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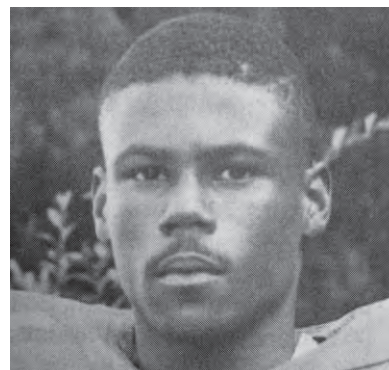
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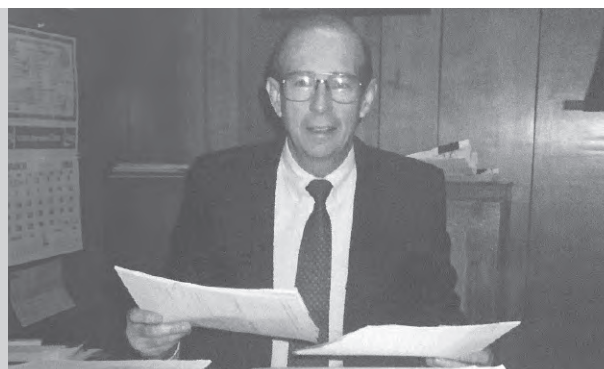
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The DeMatha community suffered a tragic loss on Jan. 15 when John Moylan, Principal Emeritus, passed away at the age of 88. Turn to Page 10 to read more about John's life and his remarkable impact on DeMatha Catholic High School.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

Once again early in the New Year, DeMatha was faced with the loss of a revered and influential member of our Community. Early in 2020, Coach Morgan Wootten went home to the kingdom, and early in 2021 Principal Emeritus John L. Moylan finalized his journey of faith and received his crown of glory. His death of Mr. Moylan requires that all of us take time to reflect, to remember and to rejoice. Reflect, remember and rejoice.

For anyone to spend 60 years of his/her career in one location and become so successful is remarkable in itself. There are many words which could be used to describe a principal: well-spoken, dedicated, tireless, visionary, connected. All of them and more would be true. I would like to use a word that we don't often hear when people speak about a person who was a principal of a high school. In describing Mr. Moylan, I would like to use the word: holy. John L. Moylan was a very holy man. Whenever the word "holy" is used, many different images come to mind. Let me share some with you.

I believe Mr. Moylan was holy because he always thought of others. His focus was never on himself, and he always looked at his words and actions and how they would assist other people and make them better. He began this quest for holiness within his own family, where he always expressed his love and gratitude for all they did to support him. His wife, Joan, and their four children Kevin, Kathleen, Timothy and Patrick and now the grandchildren know more than anyone else the holiness of a husband/father/grandfather who never held back to give them his love, his support and his wisdom. Those of us who knew him due to our careers in Catholic education realized quickly that here was a man who would give from the heart and would not stop until the needs of the other were met. That zeal took determination and courage. We also know from our own human weakness that it is not always easy to see that aspect of holiness up close and personal, but it was always there, and now we acknowledge it freely.

I believe Mr. Moylan was holy because he took the time to support anyone under his care. Teachers, parents of students and alumni, students themselves, staff members, and friends were all blessed by the vision and actions of this one giant among many people. We never left his presence without a smile on our faces, without feeling listened to, without absorbing some of his wisdom and even wondering to ourselves: how does he do that all the time? Yet we loved it, and we loved him for all of this and more.

DeMatha is a better Catholic high school because of John. We are all better people because of John, and his influence within the school and within our hearts will continue for a long time. We thank John for his example demonstrated daily about what it means to be a holy person who shapes lives no matter what credentials are after our names. We thank John; we thank Joan, and we thank God that we had the opportunity to bask in the holiness of John L. Moylan, Principal Emeritus of DeMatha Catholic High School, a holy, holy man. So, reflect, remember and rejoice that our paths have crossed.



Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T.
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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the selection process for the newest members of the **Valois Chapter** of the National Honor Society is still underway. We look forward to sharing this news with you in the summer issue of the *Red and Blue Review*.

In February, the Social Studies department hosted guest speaker **Mat Kowalewski '05**. Mat is the Clerk to the Parliamentarian of the US House of Representatives and he spoke about his experiences at the US Capitol on Jan. 6. Over 295 faculty, staff and students participated, while faculty member **Mr. Scott Sicko** served as moderator.

Dr. Omekongo Dibinga led a group of faculty and staff last summer in an opening Anti-Racism workshop. The plan is to involve the entire faculty, staff, students, and parents in this important work over the next year.

The **Mock Trial** team finished its season with a 5-5 record and second place overall in the Google 5 Division. It was an extraordinary season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Practices and matches were virtual and the competitions were statewide as opposed to regional, in years past.



Fr. James was interviewed by NBC4 in November as the Original Ledo Restaurant in College Park, MD, a DeMatha staple throughout the years, announced it was closing.



Junior **Silas Charles** conducted his volunteer cleanup at Sligo Creek Park in December as a Boy Scout with Troop 772. Silas is working towards his Life Rank, which is the rank before Eagle Scout.



Faculty members **Ms. Joan Phalen** and **Ms. Julie Ponton** were honored in October by the Archdiocese of Washington as DeMatha's Veteran and Novice Teachers-of-the-Year, respectively.

“With the passing of John, a distinct era in the history of the school is complete. We should be proud to pick up the mantle and the mission from these three giants as we continue to forge One DeMatha.”

John Moylan passed away in January just a year after his colleague Morgan Wootten died. And February marked what would have been Dr. Charles “Buck” Offutt’s 90th birthday. It is almost impossible to think of any one of them without the others. I doubt any school, at any time, has had three such complementary geniuses – and I rarely use that word – at one time.

Great schools are built on more than strong academic curriculums; they must give students models for how to achieve adulthood and this is often done through relationship-building that happens on retreats, athletic fields, service trips, and in singular “hallway” moments. Schools devoted to developing the whole person need people who understand and support all of the activities of the school. Morgan was famous for his basketball and football coaching prowess, but he was a superb classroom teacher who also had experience in administration as the Athletic Director. Buck was a brilliant classroom teacher who coached baseball and football and had administrative experience as chair of the English Department. (Both Morgan and Buck ran summer camps and knew the value that having a good time adds to learning.) John was a classroom teacher, a counselor, a coach and, most consequentially, an Administrator.

All three men interpreted the Trinitarian mission as befit their primary area of specialization and because of their experience in other roles, helped forge the unique DeMatha experience. So for Morgan, the teamwork and patterns of athletics – and the sense of responsibility and fair play – showed up in his sense of the patterns of history and the patterns of life. For Buck, that drive for freedom from ignorance and the sense of the connectedness of all knowledge showed up in the texts he loved – Keats’ “Grecian Urn” or Tennyson’s “Flower in a Crannied Wall” or *Hamlet* – but they also showed up as a call to justice in SAT preparation. John’s sense that teachers need to have some level of control, that their strengths are magnified by trust in them and that they should be encouraged to create classes and to work responsibly under an overarching mission generated a kind of loyalty that is inspirational.

What a remarkable legacy they have left us. A tradition of relentless work, a commitment to freedom and responsibility, and a deep-seated drive for using education to create a just world helped mark each of them. Of course, they are not really gone. I get glimpses of John, Morgan, and Buck in colleagues, alums, and students each day. There are, of course, many others whose contributions to the school are almost incalculable. With the passing of John, a distinct era in the history of the school is complete. We should be proud, and a bit awed, to pick up the mantle and the mission from these three giants as we continue to forge One DeMatha.



Oremus pro invicem/Let us pray for one another

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel J. McMahon, Ph.D. '76

PRINCIPAL



(Left) **Michelle Singletary**, mother of **Kevin McIntyre '16**, spoke with one of faculty member **Mr. Paul Clark's ('01)** American Lit classes in November about her recent series for The Washington Post about "common misperceptions involving race and inequality." A great quote from the talk: "You're at a school that teaches you a lot of things about being a man, and that's going to make a lot of difference in your life."

Senior **Alexander Saint-Victor** was named in September a Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Junior **Birchard Allen** and sophomores **Noah Minckler** and **Joel Ayers** received the sacrament of Confirmation in November. Faculty member **Mr. Stephen April '10** was Birchard's sponsor.

Sophomore **Riley Mitchell** had his photograph selected in December for inclusion in The 2020 Drexel University High School Photography Contest Exhibition.

Sophomores **George Lengenfelder** and **Stephen Phillippe** were confirmed in September at Our Lady of the Fields in Crofton, MD. Campus Minister **Fr. Josh**

was George's confirmation sponsor and **Kevin Wells '86** was Stephen's confirmation sponsor.

Freshman **Harry Rothmann** received the sacrament of Confirmation in August at Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata, MD.

Freshman **Declan Devilbiss** assisted his home parish, St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD, by sorting and stacking toys for their annual Christmas Giving Tree Drive that supports Catholic Charities of Montgomery County.

Freshman **Alex Lathrop** received the sacrament of Confirmation in September at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Bowie, MD.



The DeMatha Stag was named the winner of the Great American Rivalry Series' Mascot Madness for the North Bracket earlier this year.



Faculty members **Mr. Nick Caputo** and **Ms. Vicki Landersman** were just a few of our staff who celebrated Christmas festivities on campus in the final days before winter break in December.



Faculty member **Mr. Vaughn Holsey** painted the image of Mother Mary Lange (located on the wall) for the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Takoma Park, MD, in November. Pictured here from left to right are **Deacon Trinidad**, **Fr. Shaun Foggo '95** (DM Board Member), **Mr. Holsey**, **Bishop Mario Dorsonville**, **Fr. Emmanuel Efah**, and **Fr. Luc Ohilomegne**.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE NEWS

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic forced more virtual works of service to take place, the Campus Ministry Office under the direction of **Ms. Erin Bright** and **Fr. Josh**, successfully implemented and led several Drives that not only kept our student and school community connected, but helped make a difference for a number of people in the Greater Washington region.

The Coat Drive last fall got things off to a strong start as approximately 350 coats were donated to Catholic Charities DC.

The Food Drive in November collected a record 19,000 canned food items, which supported St. Jerome's and St. Mark's in Hyattsville, St. Augustine's Catholic Church and Holy Redeemer in Washington DC, Mary House, Templeton Elementary School, and the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Student Government Association also donated \$4,500 to the Drive, which played a crucial part in the record of canned food items.

The Toy Drive in December focused on donations for gift cards, and the DeMatha community once again did not disappoint. This year, the donated funds contributed to the purchase of over 130 gift cards for families in need to use towards buying presents for the Christmas holiday.



Faculty members **Ms. Erin Bright** and **Fr. Josh** organized another successful Food Drive last November that broke a record of over 19,000 canned food items being donated to several local charities.



The DeMatha football program assisted with a Food Drive at DeMatha in December, thanks to the generosity of **Rodney McLeod '08**. Over 1,400 boxes of food were distributed and many other alums assisted including **Charles Wiley '95** and **Tommy Paolucci '97**.



Jerami Grant '12, with his Hour Generation Foundation, helped feed hundreds of families in Prince George's County for the Thanksgiving holidays with the help of the DeMatha basketball program.

(Right) Members of the crew team delivered a large amount of food collected during the Food Drive to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged in Washington, DC. Pictured with our students is Sister Jeanne Veronique, who coordinates all of the food donations for the Home.



DeMatha Hockey seniors dropped off gift cards in November for a family in need in Hyattsville.



The lacrosse program volunteered with Toys for Tots before Christmas last December. The squad also participated in building food boxes to support the Project Giveback Organization in November.

2021 DeMatha Spring Concerts

(These events are tentative due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.)

Thursday, April 29

Concert Band I, Concert Band II,
Percussion Ensemble I
7:30pm

Sunday, May 3

Advanced Percussion Ensemble,
Percussion Ensemble II, Sinfonia
7pm

Monday, May 4

Concert Band and Symphonic Band
7:30pm

Tuesday, May 5

Spring Sing!
7pm

Monday, May 10

Wind Ensemble
7:30pm

Saturday, May 15

Instrumental Music Awards
Ceremony
6:30pm

Friday, June 4

Graduation at the Basilica of the
National Shrine;
Symphonic Band. Voices of
DeMatha perform
9am



Several of our students who were selected for the All-State Choral and Instrumental Ensembles gathered via Zoom in December for a group photo.

Each fall, the DeMatha instrumental and choral music programs organize and perform concerts for the school community and beyond. These performances help demonstrate the importance of the Arts at DeMatha and the connection and hope that music can provide. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the school has not been able to host in-person concerts, in the past year. However, our student and faculty musicians have continued to work to learn new compositions and improve their skills.

Several instrumental and choral musical ensembles have released videos to DeMatha's YouTube page, which includes our students performing together, but from their own homes. These videos have garnered thousands

of views across all of the school's social media channels. When in-person concerts can resume once again, the DeMatha instrumental and choral music programs will be ready to showcase their talents to the school community in a normal setting.

The following 14 vocal musicians were selected to the Senior All-State Chorus: Seniors **Reggie Bailey, Daniel Patino, Lincoln Teti, and Rafe Trudeau**; Juniors **Michael-Paul Awunor, Worthy Beilman, Ian Brown, George Currie, Efrain Enriquez, Desmond Holt, and Evan Knott**; And Sophomores **Peter Macyko and Joel Manzano**. Freshman **Adam Roman** was also selected to the Junior All-State Chorus.

In addition, these three instrumental musicians were selected to the Senior All-State



Band: Juniors **Joshua Young** (Trumpet), **Kyle Bickel** (French Horn) and **Keaton Lovely** (Euphonium), while these three instrumental musicians were selected to the Senior All-State Orchestra: Senior **Zachary Cheng** (Clarinet) and juniors **Keyvar Smith-Herold** (Clarinet) and **Joshua Kucharski** (Trumpet).

Keyvar and senior **Will Lawrence**, also performed virtually with the Furman University Honor Band in November.

(Left) The DeMatha Wind Ensemble gathered virtually in December to perform the holiday classic "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson. The performance has garnered thousands of views across the school's social media channels.

Remembering Karlos Jackson '90: A Stag Through and Through

**This story was shared with the DeMatha community on Veterans Day in 2020.*

On Veterans Day each year, we remember those who serve or have served our country, including those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. There's a plaque at DeMatha in the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center which recognizes all veterans; there is also a plaque with the names of those who died while serving our country or community. One of the names on that plaque is Karlos Jackson '90.

To those who remember Karlos, they recall someone who was a great athlete; a great competitor; and someone with a great personality.

"Karlos had a playful personality," said longtime faculty member Neal Murphy, who taught and coached Karlos at DeMatha. "I mean even when he got in trouble, it was hard to stay mad at him."

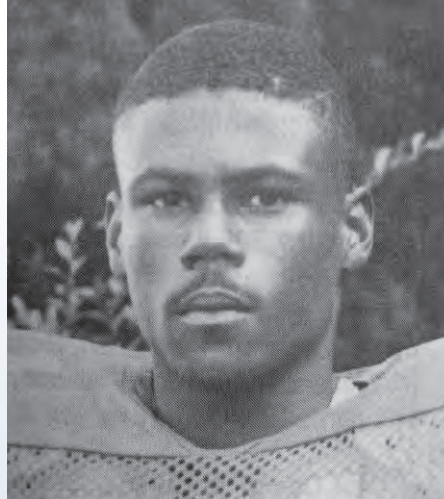
Karlos played football and basketball at DeMatha and was a member of the track team.

"I was his head coach on the freshmen and JV basketball teams at the time and I remember him having several dunks in the games back then, which was not the norm," Mr. Murphy said.

Football though was the sport where Karlos stood out the most. "He played safety for us and his senior year we went up and played a national power – Brockton High School in Massachusetts," said Bill McGregor, head football coach. "We used him as almost a fourth linebacker in that game and he was great. The turning point in the game (which the Stags did not win) was when he hurt his leg and had to come out."

At the end of the season, Karlos had numerous scholarship offers to big time college football powerhouses.

"He visited Miami and wanted to commit almost immediately upon arrival," Coach McGregor said. "So he called me up and said, 'Coach, I am ready to commit' and I said, 'But Karlos, you haven't even seen the campus yet! We will talk when you get back.'"



"Karlos had a playful personality. I mean even when he got in trouble, it was hard to stay mad at him."

– Neal Murphy, longtime faculty member who taught and coached Karlos at DeMatha.

Karlos wound up eventually going to Syracuse along with his fellow DM classmate and teammate Bryce Bevill '90.

"I remember Karlos' mother was so happy with DeMatha, she bought me this huge ring to show me her appreciation," Coach McGregor said. "Of course, Buck (Dr. Charles Offutt) played a key role in helping Karlos prep for the SAT."

At Syracuse, Karlos was a special teams performer and played on some great teams back in the early 90's. He graduated and eventually enlisted in the Army. In the first decade of this century, Bevill said Karlos wound up in Iraq, as part of a bomb squad. It was very difficult work.

In 2006, Karlos was on leave in Germany and spoke to Bevill. "He was in good spirits, but he told me he was haunted by his experiences. He said, 'I have seen things no man should ever have to see.'"

That was the last time Bevill spoke to Karlos. The conversation lasted several hours. Karlos was to return to Iraq, but never made it back. He died suddenly in Germany.

In early July 2006, a large crowd all wearing white, gathered for Karlos Jackson's Celebration of Life in New Carrollton, MD. Bevill and Coach McGregor were there as was Karlos' fiancée.

(Karlos' mom had passed away prior to her son's death).

"Karlos Jackson was a friendly guy. An intelligent guy," Bevill said. "He was the life of the party."

When you see a picture of Karlos and hear of his background, his experiences at DeMatha weren't that different from many others. Most of us did not see Karlos when he was in college or beyond, but we know he was a proud Stag. He is someone who will remain in our memories as forever locked in at the age of 18.

There is no question that military life can be most difficult. It is not only hard on those who serve but on the families of those who serve – the constant moves, the deployments, the dangerous practice missions, and yes, the actual engagements themselves. That is why it's important we stop and remember all who serve and the great sacrifices they make for our country.

John Moylan: A DeMatha Legend

**This story was published this past February in The Catholic Standard and we are sharing it for this issue of the Red and Blue Review.*

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

As a student and later a faculty member at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, Mike Jones noticed how the school's longtime principal, John Moylan, would stop to pick up a piece of paper on the floor or straighten a chair that was out of place, no matter how busy he was.

Jones, a member of DeMatha's class of 1991 who has been its varsity basketball coach since 2002 and serves as the school's assistant admissions director, said Moylan's "selfless service" and his concern for every student has shaped his life and work.

"John Moylan felt he had a responsibility to do everything he could to make it the best place it possibly could be," Jones said.

Moylan – who became DeMatha's first lay principal in 1968 and led the school for 32 years through a period of great expansion in its academic programs, extracurricular activities, student enrollment and facilities – died on Jan. 15 at the age of 88 after having health problems in recent years.

The educator had the distinction of being the first lay principal at a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington, and over the years earned many individual honors and led DeMatha to many achievements. Under Moylan's leadership, DeMatha was named as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education in 1984 and again in 1991.

The Massachusetts native joined DeMatha's faculty in 1956 as a French teacher, and a year later he established the school's counseling center and became its first director of guidance. Moylan worked with DeMatha teachers to establish one of the first computer curriculums in the area, and in 1970 he began DeMatha's music program that grew to nine performing groups with hundreds of student musicians and gained many national honors. He expanded DeMatha's enrollment as it served a more diverse student body, initiated the school's community service program and welcomed students with learning differences.

In 1990, the same year that five local Catholic high schools had to close because of financial and enrollment difficulties, DeMatha opened a new \$4.1 million wing that included a music center, a new library, a chapel, 12 classrooms, a counseling center and an administration center named in Moylan's honor.

That school year, Moylan was named as the Archdiocese of Washington's principal of the year, and in 1993 he was honored as



one of the area's outstanding principals by *The Washington Post*.

In a eulogy to Moylan, Daniel McMahon – a 1976 DeMatha graduate and longtime English teacher there who succeeded him as the school's principal in 2000 – called him "a giant in Catholic education." McMahon praised his predecessor for being a loving husband to his wife of 66 years, Joan Moylan, and for his devotion to their four children Kevin, Kathleen, Timothy and Patrick, and to their six grandchildren.

And he noted, "During John's long tenure at DeMatha, he was the father of his DeMatha family."

Trinitarian Father James Day, the president of DeMatha whose religious order sponsors the Catholic high school for young men, said of Moylan, "Every area of school life, he was there."

Father Day, who served as the school's rector from 1978 until 1990, when the new wing opened, said the longtime principal "was a master at building relationships with students, with faculty and with families."

Moylan graduated from Catholic elementary school at St. Ann's School in Turner's Falls, Massachusetts, and from Assumption High School and Assumption College in Worcester, where he majored in French and philosophy. After graduating from college, he served two years in the Army Intelligence Corps before joining DeMatha's faculty. In 1957, he earned a master's degree from The Catholic University of America, majoring in guidance and minor-ing in school administration.

and Pioneer in Catholic Education



“His entire educational experience was with Catholic education,” said Father Day. “That’s what he knew. That’s what he loved. That’s what made him the educator he was. No matter what role he had, he was a teacher.”

Reflecting on Moylan’s dedication to DeMatha, Father Day said, “This was his life,” noting that the educator spent more than six decades working and helping out at the school, including for many years after his retirement. “Nothing was beyond John’s commitment to the school.”

Over the years, Moylan was known for his passionate advocacy for DeMatha. A 1991 Catholic Standard profile noted that when he answered his phone, he said, “JohnMoylanDeMathaHigh-School,” as if it were one long word, and several of his longtime colleagues said that the two phrases were synonymous: John Moylan was DeMatha High School.

In 1965, Moylan had an idea for how DeMatha’s basketball team could prepare for its upcoming clash with a seemingly invincible foe – Lew Alcindor, a 7-foot-1 center for Power Memorial High School in New York. Alcindor, who later changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, was destined to become the all-time leading scorer in NBA history.

Moylan suggested that at practice, a DeMatha player could stand near the basket with a tennis racket to simulate Alcindor’s gigantic, swatting arms.

Morgan Wootten – DeMatha’s basketball coach who would go

on to be enshrined in Basketball’s Hall of Fame and who died in January 2020 – credited Moylan’s creative thinking with helping the Stags shock Power Memorial, 46-43.

“As usual, he was ahead of his time,” Wootten said in a 1991 interview.

Dr. Charles “Buck” Offutt, a longtime English teacher and football coach at DeMatha who was also interviewed for that article, said DeMatha’s principal had the tenacity of a pit bull terrier.

“When he decides to get something done, he doesn’t let loose of it. He goes after it,” said Offutt, who retired in 2009 and died in 2010.

When he accepted the archdiocese’s principal of the year honor in 1990, Moylan said he accepted the award “on behalf of the DeMatha Catholic High School family.”

He often emphasized that the school’s – and his – success was due to that family, to the excellence of the teachers there, to the hard work and accomplishments of the students, and to the dedicated support of parents and alumni.

When DeMatha’s new wing was dedicated, Moylan estimated that it was the result of 12,000 Friday afternoon bingos, 40 crab feasts and 500,000 candy bar sales. He had joined DeMatha teachers in volunteering at the bingo games to raise money for the school.

DeMatha had become nationally known for its powerhouse sports teams and graduates who became athletes, but in interviews, Moylan highlighted the school’s academic offerings and the accomplishments of the music program. By 1993, Moylan’s 25th year as princi-



“John’s fingerprints are all over everything DeMatha

pal, DeMatha’s Wind Ensemble had been named the nation’s top Catholic high school band in 11 out of 13 years.

Noting the importance of the school’s teachers, Moylan in a 1996 interview with *Washingtonian* magazine said, “We have a great Hall of Fame basketball coach, Morgan Wootten, who’s an even better world history teacher.”

Moylan once said, “The success of a school is based on the talent and creativity of its teachers. I think teachers play the most important role of any profession in this country.”

In the 1991 *Catholic Standard* interview, Moylan said the hard work and dedication of his own high school teachers inspired him to become an educator.

“They gave above and beyond the classroom. They shaped lives,” he said.

The students at DeMatha convinced him that he had found a home teaching and then serving in the administration at the Catholic high school. He proudly noted how well-rounded many of the students were, with star athletes also playing in the school bands.

“I’ve always said the most important years a student spends in school are the high school years. They are at the crossroads of a youngster’s life. You come in as a teen-ager and leave as an adult,” he said.

At his 25th anniversary as principal, Moylan said a key goal of Catholic education “to develop young people with integrity who are not afraid to go out and serve and to be a witness... Our people have got to make a difference.”

He noted how the school’s graduates have gone on to a variety of professions, including as doctors, writers, lawyers, musicians, teachers, architects and priests. By his 25th year as principal, he

estimated that he had helped organize the class schedules of about 3,500 DeMatha students over the years.

“He knew all of our names,” Jones said. “He knew something about each one of us.”

Dan Curtin, who served as the Secretary for Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Washington from 1985-99, said Moylan “really wanted the best for all his students.”

Moylan – known for his work ethic and commitment to DeMatha, having claimed at one point that he hadn’t missed a work day there in 35 years – was inspired on the first day when he visited the school in 1956 as a prospective teacher, and he saw Trinitarian Father Marc Toal, then the school’s principal, sweeping the gym floor.

“He wasn’t afraid to roll up his sleeves,” said Moylan, who noted that the Trinitarians were always available to help the students.

Daniel McMahon in his eulogy to Moylan noted his predecessor’s care for the DeMatha community also extended to him, as he became the school’s principal in 2000.

“On his desk – which I now occupy – but which is still his desk, John left me a long, hand-written letter to welcome me. He promised to help me however he could, and he reflected on what the principal’s role is in a way that I had not seen before,” McMahon said. Moylan became a friend and mentor to him, showing him “every detail mattered” at the school, from the kind of carpeting used for mats to the style of lockers.

DeMatha’s current principal praised Moylan’s visionary leadership, noting how he shepherded the school through the early 1970s when it was in danger of closing due to financial challenges.

“Without John’s leadership and guidance, there is no DeMatha.



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– Mike Jones

His force of will and his stamina and leadership saved the school from closing,” he said.

Moylan also served on archdiocesan committees that established better pay scales and instituted health benefits for lay employees.

“John’s work as a teacher, a counselor, an administrator, a coach and even a janitor meant that whenever people had to see him about an issue, he was capable of understanding their point of view,” McMahon said, noting Moylan’s knowledge and experience, and ability to listen, were among his strengths as an educational leader.

He said Moylan in his retirement helped for many years in the admissions office, and as principal emeritus, he was a “great ambassador” for the school, attending many events there, and also going to Baptisms, weddings and funerals for DeMatha graduates and their families. He even continued coaching kickers for DeMatha’s football team until 2016.

At his 25th anniversary as principal, Moylan had said, “I want to be a contributor to this school as long as I can.”

Bill McGregor, DeMatha’s varsity football coach from 1982 to 2010 who returned to that role in 2019, praised Moylan as “a leader of the school, 24/7. He was always on the front lines, always there, looking to improve the school in all areas.”

Under Moylan’s leadership, DeMatha’s expanded academic program also included a business department and classes in architectural design, and the athletic department grew from offering three to 13 different interscholastic sports, including ice hockey, lacrosse and crew.

McGregor noted that Moylan, beyond the classroom and athletic fields, “was very firm in developing men of character,” emphasizing to students the importance of doing the right thing and being the best they can be.

Mike Jones joked that he, like all students, tried to avoid the principal’s office during his years at DeMatha, but he told a story about how John Moylan went out of the way, literally, to see him. As a sophomore basketball player at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, Jones came out of practice one day and was surprised to see John Moylan waiting for him.

DeMatha’s current basketball coach said he thinks that Moylan and his wife were driving to the Outer Banks, and made a detour, “to stop and see how I was doing.”

Jones later talked to other DeMatha graduates, and found out that Moylan had also gone the extra mile to see them over the years, too.

When Moylan found out that Jones was majoring in counseling, he kept in touch with him each summer, inviting him to come back and work at DeMatha. After playing professional basketball, Jones was hired by Moylan in 1998 as a sophomore guidance counselor there.

“He was a forward thinker, and wanted diversity in our counseling center,” said Jones, who is African American.

As a basketball coach at DeMatha, Jones has continued leading its teams to championships, but he also often sweeps the gym floor before games, a sign of caring for the school and its students like he witnessed Moylan do so many times.

“I do some of my best thinking at that time,” said Jones, who praised the legacy of DeMatha’s late principal. “His fingerprints are all over everything DeMatha does, and also on Catholic education in this area.”

In lieu of flowers, the Moylan family has requested that any donations be directed to the John Moylan Scholarship Fund at DeMatha. Go to dematha.org or mail a check to the school.

Closeness to Church Has Been Hallmark in Life of Terry Farrell '83

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BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

For all his life, Terry Farrell has been close to the Catholic Church.

“My parents bought their house in Brentwood, mainly so we could walk to Mass and go to school at St. James Parish in Mount Rainer.”

That “closeness” would continue for years through Catholic education at St. James School, St. Jerome’s in Hyattsville and later at DeMatha where Farrell graduated in 1983. In 1992, he was hired to work for the Archdiocese of Washington as a parish financial analyst, and over the years held other key financial and administrative posts at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Hyattsville.

On Nov. 1, 2020, Cardinal Wilton Gregory appointed Farrell to be the Archdiocese of Washington’s new Chancellor.

“I am honored to have worked for the archdiocese for almost 30 years, and it is humbling when I think that I am now the Chancellor,” he said.

The Chancellor, serving as an advisor to the Archbishop of Washington, is a corporate member on all archdiocesan affiliated corporations and coordinates special projects and initiatives, which are just a few of the responsibilities.

Terry talked about his Catholic roots, and how blessed he feels to serve the Church.

“My parents instilled in all seven of us the importance of prayer, (and) a love of our faith and the Church. My mom taught us how to pray. There’s not much more important thing a parent needs to teach their kids,” he said, adding that his parents taught them that when they were facing a decision, to “pray about it.”

His father, Jack Farrell, worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency and died in 2004. His mother, Mary Esther Farrell, initially worked at the Pentagon, and after raising seven children – five boys and two girls, including two sets of twins – she worked later in life at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington. She died in 2017.

At DeMatha, Terry Farrell formed lifelong friendships with classmates, and took accounting classes from Trinitarian Fr. Damian Anuszewski, which sparked his interest in the field. Farrell later earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Maryland at College Park.

After graduating from college, Farrell worked as an inventory accountant and inventory accounting manager for the Marriott Corporation and then as a staff accountant for M&M Financial Consulting.

Then in 1992, he applied to work for the Archdiocese of Washington.

“One was a new position that was specifically designed to work with pastors on the financial administration of their parishes and schools. I was lucky enough to choose which position I wanted,” Farrell said, explaining how he initially became a parish financial analyst for the archdiocese. “I knew I wanted that job, because I’d be working with priests... Being able to work closely with the pastors has been such a blessing over the years.”

From 1992 to 1997, Farrell’s duties as a parish financial analyst for the archdiocese included reviewing 145 parish financial reports, producing an annual financial analysis for each parish and school, and producing a combined financial statement of all the parishes for the archbishop. Then from 1997 to 2003, he served as assistant controller for parish and school operations for the archdiocese, where he worked closely with pastors concerning the financial administration of their parishes and schools. From 2003 to 2017, Farrell served as the executive director of parish and school financial operations for the archdiocese, overseeing audits of all parishes and schools.

A constant in all those jobs was helping pastors, some who knew him and his family from having served at St. James over the years.

“As you get older, you see their life of service for others,” Farrell said, noting that with his work for the archdiocese, “for me it’s very cool, we can kind of turn the table. For 28 years, I can be of service to them... So I always get a kick out of that, helping the guys.”

Terry Farrell and his wife Teresa’s son Luke followed in his father’s footsteps and graduated from DeMatha in 2014 and later from the University of Maryland with a finance and accounting degree, now

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working as a tax accountant in Annapolis. Meanwhile, their daughter Erica graduated from Teresa’s alma mater, Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, and is a senior at The Catholic University of America, studying social work. In addition, Teresa works in DeMatha’s advancement office as the advancement services manager.

Terry Farrell’s office at the Pastoral Center includes family photos of his wife and children, and other mementos of his background and experiences, including a bobblehead figure of Morgan Wooten, DeMatha’s Hall of Fame basketball coach who died in January 2020.

Farrell said he takes to heart something once said by Cardinal Hickey, Washington’s archbishop from 1980 to 2000 and who died in 2004, when the prelate was asked why he supported Catholic schools that served predominantly non-Catholic students. The cardinal replied, “We don’t support them because they (the students) are Catholic. We support them because we are Catholic.”

The most recent three Chancellors for the Archdiocese of Washington were women and attorneys. In 2001, Jane Belford became the first lay person to serve in that role for the archdiocese, and she was succeeded by Cynthia DeSimone in 2013. Kim Viti Fiorentino

served as the archdiocese’s Chancellor and General Counsel from 2016 through October 2020.

“(They are) all faith-filled women who each set up protocols and procedures for the archdiocese that are still followed today,” said Farrell, who added that he worked closely with Fiorentino in recent years, and “I appreciate how hard she worked on behalf of the Church.”

The new Chancellor also praised the leadership of the two most recent archbishops of Washington – Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who is now retired, and Cardinal Gregory, who has led the Archdiocese of Washington since 2019.

“I was honored to say ‘yes’ to Cardinal Wuerl’s appointment as Executive Secretary of the Curia, and equally honored to say ‘yes’ to Cardinal Gregory as chancellor. We’re asked to say ‘yes’ in service to the Church, Farrell said.

“I was proud, still am proud, to say I work for the Archdiocese of Washington,” he said.

Reflecting on the closeness to the Church that has been a hallmark of his life, Farrell added, “The way we grew up, to be able to do what I do... It’s been a heck of a run.”



Fr. James and Fr. Josh led the school community in a virtual prayer service on Jan. 28 as part of the St. John de Matha Day celebrations.

Virtually Celebrating St. John de Matha Day

Every December 17th is important on campus for the DeMatha community as we celebrate the feast day of the school's patron, St. John de Matha. A school-wide Mass, musical performances, a luncheon, and the awarding of the St. John de Medal.

That didn't happen in 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it was impossible to safely gather hundreds of students, faculty, and other members of the community together in the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center.

But these restrictions couldn't prevent the celebration from taking place. So this year, St. John de Matha Day went virtual and became a two-part event.

"Today our celebration is much smaller due to the pandemic," Fr. James said at the Dec. 17 livestream Mass from the school chapel, "But our enthusiasm for the tradition and memory of St. John de Matha has never wavered."

Hundreds of people watched the Dec. 17 livestream across DeMatha's social media channels. Then on Jan. 28, the school recognized the 2020 St. John de Matha Medal recipient, Kenny Carr '74, in a special virtual prayer service.

On Jan. 28, 1193, newly ordained Fr. John



Kenny Carr '74, this year's St. John de Matha Medal recipient, put together a video message for the Jan. 28 prayer service where he spoke about the values that DeMatha instilled in him.

de Matha held his first Mass. It was during this Mass that the Lord appeared to him in a vision, which would be the inspiration for the founding of the Trinitarian Order.

The link from the past to the present makes St. John de Matha Day pivotal.

"Fr. John de Matha, back in the 12th century, decided he would form the Trinitarian Order, which was approved on Dec. 17, 1198," Fr. James said. "The initial Trinitarians worked to alleviate the burdens of families, work to free those who were enslaved because of their faith, and help assist the hungry, thirsty, weak and powerless."

"We too today are working to alleviate the burdens of families who are hungry, thirsty, and homeless with the Food Drive, Coat Drive, and Toy Drive. We educate over 800 young men at DeMatha about the inherent dignity and value of every human being regardless of their heritage or social standing."

Principal Dr. Daniel McMahan '76 shared his annual reflection on the many works of the Trinitarians in the Order's history. He added that the Mission of the Order continues today.

"Everyone of us interacting with the Mission of forming Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars are living witnesses to that mission," Dr. McMahan said.

After graduating from DeMatha, Kenny played college basketball at North Carolina State and won a gold medal with the U.S. National Basketball team at the 1976 Olympics. He would go on to be drafted sixth overall by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1977 and played in the NBA for 10 seasons. Today, Kenny is the CEO of his business, Carr Construction in Portland, OR. In 1998, Kenny was inducted into the DeMatha Hall of Fame.

Even with all of his success throughout the years, Kenny continued to give back to DeMatha.

"I took the values of hard work and perseverance with me to NC State, the NBA and now my business," Kenny said in a video message on Jan. 28. "When times get tough, I think back to those DeMatha days where I learned how to fight through the hard times."

"Morgan (Wootten) was both a father figure and my coach. He and DeMatha played a tremendous part in my development and I always appreciate the opportunity to give back to DeMatha."

So while we weren't able to celebrate in-person in 2020, the school community still recognized the importance of our Trinitarian heritage and saw how that heritage continues today with a DeMatha education. As we wait for normalcy to return, it was important to see how the link from the past to the present, continues to positively impact the school every day.

Rodney McLeod '08: Excelling On and Off the Field

Underdog. Competitor. Super Bowl Champion. Entrepreneur. Philanthropist.

These are just a few words that describe Philadelphia Eagles safety Rodney McLeod '08. After excelling on the field for DeMatha and a stellar collegiate career with the University of Virginia, Rodney went undrafted in 2012 but signed a three-year deal with the St. Louis Rams. Though talent, hard work and determination, Rodney is now a nine-year NFL veteran with career numbers of 535 tackles, 14 interceptions, 11 forced fumbles, 10 fumble recoveries, and two defensive touchdowns.

"You'll face obstacles on the road to success and I've always approached them with the right mindset that's allowed me to persevere," Rodney said at his DeMatha Zoom Hour event in January. "I was devastated when I wasn't drafted. But an opportunity was given to me and I knew I wasn't going to let it slip away."

In addition to the support of his family, friends and coaches for his professional success, Rodney credits his agent Tony Paige '80, a nine-year NFL veteran himself. Tony got Rodney an opportunity before the draft in 2012 to play cornerback in the East-West Shrine Game, which had been the first time he played the position since his freshman year of college. Rodney said he appreciates how much faith Tony has had in him as a client.

"He's walked me through every phase of my NFL career. He's seen my highs and lows, and he's always there when I need him," Rodney said. "Tony's been a phenomenal agent. But I also look to him as family, a father figure and a mentor."

Tony responded in the Zoom session and credited Rodney's high football IQ and work ethic for his continued professional success.

"It doesn't matter that you get to the NFL," Tony said. "What matters is what you do WHEN you get there."

One thing Rodney and Tony placed an emphasis on was his commitment to community service, which Rodney said was instilled in him growing up by his parents and the Church.

The Rodney McLeod Foundation and Change Our Future (a non-profit he co-founded with his wife Erika) have raised money for cancer research, food drives, healthcare and voter registration campaigns, and implementing STEM programs for children in Prince George's County, just to name a few. Last December, Rodney's foundation coordinated a Food Drive on the DeMatha campus where the



"When I think of DeMatha, I think of the brotherhood. I know that any time I can extend my hand out to a DM brother, we're always there for each other."

The Rodney McLeod '08 Scholarship Fund at DeMatha benefits members of the football program who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Please consider giving online at www.dematha.org

school's football program helped distribute 1,400 boxes of food for families in need during the Christmas holiday.

"I advised Rodney when he entered the league to go up to the team's PR department on his off day and let them know he'll go to a hospital to see sick kids or volunteer at the Salvation Army," Tony said.

"He went up there and did it. Even though he wasn't getting paid, he was building a brand and reputation for being a man that cares about others. I'm proud of that more than anything."

This past season, Rodney was the Philadelphia Eagles' nominee for the prestigious Walter Payton Player-of-the-Year award for his charitable work.

"My work comes from a good place, with the understanding that if everybody gives a little and puts forth effort to help someone else, it shows how much better this world can be."

During the Zoom event, Head Coach Bill McGreggor also acknowledged current NFL assistant coach Dennard Wilson '00, as someone who looked out for Rodney when he first started his NFL career with the Rams.

Unfortunately, Rodney tore his ACL in a December matchup against the New Orleans Saints, which prematurely ended his season. Though the road back will be difficult, Rodney is embracing the latest obstacle that he needs to conquer.

He credits DeMatha for helping him get to where he is today, to make an impact on the football field, and even more importantly to his community.

"I owe DeMatha everything," Rodney said. "For teaching me and molding me from a boy to a man. When I think of DeMatha, I think of the brotherhood. I know that any time I can extend my hand out to a DM brother, we're always there for each other."



Jordan Hawkins was named a *Sports Illustrated All-American Candidate* for boys' basketball earlier this year.

DeMatha, like most other schools around the world, had its athletic seasons completely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to surging case numbers in the fall, sports such as football and soccer have been tentatively pushed to March and April for shortened campaigns. Most of our spring sports programs will play abbreviated seasons in May and June. We hope to share the results of these teams in the summer issue of the *Red and Blue Review*.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team competed in two races at Academy of the Holy Cross last fall and finished first in both meet against several other WCAC schools. In the second of these two races, sophomore Jayden Keels finished first overall with a time of 17 minutes and 48 seconds, junior **Dawson Grogan** finished third at 18:07, freshman **Sayid Shakur** finished fourth at 18:36, senior **Gavin Foran** finished fifth at 18:45, and sophomore **Nick Sims** was seventh at 18:47.

TRACK

The indoor track and field team had a strong showing earlier this year at The Virginia Showcase as the relay team of juniors **Dawson Grogan**, **Malcolm Beckford** and **Sage Phillips**, and freshman **James Long** finished first in the SMR Relay. Additionally, the relay team of Grogan, Phillips, Long and sophomore **Daniel Blagooee** finished third in the 4x400m relay. Blagooee was also ranked as Maryland's No. 1 in the boys 600m race at the East Coast Invite earlier this year.



The prep hockey team finished its abbreviated season with a 4-1 record, which includes wins over St. John's and the Howard and Montgomery County U18 AA teams.

BASKETBALL

The varsity basketball team completed an abbreviated season with an undefeated record of 12-0, culminating with a thrilling 109-107 overtime victory over Paul VI in February. The program has ranked in the top 5 nationally and even the No. 1 ranked high school team in the country in several national polls. The squad was led this year by seniors **Jordan Hawkins** and **Elijah Hawkins**, and juniors **Rodney Rice** and **Tyrell Ward**.



Here's the 75th Anniversary patch that all of DeMatha's athletics teams will wear during this special year.



These 2021 football signees gathered together for this brief photo after the physically distanced signing day ceremony in the Antler Room in December. From left: **Colin Mobley** (USC), **Sieh Bangura** (Ohio), **Adrian Hawkins** (Monmouth), **Antoine Booth** (Michigan State), **Davin Dzidzienyo** (William & Mary), **Jaden Bradley** (Pittsburgh), **Greg Penn** (LSU), **Jamal Hines** (Howard), **Darius Fox** (Howard), and **Ethan Gough** (Maryland).



Seniors **Joe Harris** and **Robert Jones** (not pictured) signed their Letters of Intent in February, as part of National Signing Day, to play football at Millersville (PA) and Howard University, respectively.

COMMITTEMENTS

Lacrosse

- Senior **Ryan Evans** – Grove City College
- Senior **Jordan Galloway** – UMBC
- Senior **Brandon Gomez** – Roanoke
- Senior **Diego Markie** – Virginia Military Institute
- Senior **Ben McKelvy** – Rutgers
- Senior **Ryan Morrison** – UMBC
- Senior **Riordan Muldoon** – Hood College
- Junior **Dylan Hendrix** – UMBC

Baseball

- Senior **Coleman Calabrese** – James Madison
- Senior **Keith Savoy** - Georgetown

OTHER NOTABLE SPORTS NEWS

Senior **Darius Fox** was selected as a 2020 Great American Rivalry Series Scholar Athlete.

Seniors **Dakota Eierman** and **Ben McKelvy** represented DeMatha Lacrosse in the All-American championship earlier this year in Virginia Beach. They won 6-5 in overtime against a talented Philadelphia squad.

Senior **Ethan Gough** was invited to play late last year in the Blue/Grey All-American Bowl at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX.

Junior **Zilan Williams** won the 'Fastest Man' and 'Top 40 Time' awards at the VTO All-American Challenge earlier this year.

Sophomores **Nick Sims** and **Graham Parker** played in the All-Star game at the Five Start Elite Lacrosse Classic at the IMG Academy in Florida last December.

Assistant Baseball Coach **Mike Toomey** received a Career Recognition Award by The Mid-Atlantic Scouts Association (MASA) and was honored at the organization's luncheon in November. Mike is a former longtime baseball scout.

'60s

Michael Mewshaw '61 wrote a book review in *The Washington Post* in January on the late author Graham Greene. The review gave a glimpse into the relationship Mewshaw had with the famed writer.

Bill Humbert '67, a professional speaker and recruiting consultant, presented virtually in November to the 2020 Iowa State Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference on how companies should recruit and retain top talent.

James Brown '69, broadcaster for CBS, hosted his record 10th Super Bowl this past February. He was also featured on the cover of the latest issue of *Watch Magazine*.

'70s

Jimmy Kenny '71 was elected in December as the Provincial Grand Knight for The Knights of St. Columbanus in Ireland. This highly important position covers most of the Ulster counties. The Knights of St. Columbanus is the Irish equivalent of the Knights of Columbus in the United States.

Michael Mattia '72 released his book *Cobra Kingdom* in December.

Thomas Pheasant '72, a renowned interior designer, was featured with his work on the website 'Period Homes Digital' in November. He was also quoted in *The Washington Post* in January on redecorating the Blair House for the incoming Vice President and her family.



Several 1968 grads gathered at DeMatha in October for a physically distanced reunion.



George Wilson '65, pictured here on campus in November, was a member of the famed 1965 basketball team that defeated Power Memorial. To George's right are several artifacts from the game, including a plaque and ball that are also in the Basketball Hall of Fame. The ball has the names of players and coaches on the DeMatha squad.

Matt Powers '77 participated in the Virtual Marine Corps Marathon in October and ran the 10K, full marathon AND 50K options. He received the Marathon Corps Trifecta Coin as a memento.

Stephen Bradford '78 is working as an Estimator/Project Manager at Blacktail Drywall.

CMSgt John Farrell '78 USAF (Ret) was named in November as the new Chief Operating Office (COO) of the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS).

Dr. Thomas Hibbs '78 announced in January that he would be stepping down in June as President of the University of Dallas, while remaining on as President Emeritus.



Derek Whittenburg '79 in the Kilby Alumni Lounge in February holding up a pic of another legendary Stag, **Victor Oladipo '10**.

James Joyner '78 left *The Baltimore Sun* earlier this year as a content editor and is now working as Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Paul Sciannella '79 recently celebrated 30 years of service as a Senior Information Security Analyst at the Federal Reserve.

In addition, Tim was also the Treasury Department liaison to the Federal Reserve on Custody Controls Principles and Standards.

Joseph Vignali '80 is working as an Associate with Strategic Insight, Ltd.

Mike Poole '85 served as the Officiant for his son Evan's wedding in November in Roanoke, VA. Also in attendance that day was fellow Stag, **Mike Thomas '86**.

Rob Craig-Gray '86 is currently serving his 23rd year in the U.S. Air Force and as the Command, Chief Flight Surgeon for HQ PACAF, which is responsible for the aeromedical care and operational and preventive medical care for all of USAF forces stationed in the Pacific.

'80s

Tim Miller '80 retired in January from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Several things he oversaw during this time there included: the destruction of unfit U.S. Banknotes throughout the U.S., Internal and external financial reviews, and upgrades to the financial and payroll systems.

'90s

Greg Steed '86 served as the Back Judge for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers-Los Angeles Rams game in November, which was a historic event that had the first ever All-Black Officiating Crew. He was also a guest on the DeMatha Zoom Hour series in February.

Mark Smith '87 was featured in February on the 'Joe Rogan Experience' podcast where he shared what it's like to be a fighter pilot.

Jason Bishop '88, co-host of WJFK's "The Sports Junkies", was interviewed in January on the 'Step 2 The Mic' podcast, which includes **Deno Campbell '81**, **Andre Jones '87** and **Ted Jeffries '88** as hosts.

Daniel De Weldon '89 is starring in the new film 'Weekend Warriors'. It is expected to be released in April.

Dr. Ray Solano '90, a chiropractor and sports physician, was featured in January on Telemundo 44 about his work with Olympic athletes. To date, Dr. Solano has worked with 12 Olympic athletes that have competed in the summer and winter games.

David DeArmas '91 was named in December as the new Director of Athletics at Fredericksburg Christian School.

Freddy Anzures '94 was promoted in December to Head of Imagination at Caffeine.

Marcus Matthews '94, Head of Social Media Content for ESPN's *The Undeclared*, was highlighted by 'Black Sports Professionals DC' in February.



Kevin Shea '72 is serving as the Acting Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture. It's a tremendous honor for Kevin who has had a long, rewarding career with the USDA. Kevin is the father of **Brendan Shea '00**, DeMatha's Director of Mission Advancement.



Dr. Paul Pin '74 wearing his DeMatha mask while on duty as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Matthew Bickel '95, faculty member at DeMatha, previously played in the Prism Brass Quintet for 10 years and the group released a CD in 2002. That CD 'Christmas Collage' is now available to listen to on Spotify.

Dave Kolesar '95, Senior Broadcast Engineer for Hubbard Broadcasting (which includes DC's WTOP), was named in November as the Chapter Engineer of the Year (Washington, DC, Chapter 37).

Michael Dixon '96 and his wife celebrated the birth of their son Noah Ryan in December. Noah

is also the nephew of **Todd Dixon '98**.

Chris Underwood '97 was featured in *The Washington Post* in November on how Greater Washington area families set up household Christmas decorations early to offset the gloom of the pandemic

Ian Callendar '99 and his new food and drink establishment at the Navy Yard in DC called 'Sandlot Southeast' was featured in November's issues of *Eater: Washington DC*.



Pictured here is **Malcolm Wiley '87** of the U.S. Secret Service in December. Malcolm is one of several alums who have worked in the Secret Service with honor and distinction.

'00s

Steve Claggett '00 was named in November a 2020-2021 White House Fellow. A very prestigious honor.

Dennard Wilson '00 was hired in February as the new secondary coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. He'll reunite with Eagles safety **Rodney McLeod '08** since they first worked with each other when Rodney was a rookie with the St. Louis Rams.

Kenny Beaver '02 was named in November the Interim Chief Development Officer for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland.

Seamus Hughes '02, Deputy Director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University, was interviewed on 'CBS Sunday Morning' regarding the heightened security around the Inauguration in January and wrote a piece in *The Washington Post* in January

regarding the Insurrection at the US Capitol building. Seamus was also a guest of the DeMatha Zoom Hour series in November.

Garrett Jackson '02 released the music video for his song 'Letter to a Nation' in December. The song is about coping with anger, grief and tragedy, while opening the door to hope and healing.

Quinn Ojinnaka '02, a champion wrestler with Impact Wrestling who goes by the alias "Moose", was featured in *The Miami Herald* in January about his professional wrestling career.

Keegan Wilkinson '02, head men's lacrosse coach at Marist College, presented at the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMLCA) Virtual Convention in December.

Nick Kutchi, PE, LC ('03), one of CFR Engineering's Electrical Group Leaders and Certified Lighting Designers, visited The Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and



Xavier Redd '82 and **Markelle Fultz '16** met up for a picture before Fultz's Orlando Magic faced the Washington Wizards in December. Unfortunately, Markelle tore his ACL in January after he was averaging a career high in points and assists this season. However, Markelle is already rehabbing the injury and thanks the DeMatha community for the support he has received.

Glacier National Parks late last year. Nick has self-published a portfolio photography book he titled 'The Art of Nature'.

Corey Sobel's ('03) recently released novel *The Redshirt* was featured late last year on NPR's Best Books Concierge for 2020.

Paul Rabil '04, founder of the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) announced in December that the PLL's competitor Major League Lacrosse would be merging with the PLL for upcoming seasons. The new league will keep the PLL name.

Victor Policarpio '05 is working for Peraton as a Senior Acquisitions Manager.

Leonard Wright '05 is the Network and Systems Coordinator of the Center Moriches School District and both the Head Varsity Football and Track Coach for Center Moriches High School.

Matt Miller '08 is now a Branch Manager with AnnieMac Home Mortgage.

TJ Harris '09 was recently promoted to Program Manager at Smartlink Group.

Aaron Jacobson '09 recently started a new job as a Mortgage Loan Officer with AnnieMa Home Mortgage.

Cody Pearson '09 is working as a Sales Executive with Capelli Sport in NYC.

Derrick Banks '10 was recently promoted to Talent Manager at Chugach Government Solutions, LLC.

Jerian Grant '10 signed a contract in December with the Promitheas Patras basketball team in Greece and is playing alongside his brother **Jerai '07**.

'10s

Victor Oladipo '10 was traded to the Houston Rockets in January after four seasons with the Indiana Pacers. He is now also part of the ownership group for the New Zealand Breakers of the National Basketball League

Mike Washington '10 is working as a Product Line Manager - Apparel with PUMA Group.

Peter Collins '11 is now the Director of Development at Lindenwood University in St. Louis, MO.

Matthew '11 and **Joshua**



Jerry Mazurowski '88 owns Neo Pizza in Columbia, MD. Make sure to check it out!



Bob Thomas '84 saw **John Jowers '01** in November for his physical therapy sessions following his shoulder replacement surgery. We are glad to report that Bob is well on the road to recovery!

'15 Maxwell have their own music label 'Family First Music Group' and released the label's first project, Joshua's album 'Resolutions', in November.

Mason Carmel '12 ran the successful Elite Invitational Junior Golf Championship in November, which is a 54-hole junior golf championship in Hilton Head Island, SC. Mason is the Tournament's Director and Founder.

Chris Chiedi '12 was recently promoted to Sales Executive at Vari.

Jerami Grant '12 signed a three-year contract with the Detroit Pistons last year and is having a career season where he is currently averaging 23.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and three assists per game.

Matt Fitzsimmons '13 completed his Masters of Music degree at Southern Methodist University in the Spring of 2019 and won a

national audition for a position as a trumpeter with the U.S. Navy Fleet Band in November of 2019. He has been stationed with the Navy Band Southwest in San Diego, CA, since January.

Jacori Hayes '13 re-signed a new contract in February with MLS' Minnesota United FC.

Chris Odoi-Atsem '13 re-signed with MLS' D.C. United in January on a two-year contract. Chris was a guest on the DeMatha Zoom Hour series in February.

DaeSean Timmons '13 was recently promoted to Technical Product Manager (Digital Technology Leadership Program 2nd Rotation) at GE.

John Boyd '14 is working as Business Development S2 Local Government and Education with AT&T.

Louis Jackson '14 is an Associate with Blackpeak, an international investigative research and advisory firm

Justin Morrison '14 graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in May 2019 with his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and is working with BNSF Railway in the Chicago area as a Project Engineer.

Robel Alem '15 is working at Emagine IT, Inc. as an application assessor.

Joe Graham '15 is working as a Junior Intelligence Analyst at General Dynamics Information Technology.

Ryan McFadden '15, currently a grad student at the University of Maryland, was named to the Sports Journalism Institute's Class of 2021.



Joseph Gardella '96, owner of Joe Benny's in Baltimore, offered 'The Big Woo' and 'Lean and Mean' specials earlier this year to benefit the Morgan Wootten and John Moylan Scholarship Funds, respectively, at DeMatha. Joe Benny's was also ranked the 'Best Italian Restaurant in the state of Maryland', according to Yelp, earlier this year. Joseph was a guest on the DeMatha Zoom Hour series in November.



CPT Jack Sabin '10 and CPT Peter Chorbajian '07 ran into each other in November while on deployment with the U.S. Army in Africa.

Pittsburgh Steelers, donated a transportation van in November to the Devon Thomas McNeal Foundation & Coach K Mentoring Program. McNeal was an 11-year-old killed by a stray bullet at an anti-violence cookout on July 4, 2020 in Southeast DC. The story was featured on WAMU 88.5 FM, Washington DC's NPR station.

Keith Dukes '18 was named a captain for the UMBC men's lacrosse team as a junior.

Justin Gielen '18 was named a Fall Academic All-Big Ten Honoree as a part of the University of Maryland men's soccer team.

James Keith '18 is working as an Information Technology Intern with Safeguard Medical in Greenville, SC.

Eric Najarian '19, came off the bench for the University of Maryland football team in December to throw for 224 yards and two touchdowns in a

Emmanuel Montesa '15 is working as an Independent Consultant on Social Welfare Policy.

Tim Patterson '15 is now an Analyst, Asset Management at Bank OZK in Charlotte.

Ryan Sneddon '15 is the editor of 'The Naptown Scoop', an informative email that is sent several times a week with "everything you need to know about Annapolis." It's touted as "local news with personality."

Nate Darling '16 signed a two-way deal with the Charlotte Hornets following the NBA Draft in November.

Matthew Scott '16, son of Stag Store Manager Jeane Scott, graduated from Towson University in December. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies with a Japanese concentration.

Zachary Taylor '16 is working for Horizon Land Company as a Financial Analyst.

DJ Turner '16 officially declared for the 2021 NFL Draft in December. DJ led the University of Pittsburgh this season with 44 receptions for

634 yards and three touchdowns.

Grant Donaldson '17 will be a United States Air Force Pilot when he graduates in May as a second lieutenant.

Beau English '17 earned a scholarship in December to

the University of Richmond Law School. Beau is also the quarterback for the school's football team and has two years of eligibility remaining with the Spiders.

Anthony McFarland Jr. '17, running back for the



*Several Stags were in attendance in November for the wedding of **Nathaniel LeQuang '13** and his wife Molly Alongi. (From Left to Right: **Ty Kane '19**, **Tommy Kane '17**, **Nicho LeQuang '10**, **Mason Sutton '13**, **Nathaniel Kane '86**, **DM Board Member**). **Fr. Damian** officiated the wedding*



Dan Reading '15 and **Ryan Parker '15**, DM rugby teammates, served in Washington, DC, leading up to the Inauguration in January. Dan was stationed at the Senate Building with the Maryland National Guard, and Ryan at the Capitol Building with the Capitol Police. DeMatha Athletic Trainer Ms. Adrienne Faircloth was stationed at the Capitol Building with the Virginia National Guard.

near-comeback effort against Rutgers. Eric walked-on as quarterback for the Terps and his great story was featured in many publications.

Nick Cross '19, safety for the University of Maryland football team, was featured in *The Baltimore Sun* in November on his stellar play since becoming a starter last year.

DeMarcco Hellams '19 started at safety for the University of Alabama football team and had four tackles in the Crimson Tide's College Football National Championship win over Ohio State in January.

Justin Moore '19, guard for the Villanova University men's basketball team, is having a strong start to the season as he is averaging 13.4 points, 4.5

rebounds and 3.1 assists per game for the Wildcats.

Jahmir Young '19, guard for the Charlotte University men's basketball team, was named the Conference USA Player-of-the-Week in February for the third time this season. Jahmir is averaging 18.4 points, 4.9 rebounds and over 2.6 assists per game this season.

'20s

Hunter Dickinson '20 is having an impressive start to his freshmen season as center for the University of Michigan men's basketball team. He is currently averaging 14.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per



Mark Simmons '13 is a member of the 756th Air Refueling Squadron out of Joint Base Andrews. He works as an in-flight refueling specialist (AKA "Boo Operator") on a KC-135 aircraft.

game, been named several times as Big Ten Freshmen-of-the-Week and was named in February among the Top 20 late season finalists for the prestigious John R. Wooden Award.

Oslyn Mejia Gomez '20 was featured in an Eastern Mennonite University article late last year that detailed how he adjusted to his freshman year by taking business classes as well as playing on the school's soccer team.

Joey Graham '20 finished in second place in November in the 2020 HJGT Pinehurst Fall Junior Open carding rounds of 72-76. Joey is currently playing for Virginia Union University golf team.

Ben Taylor '20 committed in September to attend and play football at Amherst College in Massachusetts in the Fall of 2021. Ben is currently doing a post-graduate year at Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut.



Chase Young '17, pictured here at the NFL Honors ceremony in February, was named the Pro Football Writers Association Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year after having 7.5 sacks, 44 tackles, 12 quarterback hits, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and a fumble TD return for the Washington Football Team.

IN  MEMORIAM



Jose Luis Aguilar '84

James Aldridge Jr., father of David '83 (DeMatha Board Member)

Doris Anderson, grandmother of Preston '19 and current senior Trent Moltz

Albert Anuszewski, father of Minister Provincial and Chairman of the Board of Members, Fr. Albert Anuszewski, O.S.S.T., and uncle of faculty member Fr. Damian Anuszewski, O.S.S.T.

John Austin '62. John is a member of the DeMatha Hall of Fame

Warren Auth, father of Travis '06

Robert James Ballantyne Jr. '50, father of Robert James III '78 and Michael '80, uncle of Kevin Smith '80 and great uncle of James Chase '98

Steven Behun, son of Jack. Jack's brother is James '75

Patty Berard, mother of Russell '99. Numerous other DM connections

Tom Berry, father of Tom '10

Philip Brannan, father of Danny (former football and lacrosse coach); father-in-law of Sean Keehn '83; grandfather of Ryan Keehn '09, Zach Brannan '14 and Josh Brannan '18

Raymond (Smokey) Briscoe, father of Tre '18

Mildred Carroll, mother-in-law of staff member April. Numerous other DeMatha connections

Donato Casarella, father of Joe, former DeMatha student, and Stephen '05

Barbara Casterline, mother of Arnold '88

Ernesto D'Avella, grandfather of Nicholas '19

Bettie Jean Davis, aunt of Mrs. Semedra Fields, great aunt to seniors Chase and Harrison Fields

Clyde Davis, father of Clyde Jr. '93 and grandfather of Clyde III '14

Gregg Davis, father of Michael '04 and Christopher '06

William Davis, father of Ryan '11

Mary Ellen (Gladmon) DeSarno, aunt of Brian Sheahan '80 (DeMatha Board Member). Mary Ellen taught numerous DeMatha students in the late 60's and early 70's at St. Mark's in Hyattsville

Jeyakody Edward, father of Sujevy '93

Msgr. Joseph Ferraro '58, retired USN Chaplain

Antoinette (Nina) Fleri, mother of Nino '82, grandmother of Salvatore (Sammy) '14, and great aunt of Joseph Gardella '96 and staff member Ben Fleri '11

Verla Fullerton, grandmother of Shane '08 and Brian '19 Connolly, mother-in-law of Kevin Connolly '78

Cathy Mecca Gallagher, sister of William Mecca '74 and Michael Mecca '84

Charles Garrett '76, brother of Steve '69 and Mickey '73

Chris Granger, father of Rob '03

Kristine Gorman-Wood, wife of Steven '87

Thomas Hagan '69, brother of Tim '71 and Danny '77

Dr. Gilbert Hoffman, father of Gilbert '80

Shervell Jackson, father of Tyrone '87 and grandfather of current senior Quentin

Ronnell James, brother-in-law of Andre Jones '87

Cliff Johnson '08, brother of Daniel '04

Brenda Joyce Johnson, grandmother of current sophomore Anthony Miller

Benito Juarez, father of former faculty member Janet Goodwin

Charles (Nick) Kalcounos, father of Andy '93

Patrick Kelly, father of Sean '78 and Patrick '82

Dale Long '81

Elizabeth Lopresti, grandmother of Vincent Henchcliffe '05

Orlando (Sonny) Lowe '89, brother of Jon Kennedy '78 (dec.) and Karl Kennedy '84

George McKeithan, father of Rich '81

Jim Mellett, brother of Ken (DeMatha Board Member) and uncle of Coleman '92 (dec.)

Mike Miller, longtime MD state senator and President of the Maryland Senate. Friend of DeMatha

Fr. Thomas Morris, O.S.S.T., former staff member at DeMatha

John Moylan, father of Kevin '75, Timothy '81 and Patrick '85. Grandfather of Christopher '10, Nicholas '12 and Jack '16.

Longtime Principal of DeMatha Catholic High School

George Daniel Murphy Jr., father of George Danny '99 and Mark '02

Jim Nader, father of Larry '73 and Pat '79, grandfather of Jason '98 and Matt '02

Gary Newberry, father of Kenny '07

John Novelli '54

Melvin Page, father of Tommy '77

Andrew Gus Pappas Sr, father of Andy '79, Tommy '80 (dec.), Jim '85, and Bill '88. Grandfather of Steven Friedman '03 and former DM student Tommy Pappas

Ruby (Jean) Perkins, mother of Bryce Bevell '90

Anna Rita Pooley, aunt of Sheila Sullivan Newsom and a long-time supporter of DeMatha

Judy Ponton, grandmother of Bryan Dugan '22, mother-in-law of Joe Dugan '90. Aunt of Tom Ponton '78

Maria Pycha, mother of Michael '86 and Steven '88

James Schaffer, grandfather of Colin '22, and father-in-law to Christian Mester '90

Lisa Senseney, sister of Ed '77

Mary Lou Smith, mother of Kevin '80, grandmother of James Chase '98, sister of Robert Ballantyne '50 (dec.), and aunt of Robert Ballantyne '78, Michael Ballantyne '80, and Gurney Thompson '76. Mary Lou was a cafeteria worker at DeMatha in the late 1970s

Kenneth Turner, brother in law of William Kennedy '64 and uncle of Michael '89 and Timothy '94 Jones

Mariam Webster, mother of Wayne '89

Tim Whitfield '77

Jim Wilberding '61, brother-in-law of John McDonough '56 (dec.) and great uncle to Danny '09 and Joey '12 Peacock

James Williamson '72

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