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Faculty and staff congratulate the Class of 2020 during a drive-through parade.

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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.



Erick Niyomungere '20

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Canisius High School Trustee Maureen Schmitt P '06 '09 with Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. at the Class of 2020 drive-through parade.

FROM THE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

First and foremost, I hope you are well and want you to know the Jesuit community holds you in prayer each day.

Since my return to Canisius five years ago, I have reminded our students often of our call and commitment to be OneCanisius – a diverse community strengthened and united in our Jesuit values and spirit.

These months of pandemic, we have needed to be OneCanisius more than ever, as we move through this trying time together, relying on each other through sickness and loss, economic trials, and isolation.

In March, as the economic fallout became clear, we made a promise to our families that no student would be asked to leave Canisius for financial reasons related to COVID-19. We made that promise with great confidence in the unfailing strength and generous support of our Canisius community.

We have been blessed. Our “Day of Caring” raised more than \$110,000 to help cover the unexpected tuition needs of our students. Similarly, the online GAMBIT mini-auction in June raised \$42,000. I’ve fielded calls from our alumni, parents, and friends asking how they might be of help. All express genuine care and promise to keep us in their thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating our graduating seniors is a focal point each spring, and the realization this year that we wouldn’t be able to celebrate in traditional ways resulted in multiple creative celebrations:

- Faculty, staff, trustees, parents, and alumni collaborated to spread out across Western New York to surprise each senior with a celebratory lawn sign at his home.
- Faculty and staff produced a “one of a kind” video of reflections about each of our graduating seniors.

- A drive-through parade on campus provided an opportunity for us to celebrate together while maintaining needed physical distance – an event made even more special with the involvement of an alumnus who supplied a welcome-to-the-brotherhood gift for each of the new alumni. An alumnus also designed a personalized “You are 2020” card with a thoughtful message to accompany the gift.

- Finally, we invited students and their families to campus for a conferral of diplomas later in the summer that abided by the state’s guidelines.

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This issue of the magazine includes the annual impact report in which we express our gratitude and list our generous financial supporters of the last fiscal year. We are blessed to be a strong and caring community filled with people who deeply desire to be supportive, be it financially or through gifts of prayer, time, and talent.

As these months of pandemic have repeatedly shown, none of us knows what the future holds. Yet, your support and care fill us with confidence. Together we will weather this crisis, and those that may lie ahead. And we, as OneCanisius, strengthened and united in our Jesuit values and spirit, will continue the mission of providing an excellent Jesuit education for years to come.

Blessings and gratitude,

Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

"If you want to meet kids where they are, you have to do it in a serious way."

This is a quote from **Eric Amodeo '94**, our director of educational technology, from the summer 2012 edition of this magazine. The article was about a new initiative we had just launched providing each Canisius student with an iPad for his school work.

Looking back through the lens of 2020, how grateful I am that Canisius High School made that serious commitment then. This technology would "expand classroom walls" Eric said in that 2012 article. We never wanted that expansion to be 100% distance learning, but when that became our reality this past March, having the technology in place – and students and teachers already comfortable with it – was huge!

In many ways, the transition to eLearning was seamless. Students already had their textbooks on their iPads, and were accustomed to submitting assignments through Schoology – the virtual learning management platform we've used for the last several years. Our teachers would now need to think creatively to engage students virtually since they were losing all face-to-face interaction. Examples of teachers embracing this challenge include Scott Walters who made a series of videos to aid in teaching physics concepts, and Dr. Amy Kimmel who incorporated an online discussion platform called Piazza to engage her English students. Other teachers turned to educational puzzles, quizzes, and apps to present material in fresh ways.

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One of the biggest eLearning differences was the school-day structure. Rather than continue with the eight-period day we use on-campus, we switched to a format of three two-hour blocks each day. Each two-hour block focused on one subject, with core subjects taught during two blocks per week and non-core subjects for one block a week.

Each day began with a prayer and an online mentor group check-in. The online check-in was a way to gauge the pulse of each student. Students answered a question-of-the-day and teachers paid careful attention to the tone in student responses for warning signs of potential problems. Guidance counselors contacted each student for individual consultations over the course of our eLearning.



Campus ministry developed retreats and opportunities, including letter-writing to the elderly in nursing facilities and a food drive for St. Luke's, enabling our students to continue to grow in faith and service of others even from a distance.

As I write this, we are preparing for the return of students to campus this fall and incorporating additional distancing and cleaning measures all around campus in keeping with New York State guidance. We're adding cameras to our classrooms so students who might need to stay home can still participate in their classes. This pandemic is a fluid situation, and by the time you read this, state guidelines may well have changed. If we must go back to eLearning, we are ready.

The support of our Canisius community throughout this time has been tremendous. Thank you to parents, students, faculty and others who've provided valuable feedback. We always seek to improve and provide the best educational experience possible. We will get through this together, and I look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Respectfully,

Andrea Tyrpak-Endres
Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres



Photo from the 1946 Arena



CANISIUS THROUGH THE YEARS

The 2019-2020 school year was unlike any other in Canisius' 150-year history. The events of the last several months have undoubtedly formed life-long memories for our students, and likely shaped these young men in ways which we can not yet fully know. While the challenges of 2020 are in many ways unique, this is not the first time major national and global events have influenced the worldviews of Canisius students. The book *Blue Doors* by **Paul Cumbo '97** highlights several examples over the decades, a couple of which are excerpted here.

World War II

The rector's letter by Canisius President and Rector Fr. **James Redmond, S.J. '18** in the 1945 *Arena* reflected the dark pall of war which still weighed heavily:

The close of your four years at Canisius is almost simultaneous with the end of bloodshed and cruelty all over the world. It will be for you to then rebuild the



society that we were not wise enough to build well. Yours is the opportunity and necessity to find successfully the formula that will enable all of us to live together as peaceful people.

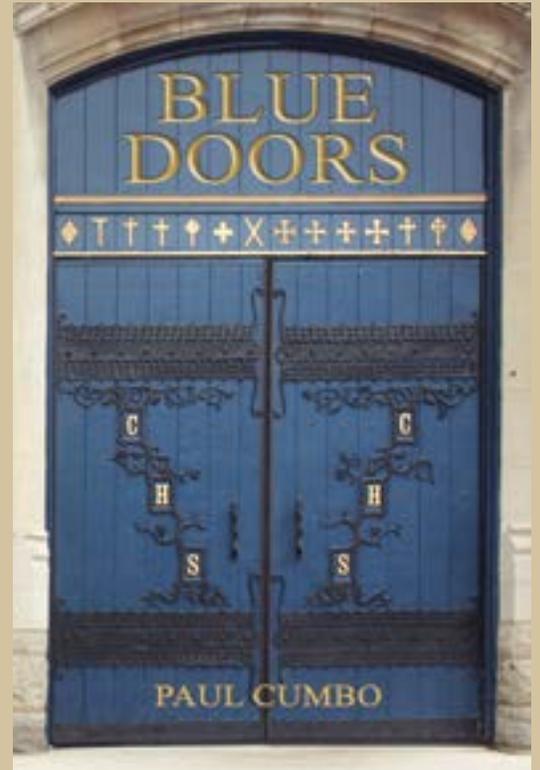
The mistakes of our generation need not be your mistakes. The lessons that we learned at the bitter price of global war you may profit by. The blunders in understanding and cooperation that we made you can correct. The failures that were ours you should never repeat.

Peace is built by the individual in his dealings with others. Here you have learned for four years, on the ball field, in the classroom, in debate and club room the value of getting along with your fellows. Your most cherished memories will always be the times you spent working or playing with your friends. Those memories are the seeds of peace in your own lives and in the life of the world. Keep those memories. Join to them the ideals you have learned here. Add the spirit of prayer and hard, cooperative work and you have the beginnings of that formula for peace that we were too blind to see. God bless you and give courage to your hearts for the task that lies ahead of you.

1960s-1970s

Longtime Canisius Dean of Students **Joe Lucenti '73** shared his reflections for *Blue Doors* on the volatile times when he was a student:

One thing I remember well was the music of the time. Music with teenagers is powerful no matter what era. But what I remember about the late 60s and the early 70s, the music representing so much of the voice of what was going in this country—Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Carly Simon, Carol King, all your Greenwich Village poets.... It wasn't just the war. People forget. You were still in a time when the Civil Rights Act had only recently been passed. You still had signs in Buffalo that said, whites only, colored over here. And so the music represented some of the very thing the Jesuits were reinforcing, and that is, questioning. Why. Why is it this way? You have to remember. I had three major assassinations in my childhood. John Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. And just that kind of violence—I mean, when you take down a President, a candidate for President, a civil rights leader—those are some momentous times. And the music reflected that. The music also reflected anger. I remember I was in a study hall. A classmate was playing a cassette player. It was Jimi Hendrix's rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner. And it's funny how I listen to it today versus back then, but it really was an expression of anger. And even Neil Young and Southern Man...the bottom line is that music is a big part of high school. It brings back tough memories, because of the emotion of what was going on back then. One of my favorite songs is a song called Signs by the Five Man Electrical Band. And it talked about signs— no trespassing, you can't do this, you can't do that, man, can't you read the signs. But the last verse talks about coming across a church, where the sign says, 'All are welcome to come in and pray. And at the end of it all, it's about gratitude, and the lyrics say something like, "Thank God I'm alive." And that's really what that time was about. Getting to the core of what we are as human beings, as Christians, as Catholics, as "Men for Others." And that's not meant as a plug. It's meant because it's at the core of why we exist.



Read more in *Blue Doors* by Paul Cumbo '97, available in the Canisius Campus Store and through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Photo from the 1971 Arena





MULTI-GENERATIONAL GENEROSITY

Education is crucial, and a reason why Charles and Mary Bauer created a foundation which is now helping Canisius families.

Family photo from graduation night 2012, left to right: **Michael Bauer '04**, Jenny Bauer, Mary Bauer, **Alex Bauer '09**, Greg Bauer, Joanne Bauer, **Eric Bauer '12**, Charles Bauer, and Gretchen Bauer Giraldo.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been far-reaching with current Canisius High School families among those feeling its effects. So, it seems appropriate that a local foundation, founded by a dedicated physician with a passion for education, is helping a number of Canisius families keep their sons enrolled despite pandemic-related job losses.

The Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation was established by Dr. Charles Bauer and his wife Mary to aid local charities with a focus on educational institutions, including the University at Buffalo School of Medicine from which Dr. Bauer earned his medical degree. Over the years, the Foundation has provided grants to Canisius High School to help families who have experienced unexpected financial difficulties during the school year due to a job loss or parent death. These grants are in addition to educational grants the Foundation has provided for students at universities across the country.

The Bauer family has always maintained a special spot for Canisius. Dr. and Mrs. Bauer recognized the value of a Canisius education and were long-time supporters. They instilled the value of a quality education in their children and grandchildren. They sent sons **C. Donald Bauer '68** and **Robert Bauer '74** to Canisius. Their third son Gregory Bauer and his wife Joanne have been active in the

Canisius community. They chose Canisius for their sons **Michael '04**, **Alex '09** and **Eric '12**, and co-chaired the school's GAMBIT dinner auction. In addition, Dr. Bauer's daughter Christine is the mother of **Eamonn Bakewell '98** and **Sean Bakewell '04**.

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“My grandfather cared for patients in Western New York for more than 40 years and he believed in the power of education to benefit not only the individual but the entire community as well,” explains Alex Bauer. “Our family is proud that his legacy carries on through the Foundation and that we can support Canisius families during these stressful times.”

Dr. and Mrs. Bauer were married for 66 years and have five children, 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Dr. Bauer passed away in 2015 and Mrs. Bauer passed in 2016. While they are no longer here to witness the current crisis firsthand, their commitment to helping others continues thanks to the Bauer family and the foundation that bears their name.

QUIET STRENGTH

George Muehlbauer's estate gift stunned classmates as one of the largest in Canisius' history.

Classmates describe **George Muehlbauer '53** as a quiet, humble individual who was active in academic pursuits such as the debate team and glee club. Growing up in Cheektowaga, George followed his brother **William '49** to Canisius High School and, like his big brother, fell in love with the school.

George was on the bowling team all four years and was always at school functions such as sporting events and dances. Still, according to classmate **Norman "Korky" Kantowski '53**, George was unassuming and avoided the spotlight as he focused on his Jesuit education and his devotion to his Catholic faith. So, when classmates learned that George left a bequest of more than \$1 million to Canisius when he passed in 2017, they were somewhat startled, to say the least.



George Muehlbauer in the 1953 *Arena*.

"George's gift surprised the heck out of us!" explains Korky, who was friends with George throughout high school. "I think it is wonderful he was able to leave such a legacy and it shows how strongly he believed in his Canisius education."

After graduation, George earned a bachelor's degree in business and finance from Canisius College where he completed the ROTC program.

He then served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of captain. Returning to Buffalo after his service, George worked as a controller and treasurer for a local company and then established his own finance and tax advisor company, retiring in 1994. He married but did not have children.

"There is a unique bond and brotherhood among the Canisius class of 1953."

Korky notes that while George's estate gift was unexpected, it is in keeping with the spirit of the class of 1953 at Canisius. At their 50th reunion – which George attended – classmates established a scholarship fund with nearly 70% of the class contributing. Since then, the class has continually led in participation for Canisius fundraising activities such as the school's annual fund, measured in percentage of the class making donations.

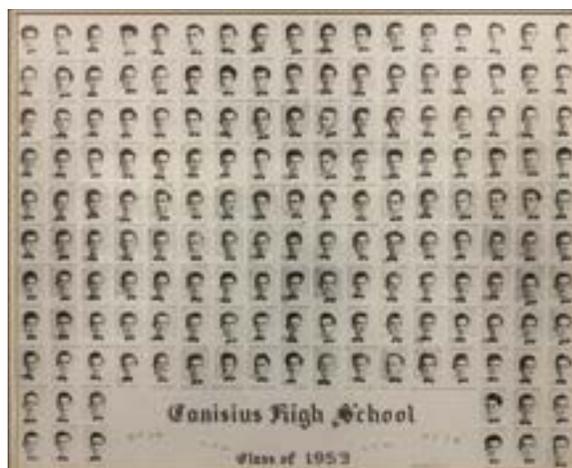


Photo provided by Diana Geiger, George Muehlbauer's niece.

"George Muehlbauer's gift is transformational for Canisius, supporting our mission through programs such as tuition assistance for families and ongoing enhancements to the campus and facilities," says **Paul Zablocki '01**, the development gifts officer at Canisius. "We are so grateful for his generosity and hope it may inspire others to consider a bequest to Canisius – as George proved, the impact can be tremendous."

Paul points out that George was a regular attendee at class reunions and regular donor to the school. He made a non-binding bequest in his will during the school's Ensuring Our Legacy campaign several years ago and it was anticipated to yield about a quarter of what George ultimately left to Canisius.

"There is a unique bond and brotherhood among the Canisius class of 1953 and George was certainly part of that," concludes Zablocki. "We are delighted that this quiet man has left a lasting legacy in his own way. He may not have cared about attention, but he cared about being a 'man for others.'"



MAKING A CASE FOR CANISIUS

Michael Ryan '60 credits skills developed in high school for the foundation of his long legal career.

For **Michael Ryan '60**, there's no debate that his Canisius High School education was a formative experience that prepared him well for his career that followed. And he knew from the moment he became a Crusader, he needed to work hard to make the most of the opportunity he had been given.

"I was an only child raised by a single mom who really had to stretch to make it possible for me to attend Canisius," Mike recalls. "I recognized that, and when I got to the school, it was like entering a stock car race – I needed to keep pace from the start. To give you an idea, I maintained a 98 average my freshman year and still was ranked sixth in my homeroom...that's just my homeroom, not the entire class."

Mike did keep pace and then some, writing for the school newspaper and playing a key role on the debate team. He notes the influence of the debate team moderator, Fr. Albert P. Bartlett, S.J. – later to be named president of McQuaid Jesuit in Rochester – whose varied interests in Latin, English and other topics appealed to Mike. The team traveled to competitions throughout the state and participated in the National Forensic League, now called National Speech and Debate Association.

"I took to the focus and preparation debate required and, in combination with writing for the school paper, developed skills I still use to this day," Mike explains.

Mike earned a degree in English from Canisius College, where he participated in an ROTC program for all four years and was commissioned as an officer upon graduation in 1964. He then received a military deferment to attend law school, earning a scholarship to Harvard Law School. After receiving his law degree, he reported for military service in 1967, assigned to a U.S. Army military intelligence unit. Eight months of instruction in Vietnamese at Fort Bliss in Texas gave Mike a pretty good idea

of where he was headed. He served a year-long tour in Vietnam, attaining the rank of captain.

During law school, Mike had clerked one summer in Buffalo at a local law firm. The firm had offered him a position and held it open until he returned from Vietnam, the beginning of a long legal career that has included work in estate planning administration, real estate and corporate law. After stops at a couple of other firms, Mike has been with the Cosgrove Firm in Buffalo for nearly 25 years.

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His career in Buffalo gave Mike the chance to reconnect with Canisius High School including serving on the board of trustees in the late 1980s. It was then that he first met current school president, Fr. David S. Ciancimino, S.J., who had just begun teaching religion, Spanish and French. The two have remained close friends ever since and Mike has remained close to his alma mater, establishing scholarships to help other young men attend Canisius.

Mike currently lives in Buffalo with his wife, Jean, and says he is happy to help others get a leg up with a Jesuit education. "When someone does you a favor, you like to reciprocate," Mike concludes. "Supporting Canisius has been my chance to reciprocate – it's nice to be able to help out the school that helped me so much."

LEADING IN A CRISIS

Marty Boryszak was part of the leadership team that converted the St. Joseph Campus into the first COVID-19-dedicated hospital in the country.

Marty Boryszak '96 has been leading on the front lines during a major public health crisis, as the COVID-19 pandemic has created a number of unique challenges for the country's health care system.

As senior vice president of acute care for Catholic Health, Marty oversees day-to-day operations for the organization's hospitals including Sisters Hospital – where he is also interim president and CEO – Mercy Hospital, Kenmore Mercy, Mount St. Mary's and other facilities. Martin says the crisis has been extremely tough on everyone at Catholic Health, but as part of the leadership team, he leans on some principles and values that were seeded at Canisius High School.

"It has been a balancing act with a lot of unknowns and long days and nights," Marty explains. "But our leadership has the skills to think objectively, the work ethic to stay with it, and the compassion to make caring for others the priority. For me, those values were instilled by my family and forged at Canisius."

One of three children, Marty grew up in South Buffalo, and while many of his friends attended another all-boys Catholic school in the neighborhood, he followed in the footsteps of his father, **Martin Boryszak '72**. His brother, **Michael Boryszak '00**, also graduated as a Crusader. "There was no question, we were going to be Canisius guys," Marty laughs. "And my wife and I plan to carry on the tradition with our son who is now 12 years old."

"Our leadership has the skills to think objectively, the work ethic to stay with it, and the compassion to make caring for others the priority."

Marty played four years of basketball and a couple of years of football as a Crusader and was part of the National Honor Society at Canisius. After graduating, he earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University at Buffalo School of Management and an MBA from St. Bonaventure University.

Having worked for UPS during college, Marty was offered a position in finance with the company after earning his MBA. The work took him to Philadelphia where he advanced to finance



supervisor and then regional finance director for UPS. In 2009, he was recruited by Catholic Health to become director of finance at Sisters Hospital.

"Our families are here and we always wanted to raise our own children in Western New York," Marty notes. "And it has given me a chance to reconnect with Canisius which weighed in on our decision to come back."

Currently residing in Orchard Park with his family, including two daughters, Marty serves on the Canisius High School board of trustees. In addition, he says he talks up the school wherever he goes, whether it's at one of his son's baseball games or at a social gathering. "I think being an advocate and spreading the word about Canisius can be just as important as giving your time and resources," he says.

At Catholic Health, Marty continues to tap the values of a Jesuit education. The leadership team converted the St. Joseph Campus of Sisters Hospital into a COVID-19 treatment facility – one of the first in the country – to better serve the community where the number of cases continues to decline. More recently, because of their actions, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo granted a waiver to the other Catholic Health hospitals to begin elective surgeries again, making it the first group of hospitals in the state to receive the waiver.

"I loved my time at Canisius High School," Marty concludes. "The school prepared me for college, for my career, and for life."

RICH TRADITION. BOLD VISION.

TO THE FUTURE...

BY PETE AUGUSTINE '83

Co-Chair, Rich Tradition. Bold Vision.

Canisius High School was in the midst of an \$18 million capital campaign when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

As we prepare for a new school year under trying circumstances unlike any we've ever experienced, it seems like a distant memory that one year ago we were beginning a year-long celebration of Canisius High School's 150th anniversary. Coinciding with this historic occasion we launched a campaign that will invest in the education we value for our students now and for generations to come. We've made excellent progress – raising nearly \$14.7 million toward our \$18 million goal so far. The campaign though has taken a back seat in recent months as our focus has shifted to more immediate concerns such as keeping students as safe as possible when they return to campus, and making sure all students can continue their Canisius education despite unexpected financial realities their families may be facing in this economy.

“Canisius students stand at the forefront of our plans.”

We must not lose sight though of our longer-range needs. The Rich Tradition. Bold Vision. campaign demonstrates that we are proud of our past, excited about our future, and have confidence in our school, its leadership, and its path forward. This campaign

is meaningful – it is bold but reflective of what our needs are and what we are capable of achieving. Canisius students stand at the forefront of our plans: More scholarship dollars, programmatic opportunities, and capital enhancements will only improve the top-tier experience we already offer and further the opportunities for our young men. I invite you to explore in detail the initiatives of this campaign at canisiushigh.org/richtraditionboldvision.

As is our Jesuit tradition, we reflect on where we've been, where we are now, and consider where we are headed. Throughout our history and in our more immediate crises it is clear that Jesuit education has been, is, and must continue to be about creating “Men and Women for Others.” As an alumnus, this is at the core of the camaraderie I've experienced with my fellow alumni and at the core of our drive to have a positive impact on the world. Canisius has, over the years, risen to face challenges and secured financing to invest in strategic opportunities to help solidify the school's reputation as a premier value-based college-preparatory school in Western New York. Thank you to the school leadership, alumni, parents, families and supporters who made those bold decisions pay off. As we look to the future, I ask that you consider joining us in our bold vision which builds on the rich tradition of Canisius.





THE CHANGING EQUATION

BY ANNE LIPP-READ

Math is math, but Anne Lipp-Read has adapted to changes in teaching it throughout her career, with none larger than the change this spring.

Canisius has offered me experiences and warmed my heart in ways I never could have imagined. I came to Canisius after teaching for 18 years in a wonderful public school in South Jersey. There were some obvious differences between Canisius and my previous school: Canisius is all boys, and I had only experienced co-ed; private and religious, and I had only experienced public. But I knew math, understood teenagers (as best I could!) and I knew pedagogy, so I was ready to embark on this new adventure. What I didn't know was how Canisius would change me.

Teaching math has been a passion of mine. I love math, its logical nature and how there are so many paths to a solution. My students push me to see math differently, and their questions and observations encourage me to continue growing in unexpected ways. I have often named concepts after students, when their insightful questions have led to a deeper understanding for both the class and me. Also, nothing is more rewarding to me than to hear a student begin to really understand a process. Understanding creates so much confidence in them and my passion grows every time I see and feel that growth in my students. I think one of the toughest things for me with our recent eLearning experience was not being able to read a student's understanding level through his facial expressions. I really missed that personal touch that comes with teaching face-to-face.

Teaching math, as I knew it, changed dramatically for me this spring with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. After one

day of in-school professional development on eLearning, we were given the remainder of the week to explore ideas online and come up with a plan to educate our boys the best we could. I used that week to explore many options, some good, others not so good. For my AP classes, I was able to find invaluable resources online through websites and Facebook groups. AP teachers came together in a virtual way to prepare our students for an exam like

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no other. For my non-AP students, I scoured the web for ideas and settled on making my own videos to relay content. These videos were recordings of my iPad screen showing me working through problems as I narrated. I felt that this was important to bring some semblance of familiarity to the information I was teaching. I would talk to them in the videos as if we were in class and they could see my work as if I were writing it on the board. We had occasional conferences and Zoom meetings where we could hear one another's voices and interact. Although there is no substitute for teaching in person, I believe the warmth of the Canisius atmosphere helped me and my students make the most of our eLearning experience.



TOP AWARD WINNERS:

MR. CANISIUS



Daniel Sippel

The Mr. Canisius Award is presented annually to the graduating senior who, in the estimation of his peers, epitomizes everything for which Canisius stands.

MIDSHIPMAN JEFFREY R. KORN MEMORIAL AWARD



J.T. Burgio

The family of **Jeffrey Korn '79** established this award to honor a graduating senior who exemplifies outstanding moral character, academic achievement, leadership ability, and good sportsmanship.

PHILIPPE B. PIEDAD ACCOLADE AWARD



Luke Read

The Accolade Award is named in memory of **Philippe Piedad '93** and honors a graduating senior whose quiet inner strength exemplifies the essence of the Canisius spirit through studies, athletics, and service.

JESUIT SCHOOLS NETWORK AWARDS



Samuel Harig and Aidan Hart-Nova

These awards recognize two members of the graduating class who best exemplify the Jesuit ideal of a well-rounded person: intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice — true “Men for Others.”

HOKENKAMP AWARDS - Top Ten Academic Leaders in the Class of 2020 over four years:



1. Santino Panzica



2. Jeffrey Mueller



3. Owen Huber



4. Tyler Lane



5. Jack Stube



6. Josiah Borgstede



7. Thomas Riker



8. Aleksander Zablotki



9. Daniel Sippel



10. Christopher Heitzhaus



Eric Kegler '20



Colin Brown '20

THE NEXT STEP...

The class of 2020 earned millions of dollars in college scholarships and grant offers. These young men will be continuing their education at many of the top institutions of higher learning.

Number attending...

Jesuit colleges/universities	37
Catholic colleges/universities (non-Jesuit)	30
SUNY schools	23

Number attending these selected colleges/universities...

Fordham	5	Harvard	1
Boston College	2	Johns Hopkins	1
Duke	2	Northwestern	1
Georgetown	2	Tufts	1
Northeastern	2	UCLA	1
Brown	1	Vanderbilt	1
Cornell	1	Wesleyan	1



GOLDEN JUBILEE: NOW, NEXT YEAR, AND ALWAYS

BY THE CHS CENTENNIAL CLASS OF 1970
LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Planning a reunion weekend full of fun get-togethers wasn't enough for the Class of 1970. They also created a lasting legacy.

Our class, the Class of 1970, was to celebrate its 50-year reunion this summer, and back in 2015 several classmates began discussing what we could do to commemorate this special milestone. In light of how important we considered our high school education to be to the quality of our lives in general, we wanted to give back. What better way than to initiate a scholarship fund for deserving young men who need financial assistance to attend Canisius High School?

We soon found considerable support among classmates and, in 2015, we established a small representative scholarship committee with an initial goal of raising \$100,000 in honor of the 50th reunion of the 100th graduating class. Fast forward to 2020. We have surpassed that initial goal and are hoping, with continued support, to perpetually fund deserving students beyond our lifetimes.

This is wonderful news which we expect will soon become reality. We also emphasize that the fund will honor all classmates, including those who are no longer with us and those who were unable to contribute but are equally supportive. We do have many classmates who have generously contributed to both this

scholarship fund as well as Canisius' annual fund.

We are proud of our graduating class and thankful for the exceptional education the Jesuits provided to us. The CHS Centennial Class of 1970 Legacy Scholarship Fund will provide deserving young men with opportunities to initiate their own life's journey. Although these future Crusaders do not yet realize what they are about to embark upon, and will not know its value until many years down the road, the Class of 1970 assures them they will not regret their choice of 1180 Delaware for their post-elementary education.

Over the years, members of the Class of 1970 have gathered periodically to enjoy the comradery and reminisce. Canisius was the catalyst for developing a sense in us that we could have a greater impact on the world than we could have imagined independent of the Jesuits' guidance. As we age it seems the long-term relationships with people, places and institutions become more valuable, and we've come to realize that the personal relationships that emerged during this period of discovery and growth are deep and enduring. Some have wondered why they enjoy being with their old classmates now more than when



The Class of 1970 has a long-standing tradition of inviting all classmates to an annual holiday meal to enjoy each other's company. This photo is from the December 2019 gathering at Salvatore's. Left to right: **Ken Walkowiak '70, Pat Devine '70, Jim Larkin '70, Tim O'Brien '70, Pat NeMoyer '70, John Zielinski '70, Marty Jay '70, Dick Friedman '70, Pat Furlong '70, Shawn Dailey '70, Ed Schneider '70, Vince Ferraro '70, RJ Martone '70, Chris Burns '70, Terry Downing '70, Larry Lentini '70 and John Perry '70.**

they were students together. Conclusion? Graduates who had a rewarding experience may feel more connected to their alma mater, become more involved, and contribute financially when able. Moreover, age tends to mellow and provide the maturity to appreciate what youthful inexperience complicated. Yes, we are a tightknit group and the Legacy Scholarship Fund has become a natural extension of these relationships that began at Canisius. The photos on these pages illustrate opportunities we pursue for the pure joy of being together.

What motivated us to create this scholarship/endowment fund? There are many reasons but the committee would agree that the definitive test of a graduate's love for his alma mater is to support the school's mission. Studies show that schools with high levels of alumni participation in fundraising tend to be schools that have served their graduates well by delivering on their promise of excellence in virtually all areas of education. Canisius passes that test with flying colors. Furthermore, most Canisius graduates go on to successful careers and the skills developed at Canisius related to succeeding in a competitive world deserve a significant amount of credit. Now in our retirement years, the Jesuits advisement that life is short comes to mind. When we lose someone who shared an important part of our journey it is impactful and we want to do something special to acknowledge that. Hence, the Legacy Scholarship Fund is a way to keep those we lost in our hearts and thoughts in a positive way.

Members of the Class of 1970 toured City Hall in the pre-pandemic days as part of their 50th reunion activities, and met Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown. Left to right: **Peter Savage '70, Ken Walkowiak '70, Larry Lentini '70, Mark Rodgers '70, the Honorable Mayor Brown, James Larkin '70, Dr. Matt O'Brien '70, RJ Martone '70, Shawn Dailey '70 and Ed Schneider '70.**



With contributions still arriving, we are working with the school on the fund's logistics to ensure it is professionally managed, accountable, and can support as many deserving students as possible in perpetuity. We expect to fund an endowment that will support Canisius students forever, and be a fund which classmates and others can continue to build. We know that learning about successful outcomes will also be important to benefactors, and they'll need to have confidence in the accountability of the fund's management. The scholarship committee and the school will work together to provide this information.

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Our final goal? After we have moved on from this life, scholarship recipients will continue the Canisius tradition of excellence and caring for others.

Canisius High School, Jesuit Preparation for College...for Life!

One final footnote: The years we've spent planning our 50-year reunion were not for naught. While the pandemic derailed our plans to gather this summer, we are looking forward to celebrating 50+ years together in summer 2021!

ALUMNI

NEWS & NOTES

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Lt. Cmdr. H. Joseph Grace USN (Ret.) '46 is reflecting on his time at Canisius. "This quarantine reminds me of the polio epidemic of 1944," he says. "We didn't start school because of it until after Thanksgiving, but we started football practice twice a day the day after Labor Day and played our entire season before we started school!"

Russell Rosati '49 is enjoying his 26th year of retirement.

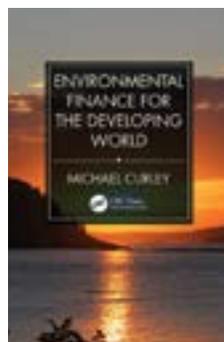
Steve "Jerry" DiPasquale '52 has been retired 25 years from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife Fran spend winters in Boca Raton, FL and summers in Pendleton, NY. Their family has grown to include 14 grandchildren and they recently celebrated the birth of their 14th great grandchild. Jerry still enjoys playing golf and belongs to Tan Tara Golf Club. His goal is to shoot his age at 86. "Not sure if that will happen though because I always manage to take a few 7s just to mess it up," says Jerry. He and Fran celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 29. He keeps in touch with many of his 1952 classmates and meets them for lunch three or four times a year. "Much thanks and prayers for all that God has blessed me (us) with," Jerry says.

Stanley Radomski, Jr. '53 and his wife Carol celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. He retired in 1991 from Electronics Education. They have four children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. Michael Shurgot, '61 wrote a novel titled *Green River Saga* with one of his former students, Rick O'Shea. The book is now available on Amazon and was published in paper format on April 6, 2020. The novel is an historical Western set in Wyoming in 1866-67, and features characters like Snuffy and Johnny Red-Feather not found in traditional Westerns.

Msgr. Stanley Krempa '62 celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination in 2020. He retired in 2018, and in his most recent assignment prior to retirement he served as the founding pastor of the mission of St. Bridget of Ireland Church in Berryville, VA.

Daniel Kreuzer '64 was named to the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Collier County in Naples, FL.



Michael Curley '65 has authored a new book (picture left) about building safe water and basic sanitation facilities in poor villages in developing countries. He sent the following scene from *Environmental Finance for the Developing World*: "After our first water project in rural Kazakhstan was built and christened by the US Ambassador, I went to the village to do a post mortem. The mayor's wife was the only medical officer in the region. She showed me her daily log...Page after page of diarrhea and dysentery cases. Then she pointed out the date when our new water system went operational. From then the log's pages were almost blank. The diarrhea and dysentery went from 5-10 a day to 1-2 a MONTH!...Only then did I really begin to realize what we had done for the 2500+ poor souls in the village."

Barry Allaire '66 and his wife of 50 years, Rosalie (photo left), have lived on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands since 1972. They have had numerous sailboats and sailed throughout the Lesser Antilles. Barry owns a construction company that builds high end houses on contract and speculation. He plans to retire soon. Their daughter Ashley lives in Corning, New York and has two daughters with another one due in September. Their son Mark lives in Atlanta and has three children. Barry and Rosalie have lived through many hurricanes and tropical storms.



Francis "Frank" O'Connor '67 was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2020-2021, and became the Solicitor for Susquehanna County, PA in January 2020. Frank also became a grandfather for the seventh time on June 22. He says he is "still thinking about retiring when being a lawyer is no longer enjoyable."



Chuck Fitzgerald, Ph.D. '68 (photo left) published the first book in a four book fantasy series called *Crucibles of Power*. It's available on Amazon and Kindle.

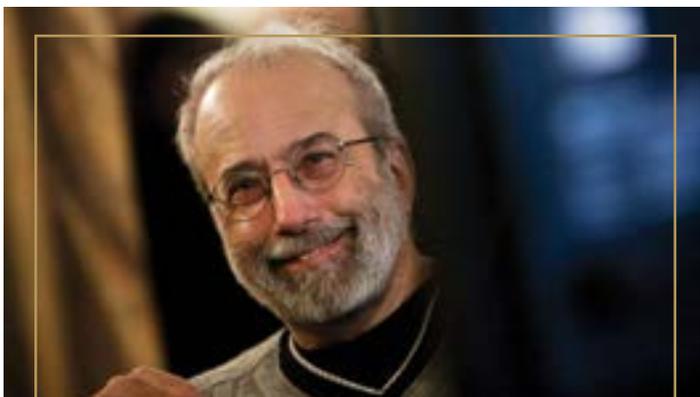
Kevin Igoe '68 authored an op-ed which was published in *The Buffalo News* in April 2020. The piece explored the shared political pedigrees of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.

Thomas Neale '70 retired from full time work last year following a 40-year career in corporate finance. He spent 30 years as a commercial banker with his last stint as the mid-atlantic corporate banking executive for HSBC Bank. In his last ten years he was a managing partner with Patriot Capital, a Baltimore HQ \$250 million private equity firm. Thomas is now on the boards of PE funds and law firms that he dealt with during his career. "(I'm) keeping my head in the game, but also seeing more of my wife of 40 years, Barbara, and our three lovely daughters!"

David Nettina '70 was elected chairman of the board of trustees for RPT Realty (NYSE:RPT), a publicly traded real estate investment trust, during its annual meeting in May. RPT Realty is headquartered in New York City and owns and operates 49 open air shopping centers across the US. Previous to his election as chairman, he held the position of chairman of the company's audit committee. Dave lives in Albany with his wife Marianne.

Michael Kaczmarek '73 lives in Tampa, FL and says he enjoyed attending the Canisius alumni lunch in St. Petersburg back in February.

Geoff Klass '73 is running a start-up company in Cincinnati called Sense Neuro Diagnostics. The company provides a non-invasive method for detecting, measuring, and monitoring neurological disorders of the brain in real time. The company's website is senseneuro.com.



FR. STURM LEGACY FUND LUNCHEON CANCELLED

We remain hope-filled that **Tom Fontana '69** (pictured), an Emmy-winning television producer/writer, will be the keynote speaker when the Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Luncheon returns in 2021.

The work of the Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund is continuing. The Fund is relying on donations to provide tuition assistance for Canisius students and support athletic programs. Please make your donation at canisiushigh.org/giving.

David Mietlicki '75 and his wife Janet returned to the Buffalo area after having spent the last 28 years in Clifton Park, NY (Saratoga County). Dave retired in 2016. He and Jan spend their time gardening, enjoying their grandchildren, and cruise travel. They both are looking forward to a return to normalcy so that they can return to involvement in volunteer activities.

Mark O'Brien, LCSW-R '75 was appointed Erie County commissioner of mental health following seven years as Orleans County director of mental health. Mark also maintains a private practice in individual and family therapy. He is a resident of Grand Island, and is married with three children and four grandchildren.

Thomas Keeves '81 was honored with the Marriott Hotels Chairman's Circle Award. This award is given to employees who have performed in the top one percent for the company worldwide. Thomas has worked for Marriott Hotels for over 30 years. He is currently the director of catering sales for the Boston Copley Marriott and the Sheraton Boston Hotel. He earned his degree in hospitality from Purdue University.

Matt Bossman '82 earned a Masters of Arts in History from the American Military University in February 2020.

Fr. Robert Reiser, S.J. '82 has been appointed to the position of executive director of the Jesuit Schools Network (JSN) and will begin this new role on August 1, 2021. He most recently served as the president at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester.



Hon. Gregory Siemankowski '83 (photo left) was appointed a judge for the State of Texas. He presides over a docket of predominantly utilities (electric, water, and telecom) cases in which the Public Utility Commission of Texas is a party.



Don McDonnell '86 (photo left with wife Charlotte) was recruited in fall 2019 to join Amazon Web Services as head of worldwide marketing for power and utilities. Don previously ran the energy focused marketing agency McDonnell Group for 15 years.

Michael Montante '86 has been named CEO of Uniland Development Co., one of the Western New York region's largest developers. He is taking over leadership from his father and company founder **Carl Montante '60**. Michael has worked in various roles at Uniland for 30 years and was the vice president of development before his promotion to CEO.

Christopher Downey '88 stepped down as the lower school dean of students at The Park School of Buffalo after 12 years, but he continues to teach third grade at Park as he has since 1997. He also coaches both lower school soccer and basketball, and oversees lower school student government. He lives in one of the oldest stone houses in Amherst, built in 1836 and believed to have been a stop along the Underground Railroad.

Anthony Militello '90 is serving as the director of occupational safety and health on the Secretary of the Navy staff. He is responsible for overseeing, directing and providing advocacy for all matters related to the Department of the Navy Occupational Safety and Health Program.



Steven Pieri '94 (photo left) moved from Thousand Oaks, CA to Pennington, NJ with his wife Suzanne Elliott and their two daughters, Rose (7) and Alice (5), to start a new job at Bristol Myers Squibb. At BMS, Steven will be the vice president of pricing, contracting, trade and government reporting. Steven says he and his family are all very excited to be back on the east coast, closer to family and friends.

Brian Degnan '97 earned certification from the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division Fourth Judicial Department to handle Raise the Age cases in the Youth Part of Criminal Court. Raise the Age cases require 5.5 hours of specialized training along with being an experienced criminal defense attorney.



Nathan Willis '99 (photo left) is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force and currently serves as chief of plans and exercises for the Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region in Winnipeg, Canada. He leads a US-Canadian team that maintains standing plans and orders, conducts contingency planning, and coordinates major exercise planning for Canadian equities within NORAD. He also serves as a chief of combat operations for the Royal Canadian Air Force Air Operations Centre, which supports domestic and global RCAF operations. The Willis family has enjoyed their time in Canada and will return to the United States next year.

Tim Leary '00 has started an exercise group for members of the Canisius community who use Peloton bikes. Follow the #CanisiusHSpeloton tag to find other users and opportunities to compete against each other.

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.

You may also mail news to:
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 Office of Communications
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 Buffalo, NY 14209

Shareef Ali '04 created a YouTube channel called "All Day With The Alis" which chronicles his family's adventures since relocating from Buffalo to Charlotte, NC.



Timothy Hartigan, MD '11 and **Max Roehmholdt, MD MS '11** (pictured left to right) graduated from Albany Medical College on May 23, 2019. They both began their residencies in July 2019, with Max going to Cleveland Clinic Akron General for urology and Timothy staying at Albany Medical Center for medicine/pediatrics.



Michael Loffredo '11 (on right in the photo to the left) works as a producer at News 4 Buffalo. He is also the co-founder of the "Why So Serious?!" podcast with former Buffalo Bills players Stevie Johnson and Donald Jones.

Scott Will '11 has completed a five-month Pathways internship program at NASA Goddard Space Center in Washington, DC. He will spend the next year completing his PhD in Astronomical Optics at the University of Rochester's Institute of Optics via research at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, MD.



Michael Tierney '16 (photoleft) graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in June 2020 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Tyler Will '16 graduated from Michigan State University with honors earning a BS in Computational Math and a BS in Statistics. Tyler's next academic journey begins in September at Columbia University where he will be pursuing a PhD in Operations Research.



RaeQwon Greer '17 (photo left) was a finalist for the 2019 Cliff Harris Award which honors the nation's top small college (NCAA Division II, III, and NAIA) defensive football player. RaeQwon plays safety for Alfred University and was named the Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year.

Blake Haubeil '17 is on the Lou Groza Award preseason watch list. The award is presented annually to college football's top place-kicker. Blake is the kicker for Ohio State University.

Casimir Zablotzki '18 was awarded the inaugural James Piereson Summer Internship at Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization for summer 2020. Casimir is a rising junior at Hamilton College. The internship involves performing research for institute fellows, and reading and discussing select texts that advance his intellectual interests.

Matt Yeager '20 was drafted in July 2020 by the New Jersey Titans of the North American Hockey League.



WEDDINGS

Jerry Burke '98 married Adrienne Schermer in October 2019 (photo left).



BIRTHS

Bradley Ertel '98 and his wife Amanda welcomed their second son, Luka James (photo left), on November 26, 2019.



Herbert Glose '04 and his wife Martha welcomed their first child, Jack Herbert Glose (photo left), in September 2019. He is the first grandchild of **Herb '74** and Anne Glose. Jack is wearing a bib in this photo that was given to him by **Keith Russo '75**.



Kevin Kelley '05 and his wife Charlene celebrated the birth of their daughter, Everly Elizabeth (photo left), on June 5, 2020.



Mark Piegay '06 and his wife Meaghan Daley Piegay, daughter of the late **Richard Daley '71** and granddaughter of the late **James Morris, Jr. '51**, welcomed their son Liam Richard Piegay (photo left) on November 27, 2019. Mark earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering and is the market sales manager for Alfa Laval US with its industrial refrigeration team.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember alumni of whose passing we've learned since Spring 2020.

Salvatore R. Termini '42

Lucian C. Parlato '43

William J. Griffin '45

William J. Rae '46

Thomas C. DiPasquale '47

Joseph T. Murray '47

Robert C. Sippel, DDS '47

James G. Stengel, MD '47

Frank R. Bayger '48

Gerald V. Weber '48

Michael R. Marfino, DDS '50

Michael J. Avery '51

John J. Kaluzny '51

Elmer G. Scharmach '52

Paul G. Hackford '53

Gerald A. Nietopski '53

Donald M. Fisher, MD '55

Joseph J. Callanan, MD '56

Martin J. O'Brien '56

James D. Ryan Jr., PhD '56

Joseph D. Harrington '57

George C. Hamberger '64

Craig M. Cwick '69

James J. Hagerty '69

Michael V. Musielak '69

Joseph A. Capuana, DDS '70

Vincent W. Bakos '72

Robert J. Licker '72

Richard T. Vallone '73

James J. Roberts '78

Timothy A. Dundon '88

Rameer D. Green '93

Justin J. Wheeler '06

