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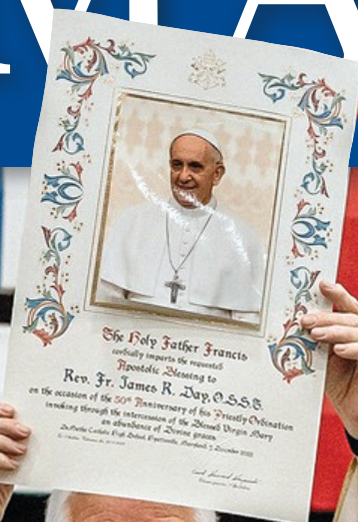
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**Father James
Celebrates
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of Priesthood**



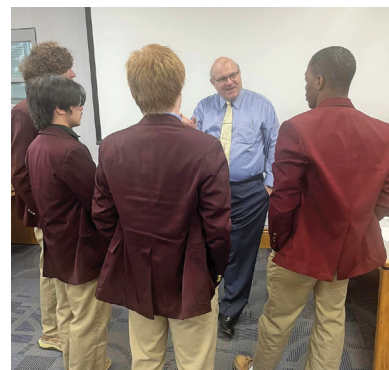
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There has been a lot to celebrate in the DeMatha community. Father James celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood with a mass on campus, Tom Krawczewicz '81 achieved his 300th win as swim coach, Joel Manzano '23 and Jarrod Ghatt '23 (flute) were named as All-Eastern musicians set to perform in New York, Chase Pearson organized a successful service event to help local immigrant families, and much more! Cover Photo by Travers Photography.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

I have been immensely blessed to celebrate my 50th Anniversary as a priest with people who are so important to me and my vocation as a Trinitarian religious and a priest. It is not easy for me to realize that December 2, 1972 (my actual ordination date) is now 50 years ago. It gives me reason to pause and reflect.

One of the aspects of being a Trinitarian is that we can be involved in a variety of ministries under the inspiration of St. John de Matha. In my fifty priestly years I have spent much time helping young Trinitarian seminarians; I have been a pastor at a parish for 18 years and then I have been involved in working at three other high schools in Baltimore and Victoria, Texas. However, I have spent my longest segment of priestly ministry (26 years) at DeMatha in various capacities as classroom teacher, counselor, administrator and now, since 2016, as its first president. In my variety of ministries, I have been fortunate to engage with and learn from many different talented people.

To me being a priest is all about service for others and helping people to welcome God into our lives. Sometimes there are voices in our culture which try to elevate the priest into almost a celebrity status. Nothing could be further from the truth. Priests are called to be servant leaders in imitation of Jesus. I know I have not always lived up to that ideal, but it has been my goal to become a priest who listens, prays, leads, comforts, teaches, forgives and presides at liturgical services. Whenever I am involved in those aspects of priesthood, then I believe I am doing what God asks from me.

I thank all of you who have been a part of my 50 years as a priest and who have inspired me and others by your willingness to help and model what it means to be a follower of Jesus. None of us can be successful in our call to holiness if we are not connected with others on the journey. My 50 year journey has been made easier because of you and your faith. Let's continue to model for each other what it means to be a disciple of the Lord in whatever vocation God has shared with us. A faith-filled life is always easier if we do it together!



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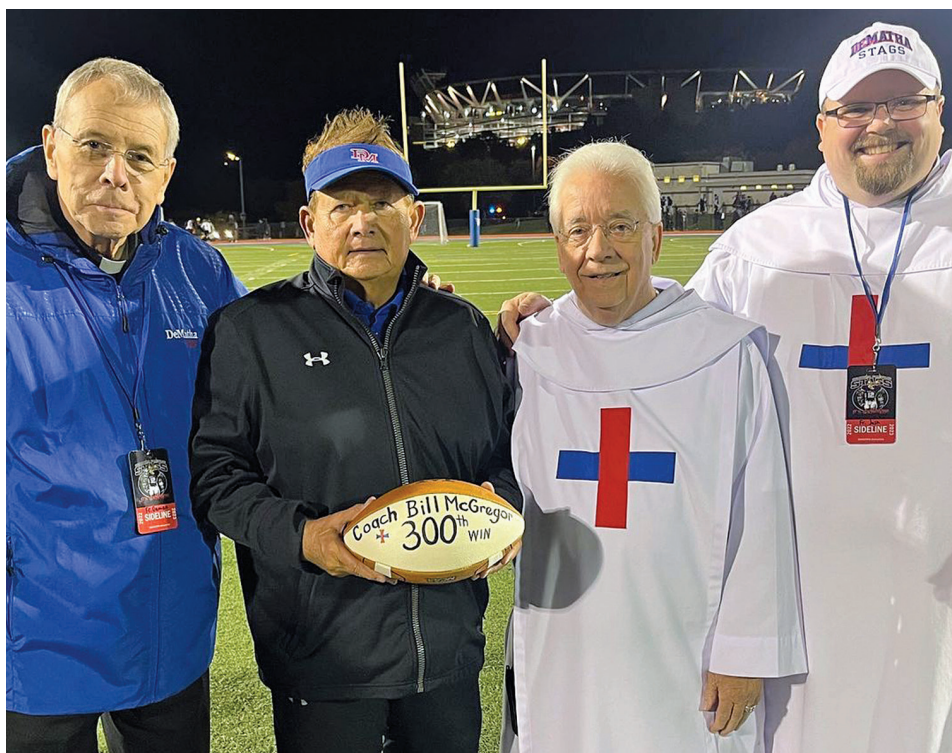
A picture from our Ash Wednesday service in February.

The Valois Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 29 new members at the Ceremony on January 11th. The evening also included the induction of the 2022-2023 officers and the presentation of the Fr. James R. Day, O.S.S.T Award. Students apply for membership based on the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and

service. DeMatha now has a total of 68 members who meet the high standards required. Students must continue to maintain their academic standing and perform service, including peer tutoring and volunteering at DeMatha and in their community. The new officers for the 2022-2023 school year are President **Declan**

Devilbiss, Vice President **Anthony Lukban**, Secretary **Thomas Dietrich**, and Treasurer **Jayden Duran**. NHS faculty advisors are **Ms. Julie Ponton** and **Mr. Mike Ayala '04**.

Mr. Paul Davies accepted the Fr. James Day Award for his many years of service as a faculty member. The Fr. James Day Award is given to a faculty member who exemplifies the four distinguished qualities of the society.



Bill McGregor will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in April. Bill grew up in the Pittsburgh area. Congrats Coach!

New senior members are **Anthony Ambrister, Edward Cimerman, Daman Decker, Stephen McDonald, Ethan Smith, and Everton Wiggins**. New junior inductees include **Aidan Anderson, Jonathan Awunor, Emmanuel Bertrand, Darien Birks, Brandon Cibor, Paul Cruz, Davis Dedner, Will DelValle, Tobias Hernandez, Henry Lawrence, Michael Olivarri, Ryan Ricker, Andrew Righi, Daniel Smith, and William Walker**. The new sophomore members are **Jacob Bickel, Luke Brabazon, Conner Hayes, Landon McKelvy, Shawn Smolen, Hayden Walsh, and Jackson Yoder**.



“A good education teaches skills, encourages critical thinking, and engenders social consciousness; a great education, however, touches the soul.”

January of 2023 brought a new program to DeMatha that was shepherded by Pat Smith '82 and a large group of volunteers; it is called The DeMatha Experience.

Lots of studies of institutions begin by asking about the Mission and Philosophy and then want to know how those documents are brought to life. One way that people are asked to think about how they are embodied is by looking for what are sometimes called “rally points.” A rally point is a place or time where we gather around something. At a granular level this might be as simple as a family gathering each night for prayer before dinner and scaling up to a family reunion held every few years.

We have some of those rally points for the whole school as in DeMatha in our St. John de Matha Day celebration and some that are specific to a club or team retreat or event. The twin goals of The DeMatha Experience are: 1) to create a space and time for rally points; and 2) to move some things that take up class time (course selection assemblies, character conversations, career day, etc.) and move them to a place that gives them more emphasis. A collateral benefit is that in the midst of the year each class got a day off and many faculty got a day off to complete grading for the first semester.

A partial list of things that EVERY class got includes: mass, a student speaker and a teacher speaker (voted on by students), and an Olympic Day with erg competitions, Instant Art, Video Game battles, Robotics and Design competition, Giant Jenga, and an obstacle course. Individual classes participated in: scavenger hunt, basic finances, essay writing workshops, alumni panel, a talk by the child of a Holocaust survivor, creation of videos on the theme of the week, a workshop on the treatment of women, basic first aid and hygiene, a talk on faith in college, and much more. Often large group sessions were followed with small group break-out sessions. Having 16 alums back to talk to seniors about careers was a highlight for seniors and alums.

We learned a lot and we have surveyed everyone and we will get better next year.

An education philosopher writes that “A good education teaches skills, encourages critical thinking, and engenders social consciousness; a great education, however, touches the soul.” At DeMatha, we need to touch the soul — and that’s the goal of a DeMatha education and The DeMatha Experience.



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



Lt. Col. Stuart Couch presented to several DeMatha classes in December. Lt. Col. Couch (now a judge for the Board of Immigration Appeals) was a prosecutor on the case of Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a detainee at Guantanamo in connection with 9/11. After uncovering that a confession given by Slahi was influenced by torture, Lt. Col. Couch stepped down as the prosecutor on the case. His story, along with the story of Slahi, was told in the movie "The Mauritanian", where Benedict Cumberbatch played the part of Lt. Col. Couch.



After more than 30 years, the school chapel received a new look. Will's Decorating in Hyattsville reupholstered all of the chairs. With the football team's help, we picked up the chairs over winter break. This project was being funded by the DPO.

Fr. James celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Priest. Read more about this on page 9.

Faculty member **Dr. Sam Crusemire** successfully defended his dissertation at the University of Virginia in December.

In October, **Mr. Scott Sicko** was named DeMatha's Novice Teacher-of-the-Year and **Mr. Vaughn Holsey** was named DeMatha's Veteran Teacher-of-the-Year.

Chase Pearson '23 and the Campus Ministry Office worked with DeMatha sports teams to support many immigrant families in the area who were in need of food and supplies

during the winter. Read more about this on page 11.

In January, DeMatha hosted St. John's in basketball. That night, we collected money for the foundation that is helping the coach from St. John's, Patrick Behan, in his battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease.

DeMatha hosted its inaugural year of the DeMatha Experience. Read more on page 14.

Several of our students were selected as a College Board National Recognition Program awardee. These awards are giving to those who have strong academic achievements and

an outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams. The following students have received recognition:

- **Jared Yupari** - National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
- **Jarrod Ghatt** - National African American Recognition Award (NAARA)
- **Joel Ayers** - NAARA
- **Owen Kramer** - NHRA
- **Tysun Claggett** - NAARA

In January, DeMatha hosted the Middle School Academic Challenge for local Catholic middle schools. Thank you to our NHS members for acting as facilitators. St. Mary's (Landover Hills) was the top team for the afternoon.



Collins-Wooten Co-Chair Ms. Joan Phalen hosted "Ode to Teaching", an evening of song, poetry, skits, and more honoring teachers. Performances and readings were performed by Dr. Dan McMahon '76, Mr. Andrew Eck '11, Mr. Mark DePrato '14, Mr. Mike Curran, Ms. Marilyn Murphy, Ms. Michelle Belt, and others. Mr. Jim Turk provided music for the event.



A photo from the BSU's trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC in February.

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE NEWS



In addition to the fall service trip, another group of students returned from a service trip to the Romero Center in Camden, NJ in February where they spent three days in service to the community and learned more about urban poverty and Catholic Social Teaching. They engaged in a food scarcity exercise and brainstormed ways to address injustice and love our neighbors as Christ does. Thanks to Mr. Twigg and Mr. Hurst for chaperoning!

This year, the Campus Ministry Office, thanks to the support of the DeMatha community, collected over 14,000 canned food items and non-perishables for our annual food drive in November. They were distributed to 6 local charities, including Mary House, St. Jerome's and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In addition, the CMO also collected over 150 toys at Christmas. Some of them went to benefit St. Augustine's Christmas Toy Drive; the others were distributed to families in need from St. Matthew's Episcopal in Hyattsville.

The senior retreat was held in November at Camp Sandy Hill in North East, MD. The theme of the retreat was Reflective Masculinity: God's Work in Our Lives where we invited seniors to reflect on God's work in their lives and the relationships they develop with their DeMatha brothers. **Nnamse Ammons '99** and faculty member **Mark**

Goodson shared their reflections on God's presence in their lives and our seniors had the chance to enjoy ropes courses, reflect in small groups and pray in Eucharistic Adoration.

In January, an anonymous donor gifted DeMatha with the money to buy food and supplies for 2000 "blessing bags" for our homeless brothers and sisters. Our freshmen put the bags together in their DeMatha Way classes after learning a bit about the challenges facing those who are unhoused in the DMV. Campus Ministry then delivered the bags to Catholic Charities who will distribute them to shelters over the winter.

Fr. Josh and **Mrs. Erin Bright** took 11 seniors to Camden, NJ in October on a fall service trip to the Romero Center. They spent time in service to the local community, learned about the challenges of urban poverty and the themes of Catholic Social Teaching through games, videos and

simulations, and created Action Plans to help focus their efforts on bringing back justice to their communities.



Mrs. Erin Bright and **Fr. Josh** dropped off 2000 homeless blessing bags compiled by the freshmen in January to Catholic Charities. The bags were distributed to several shelters in DC.



Chase Pearson '23 (3rd from left) pictured here with fellow Stags who volunteered to help pack and unload donations to a local church during a giving event he organized. Read more about this on page 11.

DeMatha Upcoming Music Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Sinfonia, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Advanced Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble II, Voices of DeMatha, DeMatha Harmonics will compete at the Festivals of Music Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Spring Concert, Jazz Ensemble
7:00pm – Location TBA

TUESDAY, MAY 2

SPRING CONCERT - Concert Strings, Concert Band I, Percussion Ensemble I and Concert Band
7:00pm
Bladensburg High School

THURSDAY, MAY 4

SPRING CONCERT - Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble and Symphonic Band
7:00pm
Bladensburg High School

TUESDAY, MAY 9

SPRING CONCERT - Sinfonia and Wind Ensemble
7:00pm
Bladensburg High School



Joel Manzano '23 and Jarrod Ghatt '23 (flute) were named as All-Eastern musicians set to perform in New York



A guest saxophonist from the President's Own Marine Band, SSgt Connor Mikula hosted a clinic for our wind and percussion students, and a string quartet from the United States Air Force performed and worked with Sinfonia on February 9. The father of **Simon Wedge '26** performs in the ensemble.

Joel Manzano '23 was named to the All-Eastern Mixed Chorus and **Jarrold Ghatt '23** was named to the All-Eastern Band for flute. Both students will represent DeMatha and the state of Maryland in Rochester, NY from April 13-16, 2023, for rehearsals and a performance.

DeMatha's Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band received Superior Ratings at the WAMTC Band Festival in December.

DeMatha had several Junior and Senior All State selectees. Junior All State selectees include **Alex Davis '26** (French horn), **Jesse Kliman '26**, and **Aidan Decker '26** (chorus).

Senior All State selectees include **Peter Brown '24**, **Joel Manzano '23**, and **Jackson Yoder '25** for chorus and **Jarrold Ghatt '23** for flute.

The following students also auditioned and were accepted into the WAMTC Honor Band:

Jarrold Ghatt '23 - flute
Chance Brown-Jones '24 - flute
Declan Devilbiss '24 - clarinet
Kaelan White '24 - clarinet
Jaylen Goode '26 - clarinet
Christopher Toomer '23 - alto sax
Ian Patience '24 - trumpet
Brandon Smoot '25 - trumpet
Alex Davis '26 - French horn
Joel Manzano '23 - tuba



Mr. Jim Turk, **Jesse Kliman '26**, **Aidan Decker '26**, and **Terry Eberhardt '94**, director of Junior All State, at the Junior All State performance.

DeMATHA'S PRESIDENT FATHER JAMES DAY Marks 50th Anniversary as a Priest at School that is Central to his Life

The following story is an excerpt from a story written by Mark Zimmerman for The Catholic Standard in December.

When it came time for Trinitarian Father James Day to celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest in December, the central event naturally took place at a Mass with the students, faculty and staff at DeMatha Catholic High School for young men in Hyattsville, Maryland, where he has served as the school's first president since 2016, and where he has served in various roles for 26 of his 50 years as a priest.

"I wanted to do something with the students. They're the reason I'm here," said Father James, who as a priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity prefers to be known by his first name, which is a custom with that religious community.

Celebrating that Mass on Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Father James was joined by three fellow Trinitarian priests serving at DeMatha. The liturgy was held at the school's Lt. (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center, with the congregation including its 810 students and 115 faculty and staff members.

In remarks after Communion, Father James stood behind the altar and addressed the DeMatha community, noting that over the years, "I've seen the campus and the programs expand and deepen, but most of all, I believe that I have been able to walk with you and the many who preceded you in the journey of Catholic education at the high school level, and for all of you, I am extremely grateful."

At his anniversary Mass, Father James spoke about his own vocational journey, and encouraged the students to be open to God's call and to talk to a priest or teacher if they think they might have a calling to the priesthood.

"When I was in high school at your age, I began to feel that serving God as a priest and a Trinitarian would be an adventure for me, something that would make me happy and help me to serve other people, and that dream has been realized and continues to be realized to this very day," he said.

After his ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 2, 1972 at St. Charles Parish in Pikesville, Maryland, Father James served from 1973-74 as a chaplain and educator at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore. Then he served from 1974-75 as an associate pastor at Our Lady of



Left - Fr. James pictured here holding a framed blessing from Pope Francis that was presented to him to commemorate this milestone. Above - Governor Larry Hogan awarded Fr. James with a Governor's Citation honoring him on his 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

Sorrows Church in Victoria, Texas, and as a chaplain and educator at St. Joseph High School and Nazareth Academy in Victoria, Texas.

From 1975 to 1990, Father James began his service at DeMatha, first as a classroom teacher and counselor, and then as the school's rector.

Through most of the years of his priesthood, he has also been part of the internal leadership of the Trinitarians and a formation director for its seminarians. After serving as a community leader at the Trinitarian Monastery in Baltimore from 1990-93, Father James served for 18 years as the pastor of St. Ann Parish in Bristol, Pennsylvania.

Then in 2011, Father James returned to DeMatha, serving as its rector and as counselor at the school before becoming its president in 2016.

In his closing remarks at the anniversary Mass at DeMatha, Father James said, "I feel blessed to have been at DeMatha first as a classroom teacher, then a counselor, then an administrator, and now as president. But the one regret I have as president is that I do not get to know all of you as well as I did when I was in the classroom or in the counseling center."

He added, "I try my best in many different ways to connect with you, to communicate and to share with you my belief that you are a glorious group of young men who make me very proud to stand with you every day."

The priest's voice broke as he said how proud he was to stand with DeMatha's students. After concluding his remarks by saying, "Thank you and God bless the DeMatha community," DeMatha's students, teachers and staff gave him a long standing ovation.

Chase Pearson '23 A DeMatha Man's Call to Service

Faith. Community. Service. Academics. Arts. Athletics. The Pillars of DeMatha are something our students see every day, but one student, Chase Pearson '23, has chosen to embody each of those pillars.

Chase, a member of the varsity soccer team, Sinfonia with Mr. Bickel, and an AP student, found himself looking for a way to give back to the community during the Christmas season of his junior year.

"When I was a junior, I was looking into ways to give back to the community and I came across a person who helped feed underprivileged families in their community," said Chase. "I thought about doing this myself, but I realized that this would be something that could really get traction, so I looked for help from the Campus Ministry Office."

When Chase approached Fr. Josh and Ms. Erin Bright, they were immediately open to the idea. They agreed to not only help find a way to raise money, but also locate a way to find these families.

Through their research, Chase and the CMO were able to find St. Matthew's Episcopal Church right here in Hyattsville. In the first year of this project, Chase was able to successfully feed 10 families in need, but Chase was not content to stop there.

"This year, St. Matthew's saw an influx of immigrant refugee families. When we visited the Church, we saw that some families were living on the stage, some were in the Sunday School classroom, and seeing that really affected me," said Chase.

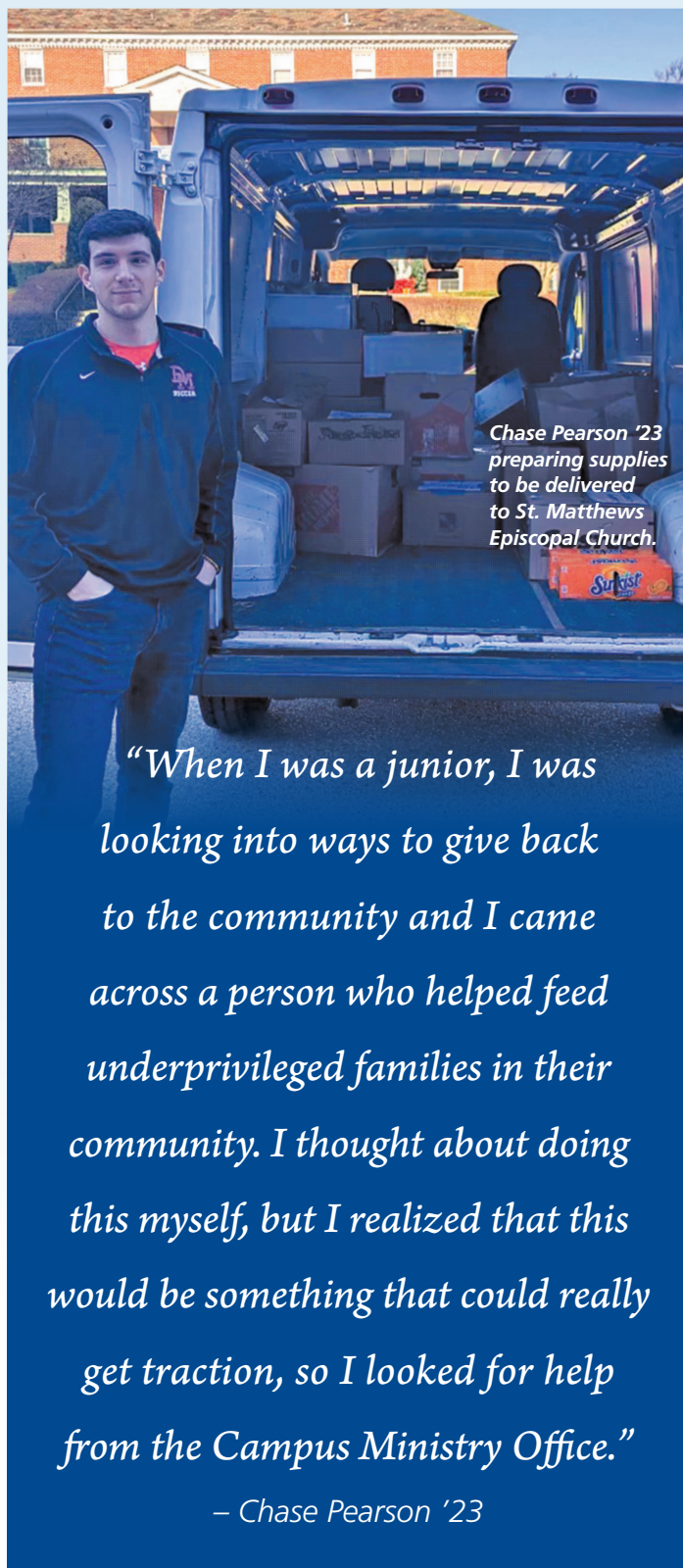
In order to reach his new goals, a new approach to raising money was created.

"We gathered up all the sports teams and asked them if they could sponsor one or more families, which they agreed to," Chase said. "The teams raised money on their own and once it was time to purchase and deliver the food, we had a small group of athletes from each team help buy the food, package it up, and deliver it."

This year, in addition to raising enough money to feed 15 families, Chase was also able to provide clothes and toys for these families to make their holiday season a little brighter.

Chase now prepares to graduate, but he hopes to see his project live on through the Campus Ministry Office.

"Right now we are looking for students who will be here next year that are interested in community service, show leadership, and are willing to take on this large project," said Chase. "We have many underclassmen who have expressed an interest in giving back to the community so it is exciting to see that this project will continue."



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– Chase Pearson '23

As for Chase, he is preparing for his next steps after DeMatha. "I'm happiest when I commit myself to acts of service," concluded Chase. "The name of the game is where can I put myself to help the most people."

We are proud of Chase and how he represents a DeMatha Man, and wish him all the best as he concludes his senior year and moves on to his life as a DeMatha alum.

A Reflection of 30 Years of DeMatha's SGA

As many Stags know, running and serving on DeMatha's SGA is an honor that comes with a long history of leadership, pride, and service to classmates and the school as a whole. This year, DeMatha celebrates its 30th year since the creation of its SGA. We wanted to take a moment to reflect on our current and past SGAs.

As Nick Simms '23, current SGA president said, "As the President of the 30th SGA, there's an awesome feeling that I get to carry on the line of really great people who have served in my position before me for so many years."

"There were many fantastic SGA Presidents that it feels tough to live up to sometimes," continued Nick. "But I know with the group of guys I have on my side we can continue to carry on the tradition that these other Stags have done before us."

You do not have to look far to see the history of the SGA. Dean of Students Mr. Shaka Dickerson '03 and Mr. Paul Clark '01 served together in the 2000-2001 school year. As Mr. Dickerson shares with DeMatha students, the impact an SGA can have on the school can be seen for years to come. While serving as Vice President, Mr. Dickerson's SGA negotiated a new hair policy that is still in place today. Even the shoes and pants DeMatha students wear were influenced by previous SGAs.

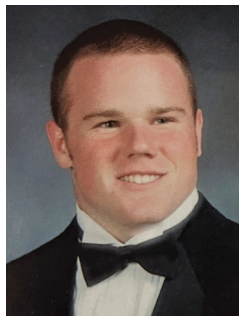
"Serving on the SGA is so much more than just my service to the school," said Nick. "I'm growing my leadership skills alongside my peers. My skills as a communicator continue to grow daily and I get to meet people with such different perspectives, but it's great to be able to interact with people from all walks of life."

And as amazing as it is to hear from our current SGA, we also wanted to reach out and get some input from SGA from the past. The following are what former SGA members reflected on during their time at DeMatha:

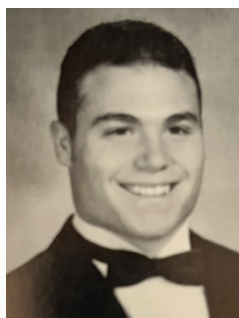


Dan Fisher '06

Dan Fisher '06 - "One of the biggest events my SGA started were the 'tailgates' before any of the homecoming football games in the fall. It was a way to unite our student body and their families. All grade levels participated and it was a way for us to blend the different groups for the common cause of supporting our football or soccer teams.



Jimmy Dillon '01



Pete DeMattei '99



Octavio Sanchez '18



Therman Hawkins III '22

was one of the first Winter Spirit Weeks in the school's history, and the students were elated that the event went well."

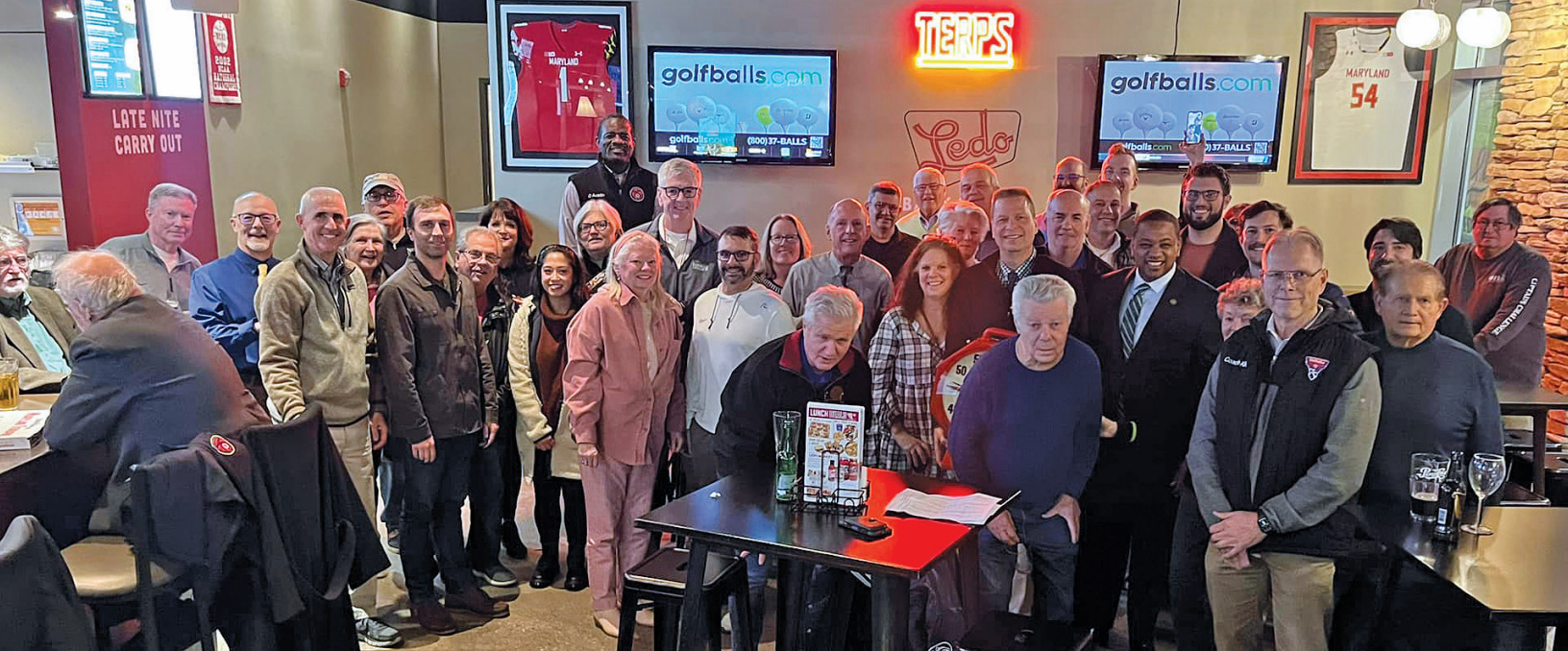
Bringing those groups together allowed different groups of people to be exposed to new groups and fostered a brotherhood which I think helped bring to life what DeMatha often spoke about in how there was only One DeMatha."

Jimmy Dillon '01 - "I learned a lot of great lessons from my time in SGA. I'm a high school teacher in NYC now, and I learned that schools must be communities that bring people together, but leaders in the school have a responsibility to make them that way. I try to bring that same idea to my school and classroom. Personally, I learned through SGA that I wanted to live a life in service of others. At times in my life I aspired to be in politics, but I found that I could help people most by working in schools, and that's why I'm a teacher. My experience in SGA helped me to make that decision about my life and career."

Pete DeMattei '99 - "One of my fondest SGA memories was promoting and hosting a sold out Go-Go band concert at DeMatha. It was a blast, we even had private security. There were folks from all over the area that came together to experience this special genre of music that is uniquely rooted in the DMV."

Octavio Sanchez '18 - "SGA at DeMatha was a big responsibility at a young age, and the skills I picked up during my time weighed it's worth in gold in college and in my career. Being in the SGA taught me unique communication skills, as well as time management. Two skills that I did not appreciate at the time, but I still use to this day, is being comfortable in leadership positions as well as communicating effectively with authority figures. DeMatha has taught me a lot, and I continue to improve myself using skills I picked up during my time in the SGA."

Therman Hawkins III '22 - "My fondest SGA memory was planning Winter Spirit Week. This is my fondest memory because it



A celebration for Coach Kraz was hosted at Ledo's Pizza. Pictured here are some of the people who came to support this historic win.

Coach Tom Krawczewicz Wins #300

A reception for Tom Krawczewicz '81 took place at Ledo's in College Park in February to celebrate his 300 swim coaching wins, his 32 years at DeMatha, and his 31 years as head varsity swim coach. Back in the day, Tom swam at DeMatha. His sons Brendan '15 and Ryan '18 are graduates (with Ryan on the swim squad his junior and senior years). Tom's brothers Mark '78 and Bill '84 are graduates, as is his nephew, Tom '06. Tom is the Computer Science Chair and the Director of Educational Resources. Suffice to say, he is a true Stag. Here is a brief Q and A from the day after he got his 300th win:

DM: How does it feel to get to 300?

TK: It means I have been coaching for a long time. My first year as head coach was the same year Morgan Wootten won his 1,000th game (1993). My squad had won a handful of meets at the time. At the school assembly for Morgan, Dan McMahon said to me, "Just think, in 333 years, that could be you."



Coach Kraz talking to one of his athletes during the meet he won his 300th win as swim coach.

DM: To paraphrase an infamous quote by the late John Moylan from 1991 regarding the swim team, "We're just happy if no one drowns." Thoughts?

TK: The parents were never happy with that quote. We put it on the back of our t-shirts one year and then we went

undefeated. That is one of the things I learned from Coach Wootten early on – don't take yourself too seriously. It's a high school sport. It's hard work but the students should have fun while competing and doing it.

DM: Your thoughts on coaching for so long? How long do you plan to keep coaching?

TK: I don't know how long I will go. I haven't thought about it. Dealing with so many great kids at DeMatha makes it enjoyable. But it takes work for sure. It takes me 2-3 hours to put things together before a meet in the effort to get guys in places in which they can excel. It's my job to mix the All-Americans with the guys that could be one day and try to bring everyone together as a team. Someone once said to me, "It is good that you are giving back" but that is not it all. The program gives back to me.

Again, congrats to DeMatha's Coach K for a job well done. We look forward to celebrating many more wins with him in the future.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit of Jayson Ventura Lopez '24

DeMatha men are often called in many directions, whether that be sports, music, academics, service, or otherwise. Jayson Ventura Lopez '24 has taken on the entrepreneurial mission of starting a clothing line.

Jayson, a member of the varsity soccer program, has been passionate about design since he was 12 and has recently made that dream a reality with the launch of his clothing line, "Solitude".

"Even as a kid, I would find myself drawing designs in my notebook during class," said Jayson. "So this year, I saw other people starting their own businesses and took that as a sign that it was time to try it for myself."

Jayson shared with us three designs: a black hoodie (as seen in the photo), a tan hoodie, and a pair of sweatpants, all with his signature "Solitude" brand and additional design elements throughout.

And while these are the samples he shared with us, Jayson has more plans to expand his brand further soon.

"I have shirts and beanies already on the way and I'm currently designing shorts as well," Jayson said. "I also have visions for socks, accessories and even shoes, but I am still working on those."

Jayson mentioned that he grew up with a father who ran his own business as well which has made an impact on how he views the start of his business now.

"My dad came over here from El Salvador and started his business with nothing; no help and no knowledge of business, and continued to learn everything as he went," Jayson said. "It took years, but he continued to grow and now he is at a point where he is successful."

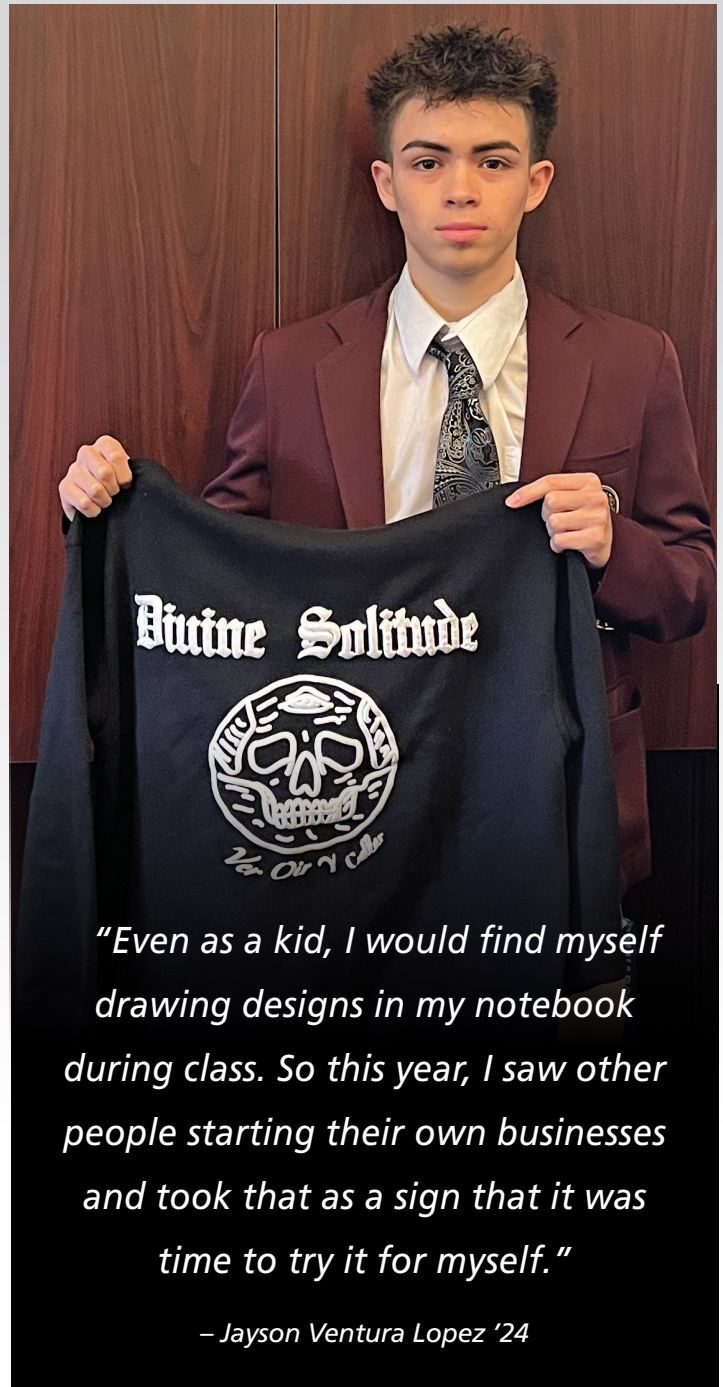
"It helped me not give up," continued Jayson. "Things take time. It's going to take time, money, investments, and risk."

Jayson shared that his father now runs a construction business, a soccer equipment store, a floral business, and rents properties.

And while Jayson is able to learn a lot from his dad, the DeMatha community has also come to support him while he starts his business. Jayson said that he frequently asks his classmates to share their opinions on design, price, and quality to make sure he is creating a product that speaks to his community. And it's not just students who offer their help to Jayson.

"During my work study in the Counseling Center, I've gotten some really good feedback from Ms. April Carroll, Ms. Sarah Stockton, and Mr. Theo Garrett '07," said Jayson. "I've also spoken a lot to my soccer coach, Coach Andrew Quinn '05, who told me about Shopify to manage my website."

This feedback is tracked by Jayson who keeps notes of what he hears and applies it to his design in future products.



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– Jayson Ventura Lopez '24

As Jayson's senior year approaches closer and closer, he said he is interested in going to college for business to continue to learn more.

"My goal is to take this as far as this can go," concluded Jayson. "I'm not just building this brand; I'm building this lifestyle."

FIRST ANNUAL DeMatha Experience

The week of January 16th saw the first annual “DeMatha Experience” for students of all grade levels. This event, spearheaded by Mr. Pat Smith ’82, sought to extend the brotherhood found in our DeMatha Way class all freshmen are required to take to the other grade levels. Each class spent three days together participating in games, discussions, and Mass.

“Dr. Dan McMahon brought this idea up to me two years ago,” said Pat. “Our main goal was to build community by allowing students to interact with not only each other, but also faculty in a way they don’t necessarily get to in a traditional school setting.”

Each class has two days of the Experience, including practical work such as course selection, meeting with Mr. Bright ’03 to discuss college applications, and more. The students also voted for faculty speakers for their class level, with the freshmen selecting Mr. Rick Reeves, the sophomores selecting Mr. Andrew Eck ’11, the juniors selecting Mr. Vaughn Holsey, and the seniors selecting Mr. Mike Ptomey ’98.

In addition to the faculty speakers, several guests were invited to the campus. The seniors welcomed DeMatha alumni during a Career Day, the juniors attended a panel hosted by recent DeMatha grads, the sophomores heard from Sharon Pohoryles, a Holocaust survivor’s daughter, and the freshmen interacted with Dr. Omekongo Dibinga about race and equity.

“It was great to have each class level have an opportunity to hear from not only internal speakers, but also outside speakers, whether that be alumni or other guests,” Pat said. “The speakers sparked some interesting conversations about gender equity, what it means to be a man, life after high school, and more great dialogue.”

“The goal would be to have some of these speakers and conversations return year after year to create a common thread among all DeMatha students,” Pat continued.



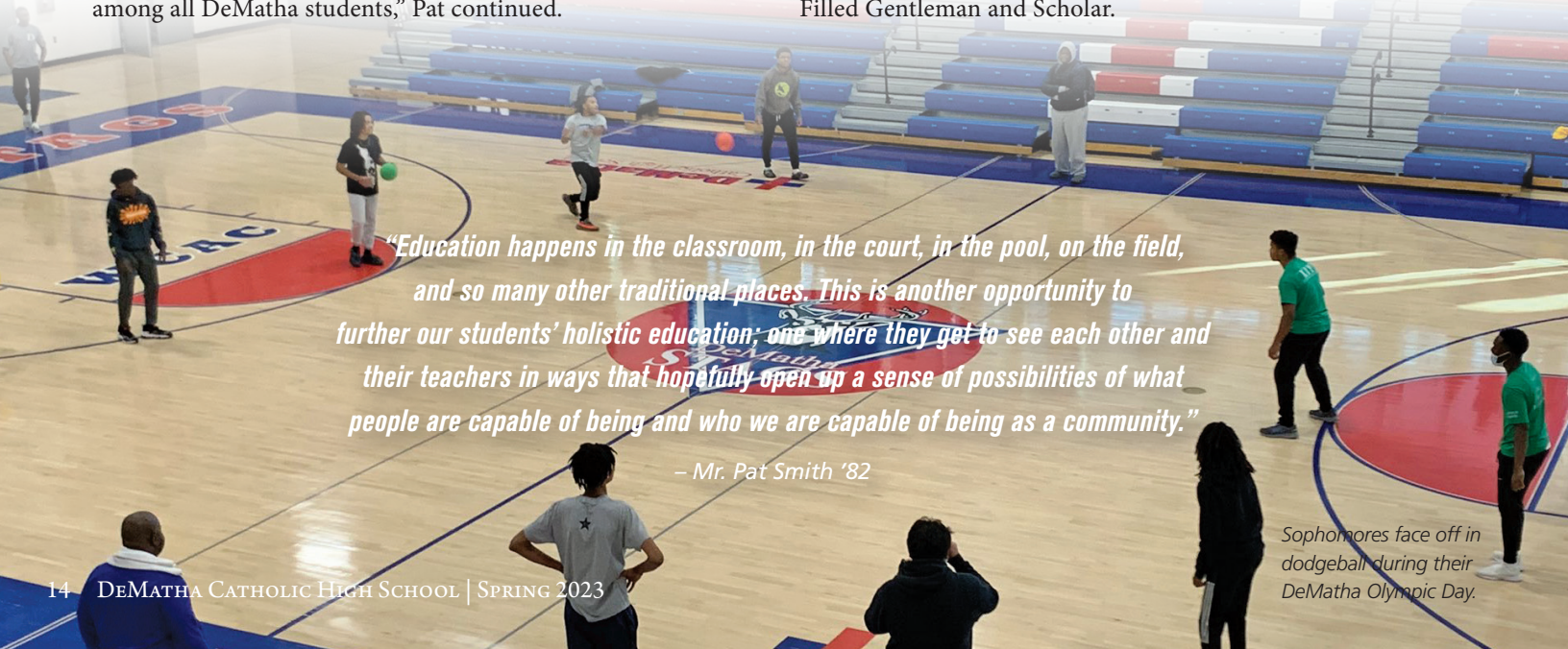
During the Experience, seniors were able to meet with DeMatha alum during a career day. Pictured here is Ard Widmann ’81 speaking with seniors about financial planning.

Each class also experienced a “DeMatha Olympics” day, where students were grouped together by their house and participated in challenges such as Kahoot quizzes, video games, dodgeball, an obstacle course, and more. Each victory earned the winner house points.

And while this is the first year of hosting the DeMatha Experience, the school plans on making this a yearly event.

“We came up with a phrase to explain why we are doing this: ‘Strengthening our foundations,’” said Pat. “We are looking to not only strengthen the foundation of the individual student, but also the foundation of the DeMatha community overall.”

Moving forward, this event will continue to be another building block in the DeMatha Man’s journey of becoming a Faith-Filled Gentleman and Scholar.



“Education happens in the classroom, in the court, in the pool, on the field, and so many other traditional places. This is another opportunity to further our students’ holistic education; one where they get to see each other and their teachers in ways that hopefully open up a sense of possibilities of what people are capable of being and who we are capable of being as a community.”

— Mr. Pat Smith ’82

Sophomores face off in dodgeball during their DeMatha Olympic Day.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in program history. Led by senior **Jayden Keels** and junior **Sayid Shakur**, the team won its first invitational since 2014 at Chesapeake High School in September, where a school record seven athletes broke 18 minutes in the 5k. After beating their rival twice in the regular season, Gonzaga gave the Stags a run for their money in the WCAC Championship, but thanks to a huge gap between DeMatha's fifth finisher, senior Ian Parsons, and Gonzaga's fifth man, the Stags pulled out a three-point win and their first conference title since the fall of 2006. With Sayid and fellow junior **Graham Fenn** returning from the varsity top 5, plus the top two finishers in the WCAC junior varsity race (sophomores **Daden Grogan** and **Jalen Neptune**), expect the Stags to reload and push for their first back-to-back cross country titles in school history.

SOCCER

DeMatha Soccer finished 9-7-2 this year with the season ending in a 2-1 loss to St. John's in the WCAC quarter finals.

The team came out strong with wins against Whitman and Churchill in their first invitational tournament to start the year, and while the team struggled with some inconsistencies this year, the Stags continued to prove their drive by finishing the regular season with a 4-0 win over O'Connell in the team's best game of the year. This tight-knit group was led by 12 seniors. Now, several underclassmen prepare to step up and continue this program's successful tradition.

The team also saw several All-Conference and All-Met honorees. **Ryan Gott '23** was named 1st Team All Conference with **Evan Michel '24** earning 2nd Team All Conference. Honorable mentions include **Cameron Lampthey '23**, **James Morrow '24**, and **Peter Dignam '25**. **Ryan Gott '23** was also named 2nd Team All Met.

SWIMMING

DeMatha Swimming and Diving finished the season with a 15-1 record. Three varsity records were set: senior **Brett Padfield** broke the 100 backstroke record with a time of 50.03, beating the mark set by **Kevin Mukri** in 2002; the 200 free relay team (**Jayson Ross**, **Brett Padfield**, **Joshua Lopez**, **Riley Foran**) set a new mark of 1:36.91, breaking the record set in 2022; and, the 400 free relay team (**Lopez**, **Cole Gilbert**, **Ross**, **Padfield**) swam a 3:11.01, breaking the mark set in 2005.

Competing against over 30 North Carolina teams, the Stags won the Robert Sawyer Invitational meet in Greensboro in December for the first time. The Stags were led by event winners Gilbert (200 free), Lopez (500 free), Padfield (100 back), and the 400 free relay team.

The Stags concluded the season with an 8th place finish at Metros, the team's highest finish in over 10 years. The seniors (**Foran**, **Gilbert**, **Padfield**, **Tony Shinn**, and **James Caldwell**) led the way once again for the Stags and sophomores Ross and Lopez scored big in individual events. Ross became only the third DeMatha swimmer to break 21.0 in the 50 free, swimming the second fastest time in DeMatha history. Lopez, on the other hand, swam the second fastest ever DeMatha times in the 200 free and 200 IM. Sophomores **Joseph Wills III** and **Diego Ramirez**, and freshmen **Jack Hamilton** and **Jordan Vaughn**, were also big contributors throughout the season.



We had a DeMatha first during signing day as senior **Michael Dixon** is receiving a volleyball scholarship to Central State University. Michael is pictured here with his family.



DeMatha cross country Stags after claiming first place in the WCAC Cross Country Championships.



DeMatha wrestling participated in the Maryland States in February. Seven wrestlers placed and two (**Jordan Williams '24** and **Carter Nix '23**) went on to participate in Nationals. A full write up of the wrestling season will be featured in the summer issue of the Red & Blue Review.



Pictured above and below are the football seniors who signed offers on signing day. Standing behind them is the coaching staff of our football program.

FOOTBALL

After losing their first game of the season against Cardinal Gibbons School in Florida, the DeMatha football team went on to have an incredible regular season, winning their next nine games in a row, including a five game streak where the team did not allow a single touchdown to be scored by opponents. The team played hard into the playoffs, where they lost in the WCAC Finals against St. John's in a heartbreaking 7-3 game. While St. John's managed to pull off the upset, the program proved to continue to be a force in the WCAC and now prepares to bring home the trophy back to DeMatha next year.

Jason Moore '23 had one of the strongest individual performances this year, earning 1st Team All Met, Defensive Player of the Year, and was named as the Gatorade Player of the Year in Maryland, leading him to play in the Under Armour All American Game in Orlando, Florida. Jason was joined by **Tawfiq Byard '23** and **Dante Lovette '23** as 1st Team All Mets, with **Michael Crounse '23** being named 2nd Team All Met. The program also saw 133 colleges come through and recruit players, with numerous scholarships being awarded to seniors this year.



FOOTBALL COMMITMENTS

Tosin Babalade '23 - South Carolina
Dante Lovette '23 - Virginia Tech
Michael Crounse '23 - Boston College
Tawfiq Byard '23 - South Florida
Jason Moore '23 - Ohio St
Brian Bates '23 - Charlotte
Noah Vitko '23 - Delaware
Kam Frye '23 - William and Mary
DeAndre Ricks '23 - Merrimack
Brandon Smith '23 - Merrimack
Brendan Wyatt '23 - Merrimack
Robert Stevens '23 - Lafayette
Elijah Yarbrough '23 - Morgan St
Kristian Tate '23 - Delaware St
Luke Hackett '23 - Sacred Heart
Riley Foran '23 - Stone Hill/ Delaware
Reggie Jones '23 - Temple
Adrian Walker '23 - Wheeling
Anthony Jones '23 - Wheeling

Updates on the basketball, indoor track, hockey, and wrestling will come in our next edition.

'60s

James Brown '69 anchored the CBS Evening News in January.

'70s

Mike Brey '77 retired at the conclusion of this basketball season after 23 years at Notre Dame. Mike may still coach, but his career at Notre Dame has ended.

Brian Madden '77 sold his Allstate Agency in 2021 and in 2022 has recently opened a Goosehead Insurance Franchise.

Staff member **Tom Ponton '78** was interviewed as part of a WTOP Podcast just before Christmas on how to deliver a toast.

'80s

Ralph Lilley '83 was appointed Assistant Director for the IBEW-NECA Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Lilley supervises and oversees the academic and on the job training of some 1600 DMV residents in one of the nation's premier Electrical Apprenticeship programs.

Michael Ricker '83 recently joined a charter fishing group in the Florida Keys. Interested in a fishing trip? Call Michael at (301) 536-7407.

William Callahan '85 was appointed by Governor Hogan as a Judge for the Maryland Tax Court.



Kevin Shea '72 has been designated to serve as Acting Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture, the department's #2 position. He previously served as

USDA's Acting Secretary in 2021. Now in his fifth decade as a civil servant, Kevin credits DeMatha for teaching him the importance of leadership, scholarship, and responsibility.



Always great to see **James Brown '69** on campus. He is pictured here (center) with **Rob Landini '01** (left) and Coach **Mike G. Jones** (right). James was at DeMatha taping a CBS News segment.

Chris Kennedy '86 was recognized as the Teacher-of-the-Year at St. Joseph School in Cockeysville, MD for his work as a middle school social studies teacher.

Fairfax County Police Chief **Kevin Davis '87** was interviewed on WTOP's DMV Download Podcast just before Christmas.

Mike Merna '89 has joined The Mars Agency as its Chief Growth Officer. He will continue to reside in Boulder, CO with his wife and two children.

'90s

Jimmy Key '93 has realigned with Bayside CPR & AED Training to be able to teach AHA CPR and first aid.

Charles Woolridge '93 was named the head football coach of St. Francis HS in Toledo, Ohio.

Darnell Barnett '94 successfully defended his Doctoral capstone project.

The Baltimore Banner spoke with **Ray Glendening '97** on what it's like to grow up in the Government House, the residence of Maryland's Governors in Annapolis in an article in January.

Ian Callender '99 Named Washingtonian-of-the-Year

Callender, a "sneaker head" at Hyattsville's DeMatha high school, went on to get an engineering degree, but using shoes as an expression of culture was always a passion. In 2005, he started throwing sneaker parties with live painting through his event firm, now called Suite Nation, but it wasn't easy to find venues. At the same time, he'd drive through neighborhoods filled with derelict buildings.

Callender and his business partner began working with developers to transform vacant lots into temporary gathering places with live music, mobile art galleries, and Black-owned food and drink businesses set up in shipping-container kitchens. (Thanks to a program with Uber Eats, he has offered kitchen space for free.) The first Sandlot opened in Southwest in 2019; he now has locations in Navy Yard, Georgetown, and Tysons, and a massive, more permanent Sandlot Anacostia is slated to open this spring.

Callender is a driving force for DC-area culture — he founded the Arena Social Arts Club, a local nonprofit that highlights minority artists and curators, and is a commissioner in the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture. He's also the creative director of Art All Night, a visual-and-performing-arts festival that, thanks in part to Callender, has grown into a citywide weekend event.

**excerpt from the Washingtonian Magazine.*



Kevin Taylor '81 and **Xavier Redd '82** at the DeMatha hoops game versus Gonzaga in January.

'00s

Shaun Koiner '00 and his wife Brandy welcomed the birth of their son, Jamison.

Paul Medina '01 had his DeMatha baseball jersey hung at Lou's City Bar in Washington, DC.

Jonathan Woody '01 performed at the Kennedy Center in DC in January as the bass-baritone soloist for an intriguing program of Pergolesi works.

Robby Moylan '03 was recently promoted from Lead Attorney-Legal Analysis (Immigration) to Supervising Attorney (Immigration) for all offices of The Matian Firm in California, Nevada, Arizona and Texas.

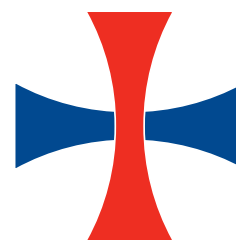
Bobby Plant '03, former assistant hockey coach, has written his first novel, Heartstrings.

Paul Rabil '04 was featured on The Kelly Clarkson Show speaking about lacrosse.

Travis Swain '06 graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University in December.

Stephen Favret '07 has been promoted to Property Manager at Bozzuto.

Branden Wiles '09 business partner Hiatus Cheesecake won Kroger's Go Fresh and Go Local Accelerator program and earned a feature on NASDAQ's website. The business was also featured in an article by the Baltimore Business Journal outlining their deal with Kroger.



'10s

Victor Oladipo '10, Jerami Grant '12, and Markelle Fultz '16

have all had several outstanding performances with their respective NBA teams this year.

Chris Ackerman '11 was married in December.

Adrian Boafo '12 was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates from the 23rd District (Bowie). Delegate Boafo was assigned to the important Economic Matters Committee and was sworn in recently in Annapolis.

Siegfried Schmidt '13 has started a new position as Project Manager at the Johns

Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Facilities Management Planning, Design and Construction Department.

Ja'Whaun Bentley '14, who has had an excellent year with the New England Patriots, was featured in an article by the Boston Globe.

Thomas Barringer '15 was named Football Coach of the Year for the high school Canyon Athletic Association (Phoenix AZ). Thomas is the head coach of Maryvale Prep Academy.

After coming off an injury of his own, **Markelle Fultz '16** gave his insight on **Chase Young '17** and his return to football in an article featured in *The Washington Times*.



Terry Eberhardt '94 (R) is pictured here with **Tony Conto '96 (L)**. Terry conducted the Maryland Junior All State Chorus in February. Tony is the Executive Director of the Maryland Music Educators Association.



Brian Westbrook '97 and **Vic Roy '85** at the Senior Bowl.



Mark DiLuigi '89 is a Master Game Warden for the Commonwealth of VA. In February, Mark was awarded the Loudoun County Sheriff's Meritorious Action Award for finding and saving a woman who was suicidal.



Andy Beal '96 and Beth (McKinnon) Beal, sister of Eddie McKinnon '97, have started their own vacation rental business located in Annapolis, MD. Waterfront Oasis of Annapolis boasts 4 unique properties, including a houseboat you have to see to believe. Andy is also a licensed boat captain offering charters and water sport cruises. Check out their website at www.waterfrontoasisofannapolis.com to stay and/or book a cruise.



Dennard Wilson '00 was the Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, who faced the Chiefs in the Super Bowl.

Christian Golczynski '16

has been promoted to Senior Associate at PwC Labs.

Trevor Dilla '17 trained for and ran the Saint Petersburg Half Marathon on November 13. His dad told us as he moved throughout the course, he heard several people yelling "Go Stags!" as Trevor ran past.

Charles Fox '17, graduated with an MS in Computer Science from UMBC in December. His Master's thesis title was "Combining Knowledge and Data in Symbolic Regression." Charles has accepted a position at CoVar, a machine learning and artificial intelligence consulting firm in North Carolina.

Olu Oluwatimi '17 won the Outland Trophy and the Rimington Trophy as both the best center and as the best interior lineman in college football. He received numerous other honors as well including the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.



Noah Doney '18, a Senior Physics Major at the University of Maryland, completed a research internship through the National Science Foundation's REU program. He worked on the Switzerland base Large Hadron Collider, which is the world's largest particle collider.

Julius McCullough '18 is now a Business & Data Analyst with Chubb.

John Morgan '18 wrote a reflection on his memories of playing with Damar Hamlin who was left in critical condition after a football injury in January.

Matthew Ober '18 won 1st prize at the South Carolina Flute Society's Constance G. Lane Collegiate Artists Competition.

DeMarcco Hellams '19 finished up an outstanding football career at Alabama in the recent Sugar Bowl. His 13 tackles in the Bama victory are the most ever for an Alabama player in the Sugar Bowl. He also graduated from The University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences. DeMarcco also played in the Senior Bowl alongside **Olu Oluwatimi '17**.

Corey McCrae '02 (pictured here) is an assistant basketball coach at Boston College. Corey went by and saw this plaque in the BC Hall of Fame of John Austin '62, who, 60 years ago became the first African American to play hoops at BC. John also had a great career there. John was on Morgan Wootten's first hoops title team in '61. Corey was on Morgan's last hoops title team in 2002.

Nicholas Manzo '19 has received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Patrick Rogers '19 is now Assistant Rowing Coach at St. Joseph's Prep.

Cameron Summers '19 accepted a position in the Northrop Grumman Pathways Program. Cameron will begin his position as a Data Management Analyst in July after graduating from Stevenson University in May.

Alonzo Thomas '19 has been named to the Dean's List of Radford University.

Jahmir Young '19 (Maryland) and **Jordan Hawkins '21** (UConn) enjoyed great seasons for their respective schools.

'20s

Several DeMatha alums have been named as Pre-Season Inside Lacrosse All-Americans: **Josh Brannan '18** and **Cam Leydig '18** from Stevenson; **Jack Smith '20** from Randolph Macon; and **Ryan Morrison '21** from Limestone.

Hunter Dickinson '20 of Michigan was named the Big Ten Hoops Player-of-the-Week in January.



Nate Braun '18 (center) Assistant Swim Coach at Salisbury with **Anthony Kazzi '20** & **Dominic Kazzi '22**, former DeMatha swimmers. Anthony is now at MD. Salisbury is having a great season and Dominic has been a key swimmer for the squad.

Dylan Allen '21 recently volunteered to be a stem cell donor. Dylan is currently attending Gardner-Webb in North Carolina where he is majoring in finance and psychology and is a member of the golf team.

Hackett Rascher '21 was named to the Dean's List at Miami University.

Silas Charles '22 was recognized and received his Eagle Scout Award from BSA Troop 772. Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Scout can earn.

Dylan McKelvy '22 made President's List in his first semester while a member of the men's lacrosse team at Mercer University.

Nathan Newsom '22 has been named to the Middle Atlantic Conference's Fall Academic Honor Roll.



Evan Kee '08, head men's basketball coach at the Apprentice School, guided the team to a 40 point victory, New South Atlantic Conference regular season championship and notched his 50th career win. He was also named NCAS Coach of the Year.



The St. John de Matha Medal

(Presented For Distinguished Service and Ongoing Devotion to the School and its Mission. Recipients are recognized below.)

Last December, at our St. John de Matha Feast Day Mass, Thomas Kane '86 was honored. Specifically, Thomas received the St. John de Matha Medal for his tremendous support of the school as a member of the Board of Directors and as a philanthropist. We thank Thomas and his wife Laurie for all they have done on behalf of DeMatha.

Thomas is the CEO of National Building + Consulting (NB+C). His sons are Thomas '17 and Tyler '19. His brothers are Matt '89 and James '91. Recognized below are past recipients of the St. John de Matha Medal. The award is given each year and can only be awarded to an alumnus. It is solely based on support of the school.



Tom Kane '86 posing for a photo with Dr. Dan McMahon '76 and Fr. James after receiving the St. John de Matha Medal.

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| 2003: Walt Coughlin '52 | 2013: Brian Sheahan '80 |
| 2004: Al Edwards '54 | 2014: Jim Villella '75 |
| 2005: Kim Duncan '83 | 2015: Stephen Welker '01 |
| 2006: Roy Kilby '65 | 2016: Matt Krimm '88 |
| 2007: Joe Kennedy '64 | 2017: Danny Ferry '85 |
| 2008: Robert Lawrence '70 | 2018: Richard Harrington '84 |
| 2009: Kevin Hanley '68 | 2019: Victor Roy '85 |
| 2010: Paul Cinquegrana '59 (posthumously) | 2020: Kenny Carr '74 |
| 2011: Scott Marchakitus '88 | 2021: The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives' |
| 2012: Michael Mulhern '72 and Michael Johnson '80 | 2022: Tom Kane '86 |

IN MEMORIAM



*Stags gathered at the viewing for **Percy White '79**.*

Reedy Blanchard, father of Lavell Porter Sr. '84.
Grandfather of Lavell Jr. '11.

Mary Louise Bosgraaf, mother of Carmen Limburg
Koger '90.

Ray Cannon '75.

Jim Carlson, father of Pat '77 (dec.).

Larry Casey, father of Jim '01 and Tim '08.

Vernon G. Charles, father of Brian '13.

Peggy Dee, friend of DeMatha.

Fernando Duran, father of Fernando '07.

John T. Gonzales, father of Jason '17.

Former Stag **Mathew Gray**, brother of Brendan
Gray '84.

Alhen Green, mother of Gary Green '84 and
grandmother of Luke Green '11.

Doris Hall, mother of retired faculty member Ms. Virginia
Mentz. Grandmother of Tristan '03 and Emil '06.

Joyce Harrington, mother of Chuck '79.

Mary Hein, mother of Eric '68.

Marion Hoffman, mother of Warren '81.

John Keiser '08, son of John (dec.), former DeMatha
staff member.

Bill Komlo, father of Jeff '73 (dec.) and Drew '84.

Edwin Lewis '67, brother of Tom '73 (dec.) and Joe '78.

Antonio Lupo, father-in-law to John Day '84.

Dolores Marinaccio, mother of Steve '84.

Karl Heinz Matthes, father of Tony '79 and Ray '81.

Melody McFadden, mother of David '03.

Louis McLaughlin, father of Navarius '85.

Quintin Celestino Noreiga, father of Quentin Carlyle
Noreiga '91.

Dominic "Nick" Nicastrì, father of Dominic "Nick" '86.

Marjorie Provost, mother of Colin '80. Grandmother
of Mark '15 and Joseph '13 Capotosto.

Jean Ranallo, mother of Gary '86.

Ryan Skochin, son of Kerry '74.

Connie Stewart, mother of Dana Stewart '01.

Tina Trice, former staff member. Mother of Brian '92,
Philip '95, Nicholas '99, and Kyle '03. Sister of Tim
Long '74 and Tony Long '77. Aunt of Chris Long '94.

Grace Valenti, mother of Dr. John '83.

Betty Vicino, wife of Larry '63.

Steve Whatley, brother of Phil '68 and Fr. Frank,
O.S.S.T. Uncle to Jason '94 and Joshua '00.

Percy White '79.

Liam Wiley, infant grandson of Brian Sheahan '80.

Arthur Winker, father of Dr. Wade Winker '79.

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Cross Center for Engineering, Arts, and Robotics Update

Now that the demolition work is complete, we have begun the site preparation for the Cross Center for Engineering, Arts and Robotics. Site work includes excavation and grading for the foundation with special attention to stormwater management. The utilities will all be underground thanks to the work done in 2008-2010. We hope by the next issue of the Red & Blue to have pictures of a poured foundation.

