather than a required subject.



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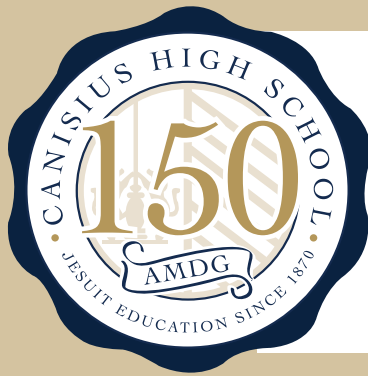


Canisius added personal computers and embraced programming instruction and technology integration to position the school for the 21st Century.



Canisius is part of a worldwide network of 380 Jesuit secondary schools and 190 colleges. The capital campaign launched in 2019 will position Canisius to stay at the forefront in providing educational opportunities in the future.





CANISIUS' HISTORY

A new book that explores the 150-year history of Canisius High School, written by Paul Cumbo '97, is now available as part of the school's sesquicentennial celebration. An excerpt is shared here regarding the Frauenheim family who would figure prominently in shaping Canisius' course during the mid 20th Century. The Frauenheim Foundation acquired properties adjacent to the then-new campus on Delaware Avenue, setting the stage for expansion. George Frauenheim, Jr. '30 also established a Founders Club of financial supporters which would be crucial to the school in the years to come.



CAMPUS EXPANSION: FR. QUINN & THE FRAUENHEIM BROTHERS

Strategic Plan for Expansion

By the mid-1950s, with Canisius well established on its new campus, there was a growing need for additional operating facilities. Certainly, relative to the limitations of the Washington Street Campus, the Buffalo Consistory complex provided some excellent athletic facilities, such as the pool, locker rooms, showers, and bowling alley. The expansive classroom wing represented a new frontier in teaching space. Nonetheless, two significant needs emerged: accommodations for the largely Jesuit faculty—at the time, they were housed (mostly) in the Milburn Mansion—and playing fields for the students.

The Very Rev. Gerald A. Quinn, S.J., previously Vice-Rector, was named Rector of Canisius High School in the 1953-54 academic year. Quinn was also a trustee of the Frauenheim Foundation, which was started in the mid 1940s by George M. and Edward E. Frauenheim in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Frauenheim. The two brothers, alumni from the Classes of 1930 and 1932, respectively, made a major and generous contribution to the school during Father Quinn's term as Rector. George Frauenheim was president of Mayer Malt & Grain; Edward was vice-president.



This photo of the Canisius campus in 1953 shows the properties at the top left that were acquired by the Frauenheim Foundation so the school could build athletic fields.

Frauenheim Hall Plans Announced

A press release from February 1956 reported on the announcement that "construction will start this Summer on a new \$325,000 residence for the Jesuit faculty of Canisius High School." Also noted in the release is a mention of the \$30,000 playing field installation plans. Moreover, it announced the plans to demolish "the present faculty home at 1168 Delaware," which was the Milburn Mansion. "This yellow-brick landmark is nearly 100 years old and is the building in which President William McKinley died." Additional demolition plans were detailed: "Canisius High School also will tear down two other buildings it owns at 806 and 810 West Ferry St. about June 1.* Both are now nursing homes. This area will be a playing field." According to the release, the whole of the campus development project was "made possible by the Frauenheim Foundation." Notably, Father Quinn served as a Trustee of the foundation.



Author **Paul Cumbo '97** signed copies and read from "Blue Doors" at a book launch event in the school library in October. The book is available in the Canisius campus store and on amazon.com.

Gratitude to the Frauenheim Brothers

The 1958 Arena Yearbook, which was dedicated to the Frauenheim brothers, offers some perspective on their commitment to the school, describing them as "dreamers."

In the golden autumn dawn of October 20, 1957, the sun rose to greet a new Canisius. The dedication of the new faculty residence, Frauenheim Hall, marked completion, after fourteen years of praying and planning, of the campus at Canisius-on-Delaware. It was the end of an old and the beginning of a new era in the history of Canisius High School; it was the fulfillment of a dream.

What was the dream? Who were the dreamers? The dream was that of a new Canisius, boasting a beautiful campus, complete with a fine classroom building, adequate accommodations for the many and varied facets of its wide-ranged sports program, and a fit residence for its Jesuit faculty to take the place of the ancient and inconvenient Milburn mansion. The dream itself belonged to many men—to the Father Rectors who had governed Canisius since it moved to Delaware Avenue, to the many Jesuits who have toiled here during the past fourteen years, to each member of the student body. But above all, the dream belonged to two of our most distinguished and devoted alumni, George M. and Edward E. Frauenheim, Jr.

[Their] dream...began to approach a practical reality with their contribution to the new Canisius of the practice field which now stands on the corner of Ferry and Delaware. This was only the beginning. The next great step forward was taken when the properties

on Ferry Street, west of the school wing, were purchased by these same two far-seeing men and connected to the high school campus. The buildings which had stood on these properties were razed, and an impressive athletic field for football, baseball, and track was built that is comparable to the best in the area.

But the most lasting and significant contribution...was yet to come. In the spring of 1956 they began the construction of a new residence... Today Frauenheim Hall stands, complete in every detail, a lasting monument to the two generous and selfless benefactors who made it possible. What had been the dream of so many men for so long was now a magnificent reality due, in no small part, to the foresight, planning, and charity of two loyal Canisius alumni.



Dedication of Frauenheim Hall, Oct. 19, 1957.
Fr. John McGinty (Socius to Provincial),
Mr. & Mrs. George M. Frauenheim, Mr. & Mrs.
Edward E. Frauenheim, Jr., Fr. Quinn.



A rib from the body of St. Peter Canisius has been displayed in a silver reliquary in the Canisius High School chapels at both Washington Street and now Delaware Avenue since 1895.

A JESUIT INDIANA JONES

BY ERIK BRADY '72

Prior to becoming the second president of Canisius, Fr. Henry Behrens, S.J. devised a harrowing plan to save the lives of Jesuit Scholastics in Switzerland, and save priceless relics.

Think of Very Rev. Henry Behrens, S.J., as a sort of priestly Indiana Jones. He pulled off an audacious wartime ruse for the ages in 1847, 25 years before he'd become president of Canisius High School and College, which would not be fully separate institutions until well into the 20th Century.



Fr. Henry Behrens, S.J., the second president of Canisius.

Swiss federal troops were bearing down on the University of Fribourg during the Sonderbund War when Fr. Behrens packed up what he could of the university's irreplaceable treasures. These chests contained chalices from the chapel, rare volumes from the library — and relics of Peter Canisius, who'd founded the school nearly 300 years earlier as the College of Saint-Michel.

The brief civil war would end with Switzerland's Catholic provinces defeated and 200 Jesuits expelled from the country. But on this day of that little-known war, Fr. Behrens devised a subterfuge worthy of Hollywood. He dressed the Jesuit scholastics in his charge in civilian clothes and, as the anti-clerical forces began looting the university, suddenly appeared wearing the uniform of one of their superior officers.

The disguised priest shouted orders "with the voice and bearing of a commander," according to accounts of the day, and fooled the marauders into carrying the corded trunks filled with priceless artifacts to a prearranged place of safekeeping. Fr. Behrens and his scholastics escaped with the heirlooms — and their lives.

A good thing, too, because Fr. Behrens looms as a forbidding figure among the dozens of German-born Jesuits we look to as our flinty founding Fathers.

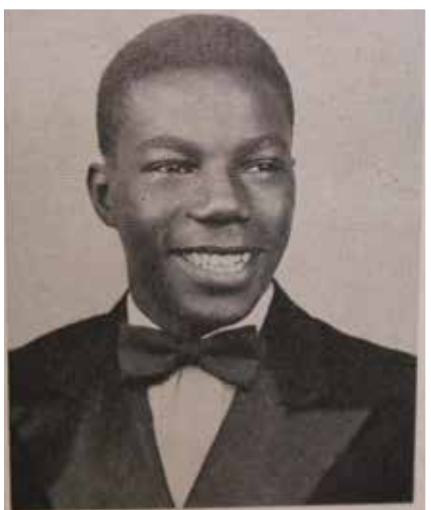
Most of the Jesuits who taught at Canisius in its early years were German-born men who'd been educated or had taught at one of the half-dozen European universities founded by Peter Canisius. That includes Fr. Behrens, who was prefect of discipline and professor of mathematics at the Canisius-founded University of Fribourg when those Swiss federal forces invaded.

Fr. Behrens's role in another war would lead him on a path that would take him to Buffalo. During the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-71, Fr. Behrens was Superior of the Jesuit priests who offered last rites on battlefields and in hospitals. He was awarded the Iron Cross for valor and rode on the train that bore Otto von Bismarck to Berlin for the German army's triumphal return. And yet within weeks Bismarck expelled Behrens and many of his Jesuit brethren as a supposed menace to the empire.

"The disguised priest...fooled the marauders into carrying the corded trunks filled with priceless artifacts to a prearranged place of safekeeping."

Fr. Behrens soon made his way to America and arrived in Buffalo in 1872. Within days he was named president of Canisius and Superior of the Buffalo Mission. He served four years as president and went on to other adventures, including a key role in the founding of St. Ignatius College (now John Carroll) in Cleveland.

Fr. Behrens returned to Canisius as Confessor in 1892. Three years later, at age 80, he died on campus. In this he followed the example of Peter Canisius, who died on the campus of his beloved Fribourg in 1597 — precisely 250 years before Fr. Behrens' feat of cinematic sangfroid during the Sonderbund war.



THE FIRST

Breaking through a racial barrier was only the beginning for Clarence Kregg.

The photos lining the Alumni Hall walls tell the story of a student body at Canisius that had been almost exclusively white since the schools founding through the 1940s. In 1950, **Clarence R. Kregg '50** became the first African American student to graduate from Canisius. He was also the first African American to play on the school's varsity football team. During high school, Clarence successfully managed the rigors of schoolwork, football, and his part-time job at the A&P supermarket.

Following high school, Clarence served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Despite being wounded during the war, he achieved the rank of Sergeant and earned an honorable discharge as a Veteran of Foreign War.

Clarence was also one of the first African American students to graduate from Canisius College where he majored in chemistry. He became a trailblazer in the field of analytical chemistry and invented several devices for measuring atomic weight over his 50+ years with Rohm & Haas (now Dow Chemical). Before he passed away in 2018, Clarence enjoyed being a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He spoke with **Paul Cumbo '97** for the "Blue Doors" book before his passing, and offered the following insights:

As far as the school was concerned, I was a student who happened to be black. My color didn't enter into it. There just weren't a lot of black families who were Catholic back then, you understand?

I played football. There was one guy who didn't like me, a year ahead of me, but that's it. I made varsity my sophomore year, so we played together for two years. That was the only racial thing. I remember

Father Flood. He was kind of a mentor. I got in a fight one time, and he told me, 'The spoken word is mightier than the fist.' I've always remembered that.

I played for Coach Barnes for three years – right halfback. I wasn't first string, but one memory I have that's real clear is I played the St. Joe's game. I was on defense, and this guy came running at me. I was all set to tackle him, and he ran right past me. It was caught on film, and they played it on television later. It was so embarrassing! But we won. We were champions that year.

*I remember I learned to bowl in the bowling alley in the basement. My next two brothers started, but they didn't finish (at Canisius). My fourth brother, **Kenneth '58**, finished.*

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Classmate **Mark Russell '50** also shared a recollection about Clarence during an interview for the book:

We graduated one week before the Korean War started, and we heard a couple of years later that Clarence Kregg had been killed in Korea. So, every time we'd get together for a reunion, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, we would mourn poor Clarence Kregg, killed in Korea. Finally, our fiftieth reunion, down at the Saturn Club, in walks Clarence Kregg. Wow! So, we flock over to him, and we're like, oh my God! Clarence!! And he said, "Gees. I didn't think you guys would remember me!"

RICH TRADITION. BOLD VISION.

With the goal of creating opportunities for students and increasing their engagement in and beyond Western New York, and firmly grounded in its Jesuit mission, Canisius High School publicly launched an \$18 million capital campaign at The President's Reception on Friday, September 27.

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In announcing the "Rich Tradition. Bold Vision." campaign, Canisius President, Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. said:

"We need the desire, the drive, the courage, the audacity to look to the future, to see both a world of challenge and promise, to read the signs of the times, and to assure that Canisius is equipped to provide our students with the best Jesuit education, faculty and facilities imaginable.... All so they will continue our mission of making a difference in the world – for good."

The effort is chaired by **Bob Reger '66** and **Pete Augustine '83** and has successfully raised \$13 million during the silent phase of the campaign.

Canisius students rightfully stand at the forefront of the initiatives. More scholarship dollars, programmatic opportunities, and capital enhancements will advance the excellent Jesuit education for which Canisius is justly known.

Over the past few years Canisius engaged many alumni, parents, and friends to reflect on their experiences with Canisius – and then asked them to look to the future. We listened carefully, and with this information and our own reflection, discernment, and strategic planning, identified four key initiatives:

- **Center for Global Learning**
- **Center for the Arts**
- **Robert J. Stransky Memorial Athletic Complex**
- **Blue Doors Annual Fund**



Center for Global Learning

Learn more about the initiatives at canisiushigh.org/richtraditionboldvision.

To discuss the initiatives and opportunities for support, please contact Vice President for Institutional Advancement David Cristantello, Ph.D. or Development Gifts Officer Paul Zablocki '01 at 716.882.0466.



Center for the Arts



Robert J. Stransky Memorial Athletic Complex



RICH TRADITION. BOLD VISION.

In an effort to make a difference for future generations, Bob Reger '66 and Pete Augustine '83 are serving as co-chairs of Canisius' 150th anniversary capital campaign.

Bob Reger '66 and **Pete Augustine '83** graduated from Canisius nearly two decades apart. But in true Crusader spirit, they have come together to co-chair a capital campaign in celebration of a century-and-a-half of educational excellence at their alma mater.

"Pete and I attended Canisius at very different times but we share that special connection to our school that only an alum can understand, no matter what year he graduated," Bob says. "As the elder of the co-chairs, I often kid that I am the tradition and Pete is the vision; but our points of view coalesce in a way that demonstrates a deep affection for our school and a recognition of the importance of this campaign."

Bob and Pete have devoted countless hours in leading a committee for the campaign which is aimed at positioning Canisius for the future. "I think we all agree that we were extremely fortunate to spend those most important formative years at Canisius," Pete says. "It is difficult to quantify, but there is a unique spirit that lives in each of us and it was instilled at Canisius. Bob and I are honored to co-chair the campaign."

Speaking up.

Bob grew up in Buffalo, the eldest of six children. He remembers discussing with his parents his desire to go to Canisius because it was, in his young opinion, the best high school in Western New York. Never mind that his maternal grandfather and a maternal uncle had attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

"When I was in grammar school, my mother dragged me – reluctantly – to watch a neighbor in a high school speech competition," Bob recalls. "There was a student from Canisius who was so eloquent and well-prepared – I believe his team won the competition. I knew right then I wanted to go to Canisius."

Having won the debate with his parents, Bob worked during the summers as a landscaper to help pay his tuition – work that he continued to do during college and law school. At Canisius, he was soon a top performer on the debate team, helping the team to win national competitions. His brothers, **Mark Reger '69** – a member of the Canisius Athletic Hall of Fame – and **Ron Reger '70**, would follow him to Canisius.

In his sophomore year, Bob met Barry Goldwater, the five-term senator from Arizona and Republican nominee for president of the United States in 1964. Following that meeting, Bob began to take an interest in politics and served on student government at Canisius while continuing to build on his debate skills. In his senior year, his classmates voted him Mr. Canisius.

“I think I was the most surprised at being selected as Mr. Canisius,” Bob muses. “The school presented so many opportunities and experiences in which to get involved and I simply wanted to embrace as many as I could.”

Bob earned a bachelor’s degree, *summa cum laude*, in English from Fordham University where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He then earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and began his career with Reid and Priest, a New York City law firm that became Thelen Reid and Priest, a noted, national firm. He practiced law with the firm for 35 years and then moved on to an international firm. He recently stepped back from his law practice, while remaining active in a number of business ventures, including The Inn at Woodstock Hill, a well-known inn and conference center in Northeast Connecticut.

“The elements of my success were formed at Canisius – the discipline, the world view and the critical thinking,” Bob explains. “I was given all the tools to excel in every aspect of college and law school and then in my career.”

High expectations.

Growing up in Williamsville, the middle child in a family of three, Pete Augustine attended St. Gregory the Great grammar school and many of his friends were headed to Canisius for high school. But Pete’s father was disabled by multiple sclerosis and money for the tuition was tight. A maternal aunt recognized the value of a Canisius education and helped pay the tuition, while Pete helped out by working summers at a golf course, caddying and assisting in the pro shop.

At Canisius, Pete competed with the track and field team, worked on the yearbook, and was a member of the ski club. “Canisius set high expectations and I was motivated to rise up to the challenges. Whether in advanced math, history or English class, you always came into class ready,” Pete recalls. “In my career, leading a consumer products company, I understood the importance of setting high expectations for our employees. That foundation was set at Canisius.”

Pete says the challenges of teachers such as Fr. Paul Naumann, S.J. – who had students memorize poems and be ready to recite them at a moment’s notice – and Dr. Thomas McPherson – who commanded students focus – were building blocks of that foundation. “They showed us what was possible when we put the work in and did not accept that we could not handle the subject,” Pete explains.

After Canisius, Pete says he felt well-prepared when he attended the State University of New York at Buffalo where he earned a degree in accounting and finance. As an added bonus, he met his wife of 29 years at UB. Upon graduating, Pete began working for a smaller accounting firm that counted New Era Cap among its clients. Before long, New Era brought Pete on as the cap manufacturer’s very first controller.

Pete went on to become the company’s chief operating officer, and in 2001 was named president of New Era. After 25 years of service at New Era, Pete left the family-owned business to pursue other interests including his own consulting firm. He has served as a mentor for Buffalo’s 43North program since its inception, a program which aims to bring companies to Western New York through an annual competition for start-up funding. He serves as a judge for the competition and recently began to work as a mentor for those companies that win the competition and locate in Buffalo.

“It is difficult to quantify, but there is a unique spirit that lives in each of us and it was instilled at Canisius.”

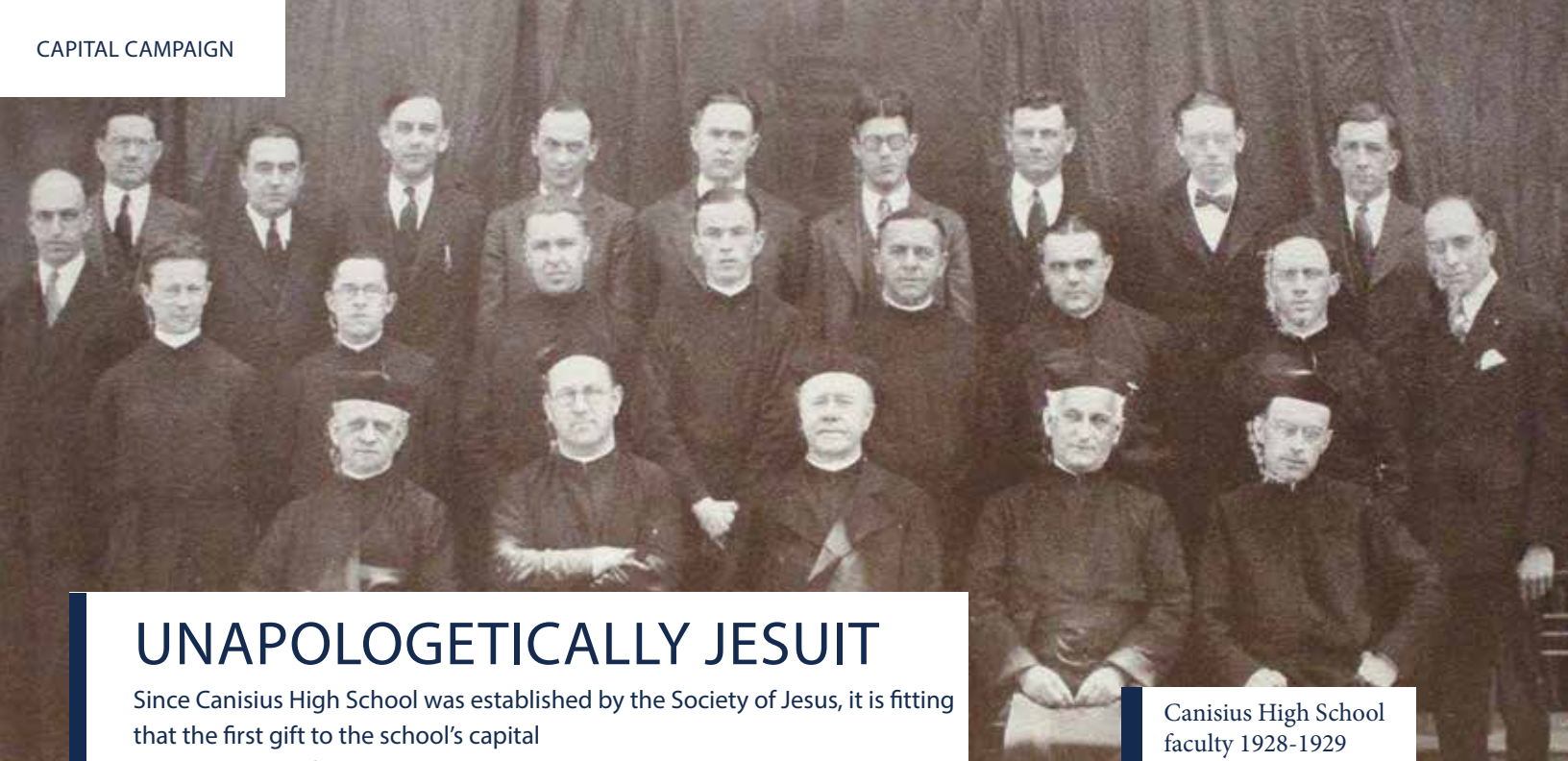
“I will always be indebted to Canisius for the opportunities I was given,” Pete says. “We sent our two sons to Canisius – **Matthew ’12** and **Jack ’19** – so that the tradition continues and they are building on a similar foundation.”

Working together.

Bob and Pete have combined their many skills to lead the Canisius’ “Rich Tradition. Bold Vision.” capital campaign. They both note that the campaign is among the most comprehensive in the school’s history with very specific goals and initiatives to help ensure the Canisius mission and identity are not only sustained, but also enhanced.

“Canisius has always had very generous benefactors but as with all educational institutions, the need for resources is always growing,” Bob concludes. “The committee working on the campaign is the most cohesive, energetic and respectful group of people of any board I have worked with – we can all have a say in the future of Canisius.”

“The people who invested in me during high school made such a difference in my life, so I am more than happy to give back to Canisius as co-chair and contributor,” Pete adds. “It’s a chance for every Crusader to connect and play a role in shaping future generations.”



Canisius High School
faculty 1928-1929

UNAPOLOGETICALLY JESUIT

Since Canisius High School was established by the Society of Jesus, it is fitting that the first gift to the school's capital campaign came from the Jesuits.



The German Jesuits who came to Buffalo in the mid-1800s were intent upon carrying out the wishes of Bishop John Timon. The bishop wanted the Jesuits to establish a school in Buffalo based on the Ratio Studiorum – a system used by Jesuit educators around the world dating back to 1599. And, so it began in 1870 with a handful of Jesuit teachers and a few dozen students.

By the time Canisius High School moved to Delaware Avenue in the 1940s, dozens of Jesuits taught at the school, along with some lay faculty, and graduating classes surpassed more than 100 students.

“When I was a student at Canisius, we were surrounded by the Jesuits – today our challenge is how to serve in the community with fewer and fewer members,” says **Fr. Tom Slon, S.J. '75**, who serves as rector of the Canisius Jesuit Community. He brings a unique perspective to the 150th anniversary of the school – as a former student looking back, and as a Jesuit administrator looking forward. He first encountered the Society of Jesus as a freshman at Canisius.

“With the Jesuits at Canisius, students saw men who were happy, with a depth of intelligence, sharing a brotherhood,” Father Slon explains. “We may not have understood it at the time, but it was a huge influence.”

Fr. Slon finished in the top of his class at Canisius, where he



Fr. Tom Slon, S.J. '75, Rector of Canisius Community

served as co-editor of “The Citadel” school newspaper, was one of the first members of the school's chamber choir, and participated in the drama guild. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cornell University before entering the

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Society of Jesus in 1979. He was ordained in 1990.

The number of Jesuits at Canisius has changed since Fr. Slon's days as a student. Three Jesuit priests and a Jesuit candidate in discernment are currently assigned to the high school. Gone are the days when there were so many Jesuits that a residence hall on campus made sense. Now, the Jesuits who serve at Canisius live in the Jesuit Community at Loyola Hall on the Canisius College campus, or at St. Michael's parish in downtown Buffalo.

“Thankfully, we are blessed with dedicated lay persons such as school principal Andrea Tyrpak-Endres and others, as well as generous alumni, who understand and support the apostolic works of the Jesuits here,” explains Fr. Slon.

The Canisius Jesuit Community's commitment to its mission of education in Buffalo is as strong as ever, as evidenced by its support of the current “Rich Tradition. Bold Vision.” capital campaign. The first gift that launched the campaign came from the Canisius Jesuit Community.

Much has changed over 150 years, but Canisius has always been, and remains, unapologetically Jesuit.

CHANGE IN LATTITUDE

After an international career, Alex Gress returned to Buffalo where he's making a difference for business startups, and for his alma mater.

Alex Gress '91 was born in Monroe, Louisiana. He has worked in international finance, investments and banking in cities around the world including New York, Toronto, and London. But Buffalo has always been where it's at for Alex. Especially now in his role as president of 43North, a startup competition and business accelerator funded by New York State's Buffalo Billion initiative.

"My parents came to Buffalo in the 1970s when my father was appointed as a professor at Canisius College and they immediately fell in love with the area," Alex recalls. "They instilled that love in me and I am so grateful to have come full circle on a wonderful journey back home. The timing is perfect to be part of the excitement that continues to build in Buffalo."

As president of 43North, Alex works to put Buffalo on the map as a place for start-up companies to cultivate and grow their business. The program's annual competition awards \$5 million to a total of eight companies that then bring their operations to Buffalo, creating new businesses and jobs. Since its launch in 2014, 43North has invested in over 40 companies in a variety of industries including life sciences, software, manufacturing and consumer products.

"Perseverance. What could be more important for an entrepreneur?"

My Canisius education was very formative."

Alex had returned to Western New York with his wife and family a few years earlier when he was working for First Niagara Bank and then KeyBank. He says his role at 43North requires him to tap into his years of experience in corporate funding as well as his own entrepreneurial skills, something he says was seeded at Canisius High School.

"The Jesuits taught us to think for ourselves and think on our feet," Alex says, remembering having to be prepared at any moment for Fr. Paul Naumann, S.J. to call on him to recite a poem from memory in English class. "Discipline. Perseverance. What could be more important for an entrepreneur? My Canisius education was very formative."



Alex was vice president of the student council at Canisius and he rowed all four years. He notes his parents' tenets of "doing the work" and "being of service" were reinforced at the school, giving him the foundation on which he built his career.

He continued rowing at Fordham University where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting, going on to earn his CPA. His career path includes leadership positions with JP Morgan, Wachovia Securities, and Lehman Brothers, as well as the founding of a holding company in Toronto that provided merchant banking services.

Back in Buffalo, Alex has reconnected with his high school, serving on the Canisius board of trustees and making a commitment to the "Rich Tradition. Bold Vision." capital campaign. "It is easy to be optimistic about the future of Canisius," Alex says. "The campaign will enable us to remain best in class for years to come and continue to attract students of the highest quality and caliber."

Alex laughs as he says he purposely drives by the high school on his way to work each day and can still feel the energy of the blue doors. "Now when I come to Canisius for a board meeting, I want to enter through those doors – they are so symbolic of a great educational experience," Alex concludes. "I reflect back with gratitude and look forward to helping the next generation to experience Canisius."



HONOR IN THE AUD

THE CANISIUS AUDITORIUM NOW HONORS THE ALUMNUS WHO HAS COMMITTED TO THE SECOND LARGEST GIFT IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY.

Carmelo Scaccia '47 received a standing ovation as the Canisius High School auditorium was renamed the Scaccia Auditorium.

The auditorium at Canisius High School, which has hosted assemblies, Masses, theatrical productions, athletic competitions and many other events over the decades, now has a new name. On Friday, September 6, 2019 during the annual school-wide Mass of the Holy Spirit, Canisius President Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. dedicated the space in honor of **Carmelo Scaccia '47** and his late wife Lynn. The aud will now be known as the Scaccia Auditorium.

Carmelo Scaccia is a member of the Canisius High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor. He has been an active supporter and volunteer with Catholic Charities and the United Way. He served two terms on the Canisius Board of Trustees, and serves as an ambassador for the class of 1947.

Through hard work, business acumen, professional excellence and personal integrity, Mr. Scaccia rose from being a mail clerk at Hens & Kelly while a college student to finishing as senior vice-president and CFO of department store AM&As from which he retired in 1994.

"Canisius was an eye-opening experience for me, both scholastically and in shaping me as a total person."

"I want today's young people to know that they don't have to be number one in grades, athletics, or popularity to be successful," says Mr. Scaccia.

In the late 1990s, Mr. and Mrs. Scaccia made a commitment to Canisius High School and Jesuit education that will be the second largest gift the school has received to date.

"My late wife, Lynn, and I are pleased to leave a legacy for the future of Canisius," says Mr. Scaccia.

Applause and a standing ovation from the student body, faculty, staff, and administration greeted Mr. Scaccia when he was introduced for the dedication ceremony following Mass.

"We recognize Mr. Scaccia for his unwavering support for Canisius High School and his generous commitment to the future of our faculty, staff and students," Fr. Ciancimino said during the dedication. "Over the course of his lifetime, this alumnus has proven himself to be a good and capable man: faithful to God, to his wife and family, and to Canisius."

"I am the son of emigrants, born on the west side of Buffalo," explains Mr. Scaccia. "Canisius was an eye-opening experience for me, both scholastically and in shaping me as a total person. I hope that my experience will inspire others to support Canisius."



Students enter the Scaccia Auditorium for an assembly.

LEARNING DISCIPLINE

BY DR. JAMES KROPELIN '51

James Kropelin, MD lives in Lewiston and has served as an obstetrician/gynecologist for over 50 years.



Canisius High School has brought me further to where I am today than any experience, save for the encouragement and confidence of my parents. It was their desire for me to go to the best school to achieve the best there is that led me to think about attending Canisius. Once decided, there was no other place for me.

Upon entering the great new school in 1947, there was never a thought of being anywhere else. **Mr. Nicholas Kessler '28h** brought to me a wonderful feeling of being welcome here on Delaware Avenue. There was never a class that I didn't enjoy the result of, although many of them required a great effort on my part. That was part of the discipline I learned – the discipline to study effectively utilizing all my resources to reach the goal set before me.

Every teacher and administrator treated me fairly and all stressed me to achieve the most from the experience of a great Jesuit education.

Canisius taught me devotion to a righteous cause and to believe in the views and attitudes I would develop as I pass through the experiences in life. As the environment to which I was to be exposed changed, I was taught to flex and alter some views so as to better benefit those others around us, and those our actions may affect, in a positive fashion. No matter how foreign or different the views of others may seem at first, there is always merit in fully digesting those concepts to seek a common ground.

The Jesuit precepts for a good, life-lasting education calls for a strong morality – and this we certainly received while at

Canisius. It has stood me well in my years since leaving the school in 1951. The ability and desire to thoroughly analyze the ideas and concepts I have encountered throughout my life have resulted from the preparation for life lessons at Canisius.

Comradery learned at Canisius has persevered in my life since being introduced to the feeling at Canisius. It has contributed to a friendliness among other Canisius graduates and especially my classmates. It is so strong that several of us still meet for breakfast once a month. Oh yes, the group has decreased in number as life's plagues have caught up to include many in our group. At those meetings, the sincere feelings of all who attend

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is a constant expression of that esprit-de-corps.

The experience of this Jesuit institution has led to such a strong allegiance that we, my wife and I, are the proud parents of a Canisius High School graduate (**James '87**) and the even greater happiness that two of our grandsons have attended Canisius, one having graduated in 2016 (**James '16**) and the other to come in the class of 2022 (**Steven '22**).

Go Canisius! Attend and go far!



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TEX'S HISTORY

BY DR. THOMAS MCPHERSON

Dr. Thomas McPherson taught history for 46 years at Canisius. He recently shared some of his favorite memories during a visit at his Rochester home with Fr. Richard Zaroni, S.J.

I remember when the school eased up on Latin requirements, I think it was the 1980s, and our administrators asked the history department, "Can you guys come up with some one semester classes to fill the hole in the schedule?" One course we developed was on communism. We had a class on fascism too, taught by Bruce Friedhaber, and one on Canada that Fr. Jim Greer, S.J. taught. It was hard developing those courses, we were putting them together from scratch, but I was very proud of those courses. They expanded the kids' knowledge, and we signed up most of the seniors.

When longtime teacher **Nick Kessler '28** married Peggy, the principal's secretary, she left that job and we were upset at losing her because she was excellent, but when Lee Clark came on board she never missed a beat in helping the faculty. Lee ended up being there a long time – 35 years.

It might be true that I gave an assignment to a student to write out a whole chapter because he wasn't doing the reading. That was one way to get him to read it. After they've done that once, they don't want to do it again. Once you establish your reputation there are very few discipline problems.

With 16-year-olds the class has to have a fast pace. No sleepy presentations. So, we had lots of tests, usually one a week, and they were all essay tests as it should be for upperclassmen in American history. There's no sense in multiple choice picking dates or laws. I wanted them to tell me what they knew. They also did oral book reports. "You say you read the book? Bring

the book to me and I'm going to find out if you read it," I'd tell them. I hadn't read all the books, but they didn't know that. I'd tell them to bring the book so I could skim and know if they'd read it.

From serving in the U.S. Army in the 1940s I apparently acquired an accent that the boys couldn't figure out. They started calling me "Tex," perhaps thinking I was from the south or west. I thought "that's great," and certainly much better than what they could've called me.

The thing about Canisius is we have a good school because we have good students. Behind good students are good parents. I never had trouble with a parent, which is rare for a teacher who taught roughly 4,600 students.

Alice Leech, the librarian, sometimes rode her motorcycle to school and sometimes I'd pick her up in my car. She always gave good advice. One day she said to me, "Tom – leave before they carry you out." Alice was right. Soon came a wintry day when I was walking up the circular stairs and halfway up had to stop and catch my breath. In that moment teacher Bob Krum passed me. That's when I decided if I have to stop and catch my breath I can't sign up for another whole year, and that was it.

I didn't retire. I graduated with the class of 1995. When you retire after 46 years you don't expect there is too much left, but there was quite a bit left. Still is.



FACULTY FIRST

BY LIZ LYONS FRIEDMAN

Liz Lyons Friedman taught at Canisius from 1970 to 1977. She now lives in California where she has an art studio. See her work at facebook.com/LizLyonsFriedmanArtStudio.

Canisius High School was always a part of my life in Buffalo. I went to Nardin Academy from kindergarten through high school. The two schools have always had a close connection. Many of my uncles and cousins graduated from Canisius High School; even more of my family, including my father, went to Canisius College. A Jesuit education was a proud tradition in our family.

In 1970, having just earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, I heard about an opening for an art instructor at Canisius High School. Even though I didn't have experience teaching and I was a woman, I applied for the position. After several interviews I was asked to teach an art lesson in the summer HAP English class of Mr. **Ken Durkin '58**. I was a nervous wreck but the lesson went well and I was hired. I immediately enrolled at SUNY/Buffalo to earn a Masters in Art Education and a teaching credential.

As the first female lay faculty member and the first full-time female instructor, there were many challenges. No one was quite sure what to do with me. What about the all-male faculty lounge, and what should I wear? At the time the lay faculty wore academic gowns...a bit awkward teaching studio art! The faculty and staff were (mostly) very welcoming but this was a big, big change. Thank you to my colleagues and superiors for mentoring and teaching me the ropes! I had many things to learn about... JUG being one of them.

When I began teaching at Canisius, visual arts, music and theater arts were part of the English department. A couple of years later we became a separate, albeit small but growing, fine arts department located in Berchman's Hall. The beautiful hallway

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of the former Rand mansion was transformed into a student art gallery. Music, television, and mechanical drawing classes were also held in Berchman's Hall. The art room, next to the chapel, was a place for studio art, art appreciation and art history. My students painted murals on the walls. We even had a "Paint In" where my students painted all of the table tops in colorful, bold, Peter Max like, designs (this was the early 70s). It is so gratifying to see that 40 years later the fine arts department has its own 13,000 square foot building with rehearsal spaces, art classrooms, studios and a beautiful gallery space. It is exciting to see the impressive growth and development of the fine arts department now housed in the new Center for the Arts.

The art students were an integral part of the first GAMBIT. This was years before word processors and digital layout programs, and the students made posters for every donated item by hand as well as helped with decorating the auditorium. Field trips included walking to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, a wonderful way to introduce my students to art and identify the different architectural styles along the way. I loved being a part of the Canisius family. Congratulations, Canisius, on 150 years of Jesuit education in Buffalo!

EACH OTHER'S WORK

BY FRANK SCINTA '70

Frank Scinta taught music at Canisius High School from 1974 to 1990. He has served on the Canisius College faculty since 1995.

François Mauriac's words changed me that afternoon as I prepared to direct the music for a very special event. It was June 9, 1974. There, in a church wedged deep into the Bronx streetscape, my teacher-turned-colleague, Gerald McIntyre, S.J., took on the life of priest/teacher – a ministry that would call him to mold, re-mold, and love others. A simple card memorialized the day. One side listed date, time, place, and name of the newly ordained. The reverse held Mauriac's quote. I was Canisius' newest faculty member, one semester into my tenure and unsure of both purpose and prospects. Mauriac's words at once dispelled that doubt. They forged a context for my past and the template for my future in arts and education. And they would map my journey as Canisius student, teacher, and trustee.

Prior to starting my freshman year at Canisius one wet September morning in 1966, my own "molding" grew from strict household codes, a small parish school, and a community devoted to temporal and spiritual compliance. Little breached the insulation that family, school, and church imposed. It was within these narrow limits – along with marginal math and reading skills – that I entered the foreign, feverish pace of Canisius. Its imposing, all-male faculty meant business. Its savvy students moved in higher socio-economic orbits from

my own. Its bruising curriculum loomed large, eclipsed only by disciplinary codes that took no prisoners and applied "justice under God" (J.U.G).

"We are, all of us, molded and re-molded by those who have loved us, and though that love may pass, we remain nonetheless their work."

Back then such pressure seemed senseless, even cruel. But the long lens of half a century provides perspective. Now in our fiftieth year beyond the blue doors, my classmates feel each day the force Canisius played in molding us. It was there we learned the strength of language, the power of words. There we realized our world spoke in metaphor and imagery and civilization told its story in "three volumes" – its deeds, its words, its art. There we discovered not chasms but bridges between art and science. The musical symmetry of Fr. Paul Naumann's poetry mirrored Fr. Tom Flemming's balanced equations and Fr. Fred Reiser's equal and opposite forces and Mr. Jim Hennessy's harmonious sequence of tenses. Relationships reigned across the curriculum, endorsing Nabakov's claim that "there is no science without fancy, no art without fact."

In time, our struggles over laws of grammar and gravity revealed the greatest law: everything matters in our formation and everything – everything – is related. I recall one amazing day when three of my classes – math, physics, religion – each addressed the concept of infinity. Twenty years hence I watched as my own students marveled over the infinity of musical pitch. Whether Biology or Bach, all subjects pressed toward the center. They shared origins and principles and together lead from knowledge to understanding to wisdom.

Along the perimeter of our masonic auditorium stretches an inscription that, with Mauriac's words, distill my years with Canisius. I first noticed it that wet September morning as we freshmen sat trembling beneath Fr. Sturm's opening salvo. It offered shelter against his storm. I often wonder how many have noticed it, hidden high in the shadows. "He that dwelleth among you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself." Enough said. May we all continue molding and re-molding each other with love and care in the Canisius tradition, mindful that we are – and must remain – each other's work.





INFLUENTIAL MENTORS

BY ERIC KOESSLER '84

Eric Koessler teaches religion and guitar at Canisius. He joined the faculty in 1999.

When asked to reflect upon my experience at Canisius High School, I draw upon my experiences as a student, father, and teacher within our institution. The process of this reflection is grounded in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola which left him with a sense of gratitude that finds its foundation in a desire to connect with the wholeness that is God.

While still in elementary school, the palpable love within my family was evident in the encouragement I received to attend Canisius. Only in retrospect could I see the importance of this choice. The strongest memories of the school in those days were of academics, sports and social skills, and also, an invitation to spirituality that began to feed the questioning of where one finds meaning in life. Part of what brought traction to that search for meaning for me was the manner that Fr. Paul Naumann, S.J. conducted English class in both my junior and senior years. He encouraged a personal sense of presence and participation on our part that complemented his passion for teaching and became an infectious part of our quest for higher education.

If it was Fr. Naumann who inspired a passion for learning, it was becoming a father that taught me the beauty of humility. Soon after my first son, **Miles '16**, was born I began working at Canisius, and the birth of my second son, **Matthew '19**, followed three years later. That spirituality and craving for wholeness that was fostered as a student at Canisius, and fed my pursuit of philosophy and theology in college and in teaching, finally found its identity in fatherhood. As my sons transitioned into high school, those values that were instilled in me by the school, particularly that of service to others, became part of their identity as developing young men.

One of the most influential mentors in my development as a teacher at Canisius was my colleague and friend Jim Tudini. Of the many things he imparted, in both words and particularly action, was the idea that these young men will listen to you if you model the behavior that you truly want for them. The memory of him communicating this to me was an impactful moment in our friendship and animated with one or more adjectives spoken in Italian whose meaning I only understood via the context of the experience! His influence as a teacher led me to develop my own teaching style and spirituality that is still evolving to this day.

St. Ignatius has endowed us with some of the most important tools for life when it comes to developing our relationship with the Divine. Methods like imaginative prayer and the examen of conscience give us the opportunity to experience Christ Jesus in the reality of personal discernment and connection with others. The living spirituality of St. Ignatius invites us to experience this mystery that draws us into wholeness. The theologian Roger Haight, S.J., in his essay entitled *Spirituality, Evolution, Creator God*, embodies the essence of this mystery when he states: "A real transcendent Presence makes itself known within human experience. It appeals to a common experience of believers in God that some mysterious Presence works within and is irreducible to anything that is caused either by themselves or their environment." This beautiful Presence Haight so eloquently identifies cannot be contained by language but exists as the fabric of our relationships and the foundation of our deepest desires.

REFLECTIONS...

RICHARD GRISANTI '50

“ I remember being the “King of JUG,” and having to divide 10,000 by $\frac{3}{4}$ until it got down to zero. Needless to say, that never happened. I also recall our softball and basketball court which is now a parking lot at the corner of Cleveland and Delaware Avenues. The leftfielder and centerfielder had to stand on Delaware Avenue waiting for fly balls. As you can imagine, the intramural games were interrupted a few times for passing cars.

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JOE DECK '52



“ Back in the middle of the last century, there was a real theatrical stage at Canisius High School. The great pipe organ was out of commission, but all the rest of the stage worked, including extensive electrical controls with house-lighting dimmers, etc. Showtime was truly magic! Many counter-weighted batons held scenery panels and curtains to be lifted or lowered to change scenes in plays. Some of the stage platforms we made then are still in use today. We did the Merchant of Venice, Julius Caesar, and a Passion Play. Frankly, we kids did the ‘work’ under good Jesuit supervision, but in retrospect it was not without considerable risk. St. Peter Canisius protected us, and stage crew was a terrific after-school activity. Gone forever, but never forgotten. Sic transit gloria mundi.

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JOE TREANOR '76

“ Probably my most critical freshman year instructor was my algebra teacher, Mr. Nick Kessler '28 – a CHS institution to whom our senior class would dedicate the 1976 Arena Yearbook. Math had always been my most difficult subject; but Mr. Kessler was such an excellent teacher – and more importantly, he was such a patient instructor who happily gave struggling students extra help after class – that he not only eliminated math as an academic liability for me, but also turned it into a strength of mine. From him I learned the values of patience and perseverance in overcoming difficulty.



NICHOLAS H. KESSLER

C.J. WILD '16



“ For ten days during my junior year, I lived in the tiny agrarian village of Coyolito, Nicaragua with my nine classmates and three faculty chaperones. Each day began early, waking up to the sounds of roosters greeting the glimpse of the sun on the edge of the horizon. We slept in the homes of local families, helped milk cows on each of their farms, and journeyed down the road by foot to our daily worksite: a chapel for the community. Although the people we stayed with lived in a state of destitution unlike any I had ever seen, they were among the happiest, most hardworking, and most peaceful men and women I had ever met. Under the beating sun of central America, the true meaning of service became clear: to give and not to count the cost.

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STUDENTS TO WATCH

MICHAEL BARNES '20

"I'm now more willing to ask for help rather than try to handle everything by myself."



HOMETOWN: Fredonia – the commute takes about an hour each way, but it's worth it.

ALUMNI RELATIVES: **Daniel Barnes '17** is my brother. I'm the youngest of seven kids.

ACTIVITIES: Some of the people I met playing baseball as a freshman are still my best friends. I've played baseball every year at Canisius, and squash since sophomore year. One of my favorite memories is going to Cooperstown with the baseball team as a freshman. It was fun spending time with my teammates, and we played – and beat – a team from New York City.

ACADEMICS: Math comes easiest for me. I prefer solving problems to writing papers. While preparing for the SAT exam, I was doing well with the math, but felt I could do better with the English, so I talked with Ms. (Erin) Conley. She told me she had lots of practice questions I could work through and she was willing to

help me at any time. This is an example of how teachers here care about the students.

COLLEGE PLANS: The University of Pittsburgh is a school that I'm leaning towards, in part, because I like the city campus. I want to study some type of engineering.

RETREATS: Leading a Kairos retreat this year was a good experience that allowed me to get to know juniors who I didn't previously know well. I also have good memories from my Kairos last December when it snowed and we played snow football. Retreats have made me more open. I'm now more willing to ask for help rather than try to handle everything by myself.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: Don't judge people when you first meet them. We all make judgements about different types of people, but once you get to know them they often don't match what you first thought.

ISHMAEL FAIRCLOUGH '20

"It was a good experience to have a sense that I'm making a difference and doing something that helps the community."

HOMETOWN: Buffalo

ACTIVITIES: Basketball is my favorite sport and I've been playing since I was six.

Here at Canisius, **Coach (Kyle) Husband '96** has helped me develop as a player and a leader. He doesn't just tell me what I need to work on, he helps me work on it. I also run the 100 meter, 200 meter, and 4x100 for the track team, although I missed track season last year because of a hamstring injury. I'm looking forward to getting back to track this spring.

ACADEMICS: Educational opportunities are a reason I chose to come to Canisius in addition to athletics. My favorite class right now is Forensic Science because I'm interested in investigation techniques and learning about the criminal mind. A teacher who has been particularly helpful is Mr. **(Joe) Zera '01**. My sophomore year I was struggling in math and he worked with me to develop study strategies for tests and assignments. With his help

I started doing much better in math, and I still use the strategies we developed to help me with schoolwork.

COLLEGE PLANS: Tennessee State University is my top choice. I have family in the area, it's a great school, I love the weather there, and I'm impressed with their sports programs. I hope to play basketball there and study criminal justice or sports management.

SERVICE: This past summer, I participated in a service project at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. I helped clean up the garden and picked up trash in the Fruit Belt neighborhood. It was a good experience to have a sense that I'm making a difference and doing something that helps the community, and I want to do more of that in the future.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: Talk to people you've never talked to before.





SEAN JONES '20

"It's nice to be able to share knowledge that can help someone else."

HOMETOWN: Orchard Park

ACTIVITIES: Tutoring at the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is something I'm doing through the STEM Jr. Club at Canisius. We work with younger students on whatever subjects they might need help. It's nice to be able to share knowledge that can help someone else, and the kids make it fun. I'm also involved with sports. I play hockey for an outside team and squash for Canisius. I enjoy being part of a team and developing a closeness with my teammates.

COLLEGE PLANS: AP Psychology has been one of my favorite classes at Canisius. It's fascinating how complex the brain is. I've been giving a lot of thought to what I want to study in college and I might want to pursue pre-med or biology, but I'm also considering business. I'm still deciding where I want to go to college.

RETREATS: One of the group activities at Kairos that made me think was one where everyone is seated with their backs turned. As a list of qualities is read, retreatants are asked to tap on the back the people they think have those qualities. The retreatants don't know who is tapping them. This activity shows that we are appreciated by others in ways we might not know.

BEING A "MAN FOR OTHERS": To me it's about taking the time to care about someone else. I experienced this last summer at the I Can Shine bike camp. For the children with disabilities at the camp, learning to steady a bike was a challenge. Those of us volunteering at the camp weren't just going through the motions. We were getting to know the kids and helping them rise to the challenge.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: Have fun while you are here. It'll be awesome. Don't stress about little stuff.

GRANT LETCHER '20

"He pushed me to push myself to do what he could tell I was capable of achieving."

HOMETOWN: North Tonawanda

WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS: My mom saw that I had the potential to do well in school and she wanted me to be challenged. We were going to check out other schools in addition to Canisius, but once I visited as a "Crusader For The Day" I fell in love with the school and made my choice to come here.

ACTIVITIES: Ever since I was little I watched hockey with my dad and would obsess over the goalies, and now that's the position I play. I've been playing for about ten years.

ACADEMICS: Math and science are my favorite subjects. So many teachers have been very helpful, and Mr. (Brian) Spurlock is one who stands out for helping me adjust to the school and adapt to the rigorous classwork. My sophomore year in biology he noticed that I wanted to learn and he pushed me to push myself

to do what he could tell I was capable of achieving. I appreciate his push and what I learned from him continues to help me today in more advanced classes.

COLLEGE PLANS: The University at Buffalo and Clarkson are my top two picks right now. With UB, the familiarity of being close to home is appealing. Clarkson is ranked highly for its civil engineering program which is what I want to study.

SERVICE: On my Companions service immersion trip to Cincinnati, I met a man who made an impression on me. Our group was working at multiple soup kitchens and we saw this same man at different kitchens. He was always happy to see us, and so friendly and positive. He learned our names and we learned his. His optimism, despite the fact that he's obviously enduring hardship – that stuck with me.



ZACH MECCA '20

"Embrace the grind...it will get you to places that you couldn't get to by doing the bare minimum."

HOMETOWN: Williamsville

ALUMNI RELATIVES: Nick Mecca '19, brother; Dan Mecca '87, father; Nicholas Mecca '52, grandfather

ACTIVITIES: Freshman year I tried out for golf, but didn't make the team. My dad wanted me to do a sport though, so I tried crew and I loved it. Last year, having the success we had on a national level, was a great experience. Balancing crew and schoolwork has helped me develop time management skills. I wasn't great at that as a freshman, but I've gotten better. The other activity I'm into lately is rock climbing. I'm in the new rock climbing club at Canisius, but I also go climbing outside of school, too, with friends. It's physically demanding and fun.

INFLUENTIAL TEACHER: Mr. (Bryan) Galligan sparked my interest in science a few years ago. He loved what he was teaching and his enthusiasm affected his class. He made science interesting through hands-on, interactive, learning.



COLLEGE PLANS: Harvard recruited me, so that's where I'm going. I may double major in political science and some kind of engineering. I want to go into law and a double major could provide me with a good background.

RETREATS: Emmaus and Kairos are very humanizing experiences. On the retreats the retreatants share their struggles, and that helped me see that I'm more like my fellow retreatants than I realized since we share similar challenges.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: It might be stressful at first, but embrace the grind and it will be a lot of fun. Plus, it will get you to places that you couldn't get to by doing the bare minimum.



PATRICK STOUTER '20

"I've been thinking about whether I want the Jesuit aspect – the approach of educating the whole person – in college, and I think that I do."

HOMETOWN: Grand Island

ALUMNI RELATIVES: Stephen Stouter '18, brother; Stephen Stouter '82, father

ACTIVITIES: The Gettysburg trip with Mr. Rizzo's class (Sam Rizzo '97) was one of my favorite Canisius experiences. Walking the battlefields and hearing from presenters was informative, but the best part was bonding with classmates. This year I'm serving as president of the American Civil War History Club. Being part of the Drama Guild productions has also been fun. I've been involved with three at Canisius and helped with productions at Nardin Academy, too. Scouting is also a big part of my life. I'm currently a Life Scout and

a member of the Order of the Arrow which is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts. I've set a goal of achieving Eagle Scout by February.

ACADEMICS: Writing an essay for my college applications was a struggle for me. I felt I didn't have much to write about. Dr. (Amy) Kimmel was open to helping me and we scheduled brainstorming sessions. By the end of it, I had something really meaningful to write that said a lot about me as a person and what I've learned. I'm thankful for her help.

COLLEGE PLANS: Psychology and nursing are two majors I'm considering. I'll most likely go to the University at Buffalo, Le Moyne College, or Canisius College. I've been thinking about whether I want the Jesuit aspect – the approach of educating the whole person – in college, and I think that I do.

SUMMER JOB: I've worked at Camp Scouthaven in Freedom, New York for the last two summers and volunteered there since 2012. It's rewarding to help young children experience the wilderness, learn skills, and overcome fears they may have about nature.

LIFE AT CANISIUS

"Canisius has taught me to serve others, and not to always think about myself first. This is a tangible, and real thing that I have learned."

– Alex Bakshi '21



Then and Now

The winning entry in the sidewalk chalk art contest is by **Jacob Botticelli '21**, **Solomon Lian '21**, **Ben Jellinick '21**, and **Jacob Walek '21**. It depicts all three locations of the high school over its 150 year history.

Walk for Canisius

Declan Ryan '22, **Willie Herron '21**, and **Ed Cosgrove '22** had fun together on Elmwood Avenue during the Walk for Canisius. The student body as a whole achieved all of its goals for this year's Walk.



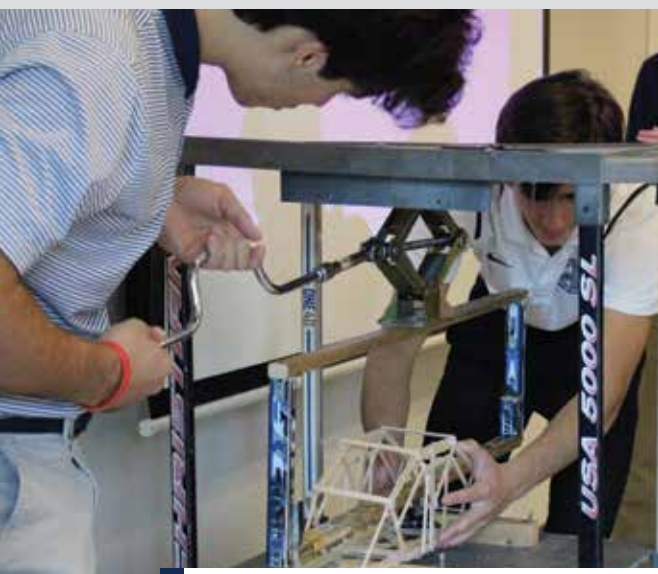
Retreat Reflections

Tyler Baughman '21 (left) and **Jack Vukelic '21** reflect and write down their thoughts during the Kairos 106 retreat at Cradle Beach this fall.



Hands-on Learning

Engineering students **Nate Weinstein '20** and **Christian Meyer '20** test the bridge they built by putting it in the "crusher" machine. Testing results are displayed in real time on the classroom screen as pressure is applied to the bridge.



House Games

Loyola House members **Fawaad Khawar '22**, **Layth Khan '20**, **Thomas Riker '20**, and **Zach Barney '21** celebrate a point during the Quiz Bowl competition – part of the first ever House Games at Canisius. Teams competed for their Houses in several events.





FALL SPORTS

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State Champions

CJ Ozolins '20 fired up the Blue Crew before playing St. Joe's. The Crusaders defeated St. Francis to win the Monsignor Martin title, and then beat Cardinal Hayes from the Bronx to win the State Catholic Championship.



League Title

In cross country, the Crusaders went undefeated, 6-0, to capture the regular season Monsignor Martin title before also winning the league championship at All-Catholics.



Undefeated

After going undefeated to claim the regular season title, the golf team also captured the league championship at All-Catholics. **Steve Bleck '22** (pictured), **Ryan Coyne '21**, and **Owen Rooney '22** each earned All-Tournament honors at All-Catholics.



20 Straight

The Canisius volleyball team is the Monsignor Martin champion for a 20th consecutive year. The Crusaders defeated St. Mary's in the semifinal and St. Francis in the final. Pictured: **Alexander Seifert '20** and **Ian Roche '21**.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

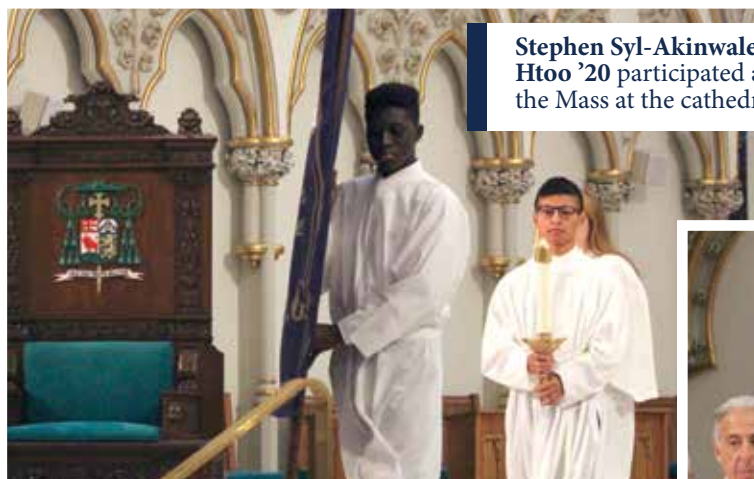


The chorus was accompanied by instrumental music teacher Dr. Dan Bassin on trumpet during the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The 2019-2020 school year began with the Canisius community celebrating the Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Scaccia Auditorium. This year, in honor of the school's sesquicentennial celebration, the Mass was followed by a picnic lunch and games on Tripi Field.



Luke Miranda '22 takes aim during a game of spike ball during the 150th anniversary picnic.



Stephen Syl-Akinwale '21 (left) and **Simon Htoo '20** participated as altar servers during the Mass at the cathedral.

Canisius High School and Canisius College celebrated their shared beginnings together on September 14, 2019 with a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo.



Fr. John Cecero, S.J., the provincial of the USA Jesuits Northeast Province, came to town for the celebration and served as the celebrant, while Fr. David Ciacimino, S.J., Fr. **Michael Corcoran, S.J. '76**, Fr. **Thomas Slon, S.J. '75**, and Fr. Richard Zaroni, S.J. served as concelebrants.



GAMBIT XLVI

The celebration of 150 years will continue at GAMBIT XLVI, Western New York's premier dinner auction, on March 21 – save the date! Serving as co-chair couples for this year's event are Jodi and Tom Quatroche '88, Cheryl and Jim Swiezy, and Margie and Larry Whistler '86.

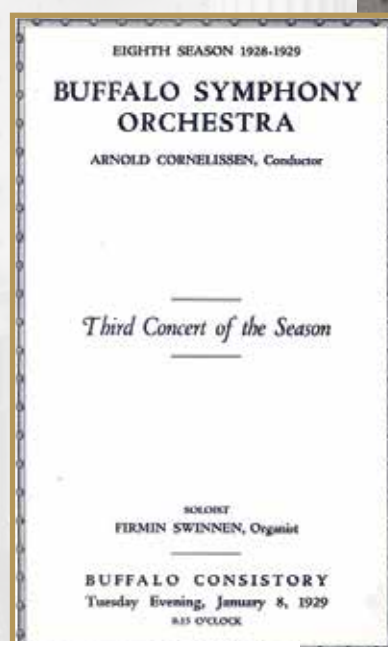
Please consider being a sponsor for the event, attending a gift gathering party, or volunteering your time and talents. Find more information at canisiushigh.org/gambit.



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Before 1180 Delaware Avenue was the home of Canisius High School, it was the site of the Buffalo Consistory – a social and cultural center for Buffalo before the construction of Kleinhans Music Hall. What is now the Scaccia Auditorium hosted plays, operas, balls, dances, and concerts.

As part of Canisius' 150th anniversary celebration, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will return to the Scaccia Auditorium for a performance during a school day in spring 2020.



A concert program from the Canisius archives.



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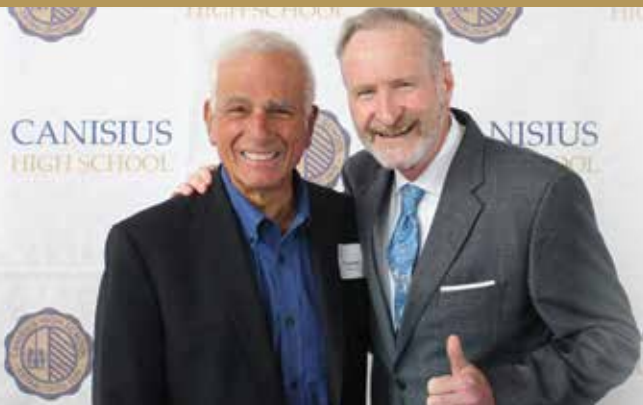
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Pictured: The East Coast Jesuits in formation



ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni parent Jack Armstrong (right) poses for a photo with Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Committee member **Dr. Thomas Lombardo '65**.

“ When I think of foundation; when I think of a place that helps you achieve the next 40 (years) when you step out at 18 years old – this (Canisius) is the place. ”

– from Jack Armstrong's keynote speech.

MEN FOR OTHERS

Alumni and friends gathered in the Lexus Club at the KeyBank Center on September 16, 2019 for the Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Jack Armstrong, voice of the NBA champion Toronto Raptors.

This year's luncheon raised \$27,000 for the Fr. John G. Sturm, S.J. '35 Legacy Fund, bringing the total raised since the fund's beginning in 2016 to over \$200,000. Thanks to the fund's supporters, the scholarship endowment has increased to \$340,000, and the fund has distributed more than \$89,000 to assist Canisius athletic programs. Add your support at canisiushigh.org/sturm.



Canisius varsity basketball coach **Kyle Husband '96** was honored at this year's luncheon. He's pictured with Canisius President Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J., Canisius Principal Andrea Tyrpak-Endres, and Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Committee Chair **Joe Michael '64**.

UP NEXT...

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019 | RIVERWORKS

4:00-6:00pm, followed by after-party

All Canisius alumni are welcome to play, watch, and take part in the after-party. Sign up at canisiushigh.org/alumhockey.

JUG NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 | CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

6:00-9:00pm

Come back to school for the winter gathering of alumni and former faculty and staff. Enjoy good food, drinks, and fun!

Sign up at canisiushigh.org/jugnight.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 19-20, 2020

Featuring the All Alumni Bash, Alumni Golf Classic, school tours, and individual class celebrations. Mark your calendars.



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Robert Kresse '45 retired from the firm of Barclay Damon, LLP after 65 years of law practice.

Frank Knab, Jr. '50 received the Lifetime Achievement Johannes Gutenberg Award for excellence in the printing distribution field by the local Printing Broker Association Chapter XIX. Frank recently celebrated the 45th anniversary of his company Knab Graphics. His four sons are also Canisius alumni – Thomas '76, Kevin '78, John '81, and Christopher '85.

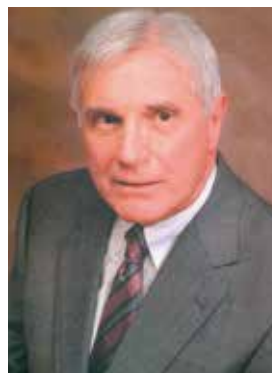
Anthony Battaglia '51 has been singing his entire life since graduating from Canisius. He performs at numerous events in The Villages, FL where he lives. He will be performing "Con Te Partiro" ("Time to Say Goodbye" and "My Way") at a large function in early spring 2020. Although he recently spent five weeks in the hospital, Anthony says he has been blessed in life with more ups than downs. He served in Korea between 1953-1955, and later received his B.A. at the University at Buffalo, and his M.S. from Syracuse University.

Otto Regensdorfer, Jr. '51 meets classmates for breakfast at the Family Tree restaurant on the second Wednesday of the month.

Steve "Jerry" DiPasquale '52 worked for Pfizer for 33 years and has been enjoying retirement for 26 years. He enjoys Western New York in the summer and Boca Raton, FL in the winter. Jerry and his wife Fran have four children, 14 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. "God has blessed us with many things," says Jerry, and he adds that he has many fond memories of his days at Canisius.

Bill Weppner '53 visited Omaha Beach in June 2019 for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. He also visited the restored Mission Control at Space Center Houston in July 2019 for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission.

Fr. David Casey, S.J. '56 continues to serve as the alumni chaplain at Le Moyne College and the treasurer of the Le Moyne Jesuit Community.



James Macie '57 (photo left) shortened his last name from Maciejewski after graduating from high school. He is an attorney in Jonesboro, GA where he has been included among the state's "Super Lawyers." James and his wife recently received the "Third of the World" award from International Travel News. They have visited over 70 countries; most recently Sri Lanka with plans for Morocco and Peru in 2020. He has run half-marathons in the past year, and remains a devoted Buffalo Bills fan. During a recent visit to Buffalo

he had dinner with classmates John LaFalce '57, Tom Penders '57, and Chester Syput '57.

John Marszalek '57 is the executive director and managing editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, Mississippi State University. He was a member of the university's history department from 1973 to 2002, and has been executive director since 2008. In 2017 he was main editor of The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant: the Complete Annotated Edition (Harvard University Press), and in 2019 he was the main author of Hold on with a Bulldog Grip: A Short Study of Ulysses S. Grant, the book given to every freshman entering the university in August 2019.

Robert Barone '58 is not retired. His first grandson will attend college next year. His other grandson is nine-years-old and plans to play in the NBA.

John Coyle '58 recently completed 3,500 hours as a volunteer researcher at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL.

Dick Myers '60 is living in St. Marys, GA where he has served as a court appointed special advocate for the last 11 years advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children. He is retiring from that position this year. Dick is also in the Washington Metropolitan Basketball Hall of Fame following a 40-year coaching career that included 29 years as the head basketball coach for Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. In 1986 his Gonzaga team was ranked number two in the nation.

Michael Shurgot '61 (photo left) co-wrote a novel titled "Green River Saga" which was published this fall by Sunstone Press in Santa Fe, NM. The novel is set in the tiny town of Green River, Wyoming in 1866 and 1867, and narrates a classic Western theme of battles for land and water between



a tribe of Northern Cheyenne and cattle barons in the mountains and valleys northeast of Green River. The story included many memorable characters.

James Hassett '62 retired from the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo in January 2019. He has remained in the community and is enjoying traveling with his family.

Paul Schwach '63 and his wife recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary, and

celebrated the birth of granddaughter Chole Grace.

Paul Bayer '64 retired on August 31, 2019 from the Department of State and hopes to become a docent at the Army Museum, Fort Belvoir, VA when it opens next June.

David Dasher '65 was awarded a New York State Dental Association Hallmark of Excellence Award. The award is in recognition of his establishing Amaus Dental Services in Syracuse. Amaus provides free dental care for homeless, unemployed, and uninsured people in Central New York. Using an all volunteer workforce, over \$500,000 worth of free care has been provided since 2014.

Michael Healy '66 reports that he has "escaped from retirement to make about ten Christmas movies for Lifetime network this Christmas."

Francis "Frank" O'Connor, Esq. '67 was named a 2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the field of real estate. He will be receiving the St. Thomas More Award at the annual Red Mass in the Diocese of Scranton, PA. The Red Mass is for judges, lawyers and members of the legal profession. The St. Thomas More Award recognizes members of the legal profession who have shown integrity in the practice of law, leadership in the community, and faithfulness to gospel values in their personal and professional lives. Frank is still practicing law four days a week. He and his wife recently welcomed their sixth grandchild.

Sam Iraci '68 notes that the Andrew D. Iraci Memorial Endowed Fund has been created in memory of his late son Andrew D. Iraci '99. Donations to the fund are welcome.

Vince Mancuso '68, Anthony Mancuso '74, Jim O'Brien '69 (photo left), and their wives took a Viking River cruise along the Danube in July 2019. The cruise began in Budapest and ended in Passau, Germany with stops



in Slovakia and Austria. In Bratislava, Slovakia they visited the baroque Holy Savior Jesuit Church and stopped for a photo in front of the seminary while wearing their Canisius shirts.

Tom Fontana '69 is working on "City on a Hill," a television series which was picked up for a second season by the Showtime network. Tom was also honored in November at the Buffalo History Museum as a "Giant of Buffalo."

Jack Gawronski '69 attended Alumni Weekend at Canisius High School in June. "The volunteers, the workers, and priests were awesome," says Jack. "I try and go every year but this was the best."

Greg Rabb '69 was awarded the Richard P. Nathan Public Policy Fellowship for 2019-2020 to study fiscal stress in eight Western New York cities – Jamestown, Dunkirk, Olean, Lockport, Batavia, Canandaigua, Geneva, and Hornell. The fellowship is from the SUNY Rockefeller Institute for Local Governance in Albany.

Peter Drury '70 has been teaching middle school science in New Zealand for nearly 20 years.

Stephen Fabian '70 retired after 44 years in the shrimp business.

Mark Giangreco '70 signed a new three-year contract with WLS-TV which will extend his career to 40 years in Chicago broadcasting. He has three married sons, and a one-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter, Ellery.

Dennis McCleary '70 (photo left) traveled to Nashville for the Buffalo

TELL US WHAT'S NEW

- Started a new job?
- Got married?
- Welcomed a baby?
- Retired?
- Wrote a book?
- Starred in a play?
- Won a championship?
- Launched a business?
- Celebrated an anniversary?
- Traveled the world?

Whatever you've been up to, your fellow Crusaders would like to hear about it. To share your news, email CHStoday@canisiushigh.org. Photos are encouraged.

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Bills game against the Titans in October. He's pictured with Rob Schuster '70, Phil Perna '70, Tim Burns '70, Jack Scanlon '70, Tom Urban '70, and Jeff Weiss '70. "We also ran into Bill Tatu '70," says Dennis.

Tom Neale '70 left full time work in March of this year to found Murray Hill Associates, his consulting firm providing board of directors and capital sourcing advice to his former private equity clients as well as other business professionals. He is also now able to spend more time with his wife of 40 years, Barbara, and their three daughters who are grown and beginning their own careers post college. The photo here is from oldest daughter Barrett's 2012 wedding.



Mike Jay '71 is in his 40th year in higher education. He currently teaches at the University of North Carolina and does research in the area of pharmaceutical development. Mike and his wife Susan enjoy spending much of their summers at Keuka Lake, and welcomed their second grandson into the world in July. Mike and Susan are pictured here with their son Steven, daughter-in-law Jen, and first grandson Lucas. "Life is wonderful," says Mike.



Fred Kirsits '71 recently retired after serving for 40 years as the director of music at Mt. Mercy Academy.



Kevin Gregory '72 has two grandchildren. Ella was born in May 2017 and Patrick was born January 2019.

Ray Link '72 is on the board of directors of FormFactor and nLight, both Nasdaq listed high-tech companies. He is also

on the faculty of the University of California, Santa Barbara where he teaches corporation finance.

James Rooney '73 wrote an article titled "An Alternative Approach Toward Mideast Peace" that was published by "The Washington Monthly" this past summer.

Hon. Mark Saltarelli '73 was chosen as president-elect of the NYS Association of City Court Judges at the group's annual meeting on September 30, 2019 at Mohonk Mountain Resort.



Jim Bartels, MD '74 gathered with (photo left) Tim Karnes '74, Bob Forti '74, Mark Pleto '74, Jim Bartels '74, and Chuck Basil '74 in Nashville in early October and took in the Bills vs. Titans NFL game. They also got to meet Bob's new daughter, Avarinn, who was born in May 2019.

Alan Hastings '74 recently merged the company that he founded, Hastings Cohn Real Estate, with Hunt Commercial Real Estate.

Edward O'Mara '74 (photo left) retired from his position as an offender



rehabilitation coordinator at the Attica Correctional Facility in December 2012. In that role he provided counseling to inmates and developed the therapeutic and recreational information and library services at Attica and five other state correctional facilities. Additionally, he served as the union council

leader/president for civilian employees. He is active in the political action committee of the Public Employees' Federation, New York State's largest white collar union. Since retiring, he volunteers for the Call4Action program at WIVB-TV in Buffalo. He lives by the "Men for Others" motto and demonstrates it as he volunteers his services to community members in need of advocates when times get tough.

Michael Daley '76 recently retired from SUNY after a 30-year career in human resources. He and his family relocated to Alexandria, VA in October 2019.

Ken Kencel '77 is president and CEO of Churchill Asset Management, a majority-affiliate of Nuveen that manages \$7 billion in committed capital. Churchill was recently named "USA Lender of the Year" by Global M&A Network in recognition of its strong reputation as a leading provider of debt financing to middle market companies.

David Mineo '79 was recently elected to a two-year term on the board of trustees for the Kenmore Mercy Foundation.

John Knab '81 won the 2019 Royal Arthur Foundation Prize for his "Report on the Relative Migration Patterns of African and European Cocos Nucifera" (Chapman Press 2019).

Richard Kralik '84 works in supply chain IT consulting. He is enjoying being an empty-nester as his older son is in his fourth year of dental school at the University of Pennsylvania, and his younger son is a senior at UNC-Greensboro where he is studying music education.

Valerian Ruminski '85 received a national opera award from Opera America in Dallas recognizing his ten years of service in founding and maintaining Nickel City Opera in Buffalo. Valerian is currently touring

Denmark and singing operas for the Danish National Opera Company.

Ron Raccuia '86 was named to the Buffalo Niagara Partnership's board of directors. Ron is Pegula Sports & Entertainment's executive vice president of licensing and brand merchandise and president and founder of ADPRO Sports.

Gregory Michaelidis '88 (photo left) became head of public sector communications at MITRE in McLean, VA after eight years as a senior communicator in the Obama administration.

Tom Quatroche, Jr., Ph.D. '88 was named to the Buffalo Niagara Partnership's board of directors. Tom is the president and CEO at the Erie County Medical Center.



Gerard Irving, IV '90 was promoted to associate vice president for human resources and administration at Gelia, a marketing and communications agency.

Max Schulte '92 (photo left) is a photojournalist and videographer at WXXI News in Rochester. Max previously served as a staff photographer for the Democrat and Chronicle for 23 years, and as the lead photographer for the last two years. He has earned national and New York State Associated Press Association honors for both his still photography and video. Max earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photojournalism from the Rochester Institute of Technology. While he loves his career, what keeps him smiling the most are his two young boys and his wife, Jessica.



Fran Riordan '93 was named the Pacific Coast League Manager of the Year. Fran manages the Las Vegas Aviators – the triple-A baseball affiliate of the Oakland Athletics.

Brian Degnan '97 is in his 15th year of practicing law.

Brent Nowicki '97 was named the World Lacrosse Chair of Rules overseeing the development of rules for the sport. He is also the managing counsel for the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland where he deals with disputes involving nearly every international sport. Brent also played for Team Switzerland which placed 17th at the 2019 World Lacrosse Championships in September. He is pictured here with current

Canisius physical education teacher Joe Smith. Brent is on the left.



Timothy Bevilacqua '98 (photo left) started a new job as DevOps engineer at a Mount Sinai venture, Sema4, in Stamford, CT.

Brian Lysiak '98 was named head of trading at J.P. Morgan Asset Management's global fixed-income, currency and commodities business. Brian was previously the head of North American credit trading at BlackRock. He is based in New York City.

Fr. Stephen DeWitt, OFM '00 has entered the Master's in Social Work program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Steve Coppola '02 is The Staley Head Coach of Women's Rowing at Cornell University. Steve joined Cornell this fall after seven seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, Princeton, where the rowing program has won five of the last seven Ivy League championships. Following his successful college rowing career, Steve helped the United States to a bronze medal at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.



Stephan Munich '03 is an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago where he specializes in skull base, cerebrovascular, and endovascular neurosurgery.



In recognition of Canisius' 150th anniversary, we are working with Publishing Concepts, LP on a special sesquicentennial alumni directory. You may be contacted by the firm as we update alumni contact and demographic information. Participation is voluntary, and much appreciated.

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Michael Galante '04 (on right in the photo on the left) was deployed in April through October 2019 in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve as a team lead and physician for USAF CCATT. His work included evacuating critically ill and injured soldiers, sailors, and airmen from downrange and back to the United States for continuing medical care and recovery.

Salvatore Gandolfo '04 (photo left) was named to the Forbes "Best-in-State Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" list in September 2019. Salvatore is a senior financial advisor with the Hahn Scott Klein Gates Gandolfo Group at Merrill Lynch in Williamsville. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008 with a B.S. in business administration.



Mike Hofer '04 was named health plan president at Amerigroup WNY & RVP at Anthem Inc. after previously serving as health plan CFO and finance director. Amerigroup partners with BCBS of WNY to assist in the administration and management of the company's Medicaid managed care program.

Ted Sobolewski '04 was named Stanford University's Director of Men's Rowing. He served as an associate head coach at Northeastern for the previous four seasons. Ted graduated from Northeastern in 2009 with a degree in business administration, with a concentration in accounting.

Daniel Grosenbaugh '05 and his wife, Melissa Winkler, recently celebrated the second anniversary of their Wine Shop, Winkler & Samuels Wine Purveyors, in Buffalo's Larkin/Hydraulic District. The shop was also named by Buffalo Spree magazine as the Best Place for Wine Tasting in Western New York for its weeknight wine education program.

Andrew "AJ" Mehlretter '06 recently (photo left) completed US Army Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was appointed a warrant officer after Warrant Officer Candidate School, and he completed his flight training in both the UH-72 Lakota and UH-60 Blackhawk. In addition to deployments



to both Iraq and Afghanistan, AJ was named National Guardsman of the Year by the USO in 2014 for saving a civilian from a burning car. AJ will return to Kentucky, where he is a critical care nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital and is assigned to a Kentucky Army National Guard Air Assault unit as Blackhawk pilot.

Benjamin Paluch '06 (photo left) is working for the University at Buffalo. He is spearheading the business development efforts of key opinion leaders and supporting the Western New York biotechnology and life

sciences ecosystem by fostering public-private partnerships. Benjamin is excited to connect with Canisius alumni.



Kerry Freeburg '08 was a standout for the Canisius lacrosse team from 2004 to 2008, posting a .760 saves percentage. He has since traded his goalie stick for a tennis racket and become a consistent force from the service line at the Village Glen Tennis Club. Kerry took home hardware at this summer's Buffalo Muny Tournament for Men's Doubles. He works as a digital marketing manager at Aleron Shared Resources. Kerry also enjoys taking his Nikon D5600 into the wilderness. His

bird photography has been published in numerous magazines, and has gained a sizable following on Instagram.

Russ Fiorella '12 is teaching at Jesuitas Sarria-Sant Ignasi in Barcelona for three months as part of an exchange program with St. Peter's Prep in New Jersey.

Dalton Weir '14 moved to Edinburgh, Scotland in September following his graduation from the College of the Holy Cross. He is the primary digital accessibility and analytics consultant for Historic Environment Scotland (HES). HES owns and protects 337 castles, abbeys, churches, priories, and Neolithic heritage sites. "If any Canisius alumni are in Edinburgh, reach out because I can see about free entry to Edinburgh Castle," Dalton says. He is pictured here with his father Jonathan Weir '85 in the royal garden at Stirling Castle in Stirlingshire, Scotland.



Allan Collins '15 graduated from Gannon University this past spring with a Bachelor of Science. He has started on his masters with plans to eventually pursue a Ph.D. with research in cognitive neuropsychology at Miami University of Ohio.

Matthew McCraith '15 (photo left) graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 2019 with a B.S. in Cyber Operations and was commissioned as a U.S. Marine Corps Officer.

Sean Conley '16 (photo left) is playing DII hockey at Stonehill College in Easton, MA where he is a junior. He was named to the NE10 All-Rookie



Team and the All Conference Second Team in his freshman year. Sean also won Stonehill's Rookie of the Year and the Skyhawks Plus/Minus awards. He is working towards a Health Science degree and is interested in pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Michael Gabriele '16 is a senior at Niagara University where he plays D1 baseball. He led the team in batting average at .318 last season.

Michael Tenney '16 (photo left) will be graduating from Saint Joseph's University in May and will be moving back to Buffalo to start his career as a manager in training at Rich Products.



Charlie Stube '17 (photo left) is a junior at Oberline College and is the starting center defensive midfielder for the college's D3 soccer team.

Nick Taboni '17 (photo lower left) is competing with the University at Buffalo D1 track team.

Jack Coyne '18 began his second year of a five-year program this fall in the Direct Entry Physician Assistant Program at Daemen College. He is working with patients at Mercy Hospital

in Buffalo as an introduction to patient care. Jack is also involved with the Physician Assistant Student Society at Daemen.

John Killion '18 is competing in bull riding. He earned the most points of all riders in the Alden Bulls and Barrels Summer Series this past summer.

Troy Gooch '18 is attending school at Purdue University Fort Wayne where he plays D1 volleyball.

Jason Martin, Jr. '19 is attending Morgan State University and is a wide receiver for the Bears football team.

WEDDINGS



Joe Orlando '05 (photo left) married Rene Pienta on June 15, 2019 at Holy Angels Church with a celebration at the Hotel Henry in Buffalo.

Christian Bobak '06 married Christyn Dupre on June 29, 2018 in New Orleans. Christian is the men's soccer coach at Franciscan University.

Niall Shanahan '06 tied the knot with Maureen Dougan in July 2017. Niall teaches history at Catholic Central High School in Lawrence, MA and is the Model UN moderator and an assistant hockey coach.

Kevin Costanzo '07 married Nora Fiore on August 25, 2018 at St. Peter's parish in Lewiston with Fr. Fred Betti, S.J. officiating. Nora is the sister of James Fiore who would have graduated in 2007 had he not passed away in 2006.

Christian Martinez '09 (photo left) married Leigh Galasso on June 29, 2019 at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum in Buffalo. Christian met Leigh during his senior year of high school when Leigh was a senior at Mount St. Mary's. The couple lives in the Elmwood Village. Christian is an investment advisor at Sandhill Investment Management and Leigh is a registered dietitian at Sisters of Charity Hospital.



Brendan Stone '12 (photo left) married Kelly Barrett of Tonawanda on August 10, 2019. Kelly is a 2012 graduate of Mount St. Mary's Academy.

BIRTHS

Stephan Munich '03 and his wife Laura celebrated the birth of Sofija on July 28, 2019. She is the sister of two-year-old daughter Emilija.

Chris Musialowski '04 and his wife Ellen welcomed their daughter, Lilliana "Lilly" Jacqueline Musialowski (photo left), in August 2019.



Christian Bobak '06 and his wife Christyn welcomed their son, Kolbe Martin Bobak, on May 20, 2019.

IN MEMORIAM We remember alumni of whose passing we've learned since July 2019.

Casper S. Ligotti '29
John R. Connolly '41
James A. Kiley '42
Frank R. Papa '44
Leon M. Neu '45
Henry N. Stahl '45
Edward J. Zimmermann '46

John C. Hunt '47
John "Jack" E. Post '49
Charles R. Rottner '50
Paul A. Nowakowski '51
Joseph V. Murphy, Jr. '54
Peter F. Ciesla '55
Joseph A. Campagna '57

Jerome L. Romano '58
Peter M. Mancuso '59
Russell J. Sammarco '63
Brian E. Keating '64
William "Terry" Hepp '65
Ernest E. Fernandez '66
Perry J. Spavento '66

Kevin B. White '67
Patrick G. Kwiatkowski '72
Paul T. Antonucci '74
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