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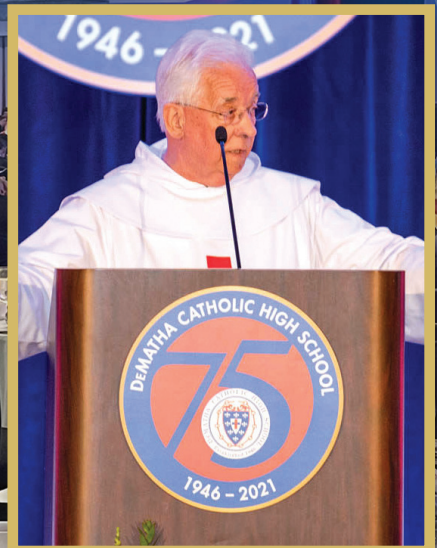
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

The gift of Catholic Education in the lives of many thousands of people every day is one that touches all of us. There are moments connected with academic pursuits which deserve recognition, and one of those is graduating from high school. In particular, I would like to reflect on the DeMatha commencement for the Class of 2022 June 3, 2022.

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to use the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the past two years. However, with the reduction of covid cases, the Basilica once again welcomed us, and it was a glorious recognition of the senior class, their families and our faculty and staff. With the music provided by our talented musicians and vocalists, we gathered, we sang, we prayed and we witnessed the joy in the faces of our graduates as they walked across the sanctuary and received their diploma as an alumnus of DeMatha Catholic High School. The happiness and pride were visible on the faces of all in attendance.

The time spent together at DeMatha does more than shape the mind and prepare them for future careers. It also touches our souls and hearts. One of members of the Class of 2022 had a family tragedy two weeks before his graduation, and at the ceremony within the Basilica, when his name was called and he began to walk across the sanctuary to receive his diploma, the entire faculty and staff stood to applaud him, and then the Class of 2022 and congregation did the same. I saw the look in the eyes of this new alumnus, and I know that visible presentation of brotherhood touched him and many of us.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help us sustain and develop the programs and atmosphere of DeMatha. We are blessed to be together for these 75 Diamond years.



Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T.
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The DeMatha community celebrating Mass together on St. John DeMatha Day which was held this year in March due to Covid concerns in December.

The Valois Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed new members this year. Students apply for membership based on the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Students must continue to maintain their academic standing and perform service, including peer tutoring and volunteering at DeMatha and in their community. Rising senior members include **Joel Ayers, Nicholas Sims, Michael Celestine, Darius Vance, Tysun Claggett, Gavin Diedrick, Andrew Foreman, Luke Foreman, Christian Garcia, Jarrod Ghatt, Cole Gilbert, Michael Gloekler, Luke Hackett, Patton Jeffords, Owen Kramer, Maximo Legaspi, Peter Macyko, Jack McKee, Michael Metz, Graham Parker, Ian Parsons, James Peters, Nicholas Price, Matthew Ritter, Trent Robinson-Brooks, and Alex Sandel.** Rising junior members include **Hayden Belt, Kelvin Blake, Declan Devilbiss, Tommy Dietrich, Jayden Duran, Matthew Franco, Anthony Lukban, Evan Michel, Osemeke Otule, Daren Pefok, Michael Pozdol, Andrew Ross, Harry Rothmann, and Joshua Simmons.**

SGA Elections for the 2022-23 school year were held in May. Congratulations to everyone who put together some fantastic campaigns! **Michael Metz** was elected President, **Nick Sims** as Vice President, **Michael Celestine** as Treasurer, **Lawrent Chinhakwe** as Secretary, and **Chase Pearson** as Sergeant at Arms. The Senior Class Representatives are **Jake Hu, Edward Cimerman, Sam Cockrell, Jarod Ghatt, and Chris Czado.** The Junior Class Representatives are **Davis Dedner, Ryan Ricker, Daren Pefok, and Joshua Simmons.** The Sophomore Class Representatives are **Jackson Ross, Landon McKelvy, Hayden Walsh, and Matthew Beachley.**

Under the direction of **Mr. Cory Puffett '10**, we brought back *The Stagline* in an online format and had students publishing articles on a regular basis since last October.

DeMatha was able to return to hosting the Academic Awards Night! Congratulations to all the students who participated in and won awards for their accomplishments in academics, extracurriculars, and service.



Tim Taylor '22 received the Damien James Shea Award which is awarded to a select student or students who have had to overcome personal obstacles in order to focus on their studies. The award was presented by Damien's mother, Mrs. Carolyn James.



Special guest David Schwengel dropped off several artifacts that will be displayed in the school's library in August. Pictured is **Mr. Mike Ayala '04** and **Mr. Damon Austin** posing with David and the artifacts.

“A central characteristic of a DeMatha man is to leave any place he goes better than it was when he got there.”

– Dr. Daniel McMahan '76

On May 26 more than 420 members of the DeMatha community and assorted friends gathered at a University of Maryland ballroom to celebrate 75 years of history. The evening featured music, video presentations and talks. It was filled with a marvelous spirit and so much enthusiasm.

I was fortunate to be joined not only by my wife Donna, but by my parents--who sent me to DeMatha in the first place; all of our children (one son a graduate of DeMatha and both sons-in-law DeMatha grads) and my sister and brother-in-law who sent their son to DeMatha. That microcosm of family support was enacted over and over in countless interactions. I was struck not only by the myriad connections that people associated with DeMatha display but with the ease that flowed in conversation between our current students who acted as greeters and alumni dating back to the 1950s.

In other places I have mentioned that if a DeMatha student from 1947 was dropped down in 2022 he would recognize the same school--and vice versa. Though buildings change along with the schedule and the course offerings, those are merely physical and strategic ways of enacting the mission. While strategy changes, the mission and the core values don't. So the DeMatha student of any era is able to recognize the school through the people who influenced his life by developing relationships, instilling values and responsibility, and caring for his growth.

A central characteristic of a DeMatha man is to leave any place he goes better than it was when he got there. This ability to look forward in optimism, to want what is best for another generation, to be willing to support a generation that you may never meet forms a large part of DeMatha's remarkable success.

My thanks to those who gave me the opportunity to have a DeMatha education and to all of those committed to giving succeeding generations a DeMatha education. We change the world. One DeMatha.



Daniel J. McMahan, Ph.D. '76

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The 2022-2023 Student Government members with coordinators **Ms. Sarah Stockton** and **Mr. Jamie O'Connor '90**.

The DeMatha Leadership Institute (DMLI) returned this summer! DMLI is a four-day long leadership program for rising juniors. This year included the class of 2023 and 2024 due to not being able to offer it last year. Around 30 students are selected each year, and the young men who participated this year worked on developing leadership skills, participating in challenging group activities, and planning and working on Christian Service projects. This year, alongside guest speakers and workshops, the DMLI also offered service to Bread for the City, Food and Friends, Martha's Table, and Age in Place. Thank you to everyone who

participated. A special thank you to **Mr. John McConnell** and **Mr. Kelly Lama** for hosting, **Ms. Sarah Stockton** for moderating, and **Mr. Andrew Travers '11** and **Ms. Erin Bright** for assisting with the service projects.

The DeMatha Players continued their success under the leadership of **Mr. Keith Rafferty** by putting on a theater show that was both streamed & held with an in-person audience, *A Servant of Two Masters*, and a musical that involved dancing and difficult Sondheim music which was held in front of a live audience, *The Frogs*.



Amico House leaders **Mr. Vaughn Holsey** and **Mr. Cory Puffett '10** holding the House Cup trophy for Amico House's win in this year's House Cup. Donovan House won the Strachan '94 Cup for Excellence in Service.



This summer, **Anne & Tony Fotos** visited campus. Behind them is the Fotos Arts Building, named after Tony in 2001. The building will come down this summer and the new Cross Center for Engineering, Arts & Robotics will be constructed on the spot. Tony will be honored in the new building.



Members and faculty of the DMLI after concluding their four-day program.



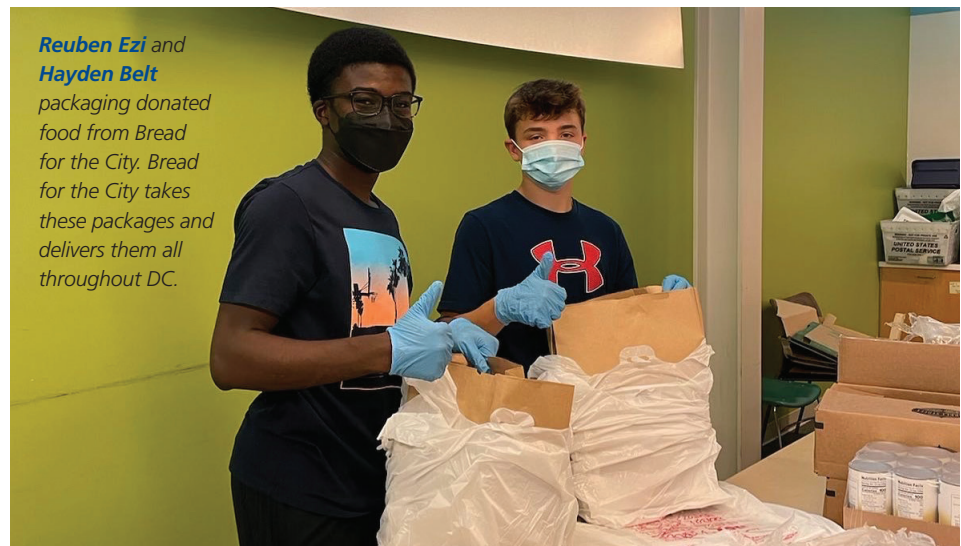
DMLI members **James Peters, Isaiah King, Anthony Lukban, Nolan Rascher, Andre Harley, and Yaphet Negussie** pose after a day of service in the community.

The Campus Ministry Office (CMO), led by **Ms. Erin Bright** and **Fr. Josh**, was very active in providing for the spiritual needs of the DeMatha Community.

During the Holy Season of Lent, the CMO hosted the annual Lenten Drive. This year was partnered with the JED Foundation to raise awareness about the importance of good mental health. Throughout Lent, they partnered with the Counseling Center to provide Mental Health Moments over the PA system to allow everyone to pause and do a mental health exercise.

In February, the Junior Retreat took place on DeMatha's Campus. The Juniors took time to pray and reflect on the importance of human dignity as a foundation of Catholic Social Thought. Juniors were divided into small groups to watch a documentary or film on the many ways in which human dignity is violated in our society. The topics that Juniors could choose from were Sanctity of Life, Racial InJustice, Human Trafficking, and Unjust Labor Practices. After the film, the students, along with a faculty moderator, took time to answer reflection questions and develop a personal action plan based on their newfound knowledge.

In April, the sophomores had their retreat on campus at DeMatha. The focus of their



Reuben Ezi and Hayden Belt packaging donated food from Bread for the City. Bread for the City takes these packages and delivers them all throughout DC.

retreat is Faith-filled Masculinity. We were happy to welcome back **Mr. Rich Macheski** to lead the guys through a prayerful reflection on Warrior Energy and how the true courage of a warrior is perfectly defined in the person of Jesus Christ. Through this lens, the sophomores also took time to reflect on what it means to be a DeMatha Man and a brother to his peers.

The members of the Campus Ministry Office also rolled out a new service hour app called MobileService. They assisted students with our new service hour app called MobileServe. This new APP will help

students keep track of their service hours more efficiently and allow the campus ministers to provide up-to-date service opportunities to our students. In short, this new APP is a game-changer for the school in terms of holding ourselves accountable to more intentionally living out the Trinitarian Mission of DeMatha.

Finally, **Fr. Josh** and **Mrs. Bright** assisted the Counseling Center with a lot of First Aid counseling. As a result, they will be undergoing additional training in this area to better assist our students in crisis situations.



Former faculty members **Mr. Doug Tschiffely** and **Mr. Joe Carroll** returned to campus to be recognized for their dedication to DeMatha at the faculty retreat. Pictured are the faculty and staff who were taught by either/both Doug or Joe during their time at DeMatha.

The following staff members were recognized by the school for 20 years of service. This group includes: **Ms. Sarah Stockton**, **Mr. Matt Revkin**, **Mr. Tony MacAulay**, **Ms. Anne Metz**, and **Ms. Virginia Mentz**. The 20-year faculty members will be highlighted in the fall issue of the Red & Blue Review.

Mr. Homer Twigg, a member of the Theology Department, was the recipient of the Father James Day Award from the Valois Chapter of the National Honor Society. He also won the Sterling Award in teaching Dante, awarded by the Dante Society of America.

Mr. Tom Krawczewicz '81 completed two book reviews for Solution Tree Press. One of the reviews was completed in August, 2021 on *Student Investment: Getting to the Good Stuff* and the second was in March of 2022 and the book was entitled: *30+ Strategies for Maximizing Movement and Cognitive Engagement in the Classroom*.

Mr. Jim Bradley completed the work for his law degree and will take the Bar Exam in July. Mr. Bradley has been a valued staff member for several years. He leaves us now and we wish him well in future endeavors.



After five years at DeMatha, we were sad to say goodbye to **Mr. Connor Glowacki**. Connor has been responsible for the Red & Blue Review, the news letters, social media, and many other aspects of DeMatha. Thank you for all you did, Connor! Connor is pictured here with staff member **Ms. Teresa Farrell**



The faculty members from left to right: **Ms. Sarah Stockton**, **Mr. Matt Revkin**, **Ms. Anne Metz** and **Mr. Tony MacAulay** who were recognized for 20 years at DeMatha (not pictured, **Ms. Virginia Mentz**).



Librarian **Mr. Damon Austin** presented at The American Library in Paris.

Mr. David Gang '05 received a Master's Degree in Applied and Computational Mathematics from Johns Hopkins University in December 2021.

Ms. Erin Bright was trained through the Case Method Institute at Harvard and implemented the case method style of learning into her AP Government class this year.

In January, Father Josh and Father Albert began a program of studies at Loyola University of Maryland. At the completion of the program they will earn a M.Ed. In Educational Leadership.

Faculty member **Mr. Homer Twigg** hosted the first Summer Chess Camp on campus. Twenty campers played chess, learned about tactics and traps, and participated in games like dodgeball. Special thank you to the coaches **Cole Rodia '22**, **Yaphet Negussie '23**, and **Leo Watson '24**.



This year, five members of the DeMatha community were honored for 25 years of service. From left to right: **Mr. Chris Benedick**, **Fr. James**, **Mr. Paul Davies**, **Mr. Kelly Lama**, and **Mr. Jim Turk**.

Farewell to Mrs. Virginia Mentz and Mr. Matt Revkin

With the conclusion of the school year, faculty member **Ms. Virginia Mentz** will retire after 20 years of service to DeMatha. Like many others, Ms. Mentz said that her time on Madison Street has flown by. When she began working at DeMatha in 2002, her oldest son (Tristan '03) was a senior at the school and her youngest son (Emil '06) was a freshman. But she knew that her stay on campus would continue past both of her sons' graduations.

Ms. Mentz attributes her tenure to a combination of getting to teach dynamic students, work with dedicated colleagues, and the flexibility to teach in her own way.

"I've had great department chairs who have given me the freedom to explore and teach science and math in different ways," Ms. Mentz said. "I just can't say enough about the people I've worked with at DeMatha and how they've encouraged me to be the teacher I needed to be."

Ms. Mentz had actually planned to retire at the end of the last school year, but with having little to no students actually in the classroom, having to teach through a computer screen, and having no way to build a rapport and relationship with her students, Ms. Mentz realized that wasn't the way she wanted to end her teaching career.



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While Ms. Mentz will miss the connections formed with her students and fellow faculty, we will miss her dedication and commitment to the DeMatha community, all the same.

After 20 years at DeMatha, faculty member **Mr. Matt Revkin** will transition to a position at The Bullis School where he will head their hockey program and build out their Business offerings.

While a list of Mr. Revkin's accomplishments and roles at DeMatha would span several pages, some highlights of his tenure here are as follows: Assistant Athletic Director, Business Department Chair (including revamping the whole curriculum), co-founded the Video Broadcast Journalism Course, master-minded our transportation schedule, and countless other roles. And while he wore many hats, his positive attitude was infectious in the community.

"One of the cool things about working here is no matter how you feel in the morning, as soon as you see your first group of students, you're ready to go," Mr. Revkin said. "It's a job, but being here is so much fun that it doesn't feel like just a job."

And while Mr. Revkin may be moving on from DeMatha, he reflected on how much of an impact DeMatha has made on his life.

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We are excited for this opportunity for Mr. Revkin and wish him the best of luck. He will be missed by the entire DeMatha community.



The seniors in the bands, orchestras, and choruses posing at the Williamsburg Heritage Music Festival.

After a year of adapting to online concerts and events, the music program was able to return to in-person concerts and performances this year, including the return of the music trip! This year, the bands, orchestras, and choruses traveled to Williamsburg, VA to participate in the Williamsburg Heritage Music Festival. Our instrumental and vocal groups received the following awards:

- Concert Band II - Gold/Superior Rating 1st place in Division 1A
- Concert Band - Gold/Superior Rating, 3rd place in Division 2A
- Symphonic Band - Gold/Superior Rating, 2nd place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)
- Wind Ensemble - Gold/Superior Rating, Adjudicator Award (92+ score), Highest Score for Band
- Percussion Ensemble II - Gold/Superior Rating, 2nd place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)
- Adv Percussion Ensemble - Gold/Superior Rating, 1st place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)
- Sinfonia - Gold/Superior Rating, Adjudicator Award (92+ score), Highest Score for Orchestra
- Voices of DeMatha - Gold/Superior Rating, 1st Place, Adjudicator Award (95+ score),

- DeMatha Harmonics - Silver/Excellent Rating
- Wind Ensemble/ Sinfonia - Instrumental Sweepstakes Award
- Wind Ensemble/Sinfonia/Voices of DeMatha- Sweepstakes Award (Highest combined scores) Outstanding Soloist Awards:
 - Leo Maring '22 - Violin
 - Chase Pearson '23 - Cello
 - Alpha Bangura '23 - Djembe
 - Christopher Toomer '23 - Alto Saxophone



Mr. Jim "Coach" Turk holds a trophy sent to DeMatha from Hawaii after the Voices of DeMatha participated in the 80th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Parade in December.



Mr. Jim Roper directing the Wind Ensemble for the last time at the University of Maryland this May.



Mr. James Roper, Dr. Michael Gatti, Mr. Carlos Castrillon '95, and Mr. Matthew Bickel '95 pose with Mr. John Mitchell at the reception following Mr. Jim Roper's final concert at DeMatha.

Mr. Jim Roper Retires After 40 Years at DeMatha



Mr. John Mitchell and Mr. Jim Roper showed off Gold Medals awarded in 1983!

After an incredible 40-year career teaching music at DeMatha, Director of Bands Mr. Jim Roper embarks on a well-earned retirement. Mr. Roper conducted the Wind Ensemble for the final time in May as part of the group's spring concert at the University of Maryland.

After graduating years ago from UMD, Mr. Roper first taught at Archbishop Carroll High School. But little did he know that the DeMatha connection would begin while he was still in college when he met DeMatha Director of Bands Emeritus, Mr. John Mitchell.

"(John) was good friends with the person whom I did my secondary level student teaching with," Mr. Roper said. "Since I didn't have a supervisor to observe me, I asked John if he would come over a few times during the year and watch me teach, and give me some feedback. I guess he was impressed because he later asked if I would be interested in coming to DeMatha. I interviewed with John Moylan, and the rest is history."

Mr. Roper said he had so many favorite memories during his time teaching at DeMatha that he couldn't narrow it down to just one. However, he and Mr. Mitchell often joked that they would write a book about their various Music Trip stories and experiences.

What made Mr. Roper stay at DeMatha for all of these years?

Well, unlike the hit Kenny Rogers song 'The Gambler,' Mr. Roper said he's never been someone who likes to gamble. While there could've been opportunities for him to leave and be in charge of another school's program, Mr. Roper believed that he already had everything he wanted on Madison Street.

"I can't think of another educational institution where everyone wants their programs to be the absolute best – and that includes the students, faculty and staff."

Faculty members Mr. Matthew Bickel '95 and Mr. Carlos Castrillon '95 prepare to take over the Instrumental Music department upon Mr. Roper's retirement. Mr. Roper said he's joked with his colleagues that they won't have to worry about him looking over their shoulders as he will have the moving van in his driveway on Graduation Day.



Mr. Jim Roper

But his advice is for them to simply be themselves.

"I think I tried to be John Mitchell the first year I took over for him, but was called out by one of the students – and that student was right," Mr. Roper said. "And don't be afraid to change. I know Matt and Carlos have been trying to do some things differently with how to send out information to our students, parents, and prospective incoming students. While this pandemic has been difficult, it did offer us a chance to change some of the things we normally do."

But Mr. Roper has no doubt that they will be able to lead the music program to even greater places.

"Those guys are outstanding musicians and educators. They will continue the tradition of excellence, and perhaps bring a younger, more youthful, approach to our students."

Mr. Roper and his wife Leslie, who is also retiring this year after a long career herself as a music educator, will be moving to a cabin in West Virginia this summer where they can enjoy some peace and quiet in the mountains. They are also planning to do some traveling, and visit their son Christian '08 and daughter Megan.

While Mr. Roper is looking forward to retirement, he is confident that the school's award-winning music program will continue to chug along.

"It is always difficult for the rising seniors to lose someone they've seen at the helm for many years. But I have no doubt that by the time December rolls around, they will probably say, 'Who is Mr. Roper?'"

All joking aside from Mr. Roper, the entire DeMatha community will miss his daily dedication and passion for the school that he displayed on campus for 40 years. But we wish him and his family well as he enjoys his restful retirement!

Therman Hawkins III

Reclaiming Tradition Through Leadership

In the spring of 2021, while classrooms hosted limited students in person, clubs met in online Google Classroom calls, and sports adapted to new rules and protocols, DeMatha held its annual Student Government Association (SGA) elections. Even with some uncertainty as to what the next school year would look like, one student, Therman Hawkins III, elected president of the SGA, was determined to give the DeMatha community a year that would not only solidify DeMatha traditions already established, but add more for the years to come.

When it was announced that DeMatha would be back in person at the start of the 2021-2022 school year, Therman was prepared to make an immediate impact for the student body.

“One of my biggest roles was unity and bringing everyone back together. This was my main goal when I was elected as the student body president and I already knew that a lot of students were not able to see their friends for a year and a half, so it was very important to start the year off strong with a bunch of events and opportunities for students to fellowship with each other and increase the brotherhood in the school,” Therman said.

And true to his word, Therman’s SGA hosted as many events as he was allowed to host in an unpredictable year with some restrictions still looming over it. Homecoming week, the student bonfire, senior week, and a never-before hosted winter spirit week were just a few of the successful events that students were able to participate in. As some traditions were able to be regained, such as the senior-faculty basketball game (at which the Convocation Center was packed), Therman was also determined to make an impact and legacy of his own.

“While I felt I needed to lead DeMatha back to normal after COVID, I also wanted to establish a new normal and new things that were unique to me and my presidency,” Therman said. “We hosted more events with our sister school, Elizabeth Seton on top of our other events. I really wanted to see a new more unified culture and brotherhood at DeMatha.”

But while events were a huge part of Therman’s presidency, he also wanted to be a representation of the DeMatha Man and lead through example.

“It’s important to break out of that shell of who you were when you came into high school and explore new clubs, sports, music, arts, or anything else we offer at DeMatha,” Therman said.

On top of being the president of the SGA, Therman was also in the National Honors Society, the BSU, attended social justice club meetings, was selected as a member of the DeMatha Leadership Institute (which was unfortunately canceled that year due to COVID), and a member of the track team.



Therman Hawkins III '22

“We have so many things to offer at DeMatha that allow us to explore and get to know ourselves which I find so important to do during our teenage years as we prepare for our next steps,” Therman continued.

Therman is attending the University of Maryland in the fall and says DeMatha has taught him many things he plans on carrying forward.

“I think it’s very important to remember the brotherhood that DeMatha offers as you move forward to college or the workforce,” Therman said. “I remember hearing ‘you never leave a brother behind’ and that is very important to keep with you. DeMatha teaches you how to be a better man, how to be more mature, and how to be a faith-filled gentleman and scholar. Every single student will have a piece of that with them for the rest of their lives.”

And while Therman is moving on to his next steps, his impact and leadership in uncertain times will be looked at as an example for future Stags.

“I enjoyed my time as SGA president and what I was able to do for the DeMatha community,” Therman concluded. “I know I will cherish these memories forever, and I hope my fellow classmates do as well.”

A Celebration of Strength

After a high school career filled with unpredictability, adaptation, and perseverance, the Class of 2022 was able to join the 75-year strong community of DeMatha as they returned to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for their graduation. Returning to the National Shrine was not only a step back into a DeMatha tradition, but also a step towards their future as they prepare to take on the next chapter of their lives.

As the students and faculty gathered in the basement of the National Shrine and the families, friends, and loved ones gathered in the pews of the Basilica upstairs, everyone was prepared to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2022 in athletics, academics, and the arts at the end of a challenging DeMatha career. But through these challenges, the graduates were able to display their strength as a class and as members of the DeMatha community.



Kyle Savage '22 waves to the congregation as the entire DeMatha community showed its support for Kyle, whose parents passed away tragically in an accident two weeks before graduation.



Therman Hawkins III '22 Welcome Address



The Voices of DeMatha performing at graduation.

“I truly believe that each and every person in this room has worked so hard to get to where we are right now, and I do not mean only in the classroom. We have grown in wisdom and stature not only as DeMatha students but as people also. We have accomplished so many feats at such a young age and trust me, this is just the beginning. We have all grown and exceeded all expectations and have become amazing, faith-filled young men. The brotherhood that our class shares is strong and unlike any other.” – Therman Hawkins III



The annual Dads & Grads photo featured our first ever DeMatha Mom, Ms. Kathryn Bernhard-Gove '90! The Class of 1990 included students from the closed Regina Catholic High School who were admitted to spend their senior year at DeMatha and earned DeMatha diplomas.

“This has not been an easy year for all of us, but we stand together to support each other, and that has helped us all stand a little taller, walk a little stronger and believe a little deeper,” President Fr. James said. “This could not have happened without the Class of 2022’s commitment to being a DeMatha Man.”

Although there was uncertainty in the beginning of this school year, the senior class returned to campus and participated in full sports seasons, put on concerts and productions for live audiences, and attended service events to give back to those in need throughout the community without missing a beat, showing future classes what it means to be a DeMatha Stag.

“We hadn’t been in school for a year and a half, and the senior class was the only class to have a full year on campus prior to COVID. They had a unique ability to restart the culture of what it means to be a DeMatha Stag and they not only knew that, but they also achieved that,” Senior College Counselor Mr. Andrew Bright ‘03 said. “In my experience as the senior counselor and crew coach, it’s hard to think of a graduating class that was as close as this one.”

With 96% of graduates who applied attending four-year universities, DeMatha will be represented at a large variety of colleges throughout the Maryland and DC area, HBCUs, Ivy League schools, and other prestigious institutions throughout the country including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Air Force Academy.

“The diversity of the ‘next steps’ this class is taking displays the diversity of this class and our school as a whole. Some guys are entering the military, some guys are entering the workforce, some

are getting started in community colleges, and some are entering Ivy Leagues,” Mr. Bright continued. “To me, that’s what DeMatha is, and that’s what this senior class was able to display.”

As this senior class prepares to take on a variety of next steps, there is no doubt that they have shown the strength and resilience required to succeed and move forward as leaders carrying the DeMatha tradition.

“Your resiliency, your improvisational skills, and your thoughtfulness have all been on display during a time that has been unprecedented,” Principal Dr. Dan McMahon ‘76 said. “The community we have built and continue to build can withstand anything.”

AWARD WINNERS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE:

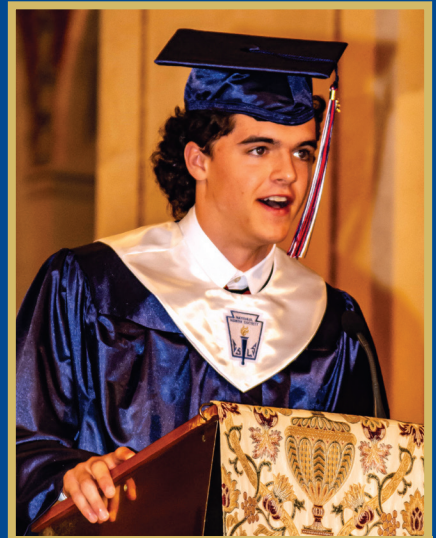
DeMatha High School Alumni Award for General Excellence: **Joshua Young**
 DeMatha Catholic High School Scholar Athlete Award: **Blake Kendall, Jr**
 Dr. Charles 'Buck' Offutt Faculty Award for General Excellence: **Luke Kelly**
 Father Patrick T. Glynn, O.S.S.T. Award: **Joseph Morley**
 John L. Moylan Award for Academic Excellence: **Preston Valentine** and **Braden Groce**
 U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: **Nicholas Doyle**
 U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Musician Award: **Joshua Kucharski**
 U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: **John Jacobs**
 DeMatha High School Citizenship Award: **Colin J. Roman** and **Dylan P. McKelvy**
 H. Thomas Eastman Award: **Jerrell Roberson, II**
 Father Augustine Derricks, O.S.S.T. Award: **William Brown-Taylor** and **Justin Muraya**
 DeMatha Parents' Organization Award: **Sage Phillips** and **Colin Mester**
 Mary Favret Kerley and Katherine Mauser Award: **Therman Hawkins III**
 The Archbishop's Award for Catholic Citizenship: **Sean Morgenstern**
 Kiwanis Club Award: **Owen H. O'Connor**

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Thomas J. Burke Business: **Cole Rodia**
 Computer Studies: **Luke Kelly**
 Engineering Award: **John Jacobs**
 English: **George Currie, Colin Roman** and **Robert Erickson**
 Video Broadcast Journalism Award: **Joseph Morley**
 Fine Arts: **Tyler Winkelman**
 Photography: **Aaron Roberson**
 Mary R. Yarrish Mathematics: **Joshua Young** and **Luke Kelly**
 Music: **Joshua Kucharski, Keyvar Smith-Herold** and **George Currie**
 Biology: **Joshua Young**
 Chemistry: **Afam Okigbo**
 Combined Science: **Luke Kelly**
 Environmental: **Thomas Krukar**
 Physics: **Luke Kelly,**
 Douglas Tschiffely and Richard Macheski Social Studies: **Ian Lathrop** and **Langston Stovall**
 Theological Studies: **Keyvar Smith-Herold, Thomas Krukar** and **Robert Erickson**
 French: **Walter-Thomas Amondji, Keaton Lovely** and **Sage Phillips**
 German: **John Beilman**
 Latin: **Joshua Kucharski**
 Spanish: **William Kendrick**

SERVICE AWARDS:

Academic Quiz Bowl Award: **John Beilman** and **George Currie**
 John H. Mitchell Band Award: **Kyle Bickel, Ian Brown** and **Benjamin Tarnosky**
 Brothers Standing United Award: **Amir Makle** and **Gavin Weddington**
 Campus Ministry Award: **Ian Lathrop** and **Benjamin Tarnosky**
 Chess Club Award: **Cole Rodia**
 Chorus Award: **Vocal Class of 2022**
 Fr. Paul Donovan Drama Award: **Evan Knott**
 Ecology Award: **Ramadan Abdulbarr**
 Joseph A. Carroll Award for Excellence in Journalism: **Thomas Krukar**
 Mock Trial Award: **George Currie**
 National Honor Society Award: **Owen O'Connor** and **Sean Morgenstern**
 Student Government Award: **Therman Hawkins III, Colin Roman** and **Sage Phillips**
 Yearbook Award: **Lukas Santamaria**



Luke Kelly Farewell Address



“Since our freshman year, we have been hit with challenge after challenge which has instilled a work ethic in us that will stick with us for the rest of our lives that will lead us to success. Now while work ethic is required to succeed, no true greatness can be achieved alone. We need those around us to motivate us and lift us back on our feet when we stumble. The friends we make along our journeys are critical in our success, and I can say for certain that the men of DeMatha Class of 2022 are those types of friends you want throughout your life.”

– Luke Kelly



Total in Academic Scholarships: \$17,659,228

This year, 48% of students who applied from the DeMatha Class of 2022 were offered scholarships and financial aid totaling over \$17.5 million. Recognized below are those students offered scholarships, grants, and awards and the schools they will attend this fall. (Note: If we missed somebody, please email mdeprato@dematha.org and we will put it in The Red and Blue Review fall issue.)

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Birchard Allen-Muhlenberg College
 Walter-Thomas Amondji-Howard University
 Michael Atkinson-Shepherd University
 Michael-Paul Awunor-University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus)
 Ethan Barnes-Dickinson College
 Logan Beasley-University of Maryland College Park
 John Beilman-Grove City College
 Kyle Bickel-University of Maryland College Park
 Austin Boynes-Temple University
 Ian Brown-Benedictine College
 William Brown-Taylor-St. Mary's College of Maryland
 Nicholas Butler-Towson University
 Andrew Cabrera-University of Maryland Baltimore County
 Chase Cartledge-York College of Pennsylvania
 Silas Charles-Chestnut Hill College
 Matthew Coakley-Temple University
 George Currie-Georgetown University
 Ariel Dominguez-Towson University
 Nicholas Doyle-University of Maryland College Park
 Bryan Dugan-University of Maryland Baltimore County
 Paul Dunn-Drexel University
 Cole Edmonds-Howard University
 Michael Frazier-Loyola University Maryland
 Drake Greene-American University
 Braden Groce-Syracuse University
 James Harwood-Towson University
 Therman Hawkins-University of Maryland College Park
 Adam Howard-University of Maryland College Park
 Jay Jacobs-Air Force
 Kol Jayaraman-James Madison University
 Devin Jones-Bowie State University
 Owen Kane-James Madison University
 Dominic Kazzi-Salisbury University
 William Kendrick-St. Mary's College of Maryland
 Connor Kenealy-George Mason University
 Cameron King-Wayne State University
 James Kmetz-West Virginia University
 Denis Koslov-Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Evan Knott-University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
 Joshua Kucharski-Johns Hopkins University
 Ian Lathrop-Towson University
 Preston Lauria-High Point University
 Tariq Lewis-University of Kentucky
 Brody Lindsey-University of South Carolina Aiken
 Keaton Lovely-University of Maryland College Park
 Jalen Manuel-Coastal Carolina University
 Leo Maring-Ithaca College
 Kofi McFadgion-Wesleyan University
 Sean Morgenstern-Catholic University of America
 Joseph Morley-Clemson University
 Zac Moubarki-Catholic University of America
 Chase Myles-Temple University
 Devin Neptune-University of North Carolina Charlotte
 Nathan Newsome-Lebanon Valley College
 Chris O'Connor-High Point University
 Owen O'Connor-Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Kiran Padgham-McDaniel College
 Sage Phillips-Penn State University (University Park)
 Benjamin Pike-University of Delaware
 Julian Poydras-Xavier University of Louisiana
 Thomas Proctor-University of Maryland Baltimore County
 Christopher Reid-St. John's University
 Ayden Riley-Morehouse College
 Jacob Robertson-Morehouse College

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS *continued*

Cole Rodia-Indiana University Bloomington
 Colin Roman-Fordham University
 Alex Salmeron-Prince George's Community College
 Keyvar Smith-Herold-Oberlin College
 Aidan Stair-Robert Morris University
 Langston Stovall-High Point University
 Benjamin Tarnosky-Towson University
 Brendan Thomas-Alvernia University
 Preston Valentine-Purdue University
 Qawe Wilson-Loyola University Maryland
 Andrew Winkleman-Loyola University Maryland
 Tyler Winkleman-Savannah College of Art and Design
 Joshua Young-Yale University

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Kyle Bickel-University of Maryland College Park
 Devin Jones-Bowie State University
 Joshua Kucharski-Johns Hopkins University
 Leo Maring-Ithaca College
 Keyvar Smith-Herold-Oberlin College

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Football

Dominic Busky-Shepherd University
 Robert Hart-Shepherd University
 Daniel Holbrook-University of Maine
 Aidan Stair-Robert Morris University
 Zilan Williams-Rutgers University
 KJ Winston-Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)

Lacrosse

Silas Charles-Chestnut Hill College
 Ryan Evans-Grove City College
 Dylan Hendrix-University of Maryland Baltimore County
 Desmond Holt-Stevenson University
 Dylan McKelvy-Mercer University

Soccer

Birchard Allen-Muhlenberg College
 Will Martin-Wesleyan University
 Kofi McFadgion-Wesleyan University
 Nathan Newsome-Lebanon Valley College

Baseball

Alex Biars-Juniata College
 Tyson Nercessian-McDaniel College
 Brendan Thomas-Alvernia University

Basketball

Rodney Rice-Virginia Tech
 Jerrell Roberson-James Madison University
 Tyrell Ward-Louisiana State University

Swimming

Dominic Kazzi-Salisbury University
 William Kendrick-St. Mary's College of Maryland

Track

Dawson Grogan-North Carolina A&T

Tennis

Charles Wood-Morgan State University

After Fleeing Ukraine, Student Feels at Home at DeMatha



**The original story was published in May in The Catholic Standard and we are sharing an edited version for this issue of the Red and Blue Review.*

By Mark Zimmermann
Catholic Standard

As musicians in the Advanced Percussion Ensemble of DeMatha Catholic High School gathered on stage for a recent concert at their Hyattsville, Maryland school, one of the performers – a new student there – didn’t have time to get a tux like the other student musicians were wearing, so he donned a DeMatha blazer and khakis.

Before performing their music, Dr. Michael Gatti, the chairman of DeMatha’s music department and the percussion instructor, introduced that student to the audience. He was Ivan Dmytriiev, 17, a Ukrainian refugee who had arrived in the United States with his 6-year-old little brother, Mykhailo, after a harrowing escape from his country just after Russia launched its invasion there. Ivan and his brother are living with their grandparents in Lanham, Olga D. Carlson and Ronald Carlson, and he started attending DeMatha in April.

In Ukraine, Ivan attended a music school and played the drums and xylophone. Before the DeMatha concert, he learned the piece of music that the ensemble would be performing, and he played the xylophone and cymbals in the performance.

“He got a huge ovation,” Dr. Gatti said, remembering the audience’s reaction after Ivan’s introduction and his performance. After Ivan played that piece as part of the Percussion Ensemble, Dr. Gatti walked over to him, congratulating him with a fist-bump.

Interviewed on May 19 at DeMatha, Ivan said that concert was a fun experience for him. “I was happy. My band was very nice.”

At the time of his interview, Ivan said he had been attending DeMatha for about three or four weeks and was in his junior year there, taking classes in algebra, geometry, Advanced Placement language, Christian ethics and an engineering course involving 3-D modeling. Mykhailo has been attending Catherine T. Reed Elementary School in Lanham.

“I’m really happy being here (at DeMatha),” Ivan said. “The



teachers, they’re very good and kind. They are people who want to talk, and teachers I want to learn from. They have an aura that makes me happy and (inspires me to) want to stay here more.”

Ivan added, “When I came here, in a couple of days, I already had a lot of friends... I’m really happy I met them. They helped me emotionally to stay and be more optimistic.”

The teen, who is a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, said, “When everything was happening in Ukraine on the 24th of February I was actually praying and asking that everything would be fine.”

Now he continues to pray for the safety of his family back home in Ukraine and to hope for a return to peace in that country.

“At night before I go to bed, I thank God for everything he’s given me, for giving me the opportunity to leave and be in another country. I’m thankful I’m here in a safe place,” he said.

The Ukrainian youth added that “being here and watching the news is hard... It’s hard to think about studying and everything else because of the bad things happening there.”

As for the future, he hopes that the war will end, and Ukraine will remain free, and he will return to his country and have “children there, and make sure when they grow up, nothing will happen to them that happened to me.”

He dreams of possibly becoming an actor some day, and bringing happiness to people and making them smile. The teen expressed admiration for Ukraine’s president Volodymyr Zelensky, a former actor and comedian. “I really love him,” he said. “A lot of people were thinking he would leave and wouldn’t handle it. As we can see, he showed his bravery and showed that the Ukrainian people will never surrender, and (they will) finish what they started.”

Reflecting on his experience at DeMatha Catholic High School, Ivan said, “Right now, I can actually say coming here makes me feel free... I have an opportunity to become better, with the students and the teachers I have here.”

A Wonderful Gala Celebrating 75 Years of DeMatha

The DeMatha community celebrated its 75th year in high style with a wonderful Gala held at the end of May at the College Park Marriott & Conference Center located on the campus of the University of Maryland.

Over 420 people attended the event including Trinitarians, past and present faculty and staff, alumni, parents, and friends. Frank Persico, a member of the DeMatha Board of Directors, chaired the event and did a wonderful job of managing every last detail.

The evening kicked off with a reception in the concourse of the facility with the Jazz Ensemble providing musical entertainment. (It also happened to be Mr. Jim Roper's final concert leading a DeMatha musical group). The crowd then entered the ballroom in which Maryland Governor Larry Hogan (who once attended DeMatha) greeted everyone in a pre-recorded speech. Following that, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the Archbishop of Washington, delivered his own greetings in person and followed those remarks with the Invocation.

Jim Turk led the Voices of DeMatha in the singing of the National Anthem and then a lovely dinner was served. After dinner, remarks were provided by Father William Sullivan, Trinitarian Provincial; Jeffrey Hathaway '77, Chair of the DeMatha Board of Directors; Dr. Daniel McMahon '76, Principal; Frank Persico and Groveta Gardineer, Secretary of the DeMatha Board of Directors, and Father James, President. Father Damian delivered the Benediction and the evening concluded with the singing of the DeMatha Alma Mater ("DeMatha Forever!") by the Voices of DeMatha.

David Aldridge '83 did a wonderful job as emcee of the entire evening. Several other videos were shown during the event as well – a one minute overview of DeMatha, narrated by James Brown '69; a reflection piece featuring the 17 graduates



A portion of the Trinitarians gathered together with Cardinal Wilton Gregory.



David Aldridge '83 did an excellent job as the emcee.

The cover of the 75th Anniversary Gala program.



who have been named as Distinguished Alumni; and short video featuring members of the class of '23 reciting "The DeMatha Creed" as reflects to the school's mission of educating Faith-Filled Gentlemen & Scholars (script written by faculty member Pat Smith '82). The evening also included an inspired performance of the Voices of DeMatha singing "The Impossible Dream", a nod to the connection to the novel "Don Quixote" (and the musical "Man of La Mancha") whose author Miguel de Cervantes, was freed by the Trinitarians in the late 1500s.



Tim O'Brien '77, Dan O'Brien '77, and Jeff Hathaway '77 at the Gala. Tim was the first-ever Chair of the DeMatha Board of Directors. Jeff is the present Chair of the Board.

A highlight video of the entire evening is in production and will be shared soon with the DeMatha community. Individual speeches will also be shared electronically in the months to come. A special program was produced for the Gala and additional copies have been retained. Anyone wishing a copy can contact the Advancement Office.

Finally, thanks to the efforts of former staff member Barbara Coyle, working with several faculty and staff, a written bound history of the school will be published this fall and will be available for distribution.

The Gala was originally scheduled to be held in January but was postponed because of Covid concerns. The weather on the date of the Gala – May 26 – was quite pleasant. Suffice to say, it was a wonderful evening and one that will long be remembered as a most fitting tribute to the school's 75 years of educating some 11,000 students. One DeMatha!



Track members, coaches, and family celebrating the WCAC championship win.

The Spring All-Met announcement was released earlier this summer.

DeMatha had several players and a coach named. They are:

Coach-of-Year Track: **Buddy Crutchfield**

1st Team All-Met: track **Sage Phillips**

1st Team All-Met tennis: **Charles Wood**

Honorable Mentions:

Lacrosse: **Graham Parker, Maliik Wood**

Baseball: **Tyson Necessian**

Track: **Dawson Grogan**

Crew: **Preston Valentine, Colin Mester**

Golf: **Stephen Betz**

BASKETBALL

The varsity basketball team last March won the prestigious Alhambra Tournament to close out another successful season in the school's storied program. It was the 26th time DeMatha has won the event. To bring home the championship, the Stags avenged two losses incurred during the regular season to St. Frances and Paul VI (the 2022 WCAC champion).

Playing one of the hardest schedules in the nation, the Stags jumped out to a 6-1 record before having to endure a nearly three week shutdown due to Covid concerns. The Stags lost three games upon their return to the hardwood, but then went on a tear winning 11 of 12 of their remaining league games, with the only blemish an overtime loss to PVI.

In the WCAC playoffs, the Stags beat a very good St. John's squad in the first round only to lose in the semifinals in a tight game to McNamara.

Seniors **Rodney Rice** and **Tyrell Ward** were both named First-Team All WCAC, while Rodney was named a First-Team All-Met, with Tyrell earning All-Met Second Team honors. Other key seniors included **Jerrell Robeson, Aaron Robeson, and Bryson Hill.**

Special recognition to **Pete Strickland '75**, who served as interim coach and guided the Stags through a season with many twists and turns. The season ending championship was special for a team that overcame much adversity.



The varsity baseball team traveled to South Carolina to play in the South Eastern Baseball Classic.

BASEBALL

The varsity baseball team finished with a 14-11 overall record in 2022. Despite their season ending with a second round playoff loss against St. Johns, the Stags rallied to win 11 of their last 14 games, including two wins in South Carolina against two of their top 10 baseball teams. The team was led by eight graduating seniors: **Ethan Ervin '22, Blake Kendall '22, Tyson Necessian '22, Brendan Thomas '22, Brody Lindsey '22, Nick Doyle '22, Tommy Hill '22, and Amir Makle '22.**

CREW

This spring marked the 25th spring season for the crew team since it became a varsity sport in 1998. This year also marked the largest team with four eight-manned boats on varsity and three eight-manned boats on novice. At the WMIRA Championships on May 8th, the Stags raced seven eight-manned boats. The Stags placed in the top 6 in every event at the league championship, which is typically the fastest league in the country. They were invited to the Scholastic National Championships, where they placed 16th in the nation in the Varsity 8+ event and 12th in the nation in the second Varsity 8+ event. The program continues to grow and be successful at the local and national rowing regattas.



The crew team seniors pose together near the water.

GOLF

The varsity golf team finished 9-3 on the year, led by three seniors. **Stephen Betz '22** finished in the #1 position on the team, beating a highly ranked player this season and was named as an All Conference honorable mention. Stephen was also named the Mid Atlantic Junior Golfer of the Year. **Joe Morley '22** finished the season with carding a 78 in the WCAC Tournament which earned him 2nd Team All Conference. Finally, **Will Weirich '22** was a four year starter and played well all year, winning many big matches. The golf team is looking forward to next year and will be leaning on four returning starters to lead the team in the always competitive WCAC.

HOCKEY

For the fifth year in a row, the Stags were once again in the WCAC championship game. After winning the previous four title games, the Stags lost a close battle in this year's edition. As for the MAPHL, the Stags finished 3rd overall with a 6-2-1 (17-10-2 overall) record. In the State playoffs, the Stags defeated Georgetown Prep. The semifinals proved to be a thrilling game when the game was tied at the end of regulation. Overtime did not decide a victor so the shootout decided the game and the Stags bowed to Landon to end the season. The team was led by senior **Jay Harwood** (team captain) and senior **Dylan Hendrix** (assistant captain).

Several players were also named to the WCAC All-Star teams. **Dominic Sciorilli '23**, **Matthew Hornick '22**, and **Jay Harwood '22** were named First Team and **Jeremy Wilson '23** was named Second Team, with honorable mentions including **Ryan Arendes '22**, **Dylan Hendrix '22**, and **Kaleb MacAulay '23**. Jay Harwood was also named First-Team All-Met with Kaleb MacAulay '23 receiving an honorable mention.

LACROSSE

The varsity lacrosse team, under new head coach David Mitchell, fielded another successful season as they finished with an 11-8 record. The Stags were able to beat many powerhouse teams, including a thrilling victory over Paul VI 12-11. In the playoffs, the

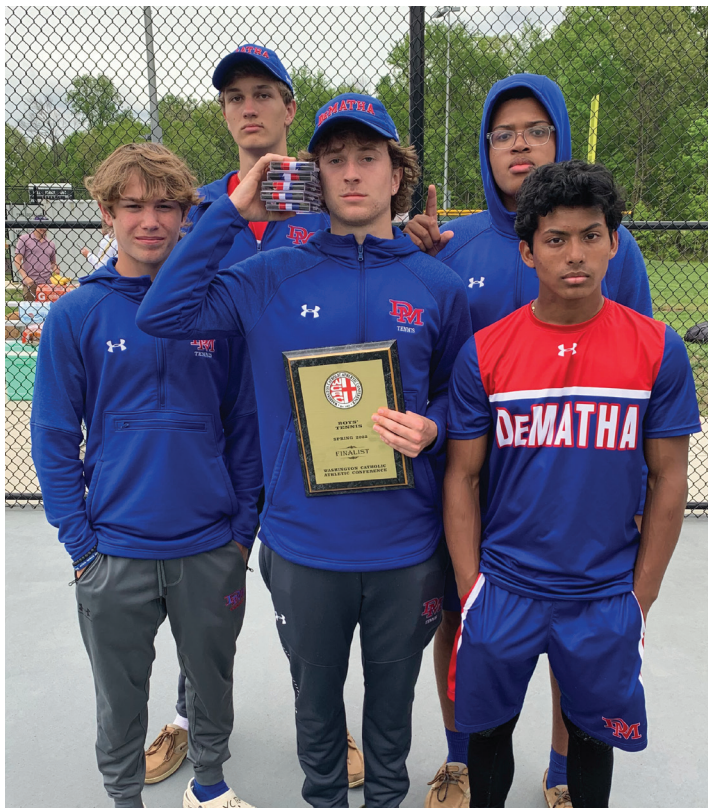


DeMatha hockey fights for the puck in open ice against Gonzaga.

Stags beat Good Counsel to proceed to the semifinals, where they fell to Gonzaga. Team members **Maliik Wood** and **Graham Parker** were named First-Team All Conference, **Dylan McKelvy** and **Dylan Hendrix** were named Second-Team All Conference, and **Ryan Evans**, **Timothy Taylor**, **Miles Lancaster**, and **Nick Sims** were named Third-Team All Conference.



The lacrosse team getting fired up before a game.



The varsity tennis team holding their finalist award and medals from the WCAC championship. **Charles Wood** (middle) was the first individual champion at our school since 2009.

TENNIS

Under head coach Mark Dalzell, the varsity tennis team had one of the most successful seasons, coming just short of winning the WCAC final against Gonzaga. Senior **Charles Wood** also claimed the first individual champion award in the first flight, becoming the first individual champion at DeMatha since 2009. **Jacob Poole '24** also won the fifth flight and Charles Wood '22 partnered with **Antonio Santos '23** to win doubles in the first flight. Other notable placements include **Graham Fenn '24**, who finished as a finalist in the fourth flight. The team now looks forward to next year where the competition does not show any sign of slowing down!

TRACK

The varsity track team won its third straight WCAC championship this May. While DeMatha had many strong individual runners, they dominated the team events. The Stags finished with 184 points, led by first-place finishes in three relays, to beat Archbishop Carroll (134 points) and St. John's (132 points).

The Stags also set two meet records. **Gavin Weddington**, **Christopher Toomer**, **Dawson Grogan**, and **Daden Grogan** set a meet record in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 7:52.03. Dawson Grogan also set a meet record in the 800 with a time of 1:55.34, won the 1600 (4:21.63), and placed 6th in the 3,200. His performance saw him named the Outstanding Male Track Performer of the Meet.



Dawson Grogan holding the WCAC Outstanding Male Track Performer of the Meet award.

Dante Lovett, **Therman Hawkins III**, **Isaac McGinnis**, and **Deandre Ricks** also finished first in the 4x100 (41.90) and were invited to compete in the New Balance National Outdoors where they finished 3rd overall in the Championship finals and were named New Balance All Americans.

RUGBY

The rugby team continues to build the program in order to compete in a tough season with close losses to St. John's and Good Counsel. The team is hoping to continue to build and work hard in the offseason.



Sophomore **Ryan Ricker** prepares to take the ball into contact against St. John's.



DeMatha Catholic High School has named **Mike G. Jones III** to the faculty and as head of the basketball program. He comes to DeMatha from St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA, where he has served as coach since 2016. He started earlier this spring, leading the Stag's summer basketball camp. Coach Jones will be only the third permanent head basketball coach at DeMatha in 66 years, following Morgan Wootten (1956-2002) and Mike Jones '91 (2002-2021).

Coach Jones is a proven leader with over 31 years of experience in the game of basketball as a player and coach. He has amassed 10 years of coaching experience at the high school, college and NBA levels; six years of experience as a high school head coach; 11 years as a professional basketball player that included playing in the most competitive overseas professional leagues and several NBA summer league stints. In addition, he has been an educator at the Perry Street Preparatory School as well as his current position as teacher, coach and mentor for students at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School. DeMatha is excited to welcome Coach Jones to the DeMatha community!

Mike Jones III and Fr. James in front of the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center.

UPCOMING  EVENTS

If you have any questions about these upcoming events, please contact Ms. Teresa Farrell at tfarrell@dematha.org.

September 9 – 76th Anniversary Mass

September 15 – Admissions Information Night

September 24 – Senior Booster Crab Feast

October 14 – Kaleidoscope Concert

October 30 – Hall of Fame Ceremony

November 6 – Open House for Prospective Students



DE MATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS:

Saturday, September 17th (DeMatha):
Classes of 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997

Saturday, October 22nd (DeMatha):
Classes of 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017



The Class of '72 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th Reunion in June.

'60s

Bill Humbert '67 had an official book launch for his latest release 'Expect Success! The Science of the Over 50 Career Search'.

and Graduate Programs at the University of the District of Columbia.

Tom Ponton '78 was one of the first winners of a nationwide toast contest sponsored by Guinness in March.

'70s

Dr. Victor McCrary '73 was appointed to the U.S. President's National Science Board. Dr. McCrary is currently the Vice President for Research

John Rickard '78 is working at Jackson Hewitt Tax Resolution as a Tax Consultant.

Kenny Robinson '78 was named as the new Chief Diversity Officer at Northrop Grumman.



The Smith Family gathered with **Mike Hopkins '68** at this year's Ray Smith Golf Classic. The event was a success once more.



Roy Kilby '65 with his grandson **Grady Lawrence '25** at Academic Awards Night.

'80s

Deno Campbell '81, varsity football assistant coach, was honored by the Maryland Football Coaches Association at the UMD Football Spring Game for his longstanding, excellent work as a high school assistant coach and defensive coordinator.

Mike Grimes' '84 son Brandon is the manager for the Georgia State men's basketball team.

Carlton Valentine's '84 son Drew is the head coach of the Loyola Chicago men's basketball team.

Peter Holsberg '86 has been appointed the Dean and Professor of Music at the Nyack College School of Music. The school is located in downtown New York City and is the first school in the country to have a gospel degree program.

Kevin McCarty '86 is working as a Managing Director for Information Protection at Cigna.



Andre Hammel '99 has moved to Costa Rica and created a blog about his decision that was featured on our social media and newsletter.

'90s

Brian Goodger '92 and his wife Elizabeth celebrated the baptism of their two children, Zoey and Winston, in the DeMatha Chapel in April with Fr. James presiding.

Todd Buckler '93 works as Director of Business Development - West at Accelus.

Kevin Bradley '96 has been promoted to Control and Engineer Sales Leader at Boland.

Anthony Conto '96 has been named Executive Director of the Maryland Music Educators Association (MMEA). Anthony has been the Director of Bands at McNamara HS since 2001.

William Rollings Jr., '96 started working last October at the White House as an electronic duplicating technician. William has been working in the Federal Government for 16 years, previously with agencies such as the State Department and the USDA.



Stags at the funeral of Mrs. June Jones, the mother of **Andre D. Jones '87**.



Stags at the Fella's Fellowshiping with Prayer and Pancakes Breakfast. Pictured from left to right: **Mo Bowie '83**, **Keith Christian '83**, **Mr. Richard Macheski**, **Xavier A. Redd '82**, **Leroy Allen '83**, and **Ambrose Phillips '82**.

Doug Gentilcore '97 wrote a book called *Getting from the Bar to the Boardroom* which is available to purchase. The book is intended to provide guidance for younger people transitioning to the professional world and for those looking for a difference perspective on the business world.

Rashad Rice '97 has been promoted to Division Chief with the Maryland State Highway Administration.



Jeffery R. Ajayi '11 graduated from Howard University College of Dentistry.



Special guests **Kevin Shea '72**, Administrator of the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and father of **Brendan Shea '00**, and Dr. Mike Watson, Associate Administrator of APHIS, came to campus to speak to Mr. Rick Reeves' AP Environmental Science class about agricultural sustainability. From left to right: **Fr. Albert, Dr. Mike Watson, Brendan Shea '00, Kevin Shea '72, Fr. James.**

'00s

Matt Gallagher '00 was recently promoted to Product Manager-Gypsum at National Gypsum Company.

Dr. Brian Kerley '01 graduated with a residency in Family Medicine from the University of Kentucky.

Stephen Welker '01 and his wife, Emily, celebrated the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Carmichael, on June 13, 2022.

John Fatseas '02 has been promoted to National Practice Leader - Facade Access with Lerch Bates LLC.

Corey McCrae '02 was recently hired as an assistant men's basketball coach at Boston College.

Mike Bunce '03 is the Head of Research at MAHLE Powertrain in Plymouth, Michigan. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nottingham in Nottingham, England in 2021.

LCDR Jack Curran '05 participated in a ceremony this past April that saw him being "piped" off the USS Bulkeley (DDG 84). Piping is a naval method of passing orders and information.

Michael McQuade '05 is an Apprentice Electrician with IBEW Local 26.

Stephen Paul '05 was recently promoted to Senior Manager at Accenture.

Matt Brandon '06 is working as a Summer Associate - Investment Management at Stream Realty Partners in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Vincent DeRight '06 is working as a Manager for Budget & Contracts at the Federal Aviation Administration.

On June 11, **Jonathan Faringer '06** and his wife, Miranda, welcomed their first child, Nathan. Nathan is named after Jonathan's best friend and DM alum, Marine Staff Sergeant **Ellecer Nathan Cortes-Peck '07**, who we lost in 2019.

Francesco Mazziotti '06 started a new job as the Controller for STX.

Austin Freeman '07 has been named an assistant basketball coach at Morgan State.

Shane Ryznar '08 and his wife Brittany celebrated the birth of their daughter, Dakota Anne, in May.

John Schmitz '08 is now working as a Sales Associate with Highland Management Group.

Matthew Shryock '09 is working as a wildlife biologist at the USDA.



Michael North '13, graduated from Virginia Tech Carillion Medical School with his MD. He is beginning his residency in family medicine at USMC - University of South Carolina Medical.

Andrew Nugent '11 was recently recognized as one of the top real estate agents in the Washington, D.C. area by Washingtonian Magazine.

Austin Riggins '12 is now working with iWorks Corporation as an IT Business Analyst.

Nathaniel Carter '13 is now a Senior Analytics Engineer with AbleTo. Inc.

Andrew Esmele '13 has been promoted to Senior Account Executive at Catalyst.

Sean McCleary '13 is now working as an Offensive Line Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Morehouse College.

'10s

Jasim Mobaidin '10 has been promoted to Associate Account Executive, Publisher Development with Innovid in New York.

Daniel Fitzmaurice '11 started working as a Senior Associate at KPMG US.

Darien Harris '11 recently started a new job as the Director of Player Relations and Program Advancement for Michigan State football.

Siegfried Schmidt '13 was recently promoted to Project Engineer III with the Gilbane Building Company.

Jack Tittle '13 is working as an Assistant Project Manager with Facility Logic LLC.



Rodney McLeod '08 was awarded the 2021 Steinberg Denicola Humanitarian Award. The award recognizes outstanding individuals in the NFL community that devote and dedicate their time to address community issues and the welfare of humanity.



Chris Odoi-Atsem '13 (left) and **Jacori Hayes '13** (right) after their game in July. Chris plays for D.C. United and Jacori for Minnesota United.



Joseph Alter '15 and 2020 United States Air Force Academy (USFA) graduate got his wings pinned on. On May 26, 2022, First Lieutenant Joseph Alter graduated from the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB. Ranked 1st in his class, he received the following awards, the "Order of Daedalian" the AETC Commander's Trophy, Flying Training Award, Distinguished Graduate, & the Warrior Award. Joseph has been assigned to the Air Combat Command at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

Jarriel Jordan '14 was recently recognized by the Prince George's County Association of Realtors as a Gold Member for over \$9 million in real estate sold in 2021.

Jeffrey Monroe '14 recently completed his third year of teaching English at Suitland High School in the Prince George's County Public School System.



Stags at the wedding of **Liam Connell '11**.



Dan Reading '15 with the Maryland National Guard at a ceremony on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France to commemorate the 78th Anniversary of D-Day.

Dylan Stein '15 recently started a new job as a Senior Analyst at Lockton Companies.

K.J. M'Bale '16 is a Legal and Compliance Intern at Virgin Orbit in Long Beach, CA.

Strick Newsom '16 has been promoted to Account Executive at athenahealth.

William Pyne '17 has been promoted to Senior Associate with Standish Management LLC.

Alex Wallish '17 works as a Software Engineer at Rippling.

Josh Brannan '18 of the Stevenson University men's lacrosse team was named the school's winner of the 2021-22 Fighting Heart Award, which is given to a student-athlete who has overcome the odds and showed strength and perseverance in their life. Josh is clinically deaf and has worn

an implant for most of his life. Despite this, Josh has led the MAC conference this season in both goals and points.

Josh Brannan '18 was named the MAC Men's Lacrosse Offensive Player-of-the-Year for his success this past season at Stevenson University. In addition for Stevenson, **Cam Leydig '18** also made the All-MAC First Team and **Nick Mulvey '19** to the Second Team.

Jalen Brown '18 graduated from Saint Francis University earlier this year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Communication. Jalen will also attend graduate school to exercise his option of playing a fifth year of NCAA (football) eligibility.

Timothy Dinsmore '18 is now working as a Staff Accountant at Troon Golf.

Dale Gray '18 graduated from



Stags **Anthony Toro '18**, **Kory Spurill '17**, **Reggie Gardner '16**, and **Ryan Allen '17** graduated from the University of Delaware this year.

UMBC and has been hired as the Music Ministry Coordinator for St. Pius X Church in Bowie.

Ty Lenhart '18 graduated from Columbia University in May and will head to Duke to work on his Masters in Business degree and play football (QB) for the Blue Devils. Ty has two years of college eligibility remaining.

Matthew Malits '18 was named the Patriot League Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year for his success at Loyola University Maryland.

Sydney Reyes '18 received a Congressional Internship from Congressman Anthony Brown for this summer, where he will learn about government policy and support with issues regarding House Armed Services and Tactical Air and Land force committees. Sydney was also selected by his peers at the US Air Force Academy as an Assistant Flight Commander for the 2022-

23 Academy Year, where he will oversee more than 125 cadets and their training regimen.

Melvin Spann '18 is a Contract Specialist with the United States Air Force.

Scott Toves, Jr. '18 recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

Jaelyn Blanc '19 is now a Peer Mentor at North Carolina Central University.

Nick Cross '19 was selected with the 96th overall pick (3rd round total) in April's NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts! Nick will be teammates with Rodney McLeod '08 who recently signed a free agent contract with Indianapolis. Nick was featured in a '247 Sports' story on learning everything he can in the Indianapolis Colts rookie minicamp after he was drafted by the team in the third round.

'20s

Joseph "Joey" Graham II '20 was selected to be a 2022 White House summer intern through a highly selective program that provides unique opportunities to serve the public and support the work of the Executive Office of the President. Every summer, the White House Internship Program welcomes an elite group of college students from around the world to gain insights into how the government works from inside the White House. Interns at the White House learn important life skills, such as time management, teamwork, and leadership. They also have an opportunity to help shape policymaking.



Brendon Stewart '18 was a part of USC's national champion 4x100 team.

Jack Smith '20 made the All-ODAC Third Team for his past season with the Randolph-Macon College lacrosse team.

Antoine Booth '21 announced that he will transfer to James Madison University to play football for the Dukes this fall.

Ethan Fleming '21 attended Loyola University in New Orleans where he obtained a 3.7 GPA. and was active in Army ROTC and received a Leadership Award. Ethan is now transferring to Tulane on a full 3-year scholarship from Army ROTC and will be serving as a squad leader.

Ryan Morrison '21 was named an All-American Honorable Mention as a freshman for Division II Men's Lacrosse at Limestone University. Ryan also made the All-SAC Third Team as a freshman at

No. 3 ranked Limestone University this past season.

Hackett Rascher '21 was named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the 2021-22 spring semester. Hackett is currently earning a Bachelor of Arts in English: Literature, Film Studies.

Saddique Stephens '21 graduated from NAPS (Naval Academy Prep School) last weekend and also received his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. His mentor, Ryan Griffith '05 (US Naval Academy '09), was on hand for the graduation ceremony.

Keyvar Smith-Herold '22 played the 3rd Movement of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto with the Orion Youth Orchestra. Keyvar was the John Philip



Sousa Award winner this year, and was one of three selected to receive the Music Department Award at Graduation earlier this month. He will be attending Oberlin Conservatory on a full scholarship.

Scott Toves, Jr. '18 graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry.

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Paul Douglas Ash '62.

Nick Barton (former student), son of Ed Barton '85.

Charles Harris, father of Charlie '77, Edmund '82, Patrick '85 and Hugh '86.

Dr. James Esten Abell, father of Doug Fields '80 and Jason Abell '89.

Kyle & Charlene Savage, parents of Kyle Savage '22.

Vaughn Riffe, father of Kyle '10. Supporter of the baseball team.

John Hill III, father of John IV '88, Christian '91, and grandfather of Tommy '22.

Melvin L Hines, father of Melvin L Hines, Jr. '89, grandfather of Jeffrey Monroe II '14 and Jonathan Monroe '15.

Gregg Repole '95

Richard Meehan '83

Rich Lamont '79

Gerald Frischkorn '72, brother of Steve '76 and brother-in-law of Gary Janoske '71.

Morgan Washington, brother of Joseph '78.

Mary Delaney, wife of Bill '53.

Emmett Clark, former DM student, father of Jamaal '00 and grandfather of Jamarri '21.

Vinny Moyola, former DM student, brother of Morgan '77 (dec.).

John Body '74

Dr. Alex Kurikeshu, father of Joshua '08.

John Walker '69

Tim Leonard '76

Michael Rich '89

Nancy Lohrfink, mother of Hugh Thomas '83 and Robert Thomas '84.

Kathleen Evers, mother of Chris Evers '88.

Bernadette Allman, sister of John Allman '90 and Matt Allman '95.

Ronnie Boyd, the father of Roderick "Ricky/ Garue" Boyd '80.

Donna Jones mother of Devin Jones '22.

Ryszard Olewnik '87.

June Jones, mother of Andre D. Jones '87.

Norris Smith Sr., father of Mark Smith '87.



Rich Lamont '79, Bill McGregor, and Steve Morusiewicz '81 are pictured here in March at DeMatha. Sadly, Rich passed away two weeks after this photo was taken after a long bout with cancer. Rich was a great student-athlete in his time, but an even better person. Rest in Peace.



The DeMatha community was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of **Gregg Repole '95**. Gregg was in charge of the food service offerings in our cafeteria and he catered many other events on campus as well. He was well liked by students, faculty, and staff alike. His pleasant demeanor and infectious enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

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2022-23 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE AUGUST

26 DeMatha @ Cardinal Gibbons (FL) 8pm

SEPTEMBER

2 Rock Creek Christian @ DeMatha 7pm

10 DeMatha @ Benedictine (OH) TBD

17 Friendship Collegiate @ DeMatha 7pm

23 Life Christian @ DeMatha 7pm

OCTOBER

7 DeMatha @ Gonzaga 7pm

14 McNamara @ DeMatha 7pm

22 DeMatha @ St. John's 2pm

28 Clarkston North @ DeMatha 7pm

NOVEMBER

4 Good Counsel @ DeMatha 7pm

2022-23 VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE AUGUST

24 DeMatha @ Georgetown Prep 4:30pm

26 DeMatha @ Severn School TBD

SEPTEMBER

7 DeMatha @ Landon 4:30pm

10 DeMatha @ Delbarton (NJ) TBD

11 DeMatha @ Delbarton (NJ) TBD

13 DC International @ DeMatha 4:30pm

15 DeMatha @ McNamara TBD

20 St. John's @ DeMatha 3:30pm

23 DeMatha @ Bullis 4pm

27 St. Mary Ryken @ DeMatha 3:30pm

30 Good Counsel @ DeMatha 3:30pm

OCTOBER

4 Bishop Ireton @ DeMatha 3:30pm

6 DeMatha @ Paul VI Catholic 7:30pm

14 Carroll @ DeMatha 3:30pm

18 DeMatha @ Gonzaga TBD

21 DeMatha @ The Heights 3:30pm

15 O'Connell @ DeMatha 3:30pm