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Through the support of the entire school community, DeMatha has continued to thrive in providing the best education possible to its students, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using a line from our alma mater, DeMatha is Built On A Promise That Challenges 'Never'.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

We live in interesting times. With all of the restlessness permeating our lives daily, anyone attempting to write a letter, an essay, convey a thought or observation must weigh almost every word to be sure that the intention of the author is stated in such a way that no one can misinterpret the idea and come away with a completely opposite view. Such is the challenge facing many of us today.

I believe I have been able to choose a topic that will resonate with all people who are interested in supporting the mission of DeMatha Catholic High School. During the past several months our daily lives have been interrupted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, with the government mandated ceasing of in-person learning and the cancellation of many of the rituals that all high schools implement at the end of a high school career, and with social unrest.

However, during all of this and more, I believe the one common thread which has been advanced by all within the DeMatha community is the virtue of resiliency. Faculty and staff, families and students, alumni and friends never lost a beat, as we shifted into virtual learning. We celebrated in acceptable ways the achievements of education, and we received the financial support of many alumni and friends who are included in this publication. We look at many of the landmarks which describe success: enrollment numbers, retention numbers, donations, faculty stability and the morale on campus, leading our students to understand the systemic social problems challenging everyone, and I believe we can say that DeMatha has been resilient in the face of it all.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who is reading this, because our faculty, staff and administrators could not continue to advance the mission of the school without your prayers and personal support, and I believe we are blessed because of your belief in us. We continue to monitor our progress and we look forward to embracing new and different modes of learning when possible, but the learning has not stopped, and our connection with you has remained strong and constant.

Blessings to you and those whom you love for your continued belief that DeMatha's mission is worthy of respect and support: shaping Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars.



Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T.  
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# The St. John de Matha Medal: A Seamless Thread Through DeMatha History

Many high schools throughout the country annually give out special awards to its financial supporters. The St. John de Matha Medal stands out since it is awarded to only alums who continue to support DeMatha Catholic High School, many years after they have graduated.

“We decided that we’d honor a graduate to help show our kids that DeMatha can take you to all of these great places and you could stand up on that stage years from now, inspiring a new generation of DeMatha students,” Principal Dr. Daniel McMahon ’76 said.

With the idea in place, a plan was set into motion in 2002.

Bill Krawczewicz ’84, brother of faculty member Tom ’81 and an influential graphic artist who helped design the US \$20 bill, designed the St. John de Matha Medal. Quadrants were created on the medal to showcase several symbols of the Trinitarians, including the Red and Blue Cross, the broken chains from St. John de Matha freeing captives in the 13th century, and the celebrated Stag. Faculty member Mr. Rick Reeves also provided a Latin inscription to go on the medal.

In addition to being a proud alum who donates to the school, the St. John de Matha Medal recipient must also be the Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholar in his community that he was taught to be on the DeMatha campus.

“You have to have represented what the school holds as its ideal,” Dr. McMahon said. “There’s definitely a character component, as well, to this medal.”

For almost 20 years now, the St. John de Matha Medal is handed out to its recipient on St. John de Matha Day (Dec. 17), which has become a school-wide day of celebration for DeMatha. The opportunity allows the recipient, with his family in attendance, to pass down wisdom on how their time at DeMatha provided the foundation for their success after leaving campus. Last year’s St. John de Matha



Here is the 2019 St. John de Matha Medal recipient Vic Roy ’85, pictured with Fr. Damian, Fr. James and Dr. McMahon.



## ST. JOHN DE MATHA MEDAL RECIPIENTS

*(Presented to a DeMatha Alumnus For Distinguished Service and Ongoing Devotion to the School and its Mission.)*

- 2003:** Walt Coughlin ’52
- 2004:** Al Edwards ’54
- 2005:** Kim Duncan ’83
- 2006:** Roy Kilby ’65
- 2007:** Joe Kennedy ’64
- 2008:** Robert Lawrence ’70
- 2009:** Kevin Hanley ’68
- 2010:** Paul Cinquegrana ’59 (posthumously)
- 2011:** Scott Marchakitus ’88
- 2012:** Michael Mulhern ’72 and Michael Johnson ’80
- 2013:** Brian Sheahan ’80
- 2014:** Jim Villella ’75
- 2015:** Stephen Welker ’01
- 2016:** Matt Krimm ’88
- 2017:** Danny Ferry ’85
- 2018:** Richard Harrington ’84
- 2019:** Victor Roy ’85

Medal recipient Mr. Vic Roy ’85 delivered that kind of inspirational advice to the student body.

“The only limits are the ones that you put on yourselves,” Mr. Roy said. “And we all receive the same messages from DeMatha. They are right in front of you, but you have to embrace it. So remember this: Dream Big. Start Small. Be ridiculously faithful. Focus on what you can control and take as many shots as you can. And know that Vic Roy will be cheering for you every step of the way.”

The awarding of the St. John de Matha Medal makes one of the most anticipated days of the school calendar year at DeMatha even more celebratory. And with almost 20 years of the Medal now in existence, the continued tradition of this award will only strengthen its importance as time moves forward.

“It’s important that we have traditions,” Dr. McMahon said. “The one takes the idea and practice of our Mission and creates a seamless thread across DeMatha history.”





# Fr. Josh Ordained As A Priest After 14-Year Journey

On September 12th at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church in Hanover, MD, DeMatha Campus Minister Bro. Joshua Warshak O.S.S.T., was ordained as a priest in The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives. He is now known by students, faculty/staff, parents, and those outside of the DeMatha community as Fr. Josh.

“There’s going to be a definite learning curve for everybody, especially me,” Fr. Josh said.

The ceremony, originally set to take place on June 6th, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While it was a smaller ceremony this time around, Fr. Josh was grateful to have his loved ones by his side.

“It’s the end of one chapter and the beginning of another,” Fr. Josh said. “Everything happens on God’s time and all we can do is accept that.”

Including the four years he attended college, the ordination marked the end of Fr. Josh’s 14-year journey. When he first decided to enter the Trinitarian Order, Fr. Josh admitted he had doubts on continuing along the path to priesthood. Luckily, he had a spiritual director who advised him that it’s normal to have doubts during a big life decision.

“We get comfortable in the familiar,” Fr. Josh said. “But God is calling us to be stretched and pulled in different ways so we can be of



*Fr. Josh was ordained in a ceremony on Sept. 12th at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church in Hanover, MD.*

better service to people in need and see the world from a different perspective.”

Fr. Josh will continue to serve in the DeMatha Campus Ministry Office. For most priests, they typically serve at a parish. For Fr. Josh, along with President Fr. James O.S.S.T. and faculty member Fr. Damian O.S.S.T., DeMatha IS their parish.

“This is the flock that God has put in front of us to care for and to journey with.”

Fr. James believes that the DeMatha community will experience great things with Fr. Josh in our midst.

“His zeal for our mission is extraordinary,” Fr. James said.

Fr. Josh’s ordination was the end of one chapter, but his next chapter at DeMatha is now just beginning.

“To work with outstanding colleagues that are true masters of their craft is a gift” Fr. Josh said. “I’m also humbled to work with a really great student body. My role is less ‘education’ for the students and more as a companion along their journey.”

Fr. Josh also wanted to thank the St. Lawrence staff, the folk choir from St. Jerome’s Catholic Church in Hyattsville, MD, all of the guests in attendance, and the DeMatha staff/faculty, Board Members, students and alums who provided him with prayers and support for the big day.

“It was an otherworldly experience,” Fr. Josh said. “I’m grateful to be a part of this community.”

# Dr. George Westerman '80: Using DeMatha Work Ethic To Technology Success

**T**he COVID-19 pandemic forced Dr. George Westerman '80 to embrace the virtual aspects of working with clients. It also brought forth new opportunity.

"I've spent a lot of my life traveling and talking to companies," Dr. Westerman said. "People are starting to realize that this virtual way of work might not be such a bad idea. This is a great chance to help people gain skills digitally."

Dr. Westerman is a Principal Research Scientist and Lecturer with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan Initiative on the Digital Economy where his research and teaching focuses on digital technology leadership and innovation. Add in several award-winning books and things at MIT keep him very busy.

That work ethic started years ago at DeMatha where Dr. Westerman performed in the Wind Ensemble and was a photographer for the school yearbook. However, it was his involvement on campus with computer science, under former faculty member Mr. Rocco Mennella, that shaped his career trajectory.

"I had a part time job at DeMatha where a group of us coded all of the computer software to do scheduling, billing and grades for the school," Dr. Westerman said. "We would then sell that service to other schools in the area, which helped bring some extra money to DeMatha."

After graduating from DeMatha, Dr. Westerman majored in physics and engineering at Catholic University before later working as a radar engineer. He later got his MBA from the University of Maryland, married his wife and moved to Boston, and worked for several years as a consultant before getting his Doctorate in Innovation Leadership Topics from Harvard. Dr. Westerman started working at MIT in 2002 and has been there ever since.

"MIT is such a fascinating place because everyone working here is so smart and accomplishes amazing things," Dr. Westerman said. "It pushes you to do better."

One project that Dr. Westerman and his team at MIT are working on currently is revolved around the concept of 'Digital Transformation' and how to get 'needed skills' to workers most affected by new technological changes.

Dr. Westerman's planned task in Massachusetts is training manufacturer workers, and high school and community college students, with digital manufacturing techniques. Then, those workers and students can go out and be better equipped for in-demand jobs.

"When people pick up on your ideas and do something with them, that's very rewarding."



*Dr. George Westerman '80 is a Principal Research Scientist and Lecturer with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan Initiative on the Digital Economy.*

Now at the top of his field, Dr. Westerman said he encourages current DeMatha students to find something they're passionate about and share it with others.

"Very few people have their careers run in a straight line," Dr. Westerman said. "The ones who do great things tend to make their own opportunities."

Dr. Westerman and his wife recently created the Westerman Family Scholarship, which is available to any DeMatha Honor Roll student who tries out for the Swimming, Cross Country or Rowing teams. The idea for this scholarship was based off Dr. Westerman's own DeMatha experience where, despite gravitating towards academics and the arts, he saw value in his time on the school's cross country and rowing teams. Through his philanthropy, Dr. Westerman and his wife also established The Rocco Mennella Chair of Teaching Excellence in Math and Computer Science, which anyone can donate to.

Dr. Westerman's career hasn't run in a straight line and it's been made all the better for it.



# Charles Wiley '95: Marching For Unity and Making An Impact

**O**n August 28th, North Brentwood Councilman Mr. Charles Wiley '95 led a 'March for Unity' with dozens of people starting at the front entrance of the DeMatha campus to the National Mall in Washington, DC. It was the 57th anniversary of the famous 'March on Washington.'

After serving on the council for four years, Mr. Wiley said he was inspired to take action following the death of longtime civil rights activist and former U.S. Representative John Lewis in July.

"I sent out an email to all of the elected officials along the Route One corridor from College Park down to Mt. Rainier," Mr. Wiley said. "I wanted us to start doing stuff together. People were excited. I had some ideas on imagining what the event would look like and we had members of the arts community, elected officials and an array of organizations all helping plan and get the word out."

**"I stressed to everyone at the March that this is just the start of a movement to unify."**

– Mr. Charles Wiley '95

Mr. Wiley said he has continued that work after the March by holding follow-up meetings to help local organizations merge with one another to bring together community resources.

"I stressed to everyone at the March that this is just the start of a movement to unify," Mr. Wiley said.

Mr. Wiley was a member of the first Student Government Association program while he was at DeMatha. He also played on the varsity football team for three years and was a member of the varsity basketball and track and field teams. In addition, Mr. Wiley was also part of the school's Chamber Choir.

"I took advantage of everything DeMatha had to offer," Mr. Wiley said. "Growing up where I grew up, we weren't exposed to things like that. I was blessed enough to play for Morgan Wootten and Bill McGregor and to be taught by Buck Offutt. I had all of the heavy hitters."

While working as an educational assistant at Sheppard Pratt School and coaching JV Football for 19 years at DeMatha, Mr. Wiley was originally invited to a North Brentwood Council Meeting about four years ago by a neighbor. A seat on the council became available two months later and Mr. Wiley was encouraged to run. He won his election, has served two terms and was just reelected for a third term that will last four years. Mr. Wiley said that DeMatha served as a catalyst for him becoming a councilman.



*Charles Wiley '95, pictured here with DM Board Member Fr. Shaun Foggo '95, at the beginning of Charles' March for Unity event held in August.*

"DeMatha helped me realize that I had a voice and that people were willing to listen," Mr. Wiley said. "So I have to use it for good. I consider myself more as an activist than a politician. My focus has been on doing whatever I can to help the community."

Mr. Wiley said he would tell current DeMatha students to 'Trust the Process' of being a student and that it's normal to not know immediately about career goals. He added that the Pillars of DeMatha and the experiences spent in the classroom or with his friends in the cafeteria and playing fields taught him how to overcome adversity.

"The pillars of DeMatha are the pillars of my life right now," Mr. Wiley said. "They guide me and everything I do. I didn't realize it then, but now seeing the difference between the path I took and the path of those people who lived next door to me, I cannot thank my mother enough for the sacrifices he made to send me to DeMatha."

## STORIES FROM THE EXPRESS

The **REV. THOMAS LEE CARDWELL, JR.** visited DeMatha on July 20. On July 17, 11-year old Davon McNeal was buried. Davon was killed senselessly by a stray bullet as he was attending a peace gathering in SE Washington, DC on July 4.

According to the Rev. Cardwell, Davon, who loved football and wore #3, had his future planned. He was going to attend DeMatha and then North Carolina A&T. Rev. Cardwell came by DeMatha in the hopes of getting some DM gear he could share with Davon's family, which we provided. Bill McGregor promised to also give the family a #3 football jersey at a later date.

On July 20, a DM basketball jersey with #3 was presented and a photo was taken with Rev. Cardwell, Fr. James, Mike Jones '91, and Bill McGregor. Before the picture, the group prayed for peace in memory of Davon in front of the school before the statue of St. John de Matha.

May Davon rest in peace. While he never was able to officially attend DeMatha, we graciously will remember him as a Stag.



Part of the annual August faculty and staff meetings includes the "Blood Borne Pathogen Annual Review" conducted by Science Chair, **MR. RICK REEVES**. The Review, required by OSHA, is to protect employees in the workplace from the hazards of blood borne diseases.

"The talk is not usually something that's on the top of the list of discussions or priorities," Mr. Reeves said with a smile.

Each year, Mr. Reeves is chosen to lead the discussion given his background in environmental toxicology. This year's talk lasted longer than usual, because Mr. Reeves was asked to discuss COVID-19.

"I tried my best to sift through the enormous amount of information on the subject and present it in a concise format," Mr. Reeves said.

Included were the fundamental principles of preventing the spread of the disease -- hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing. But Mr. Reeves went beyond that.

"I thought it was key to stress the importance of good physical and emotional health, since we know they are related to the body's immune response," he said. "This means exercise, proper diet, getting enough sleep, less screen time, and to have as much safe, social interaction with family and friends."

Based on conversations he's had outside of DeMatha, Mr. Reeves believes a vaccine will be available as early as December. He also knows there are those who do not embrace getting a vaccine should it become available.

"I think you have to weigh the risks and the benefits. If you're skeptical of a vaccine, science demonstrates that the benefits are far greater than the risk."

Mr. Reeves believes the vaccine is the way for us to "approach normality."



We recall a time in 1992 when the school was visited by the magazine, "Teaching Tolerance." According to head football coach Bill McGregor, the magazine said that it knew DeMatha was diverse but that, for the most part, everyone got along.

"The writer spent a week with us and we gave her unlimited access in the hallways and on the football field," McGregor said. "She even traveled with us to a game against Gar-Field in Virginia and saw us come from behind to secure a dramatic win on the road."

The writer also interviewed assistant coach **DENO CAMPBELL '81** and decided as a sidebar to do a story of the friendship between Deno and his classmate, **JEFF HOFFMAN '81**, a friendship that continues to this day.

"It's been an unbroken chain for all of these years," Deno said.

Jeff said they became friends while playing on the freshmen football team in the fall of 1977. "We spent a lot of time on the old blue bus together," Jeff said. "We also realized that we had similar senses of humor as well as a love of sports and music."

"It's a valuable friendship," Jeff said. "We check in almost daily to see how everything is going."

The two played varsity football and baseball together for two years at DeMatha. Both Jeff and Deno saw each other last fall as they were members of the '81 baseball team that was inducted into the DeMatha Hall of Fame. In addition, they were in several classes together and members of the Valois Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Deno returned to DM this year as defensive coordinator of the varsity football team. Jeff is the VP/GM of WKMG TV in Orlando, FL. Deno and Jeff generally get together at least once a year.

As we like to say, "DeMatha is not just a high school. It is a brotherhood." The lifelong friendship between Deno and Jeff clearly illustrates that point.



New York City native **DR. PETER HOLSBERG '86** saw his city turned upside down in March when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the Big Apple.

"In northern Manhattan, it was one of the hardest hit areas," Dr. Holsberg said. "We had 250 people just from the zip code where I live, die from COVID-19. It was in the second week of March after everything had been shut down. It was a very scary time."

Dr. Holsberg, Director of Instrumental Music at NYC's Talent Unlimited High School and a professional musician, originally participated in a challenge, from the 'Jazz At Lincoln Center', for all trumpet players to record a famous Louis Armstrong trumpet solo. As he posted these videos onto his personal Facebook page, the feedback was so encouraging that he decided to share it as a daily routine.

"All I'm doing is sitting in my room, finding a tune to play and the recording," Dr. Holsberg said. "We, as musicians, sometimes get obsessed with playing things perfect. I just wanted to make it real."

Dr. Holsberg transferred to DeMatha for his senior year and was recruited to play tuba in the Wind Ensemble. He still calls DeMatha Director of Bands Emeritus Mr. John Mitchell, a lifelong mentor and friend.

His performances on Facebook helped share his love of music with others and gave his audience a peace of mind, even if only for a few minutes.

"Any musician who says they only do it for themselves, no, you do it for other people."

With the success and reach that his musical Facebook videos have had, he credits his brief time at DeMatha for the position he is in today.

"As someone who has attended and taught at a lot of different schools, DeMatha really is a special place that changed my life."

## '60s

**Bill Humbert '67**, a professional speaker and recruiting consultant, was featured on the show 'Mountain Connections' in September where he discussed how to resume networking following the immediate aftermath of losing a job.

**Dr. John Salkeld '69** retired in September after 41 years at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, and 38 years as head of Mercy Nuclear Medicine Dept.



## '70s

**Michael Blake '76** is working as the Subject Matter Expert for Cybersecurity and Privacy with Iron Vine Security.

**Dr. Lou Damiano '77** is the President of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD.

**Chuck Kozlowski '77** stopped by campus in August to deliver face shields for all faculty members. He makes the face shields using several 3-D printers he has at his house.

**John Rickard '78** completed his MBA from the The Citadel in Charleston, SC in May and accepted a position as Chief Financial Officer Ammon Dental by Design, a multi-office Dental practice with six office locations throughout South Carolina.



**James Brown '69** was inducted into the 2020 Class of the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame in August! James is pictured here in August wearing his DeMatha mask before appearing on CBS' 'Face The Nation'.

## '80s

**Jeff Hoffman '81**, Vice President and General Manager of WKMG-TV in Orlando, had his station awarded the Service to Community Award in Television (Large Market) for the 2nd year in a row back in August.

**Daniel De Weldon '87** is starring in a new series that is currently in development called 'Badland Wives'.

**Wade Johnson '88** became a 50-year-old rookie police officer in September in Apex, NC (Raleigh suburb).

**Mark Melvin '88** is working as the sales manager at Fred Frederick Jeep, Ram Chrysler Dodge in Laurel MD.

## Don Wright (Kensie) '88

retired this year from the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department after 27.5 years of service.

## '90s

**Jerry Truman '90** and his wife Jamie celebrated the birth of their son Antonio in August.

**Dr. Quentin Noreiga '91** was recently named the new Director of Aerospace and Defense for Vibronyx after 25 years of service as an active duty Army officer.

**Kenny Smith Jr. '91** is currently prepping a pilot that shoots in December for the Freeform Network. Kenny has been a writer/producer/director in Los Angeles for the past 20 years



**Roy Eidem '66** won the Brandermill Men's Senior President's Cup Golf Championship in September. He is the only two-time winner of the Cup.





Father James with the Villella family at the annual **Tony Villella '05** Golf Tournament in October. Another great turnout this year.

and has worked on hit shows including 'The Game', 'The Jamie Foxx Show', 'Martin' and 'Black-ish'.

**Matthew Luby '94**, Head of Client Services at Amplified AI was named a world leader in IP Strategy by Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) magazine, in recognition of his pioneering contributions in the application of AI to IP strategy.

**Will Robinson '94** was promoted in August to CMO of Ledo Pizza. Will has worked for Ledo Pizza since 1996 and is on the Executive Board for the Restaurant Association of Maryland.

**Tim Strachan '94** and his co-hosts from 1st Amendment Sports interviewed WCAC Commissioner Steve Colantuoni in October about sports during

the pandemic

**Robert Braswell '95** was recently promoted to Vice President, Strategic Planning & Effectiveness: Bonds & Specialty Insurance at Travelers.

**Kevin Bradley '96** had a patent granted, in September, associated with a HVAC system he worked on for eight years.

**Dr. Ryan LaLumiere '96** received a 5-year, \$2.2 million grant earlier this year from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. His proposed work will investigate the neural systems that promote and inhibit to cocaine use. Dr. LaLumiere is the Principal Investigator of the LaLumiere Lab at the University of Iowa.

**Matthew Duffy '97** recently installed a large Low Poly Open Heart statue in Bentonville, AR,

similar to his heart statue he had previously installed across the street from DeMatha.

**Doug Gentilcore '97** recently started a new position as the Chief Commercial Officer a ARTMS Inc.

**James Tate '97** was interviewed as part of 'Serenity & Health's' Pop-Up Conversation Series in October where he spoke about his life journey to losing over 200 pounds.

**Brian Adams '98** adopted his son, William Seowon, from South Korea in September.

**Joey Loeffler '98** and his wife Rebecca celebrated the birth of their son Benjamin in August.

**Ed Jarrell '99** recently assumed responsibility as the Command Sergeant Major for the 311th Military Intelligence Battalion stationed in Camp

Zama, Japan. Earlier this year, Ed also graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree from Penn State University.

**James Kent '99** started a new position in March with the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra right before the COVID-19 pandemic happened. However, it's the only orchestra in the world that has continuously performed live concerts, without a live audience during the pandemic.

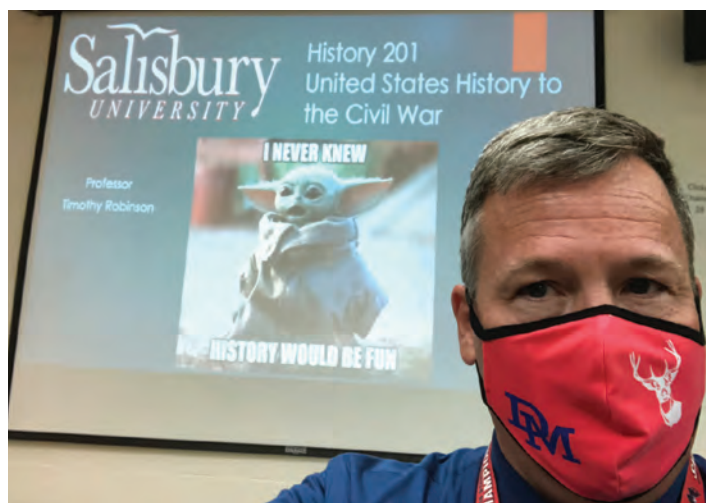
**George Danny Murphy '99**, owner of the SEO (Search Engine Optimization) company 'The Search Ninjas', was interviewed in October by the website ECHWA about the current state of SEO practices in the modern workforce.



**Terry Farrell '83** was appointed by Archbishop Wilton Gregory as the new Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Washington. Terry has worked for the Archdiocese for nearly 30 years. The Archbishop Wilton Gregory was appointed by Pope Francis in October as the first African American Cardinal



**Steve Trax '84**, pictured here with DM Varsity Basketball Head Coach **Mike Jones '91**, is the Regional Director of MAI Capital and launched MAI Sports + Entertainment in September, which is dedicated to serving professional athletes and entertainment industry clients.



**Tim Robinson '89**, Chair of the Adjunct Faculty Caucus: History Department at Salisbury University wore his DeMatha mask on his first day back in the classroom in September.

## '00s

**Jamaal Clark '00** graduated from Louisiana State University in August with a Masters of Social Work degree.

**Mtokufa Ngwenya '00** was on American University's panel event for "Racial Inequities in COVID-19: The Impact on Black Communities" in October.

**Gerard Solazzo '00**, chef and owner of Murazzi Pizza, was on 'Good Day DC' in August to help the nonprofit organization 'Kids In Need Distributors' raise money for meals that go to Montgomery County public school students in need.

**Seamus Hughes '02**, Deputy Director of the program on Extremism at George

Washington University, co-wrote a piece in September for 'The Washington Post' about the FBI, Hamas, and the Bugaloo Boys.

**Dan Favret '04**, former sports producer for NBC4, won an Emmy Award for covering the Washington Nationals' Victory Parade last fall.

**Robert Long '06** is a professional artist and Lecturer of Visual Communication at Northern Arizona University who has had a number of his pieces of art published. Check out his work on his website 'Nearsight Graphite'.

**Dr. Matt Morris '06**, married Dr. Meng Zhou in August at St. Mary Piscataway in Clinton, MD. They live in Rochester, NY, where Matt is the Bio-Modeling Team Lead at the Center for Clinical Systems Biology of Rochester General Hospital.

**Gimel Samuel '06** is working as an Inside Sales Rep at Amazon Web Services.

**Mike Kurtz '07**, of Cry Baby DC Comedy, has been producing stand-up comedy shows (outdoors, distanced) during the summer pandemic months. Recently, 'Alexandria Now' published an article about the shows and how comedy has been affected during the pandemic.

**Amir Reda '07**, Assistant Vice President at T. Rowe Price Investment Services, is beginning his third year on the Stocks in the Future Board, which introduces young students of color to the world of finance

**Dr. Ian Simpson-Shelton '07** spoke at the University of California San Diego Anti-Racism Coalition Day of Action in June.

**Isaiah Tate '07** returned to George Mason Basketball as a Graduate Manager after previously playing for the Patriots.

**Jamal Jackson '08**, a physical therapist at Anne Arundel Medical Center, wrote an article for the hospital in

September on how parents should prepare an Ergonomic Home Space for their child's virtual education.

**Rodney McLeod '08** was named a 2020 team captain for the Philadelphia Eagles in September. He was also named the NFLPA's Week 2 Community MVP for his community service work of having 40,000 pounds of fresh food delivered to the local organization 'Share Food Philly' for families and providing voter education/registration.

**Joey Rice '08** won the 2020 Cannon Club Golf Championship in September.

**James Tillman '08** released his sophomore album, 'Modern Desires', in October through his record label Musella Creative.

**Michael Whiteley '08** was recently promoted to Project Engineer at Geo-Technology Associates, Inc., a civil-engineering firm in Laurel, MD.

**John Collins '09** was recently named the new Men's Tennis Head Coach at Presbyterian College.





NFL Referee **Greg Steed '86** and Washington Football Team Defensive End **Chase Young '17**. Greg served as the Back Judge for Washington's matchup against the Baltimore Ravens in October. Chase was drafted second overall by Washington in April and has made an immediate impact.

## '10s

**Arie Kouandjio '10** is working as an Analyst Intern at NGB Capital.

**Dr. Christopher Moylan '10** completed his Doctoral Residency and has been officially licensed as a Clinical Psychologist in the state of South Carolina. He accepted a full-time position with the Department of Pediatric Psychology, Prisma Health/Greenville Memorial Hospital, SC, where he will develop their outpatient therapy program for teens and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Sam Collura '11** was recently named an Enterprise Account Executive for MongoDB.

**John Malloy '11** is completing his doctorate work in Astro-Biology at Arizona State University.

**Ben Warnquist '11** earned a spot in September at the 2021 United States Golf Association FourBall Championship. He was also selected as one of the top 18 Amateurs East of the Mississippi to play in a Ryder Cup style format vs the West. This very prestigious event will be played in Texas at the beginning of November.

**Shahrulkh Ali '12** was recently promoted to the position

of Product Sales Specialist Southwest Territory SMB with Cisco.

**Peter Carrera '12** recently started his PhD work in Operations Management at Ohio State University.

**Timothy Figueroa '12** is working as an Engineer for Booz Allen Hamilton.

**Jerami Grant '12** led the Denver Nuggets with 20 points in the team's 117-107 elimination playoff loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference Finals in September.

**Andrew Hamel '12** was one of the authors/analysts for an article published in the Sept. 11 issue of 'Science', a

highly respected and regarded scientific journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and throughout the world. The article was titled, "The GTEx Consortium atlas of genetic regulatory effects across human tissue." The article focused on understanding the role of cell composition in gene regulatory mechanisms in human tissues.

**Sean Hartig '12** re-signed with the professional rugby team Old Glory DC for the 2021 season.

**Nicholas Moylan '12**, accepted an Orthopedic Surgery Physician Assistant position with Premier



**Dr. John Jowers '01**, Head Doctor of Physical Therapy at the physical therapy clinic Launch Sports Performance, led this outdoor fitness class in August. Launch Sports Performance runs daily fitness classes for all ages and ability levels





**Kyle Loughlin '05** and his wife Elisa welcomed their firstborn son Anthon Joseph in September. Kyle's mother, and Anthony's grandmother, is DM staff member Lori Loughlin.

Orthopedics and Sports Medicine (Athletic Center of Excellence in Sports) in Bloomfield, NJ

**Chris Odoi-Atsem '13** scored the game winning goal in DC United's 2-1 win over FC Cincinnati in October after returning to Major League Soccer following a battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

**Darien Strachan '13** started a business during the COVID-19 pandemic called 'YawDJerk, which cooks/delivers his Jamaican cuisine around the DMV region.

**Daniel Wolf '13** enlisted into the U.S. Army and arrived at Fort Benning, GA, in August for basic training.

**Ja'Whaun Bentley '14** was named a 2020 team captain for the New England Patriots in September.

**Andrew Borkoski '14** married his wife Kayla Eichstedt in September.

**Dylan Harrington '14** is the Assistant Hockey Coach at Gonzaga College High School.

**Andrew Malloy '14** is now married, living in Bismarck,

ND, and working on a master's degree in Public Administration.

**Alex Kincaid '15**, an intern last year at DeMatha, is now the Men's Varsity Rowing Coach at Catholic University.

**Keegan Meyer '15** made his USL League One Professional Soccer debut in August for the New England Revolution.

**Jonathan Monroe '15** was featured in 'West Virginia University Magazine' about how he recently landed a job on the Global Talent Acquisition Engineering Operations Team at Microsoft.

**John Berard '16** is the starting long snapper this season for Texas Tech Football.

**Colin Casto '16** is working as an Anatomical Pathology Technologist at Capital Digestive Care.

**Nate Darling '16** was selected in October as a 2020 Professional Basketball Combine Honoree.

**Tino Ellis '16** was signed in October to the Miami Dolphins' practice squad.

**Patrick Malloy '16** recently

graduated from the University of Maryland and was also commissioned this past spring as a 2LT in the US Army. He's completing training and will be stationed in Colorado Springs this fall as a Field Artillery office .

**Myles Olufemi '16** is the starting linebacker this season for Coastal Carolina.

**DJ Turner '16** transferred in September to play football at the University of Pittsburgh. He was named ACC Wide Receiver-of-the-Week in October for his eight reception, 186-yard performance in Pitt's 30-29 loss to NC State.

**Matthew Whiteley '16** graduated from the University of Maryland's Clark School of Engineering in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Protection Engineering. He's currently working as a Fire Protection Engineering Consultant at GHD, a technical professional services firm that provides advisory inquiries in areas such as architecture and design, energy and resources and project management.

**Steven Williams '16** is a Technology Engineering Analyst with Accenture Federal Services.

**Michael Butler '17** performed at the NY City Opera in August



DeMatha Faculty Member and JV Lacrosse Head Coach **Andrew Travers '11** received a signed **Pat Harbeson '10** Premier League Lacrosse LC Redwoods jersey from Pat himself in August. Pat wears the No. 40 jersey, which is a number that resonates with DM alumni.





**Phil Poe '10** recently married his wife Allison Bury, with several Stags in attendance. This brief photo was taken during the wedding reception.

and the website 'OperaWire' said Butler, "has a bright future ahead of him and is a singer to look out for in the coming years."

**Charles Fox '17**, will complete his undergraduate course work in Computer Science at UMBC this semester. He will be continuing his studies there to complete his Master's Degree in Computer Science. He interned the past three summers at Northrop Grumman in Maryland.

**Olusegun 'Victor' Oluwatimi '17**, center for the University of Virginia football team, was named in October to the 2020 Rimington Trophy Watch List, given annually to the most outstanding center in the nation.

**Kevin Prophet, Jr. '17** is an Intern with Soccer Shots DC/MD/VA.

**Austine Fontaine '18** returned to the University of Maryland football team in October at the beginning of the Big Ten season after previously deciding not to play due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Sydney Reyes '18** was selected in October as a member of the US Air Force Academy Boxing team for the upcoming 2020-21 season. He is a 5-time National medalist and AAU National Champion in the sport of combat Tae Kwon Do.

**Marcelo Saunders '18**, currently attending Mount St. Mary's University, recently made the Dean's list and is minoring in creative writing. After taking creative writing at DeMatha, he had his first short story published in this year's edition of 'Lighted



**Terrell Allen '15**, playing professionally for 'Final Spor Genclik Bursa' in the Turkish Basketball League, posted his first double-double with 23 points and 1 assists and led his squad to a big victory in October.

Corners', the Mount's magazine for artists and writers. The story is called 'Two Loaves of Bread.'

**DeMarcco Hellams '19** was featured in 'The Gadsden Times' in October on being the new man up for the Alabama football secondary.

**Josh Wallace '19** was featured in the 'Daily Hampshire Gazette' in October about taking on a leadership role with the University of Massachusetts football team.

## '20s

**Hunter Dickinson '20** was featured in 'The Michigan Daily' in September on how he is ready for Big Ten competition.

**Joseph Graham '20** was featured in 'The Richmond Free Press' in September on earning early praise as he starts his collegiate golf career at Virginia Union University.

**Jordan White '20** was featured in a 'Sports Illustrated' preview in August as he started his collegiate career with the West Virginia University football team.



Several Stags on a bike ride in southern Maryland back in October.



The WCAC is planning on having a winter season later this year. In addition, fall sports may be played in early spring and spring sports in May and June. However, things may change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow DeMatha on social media and check the school website for all updates regarding the upcoming sports seasons.



As an addition to the Class of 2020 Scholarship List that we shared in the summer 'Red and Blue Review', we wanted to congratulate Bryan Coley who has a scholarship to Xavier and Wesley Matthews to Merrimack. Congrats!



Bryan Coley



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# IN MEMORIAM



*Ronny Hill, brother of Bobby '88. In this photo, Ronny is on the far right (front row) and Bobby is directly behind him.*

**Michael Arnold**, father of faculty member Frank

**David Cameron**, father of Jared '96

**Jean R. Carpenter**, grandmother of Jackson '14 and  
Brady '16 Slattery

**Kenneth Chigbue**, father of Kenneth '15

**Barbara S. Conto**, wife of Joseph (dec.) who attended  
in the first years of the school, mother of Mark '8  
and Anthony '96, grandmother of Andrew '07 and  
Robert '10

**Jane Curran**, wife of James '54

**Bartholomew D. Daly**, father of Tim '87. Brother-in-law of  
Bob Gittings '53. Uncle of David Gittings '77, Richard  
Pessagno '79, Scott '89 & Sean '95 Daly.

**Ann Terese Dunbar Duchesne**, mother of Jack '74

**Patricia Ebel**, wife of Bill '52

**Russ Eddy '52**

**Linda Foster**, mother of Michael '91, sister of Don '63,  
John '64 and Jim '64 Foran.

**Alan Friedman**, father-in-law of Craig '85 and grandfather  
of Ryan '13, Connor '18 and senior Ethan Gough

**Charles Clinton Gallagher**, former DeMatha private music  
instructor

**Michael Garner '86**

**Tom Glennon '63**

**Oliver Patrick Grogan**, father of Pat '88 and retired Prince  
George's County police office

**Sandra Hamilton**, mother of Kevin '88

**Margaret Heer**, mother of Raymond '97

**Margaret Hughes**, mother of Kevin '76 and grandmother  
of James '10 and Joe '12

**Ann Marie Kuhns**, mother of Will '91 and Brennan '98

**Algustus W. Lee, Sr.**, father of Algustus, Jr. '83 and Alvin '85

**Damon LeVaughn Mailey '86**

**Douglas Martin**, father of Douglas '93 and grandfather of  
Delvon Teachy '20

**Robert Moltz**, grandfather of Preston '19 and senior Trent

**Barbara Osborne**, great grandmother of sophomore Jaden

**Danny Pasatiempo**, father of Scott '93 and Jason '94

**Lawrence Patterson '65**

**Dr. Michael Reidy '60**

**Janet Rose**, grandmother of Jeremy '16 and  
Caleb '17 Skaife

**Elizabeth Inglis Sagin**, sister of Michael '82, Joe '83,  
Paul '84, and John '85

**Richard Smith III**, former DeMatha student

**Charles and Erma Sarahan**, parents of Charles '83. Many  
years ago, the Sarahan family established a scholarship  
at DeMatha. They are also members of our St. John  
de Matha Planned Giving Society. We will be forever  
grateful to the Sarahan family for their philanthropy.

**Robert Sausser '59**

**Diane Sausser**, wife of Robert '59 (dec.)

**Richard Smith**, former Stag who attended DeMatha in  
1971 and 1972.

**Spurgeon Terry**, father of Michael '68

**Lauretta McPhee Titus**, grandmother of Kevin Davis '87,  
Brian Davis '88 and great-grandmother of Jack Davis  
'18 and seniors Matthew and Michael.

**John Toy**, father-in-law of Patrick Harris '85

**Edwina L. Wagner**, mother-in-law of DeMatha Board  
Member Frank Persico and grandmother of Robert  
Persico '02.



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