

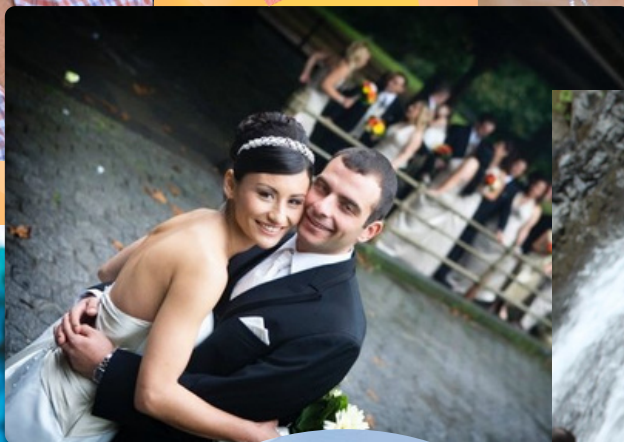


Winter 2024

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

*Staying  
Connected*

**SPECIAL  
VALENTINE'S DAY  
EDITION**



**SOMETHING IS IN  
THE AIR AT  
STATEN ISLAND  
ACADEMY**

Clockwise from top left: Jon D'Agostino '82 & Jade Koplow D'Agostino '83,  
Frank Scarangelo '16 & Jaime Moriarty '16, Christopher Tommasi '17 & Julia Longo '17,  
John Donati '90 & Jaime Prisco Donati '94, Jillian Porrino Feola '09 & Andrew Feola '08,  
Ciyo Mikami Uzun '96 & Burak Uzun '96 (center)



## **Staten Island Academy Mission Statement**

**Students are at the heart of the Staten Island Academy community. Rooted in our history as an independent school since 1884, Staten Island Academy provides an atmosphere that balances intellectual challenge, artistic expression, athletic engagement, and service learning. On our campus, we prepare students to be analytical and ethical thinkers, bold advocates, compassionate leaders, and lifelong learners. We embrace the differences of our shared humanity through open and ongoing dialogue, fostering an individual and collective sense of belonging. Ultimately, student growth is the measure of our success.**

*- Adopted by the Employees and Board of Trustees  
Spring 2023*





**Carol Witt Knight '61**

# **In Memoriam**



**Barbara Glode Sperry '60**

**Carol Witt Knight '61**

**Christopher T. Slattery '73**



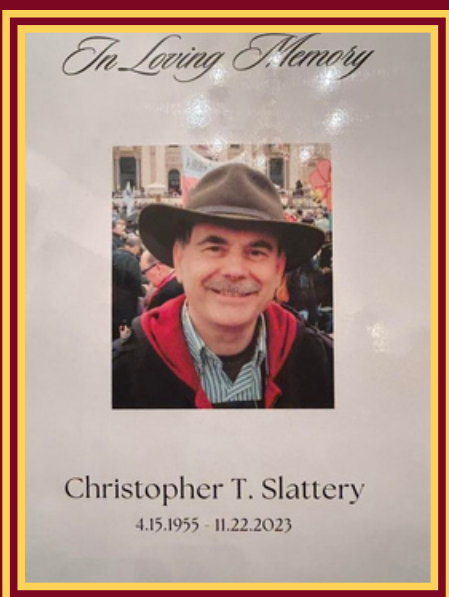
**Barbara Glode Sperry '60**

**Former Faculty:**

**Marie Hannafey**

**Board Member:**

**Kenneth Ellis**



**Christopher Slattery '73**





The Academy is excited to embark on three big projects this year: the creation of an Innovation Lab and the renovation of both the Auditorium and the Library. At the same time, investing in our teachers with competitive salaries and professional development opportunities. All initiatives that I love!

We are proud of our programs and continue to find ways to grow and enhance our rich academics, arts, and athletics, as well as support financial aid to ensure that our school is affordable to academically qualified children. We are committed to providing our students with the best possible education and opportunities for growth and success. Because of this, our children and faculty truly love school.

Please stay connected with us and explore the many ways you can get involved. Your perspective and experience as an alum are invaluable to us, we would love to hear from you...you know I cannot resist a good social media post!

*Dear Alumni,*

I try not to use hearts and love lightly. However, it is February, and I do work at Staten Island Academy. I mean, what is not to love? We have wonderful students, parents, employees, alumni, and so much love for our new campus puppy, Tigger!

Having been at the Academy for 29 years, our Alumni hold a special place in my heart. I loved watching so many of you grow and thrive since your days on Todt Hill. My heart is filled knowing I am standing on the foundation that many of our Alumni and their families before me helped build, dating back to 1884! Every day I am filled with gratitude for the continued support and engagement of our alumni community. Your participation in events, mentorship to our students and philanthropic initiatives have made a meaningful impact on our current community and the future of our school.



Sending you lots of love from me and our new friend Tigger! *Dr. Crig*





**Dr. Corigliano With Our  
Esteemed Panelists**

*Thank You*  
**TO OUR 2024 PANELISTS**

*Alumni Panel Discussion*



**Erin Martin, Alex Morisano,  
Emilee Urbanek Confrey**



**Melanie Wilkerson and  
Joseph D'Arco**

**Erin Martin '93  
Melanie Wilkerson '11  
Emilee Urbanek Confrey '12  
Alex Morisano '12  
Joseph D'Arco '13**



# Congratulations to Our 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



## JOIN US TO HONOR OUR ALUMNI!

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

Haugen Hall Theater on the SIA campus

**Drew Hughes-Brock '97**

**Nicole Shack Donofrio '03**

**Aurora Tormey '14**

**1990 Boys Varsity Basketball Team**

**Coach Carl Althoff '77**

**Michael Mazella '90**

**Alex Paonessa '91**

**Jesse Weiner '90**

**Gregory Peraino '91**

**John Young '90**

**Peter Rapp '91**

**Brian Zaumeyer '90**

**Jay Saccaro '91**

**Stefan Contorno '91**

**Omar Ramadan '91**

**Marcus Jacobs '91**

**Anant Vashi '91**

*For more information and to RSVP to the Hall of Fame Ceremony,  
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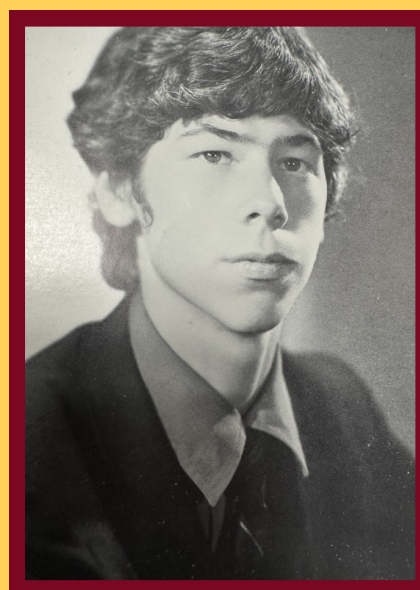
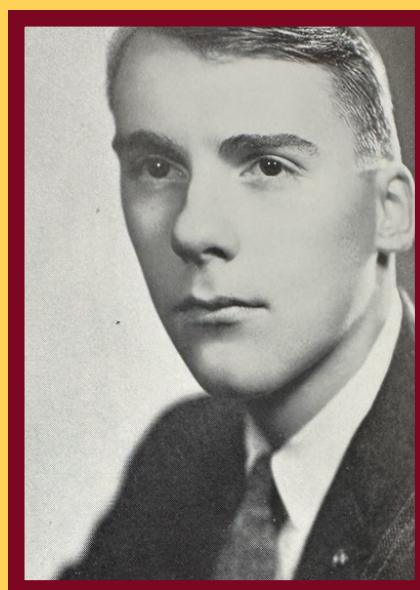
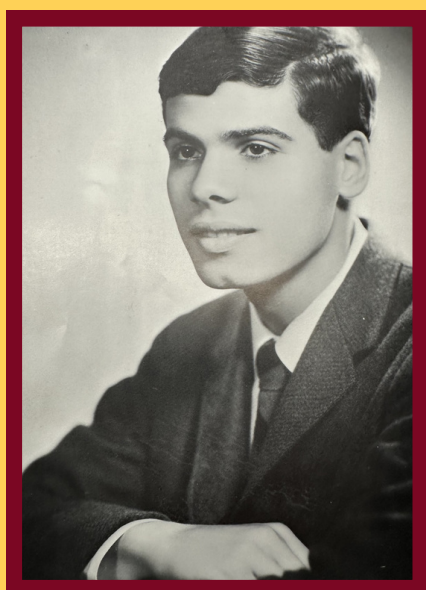




# Congratulations to Our Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



**Joseph Rallo, PhD '67**  
**Christopher J. Morren, MD '61**  
**Daniel L. Master, Jr. '71**



*For more information and to RSVP to the Hall of Fame Ceremony,  
visit [siahof.givesmart.com](http://siahof.givesmart.com)*



# Welcome Home



*Our alumni returning to campus to celebrate the holidays!*



# #OnceATigerAlwaysATiger



Mr. Weissman with Omar Rifi '22 and Rami Rifi '27  
\*photo bomb credit to current dad, Seth Factor 😎

Shawn Landry '89 poses with Mr. Rapp '64



Vin Savino '17 and Dr. Gordon took alumni dad, Michael Guerette, out for a high seas adventure!



Forever friends Nidhi Khanna '07, Miriam Camara '06, & Allison Cohen '07



Miriam Camara '06 captivates our students with her career choice in our Alumni Speaker Series.



Traficantes in the house!



# Decades of Love

Mildred Sykes Klitgaard '39 (dec)  
and Robert Klitgaard '39 (dec)

Kenneth Smith '47 and Dolly Lorey Smith '50  
Gilbert Parmele '50 (dec) and Anne Parmele '49 (dec)  
Marguerite (Peggy) Peoples '52 and W.C. (Brian) Peoples '51 (dec)  
Barbara Halliday Burgher '52 and Elliott Burgher '52 (dec)  
Sal DiRusso '53 (dec) and Barbara Bilow DiRusso '54  
Gabrielle Griffin-Runfola '58 and Joseph Runfola '57

Janet & Paul Schneider



The handsome soccer player and the aspiring field hockey player practiced on adjacent fields. They passed each other in the hallways or met at the lockers every day. He was two years ahead, so their classes didn't coincide, but somehow, it worked. There were movie dates and school dances, and despite going to different colleges, they stayed together. The fall after Janet graduated, they married.

Paul became a C.P.A. Janet taught at SIA until the first of their three children came along and then became a nurse.

They sent their three children to the Academy and have been active and engaged members of the Academy family ever since.

*"Our connections with the many Academy teachers, students, parents, alumni, and other SIA supporters have enriched our lives over the years. It's a lifetime of good memories."*

Janet & Paul Schneider

*"It all started with a Kiss."*

Jon on meeting Jade on a class trip chaperoned by Marilyn Kiss.

- Jon & Jade D'Agostino

Suzanne Huguenin '60 and John (Ted) Huguenin '60 (dec)  
David Waechter '62 and Cheryl Walch-Waechter '62  
William Huus '64 and Susan Samec Huus '65  
Bonnie Kalamen Tornquist '64 and Douglas Tornquist '64  
Paul A. Schneider '66 and Janet Peel Schneider '68  
Carolyn Melchiorre Patrick '81 and Bruce Patrick '71 (dec)  
Anthony Galante '72 and Kyle Nelson-Galante '73  
Amy Fontaine Kok '79 and Ahmet (Mete) Kok '78  
Linda Landstrom Riguardi '81 and Peter Riguardi '79  
Jonathan D'Agostino '82 and Jade Koplow D'Agostino '83  
Peter Flihan '82 and Dina Flihan '85  
Kimberly Heming Peters '84 and Hunter Peters '84  
Steven Vitale '87 and Ashley Ellington Vitale '87  
Christopher Trzaska '88 and Janet Meyers Trzaska '88

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

XOXO





Scott and I met on the first day of high school as freshmen in 1997 and instantly became friends. We remained friends throughout school and after graduation. We always called each other for our birthdays; they were only ten days apart. We reconnected in January 2011 on a whim and immediately knew we had found our partner. We married in October 2012 and had two beautiful girls in 2015 and 2018. We sadly lost Scott in 2021 due to cancer. He will forever be in our hearts. - **Paris Kolonko**

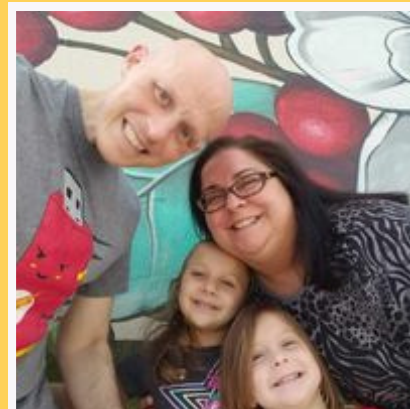
We met as counselors in 2006 at the Staten Island Academy Summer Day Camp. We were married in 2012 and have three beautiful children who attend Staten Island Academy.

"Love is like a cozy blanket on a chilly day, warming us with understanding and shared laughter. It's the simple, everyday moments that stitch our hearts together, creating a beautiful story of connection that lasts a lifetime." – **Nicole and Kevin Donofrio**

We first became classmates at SIA in 1998, but it wasn't until we found ourselves in the most romantic spot on campus in the fall of 2003 that sparks started to fly - Mr. Manske's AP Calculus class!

It was there that we discovered that the limit does not exist for our love, and we have been together ever since! We got married in 2012 and relocated to Texas in 2016 where we still reside today raising our two daughters Madeleine, 6 and Genevieve, 3.

- **Nicole and Drew Marin**



Jamie Savino-Mazella '94 and Michael Mazella '90  
John Donati '90 and Jaime Prisco-Donati '94  
James Zaumeyer '94 and Megan D'Anna Zaumeyer '94  
Ciyo Mikami Uzun '96 and Burak Uzun '96  
Grace Caruso Lutfy '98 and Andre Lutfy '98  
Michael Shanley, III '99 and Val Falcone '02

*Just Married*



Scott Kolonko '01 (dec) and Paris Trataros Kolonko '01  
Nicole Shack Donofrio '03 and Kevin Donofrio  
Drew Marin '05 and Nicole Lopez Marin '04  
Jillian Porrino Feola '09 and Andrew Feola '08  
Chelsea Aronica Ambrosino '09 and Paul Ambrosino  
Connor Tobin '12 and Anna Prince Tobin '13  
Noa Lev-Ari '14 and Emilio Berton '14  
Miguel Avvento '14 and Emily D'Arco '14  
Dominick Tomasuolo '15 and Linda Jeane Delfini Tomasuolo '15  
Paul Blanchard '15 and Yvonne Boulay '17  
Frank Scarangelo '16 and Jaime Moriarty '16  
Christopher Tommasi '17 and Julia Longo '17  
Sandra Prendergast '18 and Michael Trancucci '18  
Lawrence Skutelsky '19 and Maxine Veksler '19  
TJ Pisciotano '19 and Isabella Marchese '21  
Jack Mullane '20 and Emily Gurevich '20  
Christopher Chu '22 and Simone Dutton '21

Staten Island Academy is the reason Andrew and I are together, however, we never actually met while going there! Andrew is a year older and graduated 8th grade 3 months before I started. Despite us never attending at the same time, I remember hearing his name throughout the years. As he was also a fellow Academy Alumni, I felt a connection. Andrew and I finally went on our first date in 2015. Little did we know that our first date would turn into a lifetime together. Our paths separated for some time and collided again in 2020. We have been inseparable since, as we have recently gotten married this past July 22, 2023. We are forever grateful that Staten Island Academy was our connection! - **Jillian and Andrew Feola**





**Connor Tobin '12 and  
Anna Prince Tobin '13**



**"I never would have thought of dating her because when I came to SIA as a freshman, her brother, a junior, scared the hell out of me. I waited until he was older and weaker to ask her out. Proof that an SIA education makes you smarter!"**

**- Mike Mazella**



**Michael Mazella '90 and  
Jamie Savino-Mazella '94**



***We all met our  
match on the  
Academy campus!***



**Chelsea Aronica Ambrosino '09  
and Paul Ambrosino  
SIA Day Camp**



**Paris Trataros Kolonko '01  
and Scott Kolonko '01 (dec)**



**Lawrence Skutelsky '19  
and Maxine Veksler '19**



MINE

BE

# #NotPuppyLove



Linda Jeane  
Delfini Tomasulo '15  
and  
Dominick Tomasulo '15



Yvonne Boulay '17 and  
Paul Blanchard '15



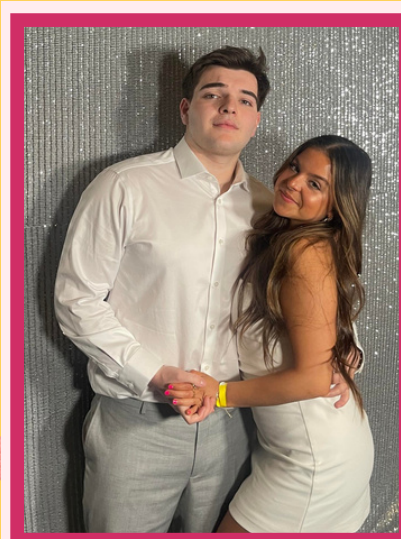
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Sandra Prendergast '18  
and Michael Trancucci '18



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