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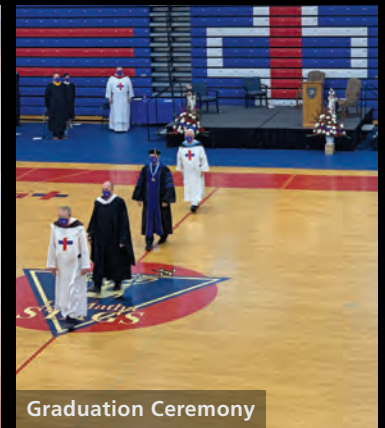


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Graduation Ceremony

PANDEMIC SPRING: CAMPUS SHUTS DOWN DeMatha Remains True To The Mission



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Mass For The Class of 2020



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Prayer Service For Racial Justice



SGA Zoom Meeting



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

One of the greatest gifts of the human spirit is the gift of reflection. When we engage in this gift, we take the time to not only see what has happened, but to also realize the depth of the experiences and how much they have influenced who we are. Without a doubt, the last few months of the academic year have been one of those moments when we must reflect, so that we can understand.

Almost every school in the nation was required to go into an alternate plan for teaching and learning. These "distance learning" advisories were issued by educational leaders for all school systems, and at DeMatha we were fortunate because we had already engaged in "Cyber Days" where at least twice a year for the past several years, the students would learn from home using the platforms and lessons that were provided by our faculty. Two days a year in this mode of learning is not the same as three months of distance learning, but we were ahead of the curve in many aspects.

Upon reflection, I believe it is important for us to realize that more than virtual content learning occurred during these months of quarantine. We were blessed to see that many of our students were engaged in collecting food for the hungry, and they participated in more than one food distribution opportunities—one on campus and one nearby—where they were the "muscle" to lift all of the donated food items to the many cars passing through and needing help with food. Our students learned all about the words "food insecure" as they looked beyond themselves to discover there are people in need all around us and that they could help satisfy the hungry hearts in our midst. Many alumni and members of our Board of Directors contributed to financial assistance for current DeMatha families who were struggling to put food on the tables due to job loss or illness. No matter where we looked on campus, there were many hands and hearts reaching out to assist. This is a great DeMatha story worthy of reflection.

DeMatha continues to work to assist our students and their families as we expand our awareness of how much fear and worry surrounds all of us daily. We realize that our society is in a state of flux now, but whenever the Stags of DeMatha unite in an effort for goodness, great things always happen.



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Zach Kevala '20 was named the recipient of a senatorial scholarship from Maryland State Senator (and DeMatha parent) Doug Peters.

Noah Johnson '20 advanced to the quarterfinals of this past May's EA Madden Bowl before falling 7-3 in a tightly contested matchup.

Mathias Roy '20 created a symbolic DeMatha video that showcased the reality of the pandemic and messages of hope from our DeMatha faculty to the school community. The video is called 'DeMatha Stands Tall' and can be found on the 'DM Stags TV' YouTube page.

Zahir Muhammad '20 was featured in a WUSA9 story in April on how he offered discounted online chess classes during the pandemic through his website/company 'Full Circle Chess.' Zahir is also the Chess Coach at Howard University.

Thomas Parsons '20 earned the rank of Eagle Scout earlier this spring.

Rising junior **Cameron King** placed second at the Summer National Fencing Qualifiers in Washington, DC in early March.

At right, faculty member **Ms. Michelle Belt's** Biochemistry classes in March worked on a project with The Algae Foundation-The Algae Academy on learning about the growth of algae, the nutrients they required, and its role in controlling carbon dioxide levels in the environment.



Members of the SGA holding a Zoom meeting in April. To learn who will be the new SGA officers for the 2020-2021 school year, please head to 'School News' on page 6.



Bryan Guzman '20 was named this year's recipient of the **Damien Shea '97** Award.



From Left to Right: Rising senior **Zachary Cheng**, **Garrett Minckler '20** and rising seniors **Felipe Tassara** and **Adam Zgol** presented their projects at the HSPA Academic Symposium in early March.

Below, DeMatha juniors participated in the Jesuit College Fair in February where they had the opportunity to meet with representatives from a number of Jesuit colleges throughout the country.



Fr. Damian, along with several other faculty and staff members, helped facilitate a socially-distant graduation cap and gown pickup for the Class of 2020 seniors in May.

*“We are committed
to the education of
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We will be better.”*

I often say that as a community “we can withstand anything, except neglect.” In part this means that as long as we keep listening to each other and keep talking to each other then we can retain our sense of community.

The COVID-19 response that the school adopted and is still adopting includes committees on:

- 1) Student life and engagement;
- 2) Facilities, buildings, and transportation safety; and
- 3) Online and hybrid learning.

But, this isn't the only thing requiring our attention and response.

The school community, like the country, was horrified by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. At a school which self-identifies as 49% black, we have particular obligations to take care of our population that is at higher risk—and being a black man in America means being at higher risk than being white in America.

Even though the school wants to believe it has made strides in hiring, in curriculum, and in student life issues; we also need to hear the other things we can and should do. This is part of our evolution as a school that “bends the moral arc of the universe towards justice.”

Last August at our Administrative Team Retreat, about 35 of us gathered in a slave graveyard and prayed and discussed history and then carried that back with us to hire a facilitator to help us have ongoing discussions. I was thrilled when an alum from '03, Biko Kujifi, coordinated a series of zoom meetings in June to discuss issues of racial justice and equity and a range of alumni including speakers such as Gerald Jackson '04, Germaine Greene '03, Stephen Danley '03, Bryce Beville '90, Alfonso Campbell '06, and our new Dean of Students Shaka Dickerson '03 participated.

Faculty members have stepped forward to assist and people are trading ideas and books and responses. And I even appreciate those who disagree with the school's statements — they are participating in the dialogue. All of us at DeMatha are happy to share strides that the school has made and to hear ideas about where we need to go.

I don't believe that “diversity” is enough. Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance. A school that through its hiring, its curriculum, and its programming merely invites some people to the party without ever asking them to dance is only part way to justice. We are committed to the education of ourselves and our students so that we repair damage we have done. We will be better.

We can withstand anything except neglect.



Oremus pro invicem/Let us pray for one another



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



In May, a group of DeMatha students and faculty members participated in a food distribution effort in Hyattsville, organized by Catholic Charities, for individuals and families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The story about the Drive and DeMatha's involvement was covered by 'The Catholic Standard.'

Congrats to the newly elected SGA officer for the 2020-2021 school year, which were announced in May. Rising seniors **Michael Davis** and **Ben McKelvy** will serve as SGA President and Vice President, respectively. Rising senior **Brandon Thomas** will serve as Secretary, rising senior **Dorian Houssu** will serve as Treasurer and rising senior **Chidubem Ekoh** will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. **Ryan Kasner**, **John Nemecek** and **Charlie Zorbaugh** were elected as Class of 2021 Senior Class Representatives. **Cyrus Carey**, **Nico Muniz**, **Joe Morley**, **Trace Cruble**, **Therman Hawkins**, and **Joe Kasner** were elected as Class of 2022 Junior Class Representatives. And **Samuel Cockrell**, **Jack McKee**, **Nick Sims**, **Michael Metz**, **Jaden Davis**, and **Jarrod Ghatt** were elected as Class of 2023 Sophomore Class Representatives.

Fr. James, **Dr. Daniel McMahon '76**, **Br. Josh**, **Ms. Erin Bright**, **Mr. Pat Goulden '09** and **Mr.**

Tommy Paolucci '97 held a New Student Welcome Zoom session in April.

Earlier this year, faculty member **Mr. Joe Carroll** took approximately 65 students to see 'Henry IV, Part 1' at Folger Theatre in Washington, DC, with the help of faculty members **Mr. Andrew Eck '11** and **Ms. Mary Catherine Strickland**. The students got to share a Q&A session with the cast after the performance.

The third annual DeMatha House Cup Academic Challenge Week took place remotely in April as teachers had their classes engaged in house competitions in the academic disciplines they teach.

DeMatha parent Ms. Michel Martin, mother of rising junior **Will**, won the DPO Tuition Raffle in March. The family will receive a \$10,000 tuition credit for the 2020-2021 school year.



The 'Food4Thought' Grocery Pop-Up was held on the DeMatha campus in June and featured lots of help from members of the DeMatha community. It was a great success! The event was sponsored by Victor Oladipo '10, Jerian Grant '10 and Jerami Grant '12. Here's varsity basketball head coach **Mr. Mike Jones '91** pictured here with Beverly Grant and Joan Oladipo.



Faculty member **Mr. Rick Reeves' AP Biology** and Honors Human Anatomy classes visited the Pennsylvania College of Physician's Mutter Museum in March.



Faculty member **Mr. Mike Curran '99** and his 'Understanding 9/11' class visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City in early March.



This year's Senior Awards ceremony was held as a virtual livestream in June in the Kilby Alumni Lounge, thanks to the help of a number of faculty and staff members who participated on campus in the ceremony and who organized the technical work behind the scenes.

At Graduation, **Ms. Marilyn Murphy** and **Mr. Tommy Paolucci '97** were honored for 20 years of service to DeMatha. We bid farewell to Tommy who announced in April that he would be leaving the school to pursue other endeavors. We also bid farewell to former DeMatha College Counselor **Ms. Martiza-Velasquez Paolucci** as she will be the new Director of College Counseling at Elizabeth Seton HS.

Mr. Pat Goulden '09 was announced earlier this year as DeMatha's new Admissions Director. Pat had previously served the school last year as the Dean of Students.

Director of Bands **Mr. Jim Roper** received the 2020 Outstanding Music Educator Award by FAME (Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education, Inc) in July.

Mr. Mark Goodson is the managing editor of the newly launched College Park newspaper 'The College Park Here & Now.'

Mr. Paul Clark '01 and his wife



Principal **Dr. Daniel McMahon '76** gave the Ducharme Veritas Lecture earlier in March at his collegiate alma mater Mount St. Mary's University and several of our students were in attendance to listen to the lecture.

Julia celebrated the birth of their son Roger Hanifi Clark in February.

Mr. Homer Twigg and his wife Jocelyn celebrated the birth of their daughter Felicity in May.

Ms. Julie Ponton recently received her Master's Degree in Math Education from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Mr. Andrew Travers '11 recently completed his Master of Arts in Teaching degree from the University of Southern California.

Mr. Jordan Sharps '15, an intern last year at DeMatha, was hired by the school in June as the new Assistant College Counselor.

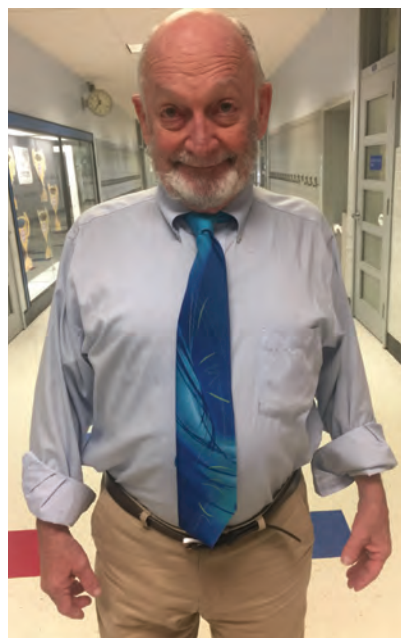
Vocal Director **Mr. Jim Turk** recorded and performed requests of Hymns for members of the DeMatha community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Kelly Lama provided online instruction to his mathematics students this spring using the video service 'Loom.' One example of his lessons was on simplifying rational expressions with common monomial factors.

Former DeMatha faculty member **Fr. Scott Holmer**, pastor at St. Edward the Confessor in Bowie, MD, was featured this past March in the 'National Catholic Reporter' on the creative ways he is trying to bring the sacraments to his parish during the health crisis.



Mr. Brendan Shea '00 (left) was recently hired as DeMatha's new Director of Mission Advancement and **Mr. Shaka Dickerson '03** (right) as DeMatha's new Dean of Students. In addition, Brendan and his wife Emily also celebrated the birth of their daughter Carolyn in May.



At Graduation, **Mr. Joe Carroll** was honored for 50 years of service to DeMatha and beginning in the 2020-21 school year, DeMatha's journalism award will be known as the Joseph A. Carroll Award for Excellence in Journalism. We bid farewell to Joe as he announced his retirement from DeMatha in June. A party for Joe and former longtime DeMatha faculty member Doug Tschiffely will hopefully be held within the next school year.

Nigel Newby's DeMatha Education Inspired His Catholic Faith Journey

BY RICHARD SZCZEPANOWSKI

This story by 'The Catholic Standard' did a wonderful job at covering Nigel's Catholic faith journey through his DeMatha education that we decided to include the story here:

After Nigel Newby was received into the Catholic Church June 13 at St. Anthony Parish in North Beach, Maryland, he said he feels like a different person.

"Believe it or not, I feel more grounded. I have always felt fully Catholic, but now that I am, I feel it even more," he said. "When I received the Eucharist for the first time, it felt like something inside of me lit on fire."

Newby, who graduated this year from DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, credits his education at the Trinitarian-sponsored school for his conversion to Catholicism. In an earlier interview with the Catholic Standard, he said that the example of a Little League football coach who was a graduate of DeMatha and the theology classes he took there convinced him that the Catholic faith was right for him.

"It is all due to my theology class. I didn't have the answers to the philosophical questions I had until I took that class," he said at the time.

During his junior year at DeMatha, Newby began preparations to convert to Catholicism. In the fall of his senior year, he officially began preparing to enter the Church and was scheduled to be confirmed and receive his First Communion at this past Easter Vigil. His reception into the Catholic Church was delayed for two months, because safety precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, including limits on the sizes of gatherings, caused public Masses in the Archdiocese of Washington to be suspended from mid-March until recently, as jurisdictions eased their restrictions.

As he waited to become a full member of the Church, Newby spent some of his time volunteering at a pro-life crisis pregnancy center. He said the delay was worth enduring, and on June 13, Newby – who was already a baptized Christian – received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Homer Twigg, Newby's theology teacher from DeMatha who helped inspire his faith journey, served as his Confirmation sponsor at the Mass.



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Nigel poses with his mother Angela and his former DeMatha teacher Homer Twigg after the Mass.

Nigel Newby '20, center, prays during the June 13th Mass at St. Anthony Catholic Church in North Beach, MD, where he became a member of the Catholic Church after receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion. At left is his mother Angela Newby, and at right his Confirmation sponsor and his former DeMatha teacher Homer Twigg.

"It was a really special, special night and a profound experience," Newby said of the Mass where he and his fellow converts were received into the Church. "Seeing all my (RCIA) classmates have

the same experience made it special with so much love and joy."

Because of social distancing measures still in effect, only family and friends could attend the Mass. Among those who attended were several DeMatha teachers, Newby's sister and his mother, whose return to the faith was inspired by her son's own faith journey.

"I wish the whole parish could have been there," he said, "but I was thinking a lot about the people I have met along the way and how special it was to receive the Eucharist."

Newby will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall where he will pursue a double major in physics and economics. He said among the reasons he chose that Ivy League school in Philadelphia is "they have a really good Catholic community on campus, and I definitely plan on getting involved in that community."

Newby says that now that he has been received into the Church, he will "just continue down this path and help people I meet find Christ like I did. I want to be a beacon of God's light in this world."

For others who are on faith journeys similar to Newby's, he offers this advice; "Look for people who are Catholic, befriend them and look at them and how they live their lives and see how special and different and full of joy it is."



Ms. Marilyn Murphy

Guiding Students Through The German Language

Growing up, Ms. Marilyn Murphy always admired people who could speak different languages. It became a personal goal to learn multiple languages and live abroad. Ms. Murphy said she wanted to be in the foreign service or work in an embassy, and be able to travel. Although, she never thought during that time she'd be a high school teacher.

"I did not think I'd be here for 20 years," Ms. Murphy said. "But when I came to DeMatha I realized, you don't know the profession until you're standing in the shoes of a teacher."

Ms. Murphy described her arrival to DeMatha in 2000 as being 'fate.' At the time, she had never even heard of the school.

"I stayed home for several years to raise my children and a year in Switzerland through my husband's work. While I was there, I took some German classes to refresh my skills and also went back to school to get my master's degree," Ms. Murphy said. "When I came home from Switzerland, I reached out to private schools because I had previously student-taught. Most wrote back saying they don't teach German. And then (Principal) Dan McMahon called me and said they had just lost their teacher and were scrambling to find someone to fill the spot."

Twenty years later and Ms. Murphy has left her mark at DeMatha by teaching the German language and culture to hundreds of students that have come through her classroom doors. She said that during her teaching career, she changed the idea of what her most important responsibility should be as an educator.

"Initially, I was really focused on the content and having the students succeed in learning the content, and then that would reflect on me being a successful teacher," Ms. Murphy said. "Over

the years, especially when I had students who experienced great difficulty in learning a foreign language, I'd begun to realize that it all should be based more on the process. If they can enjoy the learning part of it, the grade is not as important."

Ms. Murphy feels proud having students, who initially struggled with the language in her class, come back to her years later and tell her that they were able to use the language while traveling in Germany.

"That's when you say 'YES!' And I'm personally not someone who learns languages easily," Ms. Murphy said. "But I'm willing to put the time in and if I think I can model that to my students. That's a good thing."

In addition to German, Ms. Murphy has also learned French, Spanish, Dutch, and most recently Chinese. Outside of the classroom at DeMatha, she was an advisor to a variety of clubs on campus including the Food Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Anime club, which she served for the longest portion of time.

"I didn't know too much about Anime, but I loved seeing the students have such a special interest in it and share that interest with others," Ms. Murphy said.

Twenty years at DeMatha have flown by for Ms. Murphy and she called her time at the school 'enlightening' in watching the physical, mental and emotional growth of her students. She always sought to make her German classes both engaging for her students and a relaxed setting for them to learn.

"I always want to make the classroom comfortable so that, regardless of how difficult or easy the language is for them, they'll grow to become a community in my classroom."



Graduation of the Class of 2020:

It's impossible to talk about the DeMatha Class of 2020's Graduation season than to address the proverbial 'elephant in the room.'

The surge of COVID-19 cases in the United States in March forced schools, along with businesses and other industries, to close their doors and empty its hallways in order to keep students, teachers, administrators, and all of their respective families safe from the virus. DeMatha was no exception and it gave this year's Graduation ceremony, and its preceding events, a completely different feel and experience. Usually held in the sacred Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, this year's graduation was held remotely via Zoom and broadcast live from the school's LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center.

And yet, the response from the entire DeMatha community during the final months of the academic year was nothing short of tremendous and reflects a particular lyric from the school's alma mater.

'DeMatha Stands Tall in All That is True.'

"Your resiliency and thoughtfulness have been on full display during a time that is unprecedented," Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon '76 told the seniors at the Graduation ceremony livestream on June 5. "The community we have built



After the virtual graduation ceremony, a number of our faculty and staff hand-delivered diplomas to the Class of 2020 graduates.

and continue to build can withstand anything."

The 'Cyber Days' held over the past few years provided crucial training for our students and faculty. The implementation of these 'Cyber Days' led DeMatha to a much smoother transition at the beginning of distance education than many other schools and school districts in the country. Our faculty pressed on with top-notch lesson plans, science experiments, musical practices and so much more. While it would never be the same as being in the classroom, this was a next best case scenario during these trying times.

School faculty and staff recorded daily video inspiration messages for the DeMatha community, alumni recorded video well-wishes to the Class of 2020, Vocal Director

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Bryan Coley	Joseph Graham	Jason Martinez
Nikolas Constantine	Kyle Grant	William Martinez

Mr. Jim Turk performed piano hymns, and even our students shared their artistic and athletic talents through social media.

The audio and video broadcasting skills of faculty members Mr. Matt Revkin and Mr. Cory Puffett '10 brought several on-campus events directly into the homes of the DeMatha community, including the End-of-Year Mass to commemorate the Class of 2020, the Senior Awards ceremony, and a Prayer Service calling for an end to racial injustice.

In addition, DeMatha students and faculty went out into the community to carry out acts of service in assisting with various



Come Together Even When Apart

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during the time of the corona-virus pandemic		
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Oslin Mejia	Alan Richmond	James Thompson
Miral Melaku	Samuel Riley	Earl Timberlake
Brandon Metheny	Na'im Roberts	Robert Tita
Donovan Miller	Daniel Rodriguez	Aidan Tolen
Tae Miller	Tassos Rodriguez	Ryan Trebel
Garrett Minckler	John Rogers	Nicolas Trindade
Michael Morley	Nathan Rogers	Kamari Trotz
Patrick Moyer	Anthony Romero-Gonzalez	Brandon Turpin
Zahir Muhammad	Mathias Roy	Kristopher Tynes
Brendan Munnely	Alejandro Saba	Jacques Vaughan
Saied Myers	Che Samuel	Samuel Von Hagen
Nicolas Nava	Anthony-Lee Sanchez	Justin Ward
Nigel Newby	Mark Sanelli	Triston Ward
Raleigh Noone	Johnathan Skrine	Brian West
William Ogu	Matthew Sloan	Jordan White
Ryan Olson	Connor Smith	Sean Whitfield
Armand Ontiveros	Jack Smith	Elijah Williams
Alassane-Dramane Ouattara	Parker Smith	Jordan Williams
Carlton Page	Paul Smith	Dominic Williams-Dzirasa
Tiago Palin	Sean Smith	James Zafiropoulos
Bishop Parker	Hayward Smith-Cassidy	Henry Zebere
Emiliano Parodi	Ian Strehl	Bill Zheng
Thomas Parsons	Gina Suh	
Karsten Patrick	Joseph Takacs	
Eric Peeler		



food drives and other events to directly help those struggling during this pandemic.

During the Graduation livestream, the Class of 2020 listened to speeches from fellow classmates, including Brandon Metheny for the Welcoming Address and later Nigel Newby with the Senior Farewell. Despite the circumstances and different locale, the senior class inadvertently received a head-start in understanding that time apart from one another helps deepen and strengthen the DeMatha Brotherhood.

"Through all of the hardships, the DeMatha community still stands tall and

is further proof of the DeMatha Brotherhood," Brandon Metheny '20 said. "It made me realize that the end is never the best part, it is the journey to the end that makes everything so special."

While the journey to the end of this academic year was as unpredictable as one could imagine, it allowed the Class of 2020 and everyone in the DeMatha community a

new opportunity to come together and demonstrate the school's mission in ways that couldn't have been imagined months ago.

So congrats to the Class of 2020 on officially being graduates of DeMatha Catholic High School! And whatever the upcoming school year has in store, the school community will be ready to stand tall in all that is true, once again.



CLASS OF 2020 EXCERPTS/AWARDS

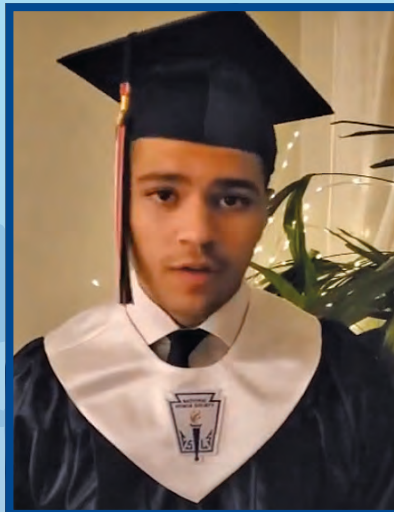


BRANDON METHENY: WELCOMING ADDRESS

I know this is not how anyone envisioned our graduation or the last quarter of our DeMatha careers. But I know that we can all say we still enjoyed the time that we were given. This has been a very emotional year for the DeMatha community, starting out with the passing of legendary Basketball coach Morgan Wootten in January, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through all the hardships, the DeMatha community still stands tall and is further proof of the DeMatha Brotherhood. It made me realize that the end is never the best part, it is the journey to the end that makes everything so special.

NIGEL NEWBY: SENIOR CLASS FAREWELL

As we prepare to enter the world as DeMatha alumni, we'll forever hold a bond with every other person ever affiliated with DeMatha. This bond won't differentiate from which sport you played, which class you took, or which clubs you were involved in. Regardless, we will forever be DeMatha alumni. As we move into this next chapter of our lives, I ask that we be people others can turn to when they are struggling. Be the person who helps someone when they have less than yourself. Understand that God is the ultimate being to whom you can turn for guidance.



2020 GRADUATION AWARDS

The Archbishop's Award for Catholic Citizenship: **James Pike**
DeMatha High School Citizenship Award: **Nicolas Nava, Michael Morley, and Sean Brittan-Powell**
DeMatha High School Alumni Award for General Excellence: **Ryan Trebel**
Dr. Charles 'Buck' Offutt Faculty Award for General Excellence: **Nigel Newby**
DeMatha Catholic High School Scholar Athlete Award: **Jack Bulger**
DeMatha Parents' Organization Award: **Bryan Guzman and Na'im Roberts**
H. Thomas Eastman Award: **Robert Tita and Samuel Von Hagen**
Father Augustine Derricks, O.S.S.T. Award: **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**
Father Patrick T. Glynn, O.S.S.T. Award: **Connor Feeley**
John L. Moylan Award for Academic Excellence: **Joseph Takacs**
Katherine Mauser Award: **Hunter Dickinson and Matthew Taylor**
Kiwanis Club Award: **Garrett Minckler**
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: **Michael Morley**
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Musician Award: **Zachary Kevala**
U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: **Ian Strehl**

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Thomas J. Burke Business: **London Bailey, Samuel Harris and Noah Johnson**
Computer Studies: **Caleb Ghatt**
Engineering: **Ivon Charley and Brendan Munnelly**
English: **Nigel Newby, Ryan Trebel and Samuel Von Hagen**
Fine Arts: **Ian Froble and Kyle Grant**
Mary R. Yarrish Mathematics: **Nigel Newby**
Music: **Lucas Arzayus and Zachary Kevala**
Biology: **Samuel Von Hagen**
Chemistry: **Nigel Newby and Joseph Takacs**
Combined Science: **Connor Feeley**
Environmental: **John Hilliard**
Physics: **Connor Feeley**
Douglas Tschiffely and Richard Macheski Social Studies: **Brandon Metheny and Ryan Trebel**
Theological Studies: **Joseph Gomes and Nigel Newby**
French: **Nigel Newby**
German: **Alexander Ertel and Ian Strehl**
Latin: **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**
Mandarin: **Zahir Muhhamad**
Spanish: **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**
Combined Language: **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**

SERVICE AWARDS

John H. Mitchell Band Award: **Zachary Kevala and Nicholas Taylor**
Brothers Standing United Award: **Kyle Grant**
Campus Ministry Award: **Karsten Patrick and James Thompson**
Chorus Award: **Lucas Arzayus**
Fr. Paul Donovan Drama Award: **Bodior Elliott**
Latino Community Award: **Nicolas Nava**
Mock Trial Award: **Nicolas Nava**
National Honor Society Award: **Brandon Metheny**
Orchestra Award: **Donovan Teel**
Science Scholar Award: **Dominic Williams-Dzirasa**
Student Government Award: **Hunter Dickinson, Anthony Kazzi and Aidan Tolen**
Video Broadcast Journalism Award: **Michael Morley, Mathias Roy and James Zafi opulos**
Yearbook Award: **Jack Bulger and Caleb Konieczko**



CLASS OF 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Counseling Center and Advancement Office did not receive a sizeable number of responses from students regarding scholarship info. Of the names listed below, these DeMatha seniors were offered scholarships and financial aid totaling \$17 million. If we missed somebody, please email cglowacki@dematha.org and we will put the information in the fall issue of the 'Red and Blue Review.'



ACADEMICS

Francis Akpan – Penn State (York campus)
Fattah Animashaun – Mount St. Mary's (MD)
Lucas Arzayus – Towson
Jack Batton – Neumann
Brian Cruz – Marymount
Samuel Davis – Virginia Commonwealth
Phillip Emrich – Frostburg State
Gabriel Fernandez-Ramirez – American
Bryan Guzman – St. Mary's (MD)
Samuel Harris – Stevenson
Justin Henson – Penn State (Harrisburg)
Malcolm Hill – Guilford
Michael Kaderabek – Tennessee
Jack McGuire – Randolph-Macon
Michael Morley – Miami (OH)
Zahir Muhammad – Louisiana State
Nigel Newby – Pennsylvania
Tiago Palin – St. Mary's (MD)
Thomas Parsons – Alabama
James Pike – Xavier
Ryan Pritchard – Randolph-Macon
Samuel Riley – Christopher Newport
Na'im Roberts – Cabrini
Daniel Rodriguez – Penn State (Harrisburg)
Tassos Rodriguez – St. John's
Nathan Rogers – Penn State



Mathias Roy – Maryland, College Park
Alejandro Saba – Ohio State
Mark Sanelli – McDaniel
Hayward Smith-Cassidy – Messiah
Gima Suh – Arcadia
Ryan Trebel – St. Joseph's
Samuel Von Hagen – Stevenson
Sean Whitfield – Goucher
Dominic Williams-Dzirasa – Maryland, College Park
James Zafopulos – Xavier

FOOTBALL

Dwayne Allick – Boston College
Malakai Anthony – Merrimack
Marquis Battle – Delaware
MelTeon Davis – Merrimack
Hezekiah Faison – Millersville
Dylan Foster – Lenoir-Rhyne
Golden Israel-Achumba – Penn State
Coziah Izzard – Penn State
Saieed Myers – Stony Brook
Jordan White – West Virginia

BASKETBALL

Hunter Dickinson – Michigan
Donovan Miller – American International
Paul Smith – East Tennessee State
Earl Timberlake – Miami (FL)

BASEBALL

Jack Bulger – Vanderbilt
Zachary Drozdowski – Barton
Alex Greene – Virginia
James Holladay – Barton
Jake Maske – Mount St. Mary's (MD)

GOLF

Joseph Graham – Virginia Union

LACROSSE

Garrett Minckler – Tampa
Domenic Procopio – Wingate

AJ Grant '06

Battling COVID-19

On the Frontlines

While attending DeMatha, AJ Grant '06 was the captain of the WCAC championship winning varsity soccer team during his senior year. AJ said he thought of trying to go pro in soccer, but quickly turned his attention and career to medicine.

"I was always interested in math and science and taking care of people," AJ said. "Healthcare is a beautiful way to combine all of those interests."

Today, AJ is a Cardiovascular Disease Fellow at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC. He just completed the first year of his fellowship, which saw him perform tasks such as heart ultrasounds and electrocardiogram tests checking for different heart conditions. It was already a hectic schedule for AJ, but things ramped up earlier this year when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States.

AJ suddenly found himself on the frontlines of the outbreak.

"At the beginning, things were really crazy," AJ said. "We were stretched very thin. I had colleagues who would be working one day and then in quarantine the next."

The rise in coronavirus patients meant less time for AJ and his colleagues to tend to those who had other health concerns.

"When COVID-19 was really bad in our region, we didn't know how to completely manage it. It was difficult having to tell our patients to stay home until they REALLY needed to be at the hospital. The whole stress on the hospital system affected a lot of people."

Similar to hospitals around the world, AJ and his colleagues at Georgetown feared bringing the disease back home to their families. Thankfully, infection numbers have plateaued recently around the metropolitan region. AJ credits the new norm that's been established in the hospital and around the region, of people wearing masks and physical distancing.

"It's such a novel virus that we don't know much about. So putting yourself in that position is intense," AJ said. "But I think everyone leapt up to the challenge."

After enjoying faculty member Rick Reeves' biology and physics classes at DeMatha, AJ got a scholarship to attend Davidson College in North Carolina. Following graduation, he moved abroad and lived for a few years in Johannesburg, South Africa, working with a non-profit organization called 'Grassroots Soccer', which goes to various townships and teaches HIV education using soccer as a tool.



He then returned stateside to attend Meharry Medical School in Nashville, with additional stints at Washington University in St. Louis, and a residency at Emory University in Atlanta before his fellowship at Georgetown. It was a full-circle moment for AJ as he was born at the Children's Hospital across the street. In addition, his grandfather had years ago worked a job parking cars, which helped his son (AJ's father) get free tuition to Georgetown University.

"For me to come back and be a cardiologist 20 years later is amazing," AJ said. "Huge sacrifices were made and to see it pay off generation later is truly a blessing."

AJ credits DeMatha for being the strong academic foundation that successfully prepared him for his future years of education.

"One thing I don't think people talk as much about DeMatha are the academics. The academics are top notch."

Many people, throughout his travels, have come up to him and recognized the name 'DeMatha.'

"The DeMatha name carries weight," AJ said. "You can say 'DeMatha' to people and they'll know the type of man you are because of the high school."

AJ was recently selected as a Prince George's County 2020 Forty-Under-40 Honoree for his accomplishments in medicine.

"I was born and raised in Prince George's County. I've lived all over the place, but there's nowhere like Prince George's County. To have your hometown recognize some of the work you're doing is special."

AJ has accomplished a lot so far in his life and is dedicated to continue protecting the community by helping his patients. Throughout it all, he looks back fondly at his DeMatha years for being a catalyst to the path he's on today.

"I was able to do a lot of things at DeMatha and still keep in touch with my closest friends from there. I'm super thankful for that brotherhood."



Just under 400 people packed in the AFI's Silver Theatre for the Coleman Mellett '92 documentary screening of 'Sing You A Brand New Song.'

Life of Coleman Mellett '92 Celebrated At Documentary Screening

Close to 400 people gathered in late February at the AFI Silver Theatre in Silver Spring, MD to watch, "Sing You a Brand New Song," a 51-minute documentary based on the words and music of Coleman (Coley) Mellett '92, who passed away in 2009 in a plane crash during a snowstorm just outside of Buffalo, NY.

The night was a fundraiser for the Coleman Mellett Scholarship, which is awarded to a DeMatha student who is an outstanding musician involved in the jazz program. To date, eight young men have benefitted from this award. Coley was an all-state musician at DeMatha and was a member of the acclaimed Chuck Mangione Band at the time of his death. The well-received film also includes a companion CD, with a release scheduled for later this year.

The film and CD project were the work of many, but was the brainchild of Coley's wife, Jeanie Bryson, who is also a musician. The evening was hosted by Tim and Kristen Hohman, long-time friends and business partners of Coley's father, Ken. Sponsorships were secured that paid for all of the evening's expenses, which meant that ticket sales (and other sponsorships) helped to secure the \$43,000 the event raised for DeMatha.

"We were thrilled with the evening," Mr. Mellett said. "It was great to see everybody and for everyone to have the chance to see more about Coley, his music, the kind of person he was, and his relationship with Jeanie. We could not have been happier."

Both Ken and his wife Mary Ellen were deeply involved with DeMatha when Coley and his younger brother, Zeb, attended the school. They were presidents of the DeMatha Music Boosters and have stayed involved with the school ever since. Ken is now a member of the DeMatha Board of Directors.

The film has now been screened six times, with the most recent during the online Tokyo Film Festival, where it finished first in the competition. Once the pandemic eases, additional screenings will be scheduled. "We were very fortunate as it relates to the timing



Coley's parents Ken and Mary Ellen (right) with DeMatha Director of Bands Emeritus John Mitchell and current Director of Bands James Roper at the documentary screening in February.

of this event as it occurred just before the pandemic set in," Mr. Mellett said. "We had a number of people fly in from all over the country to be a part of the event."

"We were also very pleased with the significant turnout from DeMatha alumni, the music program, and the school. That was very special to us," Mr. Mellett said. He added that he wanted to make sure that everyone knew just how grateful his family was for the support they received.

Since Coley's death, the Mellett family has played a huge part in bringing forth safety protocols in the airline industry, which led to the Airline Safety Act of 2010. There have been NO fatalities since the passage of that legislation, according to Mr. Mellett.

Without question, the success of the evening was the result of hard work by many, but also a testament to the Mellett family. Going forward, DeMatha will be sure to keep the community posted on future screenings of the film and when the CD gets released.

"This is what you are to me, all the beauty one can see...lucky me to find the one to live with all my days. Take my hand so we can sit and watch the seasons change." – Coleman Mellett '92, 'This is What You Are to Me'



The varsity basketball team celebrating its WCAC Championship win over Paul VI earlier this year.



Varsity Basketball Head Coach **Mike Jones '91** earned his 500th career win at DeMatha as the Stags defeated Paul VI for the WCAC Championship.

BASKETBALL WINS 41ST CONFERENCE TITLE

With the January passing of legendary DeMatha figure **Morgan Wooten** still fresh in the minds of the varsity basketball team, the Stags used the pain as fuel for a dominant season that culminated in a 70-56 WCAC Championship win over rival Paul VI. It marked the second WCAC title in the last three years and the eighth in 18 years under Head Coach **Mike Jones '91**. The win also marked Coach Jones' 500th win at DeMatha! (Due to the spread of COVID-19

in March, the Maryland Private School Championship and Alhambra Tournament ended up being canceled this year.)

The abrupt end in no way diminishes the accomplishments of this team. The Stags ran through the season with a 30-3 overall record and a 19-1 record against the WCAC. It marked the 19th time in the last 31 years that DeMatha won 30 or more games in a season.

The team once again finished No. 1 in the

final power rankings from *'The Washington Post'* marking the 29th overall time that DeMatha Basketball has finished atop of these rankings. Senior **Hunter Dickinson** was named both the Gatorade Player-of-the-Year for boys' basketball in the state of Maryland and Player-of-the-Year in *'The Washington Post.'* Senior **Earl Timberlake** made *'The Washington Post'* All-Met First Team and junior **Jordan Hawkins** was named an All-Met Honorable Mention.



The prep hockey team celebrating its fourth straight WCAC Championship earlier this year.

PREP HOCKEY WINS 4TH STRAIGHT WCAC TITLE

The prep hockey team showcased its talent once again by winning its fourth straight WCAC Championship 4-2 over Gonzaga in February.

The Ice Stags under Head Coach **Tony MacAulay** finished the year with a 15-10 record and saw several players honored for their accomplishments. Junior goalie **Lincoln Crosby** was named to the All-WCAC First Team, while senior defenseman **Brandon Metheny** and junior forward **Tyler Mercier** were named to the All-Conference Second Team. Senior forwards **Joseph Takacs** and **Luke Leydig**, junior forward **Connor Eady**, junior defenseman **Colin Licavoli**, and junior goalie **Devin DeCarlo** were all named All-WCAC Honorable Mention.

The Stags will look to win a fifth consecutive conference championship next season as well as a MAPHL title.

SWIM AND DIVE GO 17-2, PLACE 2ND AT WCACS

The varsity swim and dive team was explosive this past season in the pool as the Stags finished with a 17-2 overall record in dual meets and Head Coach **Tom Krawczewicz '81** was named WCAC Coach-of-the-Year! In the championship contests, the squad was led at January's National Catholic Swimming Championships by the 200m Free Relay team of sophomore **William Kendrick**, freshman **Riley Foran**, junior **Mikkel Leblanc**, and sophomore **Dominic Kazzi** as the team broke the DeMatha record with a time of one minute and 28.20 seconds, placing fourth overall.

The swim team then finished third at the WMPSSDL Championship in February, marking the program's best finish at this event since 2011, and then second at the WCAC Championships. Leblanc and Foran tied for first at the WCAC Championships in the 50m freestyle. At the end of the season, senior **PJ Emrich** was named All-Prince George's County Swimmer-of-the-Year after having the top time in the county in the 200 IM, 100m fly, and 500m freestyle!

Other key contributors from the senior class included **Jordan Williams**, **Anthony Kazzi**, and **Samora Byansi**.



Varsity Swim and Dive Head Coach **Tom Krawczewicz '81** pictured here with freshman **Riley Foran** and junior **Mikkel Leblanc** as both were named All-WCAC this past season in the 50-meter freestyle.

WRESTLING LED BY EXPERIENCE, WIN YJAA TOURNREY

The varsity wrestling team competed hard during its first season under new Head Coach **Dylan Devine '12** as the squad won the YJAA Tournament earlier this year and several standout performances from individual Stags. Senior **Shemar Lewis** led the way going undefeated at the Armed Forces Dual Meet in December, first in his weight class at the YJAA Tourney, and fifth in the heavyweight division at the Maryland Independent Schools State Wrestling Tournament (ISSWT) in February.

Other standouts included senior **Che Samuel** placing third at the Hub Cup in January, senior **Burhan Kmt** placing third in his weight class at the ISSWT, sophomore **Philip Bourque** placing first in his weight class at the YJAA, and junior **Ryan Holt** placing first in his weight class at the YJAA along with a seventh place finish in the 120lb weight division at the ISSWT.

INDOOR TRACK SHOWCASED FAST PERFORMANCES

The varsity indoor track and field team saw several big time performances throughout the winter season. At the Mercersburg Academy (PA) meet in December, senior **Brian West** won the 200m Final in 22.91 seconds, senior **CJ Page** finished first in the Long Jump Finals, and the 4x400m relay team of sophomore **Dawson Grogan**, senior **Sean Whitfiel**, junior **James Hudson**, and sophomore **Jayden Garrett** finished second in three minutes and 38 seconds.

Senior **Kamari Trotz** placed fifth in the 55m dash at the VTC Winter Classic in December and at the Private and Independent School Championship in February, the Stags were led again by its 4x400m relay team racing towards second overall with a time of three minutes and 29.26 seconds. At the Championship meet, Grogan finished second in the 1,000m finals, senior **Triston Ward** was third in the Shot Put, and freshman **Daniel Blagogee** finished fifth in the 500m dash final.



Varsity Wrestling Head Coach **Dylan Devine '12** pictured here with junior **Ryan Holt** after Ryan placed seventh in his weight class at the Maryland Independent Schools State Wrestling Tournament earlier this year.

CANCELED SEASON

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early March sadly canceled what was going to be a terrific spring season for our sports team at DeMatha.

While it was disappointing not to see these teams compete, we look forward now with even more anticipation to the baseball, lacrosse, crew, golf, tennis, outdoor track, and rugby teams achieving success once again in 2021.



The rugby team faced some stiff competition early on in their season with tough matchups against Landon, Loyola Blakefield and Gonzaga.



The varsity baseball team, under new head coach Steve Miller '81, had a promising season underway and started its campaign with a strong 7-0 start that included big wins over Archbishop Spalding and Mount St. Joseph HS.



The varsity lacrosse team was on its way to another strong campaign that began with a 12-5 win over St. Albans. This picture is of the lacrosse seniors from the Class of 2020.



Chase Young '17



Anthony McFarland Jr. '17



Tino Ellis '16

DeMATHA STANDS TALL AT The 2020 NFL Draft

DeMatha has had a rich and storied legacy of former football Stags achieving success and making it to the NFL. This past April, that legacy continued with former Ohio State defensive end Chase Young '17 being selected second overall by the hometown Washington Football Team, Maryland running back Anthony McFarland Jr. '17 selected in the fourth round (124th overall) by the Pittsburgh Steelers and Maryland cornerback Tino Ellis '16 signing as an undrafted free agent with the New Orleans Saints.

"Making it to the NFL was my goal since I first stepped onto campus at DeMatha as a freshman," Tino said. "To leave a legacy and try to follow the footsteps of those who came before me."

The social media buzz leading up to, and during, the NFL Draft weekend was incredible both locally and throughout the world.

A big reason for that buzz revolved around Chase being considered one of the consensus top prospects in the draft and becoming the first Stag to ever be selected in the first round of an NFL Draft. Considering his Ohio State single-season record of 16.5 sacks last year and a bevy of awards including the Chuck Bednarik Award (for best defensive player in college football), and being named First Team All-Big Ten, Big Ten Male Athlete-of-the-Year and a Heisman Trophy finalist, the growth of hype surrounding Chase and DeMatha was not a surprise.

"DeMatha is definitely a special place," Chase said in an April interview on the Washington Football Team's website. "My bonds have gotten stronger just through the whole brotherhood. I'm glad my parents told me to move to DeMatha because it was obviously for the best."

Anthony, crediting Ms. Joan Phalen as his favorite teacher, agreed about the way DeMatha prepared him for life in college and beyond.

"I knew in ninth grade coming from a public school and tran-

sitioning to a private school, seeing how hard the structure and curriculum was, that it was going to be tough for me," Anthony said. "But DeMatha established a toughness about me. No matter what's going on or if I go through adversity, I know things are going to be okay. I feel like the people at DeMatha helped me grow into that mindset."

Each of these three Stags were stars on the football field at DeMatha and subsequently excelled at the collegiate level.

However, the outbreak in March of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States prevented them from being able to visit teams and hold workouts in person. This led to Chase, Anthony and Tino meeting with teams over Zoom calls and finding unique ways to physically prepare for the NFL season outside of a standard gym. Fortunately, Anthony and Tino received great advice from Josh Wilson '03, a nine-year NFL pro and former DeMatha Football coach, to just 'stay focused and enjoy the Draft process.'

Chase, Anthony and Tino will join an array of Stags currently in the NFL, which includes free agent defensive end Cameron Wake '00, Philadelphia Eagles safety Rodney McLeod '08, New England Patriots linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley '14, and Green Bay Packers tight end/fullback John Lovett '14.

While these three Stags are the latest names to be added among the 'DeMatha to NFL successes', they encourage current DeMatha students to simply enjoy their time on 4313 Madison Street, no matter what obstacles stand in their way.

"Enjoy all of the moments of being in high school with your friends," Tino said. "That's something I reflect upon almost every day. My DeMatha brothers. Enjoy the time because it goes by so fast."

We wish Chase, Anthony and Tino well as they begin their NFL journeys!

60's

Michael Mewshaw '61 wrote a review in *'The Washington Post'* in April on the biography of novelist Robert Stone.

Bill Humbert '67 was interviewed in April by FOX13 in Salt Lake City, UT, on the topic of job hunting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

James Brown '69 covered George Floyd's death and the resulting protests for CBS News in June. He is now also the host of the CBS program '60 Minutes Sports: Timeless Stories.'



70's

Perry Clark '70 announced his retirement in June as University of South Carolina assistant men's basketball coach. He will be inducted into the Tulane University Hall of Fame later this year. Perry served as Tulane's Head Coach in the 1990s.

Dr. Victor McCrary '73 was named Vice Chair of the National Science Board in June.

Mike Brey '77, Notre Dame men's basketball Head Coach, and **Rod Balanis '88**, Notre Dame's assistant coach, were recognized by ESPN in May as Mike was ranked the 14th best college basketball hire of the last 25 years and Rod was honored as one of the 50 most impactful assistant coaches.



Anthony Washington '78, Kenny Robinson '78 and Dutch Morley '78 on campus at a varsity basketball game in February. Kenny, who has had a distinguished military career, lives now in Los Angeles.

Kevin Wells '86, pictured here with Brazilian Sister of Mary, Sr Marinae in Chalco, Mexico in May. Kevin is writing a book on Ven. Al. Schwartz, who founded Girltowns and Boystowns for extremely poor communities all over the world. Ven. Al. Schwartz's community in Chalco looks out for approximately 3,300 girls.

80's

Deno Campbell '81, Andre Jones '87 and Ted Jeffries '88 launched their 'Step 2 The Mic' sports podcast in May. They've had several notable guests so far including Walt Williams, Tony Massenburg and Mike Brey '77.

David Aldridge '83, Editor-in-Chief of 'The Athletic DC' and DeMatha Board Member, was featured and interviewed



Leon Michiline '90 officially retired in May from the US Marine Corp after 30 years of service. He'll now work for Skulla Engineering as a Logistics Analyst in support of the Marine Corps Systems Command and the Network On The Move (NOTM) program office. Pictured here is Leon's son delivering his dad's retirement flag.



Terry Eberhardt '94, Howard County Public Schools System (HCPSS) Music Instructional Facilitator, and DeMatha Band Director Emeritus John Mitchell served as judges at the HCPSS Middle School and High School Band Assessments in March.

on ESPN's 'The Last Dance' documentary earlier this year, which focused on Michael Jordan's career with the Chicago Bulls.

Patrick Harris '85 was recently appointed Program Manager at the Defense Contract Management Agency in Clearwater, FL., where he oversees several defense contracts in support of our warfighters. As a requirement for this position, he achieved Certified Acquisition Professional - Level 2 in Program Management from the Defense Acquisition University in September 2019.

Dave Slomkowski '86, Executive Director of the organization Athletes Serving Athletes, held a live virtual forum in June about racial inequality which included guests **Dr. Curtis Turner '86**, President of St. Frances Academy in Baltimore and DeMatha Board Member, and

Beverly White-Seals, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Howard County.

Michael Cassidy '87 was recently promoted to Middle Market National Sales Director at Insperity.

Kevin Davis '87 was named in May as the new Director of Consulting for the security company 'GardaWorld.'

David Gardiner '87, former Dean of Students at DeMatha and current President of Bishop McDevitt HS (PA),

completed his Doctoral of Education degree from Seton Hall University in March.

Eric Bickel '88, co-host of 'The Sports Junkies' on 106.7 The Fan in DC, launched a new lacrosse podcast earlier this year called 'Time and Room.'



In June, a new tent was donated to the school by **Steve Morusiewicz '81** (left). Also pictured here are **Ben Fleri '11** and **Ric MacPherson '65**.



Brian Westbook '97 and **Chase Young '17** pictured here at a ceremony in March. Brian played running back for eight of his nine NFL seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles while Chase will begin his pro career this fall in Washington, DC.

90's

Sekou Mitchell '90 recently started a new job at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield as an Account Executive II.

Jack Austin Powell '90, an assistant special agent-in-charge for the USDA Office of Inspector General and assigned to Ft. Pierce, FL, recently completed the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute's (SPI) 85th Command Officer Development Course (CODC).

The CODC is SPI's 400-hour flagship educational program to prepare law enforcement professionals for senior-level positions.

Duane Simpkins '92 was promoted in June to Associate Head Coach for the George Mason men's basketball team.

Fr. Shaun Foggo '95, DeMatha Board Member, completed a three-day, 54 mile Walk-for-the-Poor in May from Silver Spring, MD, to the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes at the Mount St. Mary's campus in Emmitsburg, MD.



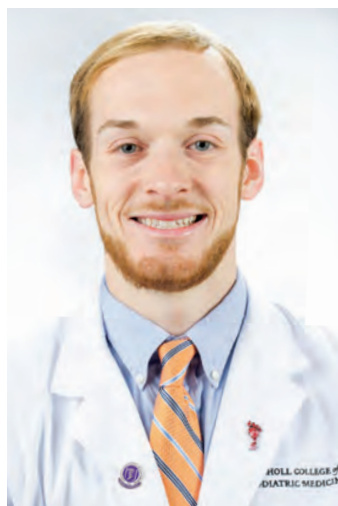
Matt Swope '98, assistant men's baseball coach for the University of Maryland, coordinated the Terps United Blood Drive at DeMatha in June. Pictured here include Executive Director of Advancement **Tom Ponton '78**, staff member **Rob Landini '01** and Matt (center).

Fitzgerald Dereglia '98, a member of the 13-time World Dance Grand Prize Winner Bayanihan (the National Folk Dance Company of the Philippines), represented the company recently during the National Commission for the Culture and Arts'

Ani ng Dangal (Harvest of Honor) Awards ceremony at Malacanang Palace in Manila, Philippines.

Nicholas Stefanelli '98 was featured in May in a story from 'The Washington Post' on how his restaurant Masseria is listed a top DC option for 'date night' takeout.

James Kent '99 is the solo Trombonist for Bruckner Orchestra Linz and will soon be the second/Bass Trombonist at Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

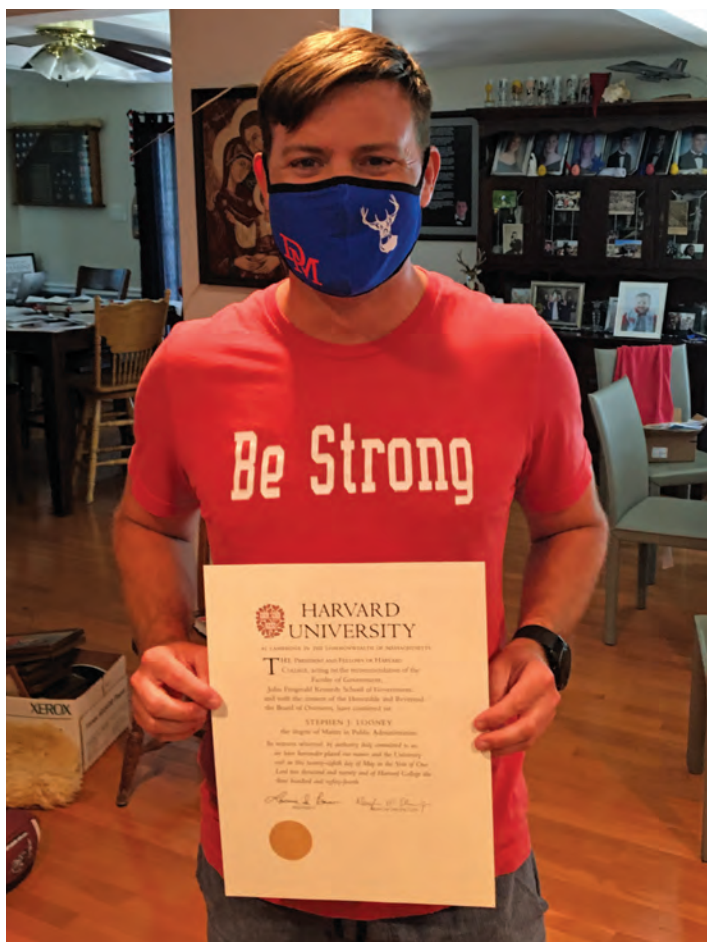


Mark Boissonneault '12 graduated in June from the William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine located in North Chicago, IL. He earned a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine. Mark will spend the next three years at Christiana Care Health Services for his surgical residency.

00's

Jason Lallis '00 was featured in April on the website 'Hokie Sports' on how the former Virginia Tech football star has recently made moves in real estate around the DC region.

Jason Perkins '00 and his wife Cristina celebrated the birth of their daughter Gloria Valentina in April.



Steve Looney '01 earlier this year received his Masters in Public Administration degree from Harvard University.

Cameron Wake '00 announced in April that he plans to continue his NFL career for an upcoming 12th season. Cameron is currently a free agent and has 100.5 career NFL sacks.

John Jowers '01 is the physical therapist and strength coach at Launch Sport Performance in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Stephen Welker '01 married his wife Emily Suggs in May at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Fr. David Wells '01 was officially named Pastor of St. Martin of the Tours in June by Archbishop Wilton Gregory.

Fr. Tim Daniel '02 was appointed Administrator of Ascension Catholic Church in Bowie, MD.

John Fatseas '02 was recently promoted to Director of Facade Access at Lerch Bates Inc.

Travis Garrison '02 was interviewed in May by Baltimore sports radio station 105.7 FM about his post-basketball career as well as his recently released book *'The Crossover: A Bridge From The Court To Life.'*

Seamus Hughes '02 was featured in a 'Yahoo News' story in May about his reveal of several federal arrests involving individuals who helped former Nissan chief Carlos Ghosn flee

Japan by stowing him away in a large musical instrument case. Seamus is the Director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University and will be releasing his book *'Homegrown: Isis In America'* in October.

Steve Friedman '03 and his wife celebrated the birth of their son Christian Cassel in February and **Jim Pappas '85** is the proud grandfather.

Corey Sobol '03 will release his debut novel *'The Redshirt'* later this year and it will be published by The New Poetry & Prose Series at the University Press of Kentucky in October.

Paul Rabil '04, professional lacrosse star and founder of the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL), was interviewed in May

on NBC's Today Show where he announced that the PLL would host a three-week, fully quarantined event starting July 25. It would include a two-week single elimination tournament in lieu of a full season.

Zach Croft '05 and his wife Chelsea, welcomed their second child, Beckett Avery, in May.

Jose Boursiquot '07 recently received a recognition award from the Martinsburg Police Department where he was selected the Martinsburg Police Department Officer of the Month for June, 2020.

Kilgo Livingston '07 is a Data Protection Specialist at Southern California SLED.

Ryan McGowan '07 is an EEO Specialist at Attnrx, Inc.



Nick Mudd '05 and his wife celebrated the birth of their son Liam Patrick in March. Here's older brother Jackson with his new brother.



Pictured here are the sons of **Vinny Basiliko '07**: 19-month old Giovanni and four-month old Evren. Evren was born this year on March 11.

Ian Sheltons '07 recently finished medical school at the University of California, San Diego, and will be going into residency at UCSD. He also completed the PRIME program which focuses on under-served community medicine.

Rodney McLeod '08 and his wife Erika, through their foundation 'Change Our Future', donated \$25,000 to Philabundance, a Philadelphia-area food bank, to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rodney re-signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in March on a new two-year contract.

Kevin Melo '08 is working as a Critical Care Registered Nurse at The George Washington University Hospital.

Brendan "Bucky" Paul '08, a firefighter/EMT working out of the Chapel Oaks Station, made a delicate rescue in May of a worker who was having a medical emergency while working on the power lines. Brendan's grandfather is the late Morgan Wootten.

James Peters '08 was featured in an April article in *'The New York Times'* about how his app 'Teambuildr' is helping pro sports franchises work with their players during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brian Carroll '09 graduated in April with his PhD in Atmospheric Physics from UMBC.

Branden Wiles '09 recently accepted a federal job offer working for the FAA in their UAS Research Division as a Management and Program Analyst.

10's

Austin Bailey '10 was promoted to Shift Lead at goPuff in April.

Joe Bittner '10 received his Master of Arts degree from Loyola University of MD last May and married his wife Breanna Dancy last August at St. Isidore's Church in Quakertown, PA. **Tyler Richards '10** was a groomsman and **John Richards '80** and **Andrew Doering '10** also represented DeMatha. Joe currently works for Liberty Mutual as a Workers Compensation Claims Adjuster, Complex Claims, in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Cory Frontin '10 played earlier this year in the 'Social Distancing Baseball League', a charity league that played a simulated MLB season using the video game 'Ken Griffey presents: Major League



Steve Widmann '07 married his wife Brooke Shaffer in March, with several Stags in attendance.



Ryan Keehn '09 celebrated the baptism of his son **James Patrick** in the DeMatha school Chapel in February with **Fr. James** presiding. Also present at the baptism was **Ryan's father Sean '83**.

Baseball.' The league supports the fund of Washington Nationals pitcher Sean Doolittle and his wife, and writer, Eireann Dolan's fund for the Capitol Area Food Bank.

Jerian Grant '10 signed with the Washington Wizards in June ahead of the NBA restart in Orlando in July.

Darien Harris '11 was named in February as the Director of Player Engagement for Michigan State University Football.

Mikael Hopkins '11 re-signed with the Cedevita Olimpija Ljubljana basketball team in Slovenia for next season.

Cyrus Kouandjio '11 signed in April with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

Matthew '11 and **Joshua '15 Maxwell** launched a record label in February called 'Family First Records'. Joshua released a single called 'Vibe It Out' on the label in June, making it the label's first official release.

Buddy Paolucci '11 was promoted in February to Supply Chain Manager at Walmart.

Cameron Prichett '11 was hired recently as a law clerk for the 2022-23 term by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Fr. Alex Salazar '11 was ordained in May as a priest with the Institute of the Incarnate Word.

Nick Moylan '12 celebrated his virtual graduation from Arcadia University in May with his Master of Medical Science degree and donned his White Coat, traditionally awarded to graduates who have completed their studies to become a Physician Assistant. Nick is the son of **Kevin Moylan '75** and the grandson of John Moylan, Principal Emeritus.

Adam Welzant '12 made the rank of Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard in May while underway on his ship in Alaska.

Darius Brown '13 is currently working at the Judge

Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice and Ethics.

Jairus Lyles '13 signed this week with the KK Krka basketball team in Slovenia for next season.

Jeremy McNeil '14 will be starting law school at Howard University this fall.

Francis Mullan '14 will attend Kennesaw State University this fall to obtain a master's degree in Integrative Biology.

Steven Raimundo '14 is an IT Support Technician at the University of Maryland.

Terrell Allen '15 signed a deal with the Turkish TBL Side basketball team. He had averaged 9.5 points and four assists last season for Georgetown.

Ahmad Clark '15 was featured

in March in 'The Daily Gazette' on the success of his senior season for the University of Albany men's basketball team.

Thomas Fitzsimmons '15 recently started working as a Visual Information Specialist in the Research Education and Economics Division at the USDA.

Nate Groves '15 was featured in an April article from 'The Diamondback' on how he and other volunteers are helping sew and distribute face coverings for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jonathan Monroe '15 graduated in May from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He will join Microsoft in August as a Talent Sourcer as part of the company's Global Talent



Dr. John Metz '12 graduated in May from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Upon graduation, John was promoted to Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Here is John pictured with his parents, DM Finance Director Anne, and his father, Richard.



Nate Darling '16 pictured here with DeMatha varsity basketball head coach **Mike Jones '91** and University of Delaware assistant coach **Corey McCrae '02** at a Blue Hens game earlier this year. Nate recently declared for the NBA Draft, while retaining his rights to potentially return to the University of Delaware for his senior season.

Acquisition Engineering & Operations Team.

Nadir Muhammad '15 celebrated the birth of his son Nadir Jr. on in April A. **Naim '18** is Nadir Jr's uncle and Nazara (Elizabeth Seton '23) is his aunt.

Joe Hall '16 is working as a Game Operation Intern at Marietta College.

Elijah Johnson '16 officially transferred to Colorado State University this summer after four years at Boston College. Elijah, a redshirt senior, will be immediately eligible to play football for CSU.

Kellon Taylor '16 was featured in 'The Daily Gazette' in May on maintaining his focus to play basketball next winter for the University of Albany. Kellon transferred earlier this year from Duquense to Albany to fulfill his final year of college eligibility.

Trevor Dilla '17 graduated in March from the Human Resources Administrators course at Fort Jackson, SC, and was chosen by his Company Commander and Senior Drill Sergeant to carry the 'guidon' to lead his company in the graduation ceremony, a big honor given

to the top soldier in the company. Trevor will now join his U.S. Army Reserve unit in Florida where he'll continue his education at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL this fall.

William Pyne '17 has an Internal Audit internship this summer at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Alex Wallish '17 is interning as a Software Engineer at Tesla.

Garrett Degnon '18 and **Garrett Leadmon '18**, who currently attend and play lacrosse for Johns Hopkins and Duke respectively, coached Pathfinders Lacrosse to a first place victory in the Aloha Splash in July. The Pathfinders

play under the Pathfinders for Autism organization, working to support and improve the lives of individuals affected by autism.

Tyler Lenhart '18 is interning this summer with Roberts & Ryan Investments Inc. in New York City.

Devon Richmond '18 committed in April to play basketball this fall at Howard University.

Tommy Halligan '19 is working this summer as a Sales Associate Intern at Waldorf Honda.

Jahmir Young '19, guard for the Charlotte University men's basketball team, was named the Conference USA Freshman-of-the-Year.



PJ Emrich '20 pictured here with his grandfather **Don Foran '63** at the Stag Statue on campus in May.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Ambrose, brother of Tim '70, brother-in-law of Clark Mester '65. Uncle of Christian Mester '90 (who is the father of rising DM junior Colin)

Anthony Amoia '64

Russell Bailey, grandfather of JP '10 and Cameron '14

David Barrett '82, cousin of Stephen Rohner '82 and Karl Rohner '87

Rick Baxter, father of John (Danny) '11 and Mark '12

Kathleen Berganski, sister-in-law of Judy Villella. Judy is the mother of the late Tony Villella '05.

Susie Blackwell, mother of James '00

Charles Branch, father of several Stags including Tommy '78 (dec.) and Adrian '81

Al Chaikin and **Mario Repole**, grandfather and uncle, respectively, of Gregg Repole '95. Gregg and the company 'Three Brothers' are the food service provider for DeMatha.

Jim Chroniger '64. Numerous DeMatha connections.

Don Ciomei '64

Ed Clark '79, father of Eddie '18, brother of Tom '81 and Kevin '84. Nephew of Mike Bussink '63, cousin of Bernie Bussink '77, John Bussink '82, BJ Bussink '88, Mike Clark '64, and uncle of Derek Clark '09

Jean Marie Williams Cleary, wife of Tim Cleary '57 (dec.), sister-in-law of Tom Cleary '61 (dec.), Bob Menoche '61 (dec.), Jay Cleary '65, Jack Cleary '65, and Brian Cleary '70, mother of Tim Cleary, Jr. '79, Kevin Cleary '84, and grandmother of Eric Nash '08, Mark Baker '20.

Peggy Margaret Colwell-Molinaro, grandmother of Ricky '19 and rising sophomore Michael

Maria DiGennaro, mother of Anthony '81, Terry '86, and Patrick '79 (dec.)

Patrick DiGennaro '79, brother of Anthony '81 and Terry '86

David Driskell, the legendary artist and scholar. He lived in Hyattsville 20 years ago and did an excellent job speaking at our Academic Awards Night several years ago.

Hilton Felton III '84, uncle of rising senior Tobias

Mary Flaherty, mother of Martin '74 and John '78, mother-in-law of Mike Klem '76

Mary Shell Fry, wife of Raymond '54, sister-in-law of Richard '64

Hank Galotta, former DM faculty member

Michael Glowacki, father of staff member Connor

Mario Guardado, father of rising sophomore Miguel

Sandra Guzman, mother of Bryan '20

Joseph Gvozdaz, father of Joseph '85, David '88, and James '93

Elizabeth Haiber, mother of Timothy '84

Bill Hanley, brother of Kevin '68, uncle of Chris '97, Colin '01, and Ryan '08 Hanley

Sheila Hartnett, mother of Richard '77 and Edward '82 (dec.)

Pam Hunter, mother of Joe '03

Lucius Jackson, grandfather of Lucius III '14

Thomas Jones, father of Terrill '88 and grandfather of Terrill Jr. '17

James Joyner, father of Eric '91

Elizabeth Ann Kenealy, grandmother of Connor '22

John T. Kenny, brother of Charles '68, James '71, and Francis (former student). Brother-in-law of Roy Cornelius '63. Uncle of Joseph '04, George '06, Gregory '07, and James '14

Richard Kronzer, father of Jason '98

Joseph Lasick '74, son of Joe (Sonny) '53 (dec.)



The funeral service for former Washington, DC senior police officer Keit Williams '85 was held in late June at St. Martin Church in NW Washington.

Edwin Bernard Leimkuhler, popular DeMatha teacher in the 1960s

Wayne Lockett '67

Dolores Manley, mother-in-law of John Carruthers, grandmother of several DeMatha graduates

Jerry Manley, uncle to several DM graduates

Helen McCarthy, mother of Kyle '75, and Kris '85 (dec.).

Grandmother of Thomas '98 and Patrick '00

Matt Monahan '99

Erick Morgan '89

Donald Alvin Padden, father of Bobby (great supporter of DeMatha)

Celina Park, mother of Paul '77, Michael '79 James '84, Nathaniel '86

Veronica Peacock, grandmother of John Daniel '09 and Joseph '12

Andreas K. Photinakis, father of Deno '86 and George '89

Robert St. Pierre, father of Robert '91 and Michael '95

Dan Radakovich, father-in-law of Peter Holsberg '86

John Richardson '75, son of John '51, nephew of Fred '50. John was the former Speaker of the House for the state of Maine.

Andy Ricker '78, son of Thomas '53 (dec.), brother of Mark '74 and Michael '83, uncle of Ryan '24 and Patrick '07. Cousin to Daniel '83 and Ben '95. Brother-in-law of Stephen Principe '83 (Stephen is the father of Vincent '13).

Ralph Rohner, father of Stephen '82 and Karl '87, cousin of Fred '02. Ralph's wife, Monica, was the former President of what was then called 'The DeMatha Mothers' Club.' Ralph was the former Dean of the Catholic University School of Law.

Virginia Ryczak, grandmother of Michael '08 and Matthew Whiteley '16

John Scanlon, father-in-law of Jeff Jones '78 and father of Karen Scanlon Jones (Elizabeth Seton class of '79)

Herb Smith '56

Dr. Cesar U. Soriano, Jr., father of Anthony '88 (dec.), Vincent (Jay) '88, Joseph '89, Diana '90. Cousin of Denis Yogore '92

John Starr III, father-in-law of James Santivanez '89

Julie Stelley, sister-in law of Ken Mellett (DM Board Member), aunt of Coleman Mellett '92 (dec.)

Dorothy Tontodonato, grandmother of Andrew Wolf '99 and Daniel Wolf '13

Arthur Tsonis, grandfather of incoming freshman Johnny Hughes

Jacki Vergot, wife of Mike '61

DeMarcus Waldo '85

Robert Waybright Sr. and **Emily Waybright**, parents of Robert Jr. '72, Russell '76.

Bob Whitmore '65, member of the DeMatha Hall of Fame

Keith Williams '85. Keith was a senior DC police officer whos death was covered by local DC media.

Deborah Windsor, mother of TJ '96

Angus Wootten, brother of former DM Basketball Head Coach Morgan (dec.) and many other DeMatha connections



The funeral service for former Maine House Speaker John Richardson '75 was held in late June at the Maine statehouse.

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Due to uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCAC announced in July that all fall sports would be postponed to a later date. Make sure to follow DeMatha on social media and to check the website for any future updates regarding fall sports.