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At DeMatha



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Each December 17th, the DeMatha community comes together to celebrate the feast day of our school's patron, St. John de Matha. A special Mass and concert occurs and it is an annual reminder on how every member of the school community is connected with the Trinitarian Heritage and its patron saint. One DeMatha! Read more about the day on page 15.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

One of the more common phrases people speak and hear regularly is: the year seems to be passing by so quickly! This analysis is true in almost every type of life and career and being involved in the ministry of Catholic education is no exception. The school year begins in late August, and the pace of the year moves very quickly. Before we know it, there are tests, examinations, report cards, standardized testing, and the end of marking periods. It is a dizzying schedule.

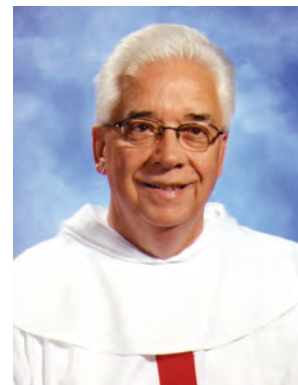
Here at DeMatha, there are many influences in our daily routine which contribute to the quick pace, but every year DeMatha takes the time to stop everything, and the faculty and staff spend a day in spiritual retreat. Many secular companies use the word "retreat" to refer to bonding, regrouping and goal setting. That is all well and good. However, here at DeMatha we maintain the original meaning of "retreat" where we can pause, reflect on our relationship with God and learn how we can share this commitment with our students and their families. This year our annual Faculty and Staff retreat was on Friday, February 1, 2019 at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC.

We were blessed to experience the skills of a Franciscan Father who is a campus minister at one of the larger private universities on the East coast. In his presentations, we were urged to be sure we can regularly demonstrate to the students and to each other the important goals of a Catholic school: affirm students, live the faith and share wisdom. This is the gift that we should be able to make real during the many interactions we have with students and with colleagues. This day was a significant opportunity for all of us to recall the fundamental reason for our school: to shape faith-filled gentlemen and scholars. We spend so much time looking at the scholar aspects of our mission, and it was so important to stop and focus exclusively on the faith-filled aspect of our mission. As I participated in the retreat and looked around at my colleagues, I felt blessed because I saw respected faith-filled colleagues engaging in our spiritual exercise with devotion and commitment.

All schools throughout our nation do much to refocus and regroup. I want to let all readers of this *Red and Blue Review* realize that we not only focus on a curriculum which will shape the minds of our students, but we concentrate on touching their souls as well as our own with the Catholic faith. It has always been a part of our history since 1946 and I am happy to report that our commitment to touch the inner person with the gift of faith is alive and well at DeMatha.



DeMatha had its annual Faculty and Staff Retreat at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC, in February. President Fr. James and Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 are pictured here with Fr. Michael T. Martin, O.F.M., who led the retreat. Fr. Martin is the Director of the Catholic Center at Duke University.



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The Valois Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 28 new members at the Induction Ceremony on January 16th. The evening also included the induction of the 2019-20 officers and the presentation of the Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T. Award. Students apply for membership based on the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership and service. DeMatha now has a total of 93 members who meet the high standards required. Students must continue to maintain their academic standing and perform service, including peer tutoring and volunteering at DeMatha and in their community. The new officers for the 2019-20 school year are President **Brandon Metheny**, Vice President **Connor Feeley**, Secretary **Ryan Trebel**, and Treasurer **Alex Ertel**.

Mr. Mike Ptomey '98 received the Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T. Award, given to a faculty member who exemplifies the four distinguished qualities of the Society.

"I think you guys deserve a lot of credit because the amount of effort you put forth with a lot of obstacles that we don't realize is really tremendous. It inspires me as a teacher," Mr. Ptomey said.

"We don't really have any idea what goes on in other people's lives. All we see sometimes are the grades or the final result. We don't know about the courageous struggle that is taking place on the inside. In a world that is so quick to judge, I encourage us all to look past the grades, give grace and the benefit of the doubt because we don't know



Thirteen DeMatha students, along with faculty members **Mr. Rick Reeves** and **Ms. Marilyn Murphy**, spent 10 days in Austria in February as part of DeMatha's Austrian Student Exchange Program. Among the various attractions the group got to see in Austria, they were given a special tour of the UN Headquarters in Vienna by Charles Havekost '75 who works for the UN.

what people are going through, but they are going through something. And if we support one another, that will make things a lot easier."

Ms. Janet McGrath and **Mr. Paul Davies** are club advisors and are assisted by Faculty Council members **Mr. Chris Benedik**, **Mr. Paul Clark '01**, **Mr. Tom Krawczewicz '81**, **Ms. Gwen Marbury**, and **Mr. James Roper**.

New senior members are **Nick Cross**, **Manuel Legaspi** and **Joseph Teti**. Newly inducted juniors are **Daniel Anderson**, **Sean Brittan-Powell**, **John Heitkemper**, **Zachary Kevala**, **Christopher McKinney**, **James Pike**, **Ian Strehl**, **Sam**



Von Hagen, **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**, and **Henry Zebere**. New sophomore members are **Daniel Budowski**, **Matthew Davis**, **Michael Davis**, **Connor Eady**, **Chidubem Ekoh**, **Daniel Goforth**, **Ryan Morrison**, **John Nemecek**, **Wesley Peters**, **Daniel Hackett Rascher**, **Ryan Smolen**, **Patrick Sowers**, **Zachary Taylor**, **Scottie Tran**, and **Charles Zorbaugh Jr.**

Senior **Connor Cerezo-Allen** received a Hispanic Heritage Youth Award! He is the Silver Medallion recipient of the Technology & Engineering Category, sponsored by Google. He also represented DeMatha as a recipient of the 2018 Peacemakers of the Year award held by Pax Christi Metro DC/ Baltimore in November.

“A Trinitarian education must privilege freedom — their official name is The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives.”



Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 speaking at the St. John de Matha Day Mass in December.

I believe that I have attended 39 St. John de Matha Day liturgies and celebrations — 4 as a student and 35 as a faculty member. For the past 19, I have asked to speak at each one and to think with the community about the special gift of the Trinitarians.

About half the time when I begin writing my talk, I go to one of the two histories of the Trinitarians that I have and just read until something strikes me. The other half of the time I ask myself, “What is it about the unique gifts of the Trinitarians that I need to understand better.” In these two ways I have thought about iconography and service, evolution and love, heroism and fame, humility and history.

I try to sharpen the focus of the community for a brief moment on some aspect of the mission and 800-year history (!) that we can all gather around. Some years ago after reading and thinking, it occurred to me that in the realm of education that the Trinitarians had carved a unique place. Trinitarian education has to be devoted to relationships because the Trinitarians think of God in all three persons — in relationship. A Trinitarian education must privilege freedom — their official name is The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives. Setting people free so that they can choose is an exhilarating and dangerous business: what if, once free, they reject us? Worse still, suppose by making people only obedient, we rob them of their humanity. A third thing that characterizes the Trinitarian education is a commitment to earthly justice as a way to reflect divine justice. Each St. John de Matha Day we read the ONLY gospel passage where Jesus explains how one gets to heaven: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned. That the Trinitarians do all of this with a spirit of humility—they seek no church offices or awards — means that we borrow that from them, too.

These four characteristics: relationships, freedom, justice, and humility have inspired the Trinitarians for more than 800 years and I relish the opportunity I am afforded each year to reflect on how we, as a community, can embody these in our lives. I hope to see you at next year's celebration!



Daniel McMahon

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

Seniors **Trent Moltz** and **Gavin Foran**, as part of their church youth group, were in the Lights of Kindness tree decorating contest where funds raised went to the Fischer House Foundation. Their tree's theme was Army/Navy.

Junior **Zahir Muhammad** was interviewed on FOX5 (WTTG) in December as he spoke about his national recognition in the game of chess.

Senior **Ted McWithey** earned the rank of Eagle Scout in January.

Senior **Chris Lucian** was named last October to the USRowing's Scholastic Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in both academics and rowing.

Senior **Caleb Matthews**, juniors **William Ogu** and **Zachary Kevala** and sophomore **Udoka Ndolo** participated in the Diversion Immersion Institute at the University of Maryland



Faculty member **Mr. Michael Ayala's ('04)** AP World History Class visited the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore in December.

last summer. It is a program for young African American men to work in a collegiate environment while learning about Information Science as a possible career choice.

Freshman **Cameron King** won the Back-to-School Fencing Tournament sponsored by the DC Government last September.

Seniors **Tan Vu**, **Peter Currie**, **Carsten Kogelnik**, **Job Sarwal**, and **Zachary Shieh** were named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Senior **Peter Smith**, freshmen **Joshua Kucharski** and **Keyvar Smith-Herold**, along with Keyvar's older brother **Keyden '18**, attended the US Air Force concert in January at Schlesinger Hall in Alexandria, VA. The concert featured acclaimed American trumpeter and composer Allen Vizzutti.

The Middle School Academic Challenge was held in January at DeMatha and there was a great turnout of private middle schools from around the DC area. St. Philip School was named the overall winner of the Challenge and St. Peter School in DC finished in second place. Congrat to all of our great participants!

A contingent of DeMatha students and faculty/staff members attended the March for Life in Washington DC in January.



Faculty member **Mr. Mike Ptomey '98**, pictured here with the new NHS Officers, after receiving the F. James R. Day Award for Teaching Excellence in January.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE NEWS

DeMatha's Campus Ministry Organization (CMO) had a very successful fall and winter, under the direction of **Ms. Erin Bright** and **Bro. Josh Warshak**, with three drives and countless other events that helped benefit those in need in the DMV region.

Over 400 coats were donated as part of DeMatha's Coat Drive to a local Hyattsville organization. It was the school's best number ever for the Coat Drive.

The Food Drive collected approximately 12,523 cans/food items and cash donations supporting St. Jerome's, St. Augustine's Catholic Church in DC, St. Mark's in Hyattsville, Holy Redeemer in DC, Mary House, Templeton Elementary School, and the Little Sisters of the Poor. The drive was successful in providing food for hundreds of families to celebrate Thanksgiving and be food secure through the holiday season.



Several students who participated in the Urban Plunge in DC last fall and volunteered at several charities in the city.

The Toy Drive collected over 200 toys which benefited the St. Augustine's Toy Drive and the City of Hyattsville's Sonny Frazier Toy Drive. These two Charities were able to then distribute these toys and donations to families in need, for the Christmas holiday.

The Walk-a-Thon held in October raised nearly \$2,500



DeMATHA students who helped donate and transported food items to the Little Sister of the Poor in DC as part of DeMATHA's annual Food Drive in November.



The DeMATHA Way classes packed 2,000 breakfast bags for the Catholic Charities Cup of Joe Project in November. These bags were given out at various homeless shelters in DC.

for Covenant House DC, a charity that provides housing and supportive services to youth facing homelessness.

A group of students and faculty members participated in the Urban Plunge in DC last September. The group spent several days volunteering at SOME, Food and Friends and Central Union Mission where they made sandwiches and prepared and packed current and future meals. The students

who volunteered earned their community service hours while making a difference to individuals and families in their local communities. The Urban Plunge for juniors will take place in April.

Members of the baseball and basketball programs helped pack 250 bags of food items for Jerami Grant's '12 Hour Generation Foundation (Thanksgiving Granted giveaway event) in November.

ANTLER POINTS

FACULTY NEWS

Staff members **Mr. Dave Gardiner '87** and **Mr. Justin Cunningham** attended the National School Safety Leaders' Summit Conference in Baltimore earlier in January, which focused on school safety information for education and law enforcement leaders. Mr. Gardiner also organized a Safety Drill that took place on campus in February, with the help of the Hyattsville Police Department.

Mr. Rick Reeves, Chair of the Department of Sciences and **Ms. Virginia Mentz**, Mathematics/Science Departments, participated in the Learning and the Brain Conference held in Boston last November. Mr. Reeves presided over an afternoon session titled 'The Science of Innovation.' The conference



In October, the Archdiocese of Washington honored **Mr. Pat Goulden '09** (left) and **Mr. Paul Clark '01** (right) as DeMatha's Novice and Veteran Teachers-of-the-Year, respectively.

examined the science of 'Human Greatness and Potential' and provided new research findings and their applicability to the classroom and clinical practice.

Faculty member **Mr. Mike Curran '99** and wife Sarah celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Thora Eve, last November in the DM Chapel with Fr. James.

Mr. Rich Blorstad '10, advisor of DeMatha's Robotics Team, helped organize the first LEG League Robots competition for middle school students, which was held at DeMatha in January.

Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 was featured in an *Annapolis What's Up Magazine* story in January about what schools need to do to meet student needs in a digital age.

Advancement Assistants **Mr. Ben Fleri '11** and **Ms. Teresa Farrell** and Director of Advancement **Mr. Tom Ponton '78** organized DeMatha's first Alumni Career Fair in January.



Mr. Damon Austin, Director of Library and Media Services at DeMatha, was selected by The American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board to represent the ALA on the American Library in Paris Board of Trustees through September 2020.



The 13th annual Photography Exhibit was held in January in the Convocation Center. A big thanks to faculty member **Mr. Edward Potkowski** and his wife Dianne for putting together another successful show. Pictured here with Mr. Potkowski (center) is junior **Anthony Kazzi** & Anthony's grandfather **Tony Fotos**. Behind them is Anthony's entry, "Sky on Fire."

MOISÉS ALVAREZ

Using Leadership To Connect DeMatha Students

The concept of identity and trying to find one's place in the world rests on the minds of many high school students and the same could be said for DeMatha senior Moisés Alvarez.

Alvarez grew up in Hyattsville, with DeMatha as his neighborhood school, after living in Mexico and Peru with his family as a child. When he first arrived on campus as a freshman four years ago, Alvarez noticed that the school was very diverse with students from a variety of races and backgrounds making up the overall population. This was slightly different from the previous schools he had attended where most of those students were Hispanic and bilingual.

"I had those feelings of trying to adjust to this new environment when I came in as a freshman," Alvarez said.

Over time, Alvarez thrived on Madison Street and has been one of the more active Stags on campus as he has participated in the Art Club, Ecology Club, Mock Trial, and the school's student-run newspaper *The Stagline*, which Alvarez worked his way up to become the publication's Editor-in-Chief this past year. In addition, he finished last semester with a GPA of 4.4 and is finishing his academic career on a high note by taking classes like

AP World History, AP German IV and AP Government and Politics, among others. While Alvarez has had a great deal of personal success on campus as a student, he realized over time that he wanted to help bring more representation for Hispanic students at DeMatha, which led to the return of the DeMatha Latino Community Club (DLC).

"At our weekly meetings, we have conversations about topics such as global affairs, current events, ethnic and cultural conversations," Alvarez said.

"This is a space where people of color can come in and engage with other people like them."

In addition with allowing students to connect with one's own personal culture and the wider world around themselves, the DLC is working on planning fundraisers. Alvarez said that the group is hoping to gain a "Tag Day" by the end of the year to raise money and purchase textbooks for an incoming Latino DeMatha freshman. He believes it's just a way to bring members of the school community together and recognize each other's differences.

"It's a community that we foster within DeMatha to build better relationships and feel more connected with the school," Alvarez said.

Outside of his activity with the DLC, Alvarez had the opportunity to travel abroad, through DeMatha, to countries in Europe he hadn't visited before. Last summer, Alvarez studied in Germany and lived with a host family after being named the recipient of a summer study scholarship.

"Europe and Latin America are very different and I'm so grate-



Moisés Alvarez, above, pictured here with former DeMatha registrar Mrs. Carol McKee, received this year's Johnny McKee '67 Memorial Scholarship. The award is given to a student who demonstrates integrity, dependability, responsibility and a strong work ethic. Johnny McKee was a wonderful volunteer at DeMatha for several years.



Left: An upcoming yearbook photo of this year's DeMatha Latino Community Club. Moisés Alvarez is the Founder of the DLC.

ful to have been able to get out of my comfort zone and look for something new by going to Germany," Alvarez said.

As of mid-February, Alvarez was still making a decision on where he would attend college in the fall. But wherever he goes, Alvarez's goal is to study international relations. And when factoring in his work with not just the DLC, but from the various clubs he's been in at DeMatha, it's not difficult to tell that Alvarez would be a good fit in this field of study. He said he hopes to forge a career path that will allow him to continue to have a greater understanding of the world in general.

"International relations is a multi-cultural endeavor," Alvarez said. "I'm interested in exploring different environments and the field allows us to connect with other countries through diplomacy, representation or simple communication to get a better understanding between us. What inspired me is the differences in communities and I feel like I can be a bridge between different types of cultures."

Ten student musicians from DeMatha's choral and instrumental programs were selected for the prestigious Maryland All-State Ensembles this year. Auditions were held in the fall and the students performed with the ensembles in February on the campus of Morgan State University. Senior **Graham Lovely** (French horn), junior **Nick Taylor** (Tuba) and sophomore **Zachary Cheng** (Clarinet) were selected for All-State Band and seniors **Asa Dawson** (Double Bass) and **Zachary Sheih** (Viola) were selected for All-State Orchestra. Members of the All-State Senior Chorus included Seniors **Gabriel Feleke** (Tenor), **Joseph Teti** (Tenor) and **Lucas Arzayus** (Alto), junior **David Adeleye** (Bass) and sophomore **Nathan Bress** (Tenor). Sheih was also



Voices of DeMatha, with Vocal Director Mr. Jim Turk, performing at the St. John de Matha Day Mass in December.

named to the prestigious All-Eastern Orchestra.

Four DeMatha student vocal musicians were also selected to the Prince George's County

Honors Chorus. The selected members were sophomore **Reggie Bailey**, freshman **James Kmetz**, **Joseph Teti** and sophomore **Lincoln Teti**. They

performed as part of a concert in October on the University of Maryland College Park campus.

The WAMTC Band Festival was held in December and several DeMatha instrumental music ensembles performed with great success. The Concert Band I, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble all earned ratings of 'Superior' and the Concert Band earned ratings of 'Excellent.'

The 7th annual Kaleidoscope Concert was held last October and it was another big success for the DeMatha instrumental music program. Across three separate stages in the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center, four music directors and over 200 student musicians came together to perform classical compositions and even some contemporary songs from groups like The Rolling Stones and Imagine Dragons. Several



DeMatha All-State instrumental musicians are, from left to right, Nick Taylor '20, Graham Lovely '19, Asa Dawson '19, Zachary Sheih '19, and Zachary Cheng '21.



The Combined Advanced Percussion Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble II performing at the Kaleidoscope Concert in October.

non-music faculty and alumni joined the ensembles during the concert and a few guest performances included **Fr. James** singing 'Birth of the Blues' with the Jazz Ensemble and **Mr. Andrew Eck '11** rapping 'My Shot' from the musical 'Hamilton', with

the Wind Ensemble. The evening helped raise funds for DeMatha's instrumental music program and provides a great opportunity to showcase all of the school's musical ensembles and their unique abilities to perform and compose.

The DM Wind Ensemble also performed special concerts for students at St. Pius X in October and St. Jerome's Academy in January.

The DeMatha instrumental music program will be traveling to Boston for this year's Music Festival Trip from April 25-27.



DeMatha All-State choral musicians are, from left to right, David Adeleye '20, Joseph Teti '19, Gabriel Feleke '19, Lucas Arzayus '19, and Nathan Bress '21.

2019 DEMATHA CONCERTS RECITALS & PERFORMANCES

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30pm
Concert Band I, Concert Band II,
Concert Strings, Concert Strings I,
and Percussion Ensemble I
Bladensburg HS

SUNDAY, MAY 5

6:00pm
Studio Voice Recital
Room 7302,
Convocation Center

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00pm
Percussion Ensemble II,
Advanced Percussion Ensemble,
Sinfonia, and Philharmonic
Bladensburg HS

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:30pm
Concert Band and
Symphonic Band
Bladensburg HS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00pm
Spring Sing!
Convocation Center

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:30pm
Wind Ensemble
Northwestern HS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

9:00am
Graduation-Symphonic
Band Performs
Basilica of the National Shrine

AN INTERVIEW WITH

Rutgers Professor and Author Dr. Stephen Danley '03

Dr. Stephen Danley '03 was an excellent student-athlete at DeMatha, who later studied and played basketball at the University of Pennsylvania, before going on to receive his Doctorate from Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar. Today, he is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers-Camden University. In November, Stephen released his book "A Neighborhood Politics of Last Resort: Post-Katrina New Orleans and the Right to the City" about the rebuilding of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. We have a brief Q and A with Dr. Danley below. Stephen visited DeMatha in March as he (once again) spoke to potential Stags about his alma mater.

DM: What is your book about?

SD: "A lot of people know New Orleans and the story of Hurricane Katrina. What people know less about is the struggle and politics of rebuilding a city that was once under water. This book tells the story of neighborhood activists who worked to make sure their communities came back. It asks a fundamental question: was the city rebuilt for residents of New Orleans or for tourists who come to visit?"



Dr. Stephen Danley with DM President Fr. James and Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon at DeMatha in March where Stephen spoke to potential DeMatha students.

"Many schools claim to be diverse, but DeMatha's 'authentic diversity' was a game changer in my life. DeMatha is a place where friendships grow across communities - something all-too-rare in our hyper-segregated society."

DM: What was the genesis for the book?

SD: "New Orleans was the city that introduced me to neighborhood activism where unpaid, overworked volunteers fought for their communities. It meant so much to me that those activists took the time to introduce me to their world. I wanted to share that story with others."

DM: What is the core of your work at Rutgers-Camden?

SD: "I have the amazing opportunity to both teach and conduct research in Camden. My classes strive to make the study of cities tangible for students by incorporating the cities surrounding our campus into the classroom. My students engage with the big questions about urban development: What does segregation mean for cities? Who

does development help and who does it harm? How does gentrification affect communities? And my students learn about these topics by hearing from community voices and visiting community institutions.

But what makes the job great is that I get a chance to work with these same communities, to push Rutgers to have a positive influence in the city it calls home, and to support the great work that activists are already doing here."

DM: You spoke to prospective students in March. What was your message about DeMatha?

SD: "DeMatha set me up to achieve academically at an Ivy League school and at Oxford. But it also taught me how to do meaningful work in communities - a skill that is critical to my career. Many schools claim to be diverse, but DeMatha's 'authentic diversity' was a game changer in my life. DeMatha is a place where friendships grow across communities - something all-too-rare in our hyper-segregated society.

We all know how special DeMatha's teachers and coaches are, and I had some of the best, but it was teammates, friends and classmates who made my world bigger, and taught me how much I had to learn about the world around me. That's the single most important skill in the work I now do at Rutgers."

Williams and Gray pictured with the rest of the students who attended last summer's Students Opposing Slavery Summit in Washington, DC. Williams is pictured third from the left in the third row and Gray is second from the right in the top row.



Students Opposing Slavery

Slavery is a term that a lot of people might not expect to have to hear about in a modern context, but it still exists today in the form of human trafficking. According to a 2017 study by the International Labor Organization, an estimated 24.9 million victims globally were trapped in a modern-day slavery situation. And according to statistics by the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia in 2017, 2,563 people were reported missing in DC.

DeMatha senior Austin Williams and junior Dylan Gray had the opportunity last summer to attend the week-long Students Opposing Slavery (SOS) Summit at President Lincoln's Cottage in DC after being recommended by several DeMatha faculty members including Ms. Erin Bright and Mr. Michael Ayala '04. SOS is an award-winning youth education program for students dedicated to raising awareness about modern slavery within a high-risk population – teenagers. After getting to know some of the other students at the conference, Williams and Gray heard stories from survivors of human trafficking to let them know that modern day slavery is a big problem in their local neighborhoods as well as on a global scale.

"They talked about this story in Silver Spring about a woman who was kidnapped from Cameroon and bought to be a maid," Williams said. "The fact that these things happen locally; They were shocking."

"It was a good opportunity to realize that this stuff's still going on," Gray said.

Williams and Gray, and the other students at the summit, also made a trip to the US State Department to see how the federal government attempts to fight this epidemic and the students afterwards made art projects to creatively illustrate how they could bring awareness to the subject of modern day slavery. That being said, there was time during the week to enjoy some lighter moments and socialize with one another and still have the summit be a 'fun' but informative experience.

"It was where you could still have fun with the group, but also learn something and make a change," Gray said.

At DeMatha, both Williams and Gray are well involved on campus with Williams being the president of the Black Student Union and a member of the Mock Trial team and the Investment Club while Gray plays for the school's football and baseball teams. They both said that if a fellow DeMatha student came up to them to ask about a topic as complex as modern day slavery, they would tell that student to do some research into the subject matter and use who they are and what they've learned at DeMatha to try and make a change.

"You, as a faith-filled gentleman and scholar, have a moral responsibility," Williams said. "He has to understand that buying something on the street could be something that changes a person's life forever. If someone is under duress, it's time to help that person."

DeMatha Lessons In Medicine

Dr. Wayne Cascio '73 has enjoyed an extremely successful career ranging from his years working as a cardiologist at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill to recently being appointed as the Director of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory for the Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Cascio said a lot of what he has learned in medicine are also what he first learned at DeMatha.

"Responsibility, leadership, communication, and selflessness. Throughout my entire career, that's what it has always been about," Dr. Cascio said. "Today, I foster relationships across the federal government and when I was doing clinical medicine, I had to keep all of the doctors happy. Those traits were all really important things that helped me."

Dr. Cascio grew up in Hyattsville and first heard about DeMatha from the school's famous basketball game against Power Memorial in 1965 against NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who then went by the name Lew Alcindor. Former Varsity Basketball Head Coach Morgan Wootten had invited Dr. Cascio and his parents over to meet him while he was in eighth grade and gave him a program of that Power Memorial game. Dr. Cascio never played for Coach Wootten while he was a Stag, but he credits former coaches such as Bob Milloy and the late Charles 'Buck' Offutt along with algebra teacher Ray Smith and physics teacher Rocco Mennella for challenging and making him think both in and out of the classroom. Dr. Cascio was also the Student Council President, NHS President and Managing Editor of the literary magazine during his time on Madison Street.

"I learned a lot about being willing to take chances and problem solve," Dr. Cascio said. "When you go into high school as a 14-year-old, you're pretty young and immature. You come out of high school at 18 thinking what am I going to do with my career? There's a big transformation there and DeMatha made the difference."

Dr. Cascio left high school feeling prepared for his undergraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University. After college, he applied and was accepted into an internal medicine residency at UNC, stayed on to do cardiology and then worked for two years in Switzerland in the University of Bern's physiology department. Dr. Cascio enjoyed years of success in research and clinical work at UNC and eventually moved up the academic ranks to become a Professor of Medicine.

However, he decided to change course in 2004 when he accepted an offer to become Head of Cardiology at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Not only did Dr. Cascio have to transition into an administrative role, but he soon realized over his years at ECU that the ultimate solution to cardiovascular health was to improve the environment where people reside.

"That environment may be economic, educational and also literally its quality. I started thinking more about these broader public health issues and then by sheer coincidence, I started to consult for the US EPA. Now that I'm the lab director with multiple locations for this lab around the United States, it's become a different way to care for people."

Dr. Cascio said witnessing some of his organization's work at the EPA make an impact at the national level, such as the guide for the Wildfires Public Health Commission, has been very rewarding. And, he and his work were honored with the prestigious Homer N. Calver Award at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting last November. Dr. Cascio knows this is a new, different challenge in helping lead a regulatory agency and having to deal with a variety of stakeholders. However, he doesn't necessarily

see this job as greater than being a clinician, or vice-versa.

"I like them both. But as I'm getting older and starting to look out at the horizon and seeing I'm not going to be doing this forever, I think we're taking important steps to protect health and the environment in the future," Dr. Cascio said.

Even in the midst of this important research at the EPA, he still makes time to look back on his time at DeMatha about the friends he made, the experiences he had and the lessons that have lasted a lifetime.

"I've met thousands and thousands of people throughout my career and it amazes me how many know about DeMatha," Dr. Cascio said. "And I'm always quick to point out that it's not just a basketball school. It's got outstanding academics and people from all walks of life."

On the book shelf in Dr. Cascio's North Carolina office sits the various gold and bronze medals he has received from the EPA. Between those medals at the center of the shelf is a DeMatha ball cap. A reminder of the groundwork that DeMatha provides students for the positive impact they can end up providing to the greater world.



A CELEBRATION OF St. John de Matha

With Christmas holidays fast approaching, the DeMatha community gathered last December to celebrate the feast day of the school's patron, St. John de Matha.

It has long been a school tradition to honor our patron saint, but the day has evolved to a special series of events on campus.

Fr. Albert Anuszewski, O.S.S.T, Provincial, as the principal celebrant of the morning liturgy, told the students in attendance about the connection between themselves and the Trinitarians.

"You are a part of that (Trinitarian) family because you are connected by the teachings of St. John de Matha at this school," Fr. Anuszewski said.

Faith is one of the school's six pillars and the Feast Day allows the students and the rest of the DeMatha community to reengage with the Trinitarian teachings and to remember the importance of putting God first in every aspect of their lives both on and off campus. But it's also been a day at the school to recognize the alumni who after being a part of the student experience at DeMatha go on out into the real world and yet still dedicate a portion of their adult lives to keep making DeMatha the best school it can possibly be.

Richard Harrington '84, the Treasurer on DeMatha's Board of Directors, was this year's recipient of the St. John de Matha Medal for his continued support to the mission of DeMatha Catholic High School. In his speech in front of the school community, Mr. Harrington urged everyone, but especially the current students, to look out for their fellow classmates and to be respectful to one another.



Mr. Rich Harrington '84 receiving his St. John de Matha Day Medal from SGA President Eric Najarian '19 (right) and SGA Vice President Tommy Halligan '19 (left).

"People are fragile and you never know what others are going through," Mr. Harrington said. "A fellow student may have parents who are going through a divorce. They might be close with a grandparent who is ill. Or they might be having trouble making friends at DeMatha. The fact that we don't know what other people are going through on any particular day is the primary reason why we need to be good listeners."

As per usual, Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 provided the community with Trinitarian history. Down through the years, Dr. McMahon has done an excellent job of showing just how impactful the Trinitarians have been in so many areas. He always concludes his speech by having the congregation applaud the Trinitarians.

The celebration then continued with a concert featuring performances from several of the talented DeMatha musical ensembles, which highlighted the thriving arts and music programs at the school. And then even after students made their way back to finish the day with classes, 'Santa' surprised those students, faculty and staff with a visit to the campus grounds to bring various treats to celebrate the Christmas season. Vocal Director Mr. Jim Turk and vocal instructor Mr. Carter Sligh led the Voices of DeMatha caroling around the campus, which continued to strengthen the Christmas spirit more and more.

It is a great day to remember St. John de Matha and the school's Trinitarian heritage, but it is also a time to gather and worship together. All of these things are what makes St. John de Matha Day one of the biggest events on campus each and every year.



Governor Larry Hogan '74 with his honorary DeMatha diploma, surrounded by members of the DeMatha community.

Governor Hogan Visits DeMatha

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan attended DeMatha from 1970-72. He left before his junior year as his family moved to Florida. In February, after 47 years, the Governor returned to DeMatha to receive an honorary diploma, thus making him a member of the class of 1974.

At the ceremony in the Kilby Alumni Lounge before the DeMatha-Carroll game, Fr. James made the presentation.

"As fate would have it, the Governor had to move out of state which meant that he was not able to formally graduate from DeMatha, although we know he has always considered himself a DeMatha Man and we too have proudly acknowledged that the Governor attended here," Fr. James said.

"So, therefore, it gives me great pleasure today to present Governor Lawrence Hogan with a DeMatha diploma, thus

officially making him a DeMatha graduate. The Governor now is a certified member of a unique fraternity of 10,000 faith-filled Gentlemen and Scholars."

The Governor echoed similar sentiments about his relationship with DeMatha as he addressed the crowd. "This truly is an incredible honor for me," Gov. Hogan said. "I have received lots of different certificates and awards in my four years as Governor but none means as much to me as this one does."

As it turns out, there were a few Carroll graduates at the reception as well including Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and the former Lt. Governor Michael Steele. In fact, Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford made a friendly wager on the game (a close contest won by DeMatha). After the game, as part of the bet, the Lt. Governor was seen exiting the bleachers wearing a DeMatha hat.

It had been a great day and a close, competitive game. Governor Hogan, class of '74, once a former basketball manager, vowed to return to another hoops game again next year to root once more for his alma mater. One DeMatha!



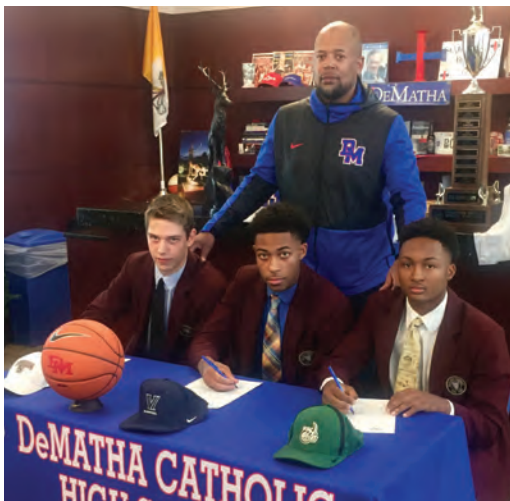
2018-19 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

The past few months have been a busy time in particular with the DeMatha Athletics program, not just with several teams playing in the middle of their seasons, but seniors making the decision on where they will attend and play collegiate sports. The Basketball ceremony was held

in the Kilby Alumni Lounge in November while the Football and Soccer ceremonies were held in the lobby of the LT. (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center in February and the Baseball and Lacrosse ceremonies were held later in February in the Kilby Alumni Lounge.



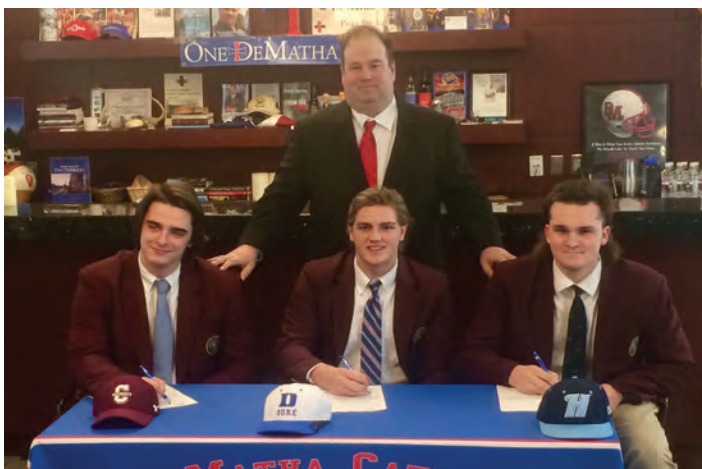
FOOTBALL: The assistant coaches with the 2019 football signees. From left: Andrew Allmond (Lackawanna College), Khaydon Brooks (Lackawanna College), Mekai Davis (Delaware), Deion Green (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), DeMarcco Hellams (Alabama), Joey Hood (California University of Pennsylvania), Jermaine Johnson (UMass Amherst), Dominic Logan-Nealy (Howard), Josh Wallace (UMass Amherst), and Declan Vargas (Pennsylvania). Not pictured here are Nick Cross who later committed to Maryland and Eric Najarian who committed to walk-on at Maryland.



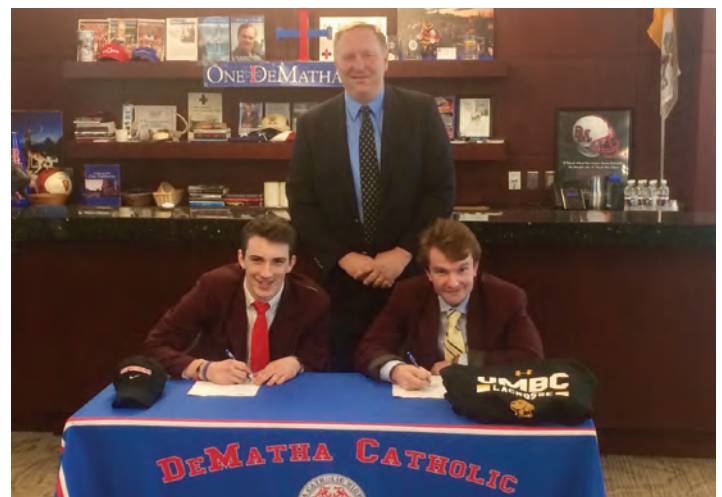
BASKETBALL: Head Coach Mike Jones '91 with his 2019 basketball signees. From left: Carsten Kogelnik (Brown), Justin Moore (Villanova), and Jahmir Young (Charlotte).



SOCCER: Head Coach Andrew Quinn '05 and Assistant Coach Ben Fleri '11 with the 2019 soccer signees Caleb Jackson (UMBC) and Josh Morgan (Connecticut). Not pictured is Alexios Rodriguez who later committed to Gardner-Webb University.



BASEBALL: Head Coach Sean O'Connor '94 with his 2019 baseball signees in the Kilby Alumni Lounge. From left, Clark Burroughs (College of Charleston), Thomas Keehn (Duke), and Jack Silder (Harford Community College).



LACROSSE: Head Coach Scott Morrison with his 2019 lacrosse signees Teigue Norman (Ohio Wesleyan) and Evan Ostrowski (UMBC).



FOOTBALL HEARTBREAK IN WCAC FINALS

In one of the most dramatic endings to a football game in WCAC history, the final minute of last November's WCAC Championship between the Stags and Gonzaga will be talked about for years to come. With 29 seconds left in the fourth quarter, senior wide receiver/defensive back **Dominic Logan-Nealy** returned a Gonzaga kickoff all the way for a touchdown to give the Stags a 43-40 lead. However, with 15 seconds to go, Gonzaga countered in a big way and scored on a 60-yard Hail Mary pass to win the WCAC Title over the Stags 46-43. The final minute of this game ended up going viral, from the initial video

broadcast of 2nd Amendment Sports, a group that included **Tim Strachan** '94. The dramatic final minute ended up being shown on ESPN and was featured on numerous other national outlets. Despite the agony of that last second defeat, it had to have been looked at as a solid season for the Stags who went 8-3 and, again, were just one miraculous play from re-claiming the WCAC title for the fifth time in six years.

There was dynamic talent on this year's squad and included senior wide receiver/defensive back **DeMarcco Hellams** who was named *The Washington Post's* All-Met Offensive Player of the Year for Football. In addition, senior defensive back **Nick Cross**

was named a first-team All-Met for Defense while junior running back **Marshawn Lloyd** was named a second-team All-Met for Offense. Seniors **Jermaine Johnson** (WR), **Dominic Logan-Nealy** and junior **Dwayne Allick** (OL) were Honorable Mention selections. Hellams, Cross, Johnson and Allick were all named first team All-WCAC along with senior **Josh Wallace** (DB) and sophomore **Greg Penn** (LB). Stags who made the All-WCAC second team included senior **Khaydon Brooks** (OL/DL), junior **Dominique Perry** (TE/DE) and junior **Coziah Izzard** (DE), Logan-Nealy, and junior **Hezekiah Faison III** (DLB). Honorable Mentions for the All-Conference team included sophomore **Da'Jon Butler** (RB), junior **Melteen Davis** (DL), junior **Ian Froble** (DL), senior **Eric Najarian** (QB), and sophomore **Kaden Prather** (WR).

SOCCER'S 11-GAME WIN STREAK ENDS IN PLAYOFFS

The varsity soccer team had its ebbs and flows throughout the fall season, including an 11-game winning streak. However, the winning streak came to an end in a tough WCAC Quarterfinals loss to Good Counsel, 2-1, on penalty

kicks. Before the playoff defeat, it was over a month and a half since the Stags had last lost a game. The soccer team finished this year with a 12-5 record and saw some solid improvements under second year coach **Andrew Quinn '05**, which points to a bright future ahead for the program. Senior **Caleb Jackson** was named to the first team All-Met for Boys' Soccer. Junior **Chris McKinney** was named to the All-WCAC First Team while Jackson, sophomore **Diego Gomez** and junior **Edson DeMata** were named to the All-Conference Second Team. Senior **Alexios Rodriguez** was named an Honorable Mention.

GROGAN, PARSONS LEAD CROSS COUNTRY IN WCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The cross country team raced in the WCAC Championships last October and freshman **Dawson Grogan** led the Stags by placing 31st in the top varsity race with a time of 18:25. Right behind Grogan was junior **Thomas Parsons** who finished 44th with a time of 19:10 and sophomore **James Hudson** in 46th at 19:13. With third year coach **Cory Puffett '10** and a strong influx of young talent and high potential, the Stags appear poised to race for the top of the WCAC pack in 2019.

PREP HOCKEY WINS THIRD STRAIGHT WCAC TITLE

Congrats to the Prep Hockey Team for winning a third consecutive WCAC Championship. Good luck to Basketball in the MD Private School Championship and the Alhambra Tourney. Also, congrats to senior **Ty Kane** on being named the WCAC Wrestling champion! Complete coverage of winter and spring sports will be shared in the *Summer Red and Blue Review*.

THANK YOU ELIJAH BROOKS '02, BILL MCGREGOR RETURNS

After the WCAC Championship in November, a lot has happened and changed within the DeMatha program. Head Coach **Elijah Brooks '02** announced in December that he had accepted an offer to be the new running backs coach for the University of Maryland football team. In his eight years as head coach, the Stags compiled a 72-20 record, four WCAC championships and the highest ranked football team in school history, which was #4 in 2016. **Fr. James**, President of DeMatha released a statement at the time which said: "On behalf of Dr. McMahon and the entire DeMatha community, we would like to thank Coach Brooks '02 for his 12 wonderful years of dedicated service as a faculty member and coach. We wish Coach Brooks well in his future endeavors." A few weeks later in January, the school announced that **Bill McGregor** would be returning as the varsity football coach. Bill's legacy at DeMatha had already been etched in stone. He spent 39 years previously at DeMatha and in his 29 years as varsity football coach, his teams won 278 games and 17 conference titles. When Bill left DeMatha in 2011, Elijah would end up taking over. "On behalf of Dr. McMahon, we are happy to welcome Bill back," said Fr. James, DM President. "Coach brings with him a wealth of experience, skills and a deep commitment to the DM position." Thank you again to Elijah for a great job as varsity football head coach and welcome back to Bill McGregor as we look forward to the success and tradition of DeMatha football to continue this fall.

The Many Sides of Nick Cross

Senior Nick Cross shined on the gridiron last year for DeMatha. After a standout senior season with the Stags that included four interceptions and 94 tackles, Cross was named to *The Washington Post's* All-Mets First Team for Football (Defense) and received numerous offers from Division 1 schools to play collegiate football.

For the top ranked safety in the state of Maryland and fourth ranked safety nationally, according to recruiting website 247Sports, the accolades also increased the social media attention he has received online. So how has Cross tried to block out the noise?

"I'm just trying to continue to work hard every day," Cross said, "No matter how many stars you have, you still have to go out there and perform on the field."

The rise in national prominence for Cross is more impressive considering that he never seriously played football before arriving to DeMatha. However, that soon changed when he met former DeMatha Head Football Coach Elijah Brooks '02 in the eighth grade.

"It was at an athletic meet-and-greet. I told him (Coach Brooks) what I wanted to do and he was very supportive of it from the start."

Several championship seasons, a position change and a number of eye-popping plays later, Cross was selected to play in the prestigious and nationally televised All-American Bowl in San Antonio. Cross said that game was one of the best experiences of his young life.

"I had always watched the game on TV and hoped that maybe I'd play in it one day," Cross said. "When I first got the invite, I told my mom that I was going to play. There was no doubt about it."

He also ran for DeMatha's indoor track team during his junior and senior seasons after Coach Brooks told Cross that improving as a runner on the track could aid both the way he played football and his collegiate recruitment. Today, Cross has a personal record (PR) of 6.68 seconds in the 60m dash and a PR of 22.09 seconds in the 200m dash, which has placed him near the front of the pack in many of his races. Cross said track was a nice way to break out of his DeMatha football bubble and see a different extension of the school's athletic programs.

"It (Track) helps keep you in shape and I met new people at DeMatha through track that I might not have talked to."



Cross was interviewed by NBC4 in February after he announced he was committing to play at football at Maryland.



Outside of athletics, Cross earned a 3.6 GPA this past fall semester, traveled to Peru with former faculty member Ms. Nikki Karl's

Spanish 3 class, and played with the Wind Ensemble during his junior year where he got to perform at concerts and participate in the Music Program's annual Music Trip.

"They (my parents) were big on me being a well-rounded person," Cross said. "To be good at academics and then be good at sports and then music and community service, you can fully contribute to whatever institution you end up going to."

Cross has several goals and dreams for the future. He hopes to play in the NFL and perhaps even compete one day in the Olympics. He also wants to study either business and/or kinesiology when he gets to college. But he said the most important thing is to serve God and be a positive impact on everyone he comes into contact with. The drive to be a positive role model in society was brought on to him by his parents and by the faculty, staff and coaches he has met at DeMatha.

With DeMatha's reputation of having a renowned football program, Cross knows some students may come to the school to be 'the next football star.' But he said he also encourages those students to expand their horizons, try new things and meet a wide variety of people. It's those things learned from DeMatha that Cross said have helped prepare him for taking the next step into college.

"From a school perspective in terms of managing your time, athletically with hard work and competition and being in a winning environment and having a winning attitude. It all helps prepare you for adversity because it'll hit you sometimes, but you just have to fight through it and keep moving."

50's

Walt Coughlin '52 was awarded the Cooper Aerobics 'Cooper Classic' Award in January, which honored his dedication to nutrition and fitness

Dave McConnell '54, a longtime political reporter for WTOP Radio in DC, was featured in November on the 'Our Town' podcast where he spoke about his career and his early DeMatha days.

60's

Michael Mewshaw '61 released his latest book "The Lost Prince: A Search for Pat Conroy" earlier this year.

Donald LeSage '62 is the CEO and Chief Design Engineer of GeoTrak Inc. and Innova-Con Inc.

Bill Burke '67 retired last year after working as a photographer for Labor-related issues for 35 years where he covered the workplace, politics and social issues.

Bill Humbert '67, a professional consultant/recruiter and award winning author, spoke in January on Park City Television in Colorado about the trend of lack of engagement among professionals in their occupations.

John Lappin '67 and **George Rogers '90**, along with George's son **Patrick '19**, assisted in a yard service project in November for the Sister Servants Convent in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Kelley Eidem '68 released his book "How to Become a Thrill-lionaire" last fall.

James Brown '69, anchor and host for CBS, hosted his 9th Super Bowl this past February.



Dr. George Westerman '80 and Dr. McMahon '76 caught up at DeMatha in November. Dr. Westerman is a professor at the Sloane School of Business at MIT.

70's

Mike Brey '77, Notre Dame men's basketball coach, was featured in the winter edition of *Notre Dame Magazine*. He was also featured in January in the CBS Sports profile serie 'Men Of March.'

John Farrell '78 officiated the Stone Bridge-Broad Run Virginia High School playoff-football game in November. His classmate, **Joe Ansenault '78**, was the clock operator at the game and is also a high school official. John was seen in a picture from *The Washington Post* that was part of a game story.

Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78 wrote a review in *The Catholic World Report* of the movie 'Glass' in January.

Sidney Lowe '79 is an assistant coach this season with the Detroit Pistons.



Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78 of Baylor University and **Kevin Davis '87** at Catholic University in January. Dr. Hibbs introduced Kevin before a Q and A session involving students and faculty about his experiences as Baltimore City Police Commissioner.

80's

Mike Hibbs '80 was named the head basketball coach at Canterbury HS in Ft. Myers, FL., in mid-season this year.

Adrian Branch '81 was inducted into the University of Maryland Hall of Fame last November.

Jim Nelson '81 announced in November that he was stepping down as editor-in-chief of *GQ Magazine* after 15 years.

Tom Kane '86 was honored by *The Baltimore Sun* in December as a top midsize industry leader. He is the President of Network Building + Consulting, a company that develops wireless communication towers and sites.

Kevin Cox '86 was promoted in February to Corporate Treasury Analyst at Mars Incorporated.

Jason Bishop '88 and **Eric Bickel '88** of 'The Sports Junkies' signed a 4-year contract with Entercom Communications earlier this year. 'The Sports Junkies' have entered their 22nd year in radio broadcasting in the DC Market and will also be expanding into Richmond and Norfolk.

Geoff Bailey '89, Executive Director at the University of Louisville, was named earlier this year as Vice President of the National College Learning Center Association at the annual conference in Niagara Falls, NY.

Travis Fair '92 has run a new/pre owned car dealership in Danville, WV for 19 years.

Tim Strachan '94 and his wife Leslie recently celebrated the birth of their son Luke Stephen Strachan.

Lynde Washington '95 was part of the 'I Know You, I Remember This Place' Art Show (and public opening) at Agora Gallery in NYC last November.

Brian Westbrook '97 was inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame last November.

James Hale '98 completed the Baltimore Marathon in October in 4 hours and 13 minutes.

Jeremy Hall '99, a social sciences educator with North Broward Preparatory School in Florida, delivered a TEDx Talk in January on 'The Paradox of Success.'

Jedd Narsavage '99 with brother **Kyle Narsavage '03** recently rejoined their family lawn mowing business, which they started as young kids to raise money to attend the DeMatha basketball camp. That company today is called Greensweep and they provide landscape services to over 600 properties across the region, including DeMatha. Kyle is the President of Greensweep with Jedd as Vice President.



Brian Quinn '02 received Maryland's 2018-19 Milken Educator Award last fall. Brian is a fourth grade math teacher at East Silver Spring Elementary School.

Leonard Smith '01 and his wife Shena welcomed the birth of their son Caleb Avery Smith in November. Leonard also started a new position in January as Division Leader at the marketing company Primerica.

Fr. David Wells '01 was recently appointed Administrator at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, MD.

Seamus Hughes '02, Deputy Director of George Washington University's Program on Extremism, broke a corruption story in January that ended up appearing in *The Los Angeles Times*.

Dr. Stephen Danley '03, a professor at Rutgers University, released his book "A Neighborhood Politics of Last Resort: Post-Katrina New Orleans and a Right to the City" in November.

Mike Hinker '03 is now working as the Area Vice President for the software company, Salesforce.

Josh Wilson '03, an assistant football coach at DeMatha, was named 'Coach-of-the-Week' by WJLA News in DC last November.

Dave Gang '05 and **Corey Hirsch '13** ran in the Marine Corps Marathon last October.

00's

Christopher Fritts '00 is working as a Security Specialist at Headquarters Command Center (HQCC) Supervisor at World Bank Group.

Myles Harris '00 was recently promoted to Senior Manager of Data Governance and Advanced Analytics at Infosys, an information technology consulting company.

90's

Sister Susan Francois '90, who graduated from DeMatha in the one year the school had female students attend, was featured in a December article of *The New York Times* about her goal to pray every day for world leaders.

Jonathan Hager '05 (son of faculty member **Marty '73**) married Emily Fortner in Mt. Pleasant, SC in November. There were four other Stags in the wedding party: **Joey Hager '07** was Best Man, while **Michael Hager '11**, **Bryan O'Neal '05**, and **Brian Smith '05** served as ushers.

Steve Paul '05 (grandson of Morgan Wootten) married right before the Christmas holiday with several Stags in attendance.

Joseph Cook '06 and his wife Mary Ellen celebrated the birth of their son, Connor Cook, in November. He was also named the MSABC (MD State Association of Baseball Coaches) 2018 Baseball Executive of the Year in February. He is currently the Assistant Athletic Director for the Naval Academy Athletic Association.

Brett Drumheller '06 is working as a Sales Mentor at Power Home Remodeling.



Steve Paul '05 (grandson of Morgan Wootten) married right before the Christmas holiday with several Stags in attendance.

Anthony Wayne Hood II '06 officially became a certified National Basketball Player's Association (NBPA) Player Agent earlier this year. He also is an Associate at Jeff Fannell & Associates in New Jersey

consulting MLB agents on player valuation, grievances and salary arbitration.

George Samuel Mehalic '06 recently started a new position as an Experienced Hire

Recruiter for Goldman Sachs' Engineering Division.

Fr. Chris Seith '06 spoke before the Mass for Life in DC this past January.

Vincent Bury '07 married in December with several Stags in attendance.

Matthew McGinnity '07 started a new job recently as the Communications Manager at Interfaith Works.

David Gruner '08 recently started working as the Director of Business Development at Toyota of Bowie.

Kevin Melo '08 started working as a Clinical Nurse at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

Pat Moreland '09 was featured on a recent episode of 'Outdoors Delmarva' in February.

Michael Schappacher '09 is working as an Associate DevOps Automation Engineer at Stelligent, a software company.



Taylor Tarter '05 married in October and several of his groomsmen were fellow DM classmates including Nick Mudd '05, Kevin Dolan '05, Zach Tilkens '05, Matt Harman '05, and Mitch Wynnyk '05.



Joe Smith '07, with the non-profit organization Peace Players International, teamed with Ubumwe Sports Initiative, i Rwanda last fall where both programs use basketball to help unite, educate, and inspire children and their communities.

as a High School Professional School Counselor and has accepted an appointment with HCPSS.

Shahruckh Ali '12 is working at Cisco as an assistant sales representative.

Paul Bailey '12 performed with the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Jazz Orchestra in February at the Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel. Paul is currently working on his Master's Degree in Jazz Studies at Howard University and was the first graduate student to be in the Ensemble.

Troye Bullock '12, a Georgetown grad, was featured in *The Georgetown Voice* in December on how he is attempting to tackle poverty in DC.

10's

JP Bailey '10 celebrated the baptism of his son John Patrick Bailey '36 in Kent Island, MD in November. **Michael Castro '10** and **Cameron Bailey '14** were also in attendance. JP also performed a show in February at the Cult Classic Brewing Company in Stevensville, MD.

Michael Dodson '10 was appointed last year as the Associate Director of DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys.

Nicholas LeQuang '10 married Elizabeth Wolfe last November and **Nathaniel LeQuang '13** served as Best Man while **George Shenias '10** served as a Groomsman.

Larry Payne '10 and **Billy Reading '12** graduated last year from the Anne Arundel Fire Department Academy.

Phil Poe '10 was recently promoted to Policy Assistant to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services.

James Turcotte '10 recently passed the Professional Engineering exam in Fire Protection Engineering and can now obtain his Professional Engineering license in Maryland to officially be recognized as a practicing engineer.

Mitch Flores '11 recently started a new job with West Virginia University Medicine working as an associate systems analyst.

Darien Harris '11 started a new position earlier this year as Brand Ambassador at Biggby Coffee.

Trevor Neal Smith '11 received his Master's Degree in Professional School Counseling from Bowie State University in December. Trevor had interned this school year with Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS)



*Ja'Whaun Bentley '14, a rookie linebacker for the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl in February, which made it the second straight year that a Stag was on a Super Bowl winning squad. Ja'Whaun started for the Pats early in the year until sustaining a season ending injury. **Rodney McLeod '08** was a member of last year's champion Philadelphia Eagles.*

ALMA MATTERS

Trevor Irish '12 is working in the DC area as a Sales Consultant at Ourisman Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram.

Austin Riggins '12 was promoted earlier this year to the position of Senior Sales Specialist at Bank of America.

Brian Charles '13 graduated from the Baltimore City Police Academy in February and received the Director's Award of Leadership during the ceremony.

Jacori Hayes '13 had his contract renewed by FC Dallas, of Major League Soccer, for the 2019 season.

Ryan J. Lane '13 received a Master of Science degree in Engineering Mechanics in De-

cember from Virginia Tech. He was recently awarded funding from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to continue studies at Virginia Tech toward obtaining a doctorate degree, also in Engineering Mechanics.

Jairus Lyles '13 was named 'Sportsperson of the Year' by PressBoxOnline due to leading UMBC to an upset over Virginia in last March's NCAA Tournament, the first time a 16 seed team had ever beaten a top seed. Jairus is currently playing for the Salt Lake City Stars of the NBA G League.

Corey Henson '14 was featured on 'Nevada Sports Net' in January about his recent breakthrough performance with

the University of Nevada men's basketball team

Lucius Jackson III '14 is working as a Trilingual Paralegal in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Dale Matthews '14, linebacker for University of Richmond, was named Most Valuable Player in the team's 2018 Capitol Cup win over William & Mary in November.

Jeffrey Monroe II '14 graduated in December from North Carolina Central University with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice that also had a concentration in Homeland Security.

Greyson Torain '14, of Navy Lacrosse, and **Johnny Surdick**

'14, of Army Lacrosse, were both selected to the Preseason All-Patriot League Team. Surdick was also named pre-season Defensive Player of the Year in the Patriot League.

Darius Williams-McKenzie '14 graduated from Penn State University in December with a Bachelors in Broadcast Journalism, which also had an emphasis in Sports and a minor in Leadership Development. Darius is currently attending graduate school at Penn State seeking a Masters in Leadership Development and Communications.

Kordell Williams '14 was interviewed in January by *Navy Sports Magazine* about his track career at the Naval Academy.



This was from the last Red and Blue Meetup at Frisco Tap House in Crofton last November. Thanks to **Matt Miller '08** and **Andrew Nugent '11** for organizing these great events for alumni to reconnect and network with one another. Follow DM on social media for updates about future Red and Blue Meetups.

Ahmad Clark '15, junior point guard for the University of Albany men's basketball team, was featured in a December article in *The Albany Times Union*.

Evan Santa '15 went 4-0 in the Big10 Match Play Championship in February and led the University of Maryland golf team to a second place finish

Markelle Fultz '16 was traded in February to the Orlando Magic. He had been with the Philadelphia 76ers for the past season and a half after being drafted No. 1 overall by the team in 2017.

Steven Gruner '16 volunteered in November with his professional fraternity at the University of South Carolina to work with the Special Olympics.

Jack Moylan '16 was inducted last fall into the Delta Chi Chapter of PI TAU SIGMA at Kettering University. PI TAU SIGMA is the International Society for Mechanical Engineers. As a Co-operative education student, Jack works for Ricardo North America on the Vehicle Team and is studying at Esslingen University of Applied Sciences in Germany this spring.

Kellon Taylor '16 was featured in a *PGH Sports* article in January about taking a leadership role with the Duquesne men's basketball team.



John Lovett '14, quarterback, led Princeton to an undefeated season and the Ivy League Title!

Paul Frendach '17 and **Justin Gielen '18** helped the University of Maryland men's soccer team capture its fourth national championship with a 1-0 win over Akron in December.

Anthony McFarland '17, redshirt

freshman running back at Maryland, was named to the Football Writers Association of America's Freshmen All-American Team. He was also named an All-Big Ten Second Team selection by the media and Third Team selection by

league coaches this week. He ran for 1,034 yards this season and is the first MD freshman to earn first or second team All-Conference honors since Darrius Heyward-Bey in 2006.

Chase Young '17, defensive end for Ohio State, finished his sophomore season with 9.5 sacks, 33 tackles and a victory in the Rose Bowl against the University of Washington on New Year's Day.

Jalen Brown '18 was named the Northeast Conference's Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year for his play last season with the St. Francis University football team.

Garrett Leadmon '18 scored his first goal in February for the Duke men's lacrosse team in the Blue Devils' 10-9 victory over Denver.

Tyler Lenhart '18, quarterback at Columbia University, was named Columbia Football freshman player of the year. Tyler broke the school's freshman passing yards' record in Columbia's victory over Brown in November.

Sydney Reyes '18 was one of two candidates selected out of 300 to fly in a glider at the Air Force Academy Prep School.

Robell Tsegaye '18 was recently elected student body president at Mount St. Mary's University.

DEMATHA BUSINESS BOOK

This Business Book was created to provide a platform to further strengthen the connection of our alumni. Terryl Monroe, class of '06, said it best, "There's no reason why a DeMatha graduate should have to go to any other company because everyone here does something that someone can benefit from. We can always keep it in the family." The DeMatha Business Book aims to do just that! This Business Book is strictly for our alumni and is free of charge. However, we are asking for a suggested \$100 donation, which will go towards the Alumni Association Fund, which support and funds the many alumni activities the school hosts each year. www.alumni.dematha.org

God, Country, and DeMatha



DeMatha has many connections with a number of universities across the country but certainly there is a special bond with the University of Notre Dame.

That bond could not have been more evident when Bob Whitmore '65 became the second Stag (the first being Adrian Dantley '73) to be inducted into the school's basketball Ring of Honor.

There was a strong contingent of DeMatha supporters on hand for the weekend of activities in January including (of course) Notre Dame's all-time winningest men's basketball coach Mike Brey '77, Mike's assistant Rod Balanis '88, and current Irish player D.J. Harvey '17.

The DeMatha group also included Morgan and Kathy Wootten; Bob's former teammates Joe Kennedy '64 and Terry Wiles; Alumni Association President Charlie Kenny '68; and Bill Collins '68, whose former company, Metrocall, once employed Bob as legal counsel.

To this day, Whitmore's name is featured in the Notre Dame record books for scoring and rebounding. Bob also led a wave of DC players to the program including Collis Jones, Austin Carr, Sid Catlett '67, and Dantley. Whitmore was in law school and served as a graduate assistant to the program in 1974 when Notre Dame pulled off its fabled upset of UCLA, thus ending that school's 88-game win streak.

The ceremony included a halftime presentation of the Notre Dame - Boston College game, which featured a video in which DeMatha played a prominent role. (Said one observer, "It was like a DeMatha infomercial!")

Several years ago, the e-newsletter The DM Express explored a number of other connections between DeMatha and Notre Dame:

- DeMatha's lead architect on so much of the school's development since 1988 is Michael Mulhern '72, a Notre Dame graduate.
- DeMatha's principal, Dr. Daniel McMahon '76, went to graduate school at Notre Dame.
- Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78, Dean of the Honors College at Baylor University, received both his masters and doctorate from Notre Dame. Dr. Hibbs was DeMatha's Commencement Speaker in 2008.
- Ricky Gray '80 played football at Notre Dame. When Ricky passed away in 2000, his former ND coach, Gerry Faust, started a scholarship fund at DeMatha in Ricky's name and had many of Ricky's Irish teammates make a contribution.
- DeMatha's football program was founded by Jim Curran, who played at Notre Dame under Elmer Layden (one of the famed "four horsemen") and then later served as an assistant under the legendary Frank Leahy.
- DeMatha's present varsity soccer coach, Andrew Quinn '05, played soccer at Notre Dame.
- The late Andre Jones '87 was a key member of the 1988 Notre Dame team, the last squad to win a national title in football.
- Jerian Grant '10 was the MVP on the Irish basketball team that won the school's first and only championship in hoops, the 2015 ACC Tournament.

IN MEMORIAM

Mark Christopher Aldridge, brother of David Aldridge '83; member of the DeMatha Board of Directors

Jeff Arnheim '83

Miguel Azucena '10

Denise Beck, sister of faculty member Christine Thomas, aunt of Michael '08 and Timothy '11 Thomas.

George Berard, former Senior Booster. Father of James '74, grandfather of Michael '98, Russell '99, Kevin '06, Philip '08, and Declan '19

Sarah Bordelon, mother of John and Mark Bordelon '84

E. June Branthover, grandmother of Michael '11

Tom Buxton, friend of DeMatha. (Tom played in the Ray Smith Golf Classic each year and was a recipient of the Ray Smith Award three years ago).

James Carrick '88, brother of Dan '82, cousin of Kevin '88, Edward '94 and Brian '96 Hicks, cousin of Joseph '96 and Eric '87 Cocchiaro

Brian Colbert '81

Pat Colliere Sr., father of Patrick Jr., '91

Rev. Philip Cordisco '51, O.S.S.T.

John Cullinane '60, father of John '82 and Brian '94

Joan M. Davis, grandmother of Matt '12 and Nick '14

Kathleen Marie Duncan, sister of Bernard '65, Kevin '66 (dec.) James '70 and Brian '74 Forsythe.

Kathleen Dollymore, mother-in-law of John Flaherty '78

H. Roy Eidem, father of Roy '66 and Kelley '68

Loretta Moore Favret, mother-in-law of staff member Mary Favret Kerley and grandmother of Jim '98, Chris '01, Danny '04, and Stephen '07 Favret.

Scott Gales, father of junior Scottie Gales

J.D. Gibbs, brother of Coy '91

Bill Gilbert, friend of DeMatha. (Co-writer of two books with Morgan Wootten -- "From



Chris Vadala, DeMatha's private saxophone teacher for 30 years. He was also the Saxophone teacher and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Maryland.

Orphans to Champions" and "A Coach For All Seasons").

Victoria A. Hamilton, mother of Todd '99

Muhammed Hansroth '13

Dorothy Hathaway, mother of Jeff '77

Paul Holsberg, father of Peter '86

Kay Joholske, former Senior Booster, mother of Ed '69

William J. Kennedy Sr., father of William '64 and Michael '76

James Laddbush, father of Ryan '94

Carmela Rose Landini, mother of Tony '70 and grandmother of faculty member Rob '01

Paulo Roberto Leite, father of Paulo '13

Maryann Ferraro Lorenzo, sister of Rev. Joseph Ferraro '58

John J. Mahon '67, brother of Donald '72

Elizabeth Malia, assistant to James Brown '89. True friend of DeMatha.

Stephen R. Mihaly, father of Richard '79, Ronald '79 and Sean '83

Edmund Miller, Jeanne Grady. Grandparents of Alexander '16 and Dominic '17 Miller.

Jack Miller, brother of Mike '79

Kathryn Miller, mother of Warner '77 and Andrew '81

Chin Nugyen, mother of staff member Phillip Tran and grandmother of sophomore Bao Tran

Jeffery Antonio Nixon '81

Elizabeth Peters, grandmother of James '08, Brad '14, Wesley '21

James Petrie, father of James '81 and Timothy '83

Tina Petrucci, former faculty member and aunt of Francis '07 and current DM senior Nick D'Avella

Andy Reese '74

Mike Reynolds '66, brother of Stephen '70 (dec.). Mike is a former DM staff member and coach.

Helen Roper, mother of faculty member James and grandmother of Christian '08

Dennis Shreve, former DeMatha student in the early 2000's

Philip Spellerberg '73, brother of Peter '67 and Michael '72

James R. Strohecker, grandfather of Chris '08, Mike '09, Brian '11, and Matt '13 O'Mahoney

Homer Tutt '54

Margaret Vish, wife of John '78 (dec.)

Louis Welch, father of Ken '73 and Phil '76. Mr. Welch was a great volunteer at DeMatha supporting events in the Antler Room.

Steven Bernard Wilson. Steven attended DeMatha in the early 2000s and is the son of Robert '72 and brother of Robert '00.

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Thank You Elijah, Welcome Back Coach McGregor

As mentioned on page 18, Elijah Brooks '02 accepted an offer in December to become the new running backs coach at the University of Maryland and, weeks later in January, it was announced that Bill McGregor would return to DeMatha as its varsity football head coach. The photos below are from the 'Welcome Back, Bill McGregor' event held in February where former players under McGregor, including Coach Brooks, made an appearance to show their support. Thank you Elijah, Welcome Back Coach McGregor.

