

May 25, 2021



# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear DePaul Catholic High School Community:

The Class of 2021 has completed their last day of class and we are into Senior Final Exams. We have made it this far because of the commitment of our school community to abiding by the health and safety regulations that have been imposed upon us and by looking out for one another. It has not been easy but, together, we look forward to a successful conclusion of the school year.

The Senior Prom will be on June 1, 2021 with Graduation practices later that week and Graduation to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Graduation will be held outside and seniors will receive two tickets for reserved seats (or for admission into the gym should it rain, as there is no rain date). There will be no Baccalaureate Mass. The graduation ceremony will start with a prayer service and the presentation of senior awards and scholarships. At the current time, outdoor gatherings are limited to 500 people (socially distanced) so others will be admitted to the outdoor ceremony until capacity is reached and on a first come basis.

The school and offices are closed on May 28, 2021 for our Bishop's Holiday. With the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and prom celebration, we urge you to please keep your guard up and comply with all safety regulations. Graduation is less than a week after prom and it would be unfortunate if not all students and guests would be eligible to attend. Irrespective of any changes to safety protocols announced by the federal or state government, we will continue with the procedures that are in place until the end of this school year and we will announce our plans for the opening of school in September during the summer months.

St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!



At the 125th Annual State Convention of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus held virtually on May 15, 2021, Russell D. Petrocelli, a member of St. Anthony Council #11585 in Wood-Ridge was elected to the Office of New Jersey State Advocate. As one of five state officers, he will help in guiding the direction of the state council, with over 58,000 members, and will be the state officer representing the Archdiocese of Newark.

Petrocelli is completing two years as the NJ State Warden and has previously held the offices of Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy, President of the Bergen County Federation, State Membership Director, and Master of the Fourth Degree.

**Moving Forward...**

It is always fun to work with kids. They surprise us, entertain us, challenge us, frustrate us, bring us joy and we continue to always be proud of them.

And as we all know...Kids eventually graduate and they become alumni.

Alumni are the lifeblood of a private, tuition driven school. Alumni help in many many ways. They offer financial assistance. They offer advice and expertise in specific areas. They help bring the good news about DePaul to others.

Spreading the good news about DePaul is the most important thing a graduate can do. A positive word by an alumnus may convince a family on the fence to join us. A positive word may convince a family to inquire about us, to learn more about us. A positive word about a graduate's own positive experience is really important and really helpful.

Being a graduate myself (1971) and having worked here for awhile I speak with alumni all the time. Some belong to the first graduating class, some from last year and many in between.

When I hear them say that their time at DePaul was worthwhile, educational, fun, and faith filled, first, I am proud, then I am happy, and finally I hope they share those memories with others including possible future Spartans.

Because we are a regional school, there is a lot to learn about DePaul for a family of an elementary school/junior high student. We have kids attending DePaul from as many as 75 different towns. We also have graduates who live just about everywhere, too.

So the hope that I have is that when alumni meet a potential family wherever they live, they will share the good news about DePaul. That news continues to be that we are a great Catholic, co-ed high school and that we are a place where faith, family and friends have always come first.

These values are the backbone of DePaul Catholic.....Faith, Family and Friends.

For Alumni and Friends of DePaul, it is not always about a monetary donation. The donation of time, talent and most of all a positive word is a gift, I hope, all graduates can offer now and always.

As we approach the graduation of the Class of 2021, I want to congratulate all our alumni: 1960-2021.

You always make us proud!

Best and Be Well!

**Oh, The Places You'll Go!**



**We are so proud of our seniors and are excited for their future. They are all making final decisions about colleges but here is a sneak peek of where our class of 2021 will be attending.**

Boston College  
Bryant University  
Caldwell University  
Centenary University  
Davidson College  
DeSales University  
Elizabeth City State University  
Elon University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus  
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus  
Hampton University  
High Point University  
Lehigh University  
Montclair State University  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus  
Pratt Institute-Main  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
Rhodes College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Sacred Heart University  
Seton Hall University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Sussex County Community College  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Tampa  
University of Connecticut  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of New Haven  
University of Richmond  
Vassar College  
Wake Forest University  
Weber State University  
Wilkes University  
William Paterson University of New Jersey

# Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management



**THE ADMISSIONS ((VIRTUAL)) OFFICE DOOR IS OPEN!**

**TUESDAYS (AM) & THURSDAYS (PM)**

Select a Zoom timeslot  
<https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/admissionsdirector.html>

If you'd like to set up a 30-minute Zoom meeting, please click here. Please be sure that you have reviewed the information on our website prior to making this appointment.

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## THE HSPT ENTRANCE EXAM IS BACK FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

The HSPT is a mandatory exam for all students who will be applying to a high school within the Diocese of Paterson or Archdiocese of Newark. Due to COVID-19, this required test was not administered for the Class of 2025, but will return for the Class of 2026.

DePaul Catholic offers a summer prep course for this exam. Information on how to register for a spot can be found by clicking the link below. This course is for students who will be starting 8th grade in the fall.

[HSPT Test Prep Course](#)

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## Class of 2025 Admissions Process

While we are still accepting applications for the Class of 2025, items submitted now will be reviewed on a rolling basis if there is room in the incoming class. **Please note: The Class of 2025 is nearly filled to capacity.**

**Apply Online, Send Your Transcripts, Test Scores, & Teacher Recommendation ASAP!**  
[Click Here To Apply](#)

**DePaul Catholic High School**  
**CLASS OF**  
**2025**

**Class of 2025**  
Only a few seats left!

Apply Now! Register Today!

*Email is best: [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)*  
Transcripts from 6th, 7th, and 1st Marking  
Period of 8th  
Test Scores = any State testing completed in  
Middle School  
Teacher Recommendation = Middle School  
Academic Teacher

**View our Virtual Open  
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**DePaul Catholic**  
**EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL**

*The place to begin*

We are in the process of interviewing  
our next group of Prep students.

To be considered, please apply here:

[https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign\\_in](https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in)

Be sure to indicate that you are interested in 8th Grade Prep.



**The Spartan  
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Questions?  
Contact  
Mrs. Janet Baldo  
[baldoj@dpchs.org](mailto:baldoj@dpchs.org)

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**Alumni & Advancement News**

[Joe Lennon, Director of Development](#)  
[Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations](#)

# 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

## Inductees

NATALIA (SISTI) CAPPELLO, '06  
FREDERICK (FRED) FAHERTY, '63  
DAVID LENNON, '98  
MICHAEL LUDWIG, '78  
PATRICIA MERINGER, '08  
GLENN PEANO, '97  
LANA RAE PETERSON, '89  
MICHAEL PIERCE, '68  
MSGR. GENO SYLVA  
ANNA VELTRI, '07  
THE 1972 STATE CHAMPION  
FOOTBALL TEAM



**Congratulations to all of the Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.**

[PDF of Hall of Fame Ceremony Program](#)

## The 27th Annual DePaul Catholic Golf Classic

Benefiting the Sr. Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

### Monday, June 14, 2021

North Jersey Country Club  
Wayne, NJ

Honoring  
The Atieh  
Family

[Reserve your foursome or purchase your dinner ticket here!](#)

# The Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund

## Est. in 2010

Kristen graduated from DePaul in 2002. She had a strong sense of belonging in DePaul Catholic and loved her days here as a student.

The scholarship supports a DePaul Catholic junior who best embodies the life and legacy of Kristen. The scholarship is for two years.

If you would like to make a donation please click on the link below.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## The Alumni Scholarship Program

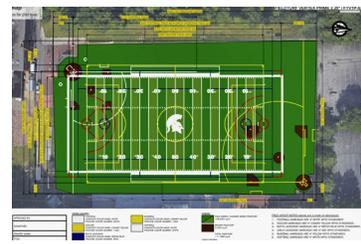
Calling all Alumni! Want to be a part of giving the gift of a Spartan education? The Alumni Scholarship was created in the 2020-2021 school year by DePaul Catholic Alumni. For more information on how to be a part of this scholarship program contact Joe Lennon at

[lennonj@dpchs.org](mailto:lennonj@dpchs.org) / 973-865-8725 or Coleen Brophy at [brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org)/973-865-4787.



[Click here to listen to what some of our current sponsors & scholars are saying.](#)

## Annual Fund For The Future



DePaul Catholic would like to thank all alumni who have sent donations to offset the new athletic turf installation, the Annual Fund, The Alumni Scholars Fund and the Sr. Patricia Flarity Fund.

DePaul Catholic's most pressing issue is the need for a **new roof** for the gym and for the west wing. The cost is \$300,000.00. Starting on February 11, 2021 all donations to the Annual Fund will go towards the new roof. Anyone who would like to donate directly to that fund can send their donation to the Development Department in care of Joe Lennon or Coleen Brophy.

When Coach Lennon first started working at DePaul, Monsignor John McHugh said that DePaul's foundation was based on the students & alumni, teachers and parents. That foundation has remained strong for the past 64 years. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Stay Safe and God Bless

To donate, please use this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/spartanfund>

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On May 15, 2021 two DePaul Catholic graduates, Mary Haggerty '12 and Marissa Pescatore '13 graduated from Villanova school of Law together.

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Denise Atieh Quackenbush '75, Patient Liaison in the Patient Experience Department and now Coordinator of Volunteer Services at Chilton Medical Center was recently chosen along with six other Healthcare workers from Chilton as Citizens of the Year in Pequannock. They will be recognized at the Town Council Meeting on May 25, 2021 and will be honored during the Memorial Day Parade.

## Spend Your Summer As A Spartan



**Test Prep  
at DPCHS**  
*July 12-22, 2021*

The Test Prep course focuses on preparing middle school students who intend to sit for a High School entrance exam. Students will navigate through the structure and setup of a variety of entrance exams and practice sample content while receiving valuable test-taking tips. Our goals are to familiarize students with possible formats, help them build confidence in their abilities, and give them a competitive advantage on test day.

Questions: [forsythk@dpcchs.org](mailto:forsythk@dpcchs.org)



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SUMMER SPORTS  
CAMPS**

SPEND YOUR SUMMER AS A SPARTAN

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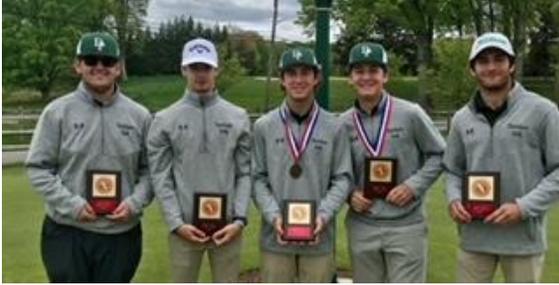
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**Register Here!**

## Spartan Nation

**County Champs!**

**Scelba family leads DePaul**  
[article from: NorthJersey.com](http://NorthJersey.com)



The Passaic County Golf Championship was a family affair - the Scelba family, that is.

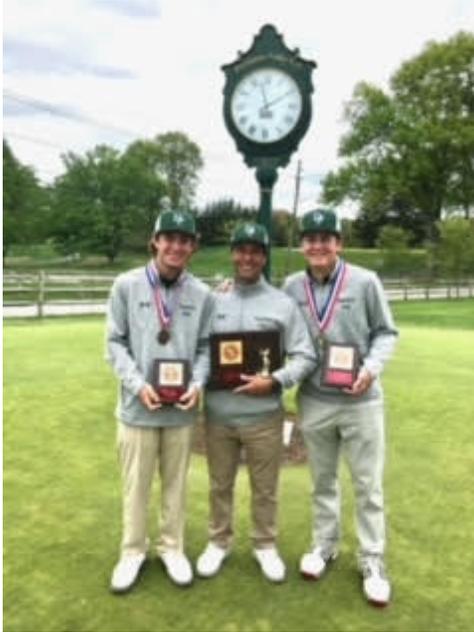
DePaul sophomore Damian Scelba won Monday's individual title at Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne. His brother, Dominic, a senior, was third, and they led the Spartans to the team championship with their father, Anthony, as coach.

"It's pretty special. I'm overwhelmed with joy just to think about it," said Anthony Scelba, a 1994 DePaul graduate. "Twenty years from now, we can laugh about this. I'm getting choked up just talking about it."

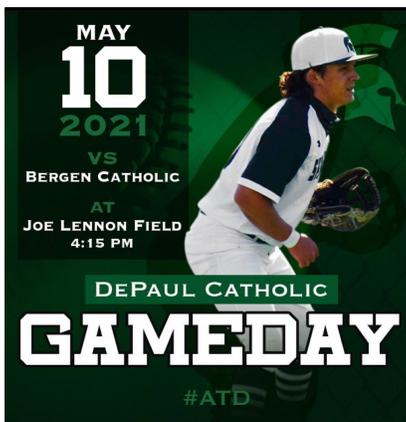
Damian Scelba shot 2-over-par 72 on the East Course to finish one stroke ahead of Wayne Valley senior Jedd Alcalde. Dominic Scelba was third with 74. Damian Scelba played his back nine at 3-under, featuring an eagle, to come back and win.

DePaul carded a four-player total of 323 to finish 52 strokes ahead of defending champion Wayne Valley. Senior Luke Bianchi added 86 and senior Dylan Cabri 91 to help the senior-heavy Spartans win the county title for the first time in more than a decade.

"I'm glad that we got to play, I'm glad that my seniors got to leave as champs, and I'm just so happy for the team," Anthony Scelba said.



Click the images below for game reports from these recent Spartan victories!



## AROUND THE HALLS

### Congratulations To Interact Members!

Saverio Marinelli and Sophia Mastellone, members of the Interact Club, have been selected by The Wayne Rotary to attend the RYLA Conference Typically, they pick one student from the three Wayne High Schools: Wayne Valley, Wayne Hills, and DePaul. As you can see, they selected two from DePaul this year! These two students were selected to apply based on their participation in the Interact Club and then went through an interview process.

Congratulations to the following DePaul Photoshop students who received recognition for their photography in the NJ Youth Photography Competition 2021 sponsored by the Ocean County Camera Club:

**Bridgeth Benites** received an Award in the category of Color Choice.

**Michael Matsakis** received an Award and a Director's Choice in the category Color Choice.

**Zachary Brogan** received an Award in the category of People/Animals.

**Alejandra Arevalo** received an Award in the category of Landscape/Waterscape.

**Ja'Shone Sellers** received an Award and a Director's Choice in the category of Color Choice.

**Emily Morillo** received two Honorable Mention's in the categories of Color & Monochromatic Choice.

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## AP World History

Members of Mrs. Dacles's AP World History class hold up the cards the class wrote to send to the Veterans at the East Orange Veterans' Health Care Center. To mark Memorial Day, the students thanked the Veterans for their service in dedication to our country.



## Honors Health & Disease

The Honors Health & Disease hosted a Zoom meeting with Medical Professionals from Liberty Science Center. They met with a heart transplant surgeon, an operating room nurse and both a nurse and paramedic who handle helicopter calls.

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## Peer Minister Update

These are photos of the formation meeting of the new "Peer Ministry Team" for 2021-22! Our students consist of upcoming Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who are preparing for the important ministry of leading and mentoring the new students of DePaul. Our formation meeting involved activities that gave the students opportunities to get to know each other, to brainstorm how to share our faith, how to serve others, and what makes our school special. New Peer Ministers were interviewed by the Campus Ministry Team to learn why the students felt called to be Peer Ministers. The Holy Spirit is evident in the responses each student shared, including reflections on their experiences at DePaul and their hopes for the new students entering the school. We look forward to new beginnings in the Fall of 2021



## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada **Secretary-** Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuitti  
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## The Sister Jeanne Academic Scholarship Fund



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