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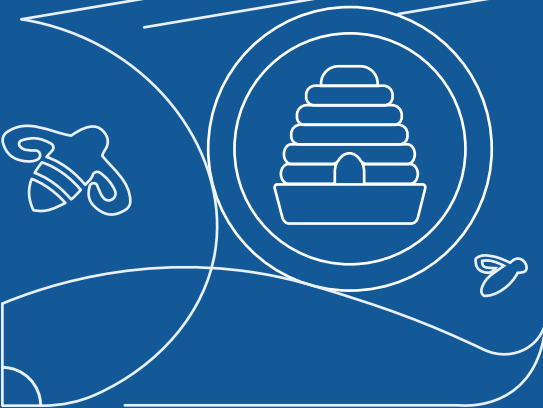
STANNER LIFE

St. Ann's Academy  
Archbishop Molloy High School



CELEBRATING

125 YEARS  
OF WHAT MATTERS



# DEAR MOLLOY FAMILY,

In March 2017, our community began a momentous celebration of the founding of St. Ann's Academy / Archbishop Molloy High School 125 years ago. In the months since, we have asked alumni, teachers, students, family members, and friends to reflect on 125 Years of What Matters. We have recognized together that faith, family, leadership, generosity, service, academic achievement, sportsmanship, and tradition are just some of what makes us Stanners. Now, as you read this summer's commemorative edition of Stanner Life, I invite you to reflect once more on What Matters to you. When reading the stories in this issue, think about the opportunities for success St. Ann's and Molloy offered you, the teachers, coaches, or counselors who inspired you, and the lifelong bonds that you formed here.

In the late 1800s and early twentieth century, St. Ann's established itself as a quality Catholic institution sustained by its rigorous academic and athletic programs. Stanners learned by reading textbooks and putting pen to paper, while the Marist Brothers put chalk to blackboard. The Brothers also instilled faith through presence, family spirit, service, and the Sodality of Mary. Today, these Marist pillars remain at the forefront of Molloy's Catholic identity, while the modern classroom has been revolutionized through the use of technology. As of 2017, Molloy has fully realized its one-to-one computing program, while all classrooms feature the latest SMART Boards. Students and teachers now have access to endless information. While students are learning in different ways, our mission to educate

young people in mind, body, and spirit has never changed. The paths we take to achieve our goals may have evolved greatly, but we remain committed to nurturing confident individuals with a strong moral foundation and the tenacity to become good citizens in our world.

As of this writing, Molloy very much stands as a modern learning environment. Still, we must be prepared to adapt to even more changes to the education model in the coming years. Just five years ago, there were no iPads on campus. Now, we have expanded our IT staff out of necessity to manage over 1,700 devices. Earlier this decade, technology was the biggest draw for prospective students and their parents. As we approach the 2018-19 school year, technology is no longer a bonus – it is expected. In this sense, my fellow administrators and I are already considering how education will shift over the next decade. Rather than be late to adapt, we must always be ready to meet the needs of the modern student by remaining at the forefront of the most innovative educational practices. We must also make sure that our Marist foundation continues to sustain the student experience through service projects, retreats, and a Marist approach across the curriculum.

Moving forward, we are committed to developing our strategic plan to carry us through the next half-decade. This vision will commit us to being a student-centric modern learning institution. No doubt, there will be a need for more classroom space, specialized spaces for arts and sciences, and even more integration of



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————— **RICHARD KARSTEN '81**

## “IT ALL GOES BACK TO WHAT MATTERS.”



computer technology to support the next generation of great thinkers.

Over the past year, alumni have shared with me wonderful stories about how St. Ann's / Molloy has been a positive influence in their lives or the lives of their children. They have recalled how the school carried them through various stages of their lives – not just four years of high school. We have learned that they have earned advanced degrees, enjoyed exciting careers, and raised families of their own. Our formation during our teenage years can have a profound impact on the direction we choose to take in our lives. I am grateful that St. Ann's / Molloy has provided structure and meaning to thousands of young men and women.

In light of our anniversary celebration, I have also reflected on the teachers who have helped us understand the difference between a career and a calling, and between a profession and a vocation. Whatever career we pursue, life will be better if we find our passion. Putting our energy into helping others and making the world a better place in any vocation – whether it be as a teacher, a scientist, a medical professional, an engineer – can have a much deeper impact on the world. It all goes back to What Matters.

This past year has represented a milestone moment in our history. We engaged thousands of alumni, hosted many

successful events, connected with Stanners from as far back as the Class of 1947, and as recently as the young men and women from the Class of 2018. Throughout it all, What Matters has been at the center of this memorable celebration. I thank each and every one of you again for your continued loyalty to your alma mater. We are grateful for your trust and support in all that we do to carry the Marist Brothers' mission ever forward. I invite you to continue to stay in touch, to stay involved, and to stay up to date on how Molloy will continue to meet the demands of the times in the years to come. 125 years from now, when future generations look back on what we have achieved and will continue to achieve in this new era at Molloy, I believe they will be proud.

Congratulations to the Marist Brothers, our dedicated faculty, our generous alumni and School Board, our talented students, and all of our Stanner families, and thank you for 125 years of excellence.

*Non scholae sed vitae*

Richard Karsten '81  
President

## DEAR MOLLOY COMMUNITY,

**"STUDENTS TODAY,  
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**DARIUS PENIKAS**

It is my pleasure to congratulate the students, faculty, alumni, and families of St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School on 125 Years of What Matters. I joined this amazing community just three years ago, but in that time, I have learned the hallmarks of what it means to be a Stanner: faith, leadership, Marist charisma, character, achievement, service, generosity, family spirit, and love of hard work. These time-honored cornerstones have combined to produce an educational experience that has positively influenced thousands and thousands of students. It is an extraordinary legacy, one which I and our current administration and faculty are very proud to be a part of.

We live in a rapidly evolving world which has seen unimaginable change over the past two decades. As the world around our school evolves at a breakneck pace, Molloy continues to evolve and grow in a variety of areas. We have added an advanced computer science program, introduced new courses throughout the curriculum, built a state-of-the-art Video Broadcast Studio, and have begun livestreaming daily morning announcements to every homeroom. These feats have been achieved due to our commitment to continually evaluate both our academic program and the skills and knowledge that our students will need for future success.

A Molloy education is not, however, solely academic. The leadership of the Marist Brothers has created a lasting imprint of spiritual and personal development and growth. Students today, as they have for 125 years, attend school at a place that cares as much about their personal growth and relationship with God as academic accomplishment. Through our campus ministry, religion, and guidance programs we seek to foster a commitment from our students to fully develop their talents, so they may go out into the world to serve others. Our commitment is to educate the whole student – not for school, but for life.

Once again, congratulations to everyone on this wonderful milestone. I look forward to working hard to keep Molloy at the forefront of modern learning in the years to come, and I am eager to see our students continue to rise to every challenge, just as they have since 1892.

*Go Stanners!*

Sincerely,

Darius Penikas  
Principal



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Dear Friends,

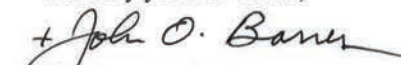
Congratulations on 125 years of commitment to Catholic education!

Thanks especially to the dedicated religious and lay faculty, Archbishop Molloy High School has educated countless young people both academically and spiritually. Through the work of the Marist Brothers, a legacy of strong Catholic education is alive and well and continues to educate young people in gospel values and service.

On this very special occasion I ask that God continue to bless all those in the Archbishop Molloy High School Community as you continue to inspire and educate future leaders, not only for the Church, but for the world as well.

May your motto, "Not for school but for life", ring loud and strong for generations to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
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Dear President Karsten,

What a pleasure it is to congratulate Archbishop Molloy High School on 125 years of excellence!

The reputation of the school continues to soar to new heights with its academic and athletic achievements. With 100% of graduates going to college, it is obvious that the school is succeeding in its mission of education and developing young men and women for the challenges of tomorrow.

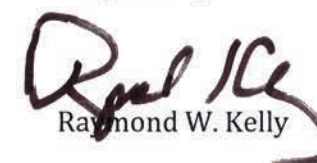
I am one of the privileged few who was able to attend both St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy. I am pleased to say that the school's motto, "Non-Scholae-Sed-Vitae" – "Not for School, But for Life," continues to be the fundamental guiding principle for today's excellent administration and faculty. The cutting edge curriculum is supported by state-of-the-art technology that prepares students for some of the very best colleges in the world.

I remember my days at Molloy fondly. I appreciate, now more than ever, the sound foundation of Catholicism provided by the Marist Brothers. Their commitment and dedication remains steadfast.

So keep up the good work. May you continue to turn out strong, intelligent, committed young citizens for the next 125 years and beyond!

GO STANNERS!

Respectfully,

  
Raymond W. Kelly



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June 22, 2018  
Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More  
Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear friends in the Lord,

It is a joy to congratulate you, the students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, and alumni of *Archbishop Molloy High School*, on 125 years of dedication to a strong Catholic Marist education.

Special congratulations to the graduating class of 2018 – *well done!* As this chapter closes and the next begins, don't forget the lessons you learned here "*not for school, but for life.*" You teachers have labored to uplift not only your academic achievements, but also your faith, family, leadership, and service. You are the reflection of that hard work, and it will guide and sustain you in whatever life holds in store for you.

For 125 years, *Archbishop Molloy High School* has accompanied students on their journey from children to young adults, encouraging their growth as leaders, citizens, and evangelists. Although much has changed in the past 125 years, *Archbishop Molloy High School's* commitment to Catholic values has never wavered.

A new name, location, and an evolving student body may have changed the *face* of the school, but the *spirit* of the mission has remained the same. Since 1892, *Archbishop Molloy High School* has kept an unwavering focus on *What Matters*: the complete education of students in academics, athletics, faith, and service.

Please know that the entire Archbishop Molloy community will have a special remembrance in my prayers today.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Tim. Card. Dolan

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June 19, 2018

Dear President Karsten,

It is with great pride that I extend congratulations to all members of the Stanner community as we share in the celebration of "125 Years of What Matters".

As sitting Board Chair, each time I step into Molloy's halls I reflect on the following words of our mission statement, "*Here individuals recognize their self-worth and develop a lifetime of Christian values, critical thinking, leadership skills and service to others.*" To me, these words are the essence of what being a Stanner means. That lifetime approach, exemplified in our motto *Non Scholae Sed Vitae*, is what makes Archbishop Molloy High School the very best school in all of New York.

Our legacy was firmly planted by the Marist Brothers in 1892 on East 76<sup>th</sup> Street. It is there that our excellence in academics, faith, service and athletics made our mark on New York City. With our move to Queens in 1957, we were afforded with the appropriate facilities to further impact our city. Our move to becoming a co-educational school in 2000 offered the great benefits of a Molloy education to all the sons and daughters of the five boroughs and Nassau County.

As we reflect on "125 Years of What Matters", let us all be grateful to the commitment of the Marist Brothers, our esteemed Administration and Faculty, and our Coaches. I would also like to thank all current and past Board Members for their contribution and energy. Lastly, I'd like you to remember all Stanners who we have gone before us.

For our first 125 years Archbishop Molloy High School provided the environment for students to develop their Whole Self. Let's commit, together as Stanners, to ensuring that the next 125 years are equally rewarding for our students and their families.

*Non Scholae Sed Vitae*

Best Regards,

Jim Shannon Class of 1983



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July, 2018

Dear President Richard Karsten and the entire *Stanner Educational Family*,

It is with wonderful gratitude and joy that I write to you, the Archbishop Molloy High School, St. Ann's Academy Family as you conclude your celebrations of your 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the name of the Board of Trustees, the Marist Brothers of the Schools, I write to congratulate you, President Karsten, as well as the outstanding Archbishop Molloy School Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Parents, and Students.

Marist Brothers of the Schools delight in the historical accomplishment that we all have created over the past 125 years. God has been exceedingly good to bless our efforts to make Jesus Christ known and loved in the City of New York. We constantly remember the many pillars of leadership over all the years who sacrificed personally and professionally to create St Ann's and Archbishop Molloy as one of our first and finest USA schools. We are grateful for the many *Stanner* Alumni who have given their lives to the Marist Brothers and Marists of Champagnat as well as the countless who have served our city, state and nation. Most of all, we thank all of you all for your particular efforts and commitment to provide Marist, Catholic Education to hundreds of thousands of young people over the years and today.

Thank you for sharing the joy of this anniversary celebration. Be assured that everyone in our Marist Family always is impressed by *STANNER* spirit and your lives. As we look to the future, know that you are in the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Marcellin Champagnat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick J McNamara".

Brother Patrick J McNamara, fms, Provincial



June 22, 2018

Richard Karsten, President  
Craig Katinas, Alumni Development Director  
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Dear Board Members, Administration, Faculty and Staff,

On behalf of the Staff of the Marist Brothers' Center at Esopus, I wish to congratulate you on this very special milestone in the history of Archbishop Molloy High School. For 125 years, the Administration, Faculty and Staff have joined with the Marist Brothers to provide a quality education in the Marist tradition for countless young people. It is obvious to all who experience the educational mission of Archbishop Molloy High School that the programs provided embody the school's motto of "Not for school but for life." We have been honored to partner with you in the formation of thousands of Molloy students by providing opportunities for Encounters, Retreats and Summer Camp experiences over the past many years.

As a member of the Class of 1974, I have had many opportunities to see and experience the work of everyone at Molloy. The caring, giving and loving nature of Molloy students is evidence that you are instilling St. Marcellin Champagnat's beliefs and values every day at Stanner High. I am proud to see, and be a part of, the Molloy tradition as it is lived-out here in Esopus and around the globe.

As you mark this milestone in your ministry with young people, please be assured of my prayers and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS  
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Mr. Richard Karsten, President  
Mr. Darius Penikas, Principal  
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Dear Richard, Darius, and members of the Archbishop Molloy Family,

Congratulations on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the school. First as St. Ann's Academy and now as Archbishop Molloy High School, the Marist tradition of "forming good Christians and good citizens" continues to be at the heart of all that you do.

Your school's motto, "Not for school but for life" speaks to the mission of Marist education. The values of a Marist school are for life, not just high school. Molloy's history is blessed with the witness of countless graduates who continue to live out the values they learned at Molloy through their career choices, their commitment to Molloy, their commitment to Esopus and their commitment to other Marist-related projects.

The Marist-Chicago community rejoices in your anniversary year. We are proud to be partners with you in the vital mission of Marist education.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Stanner Family,

As we celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Ann's Academy, I believe it is a good time for us all to pause and reflect on the amazing impact that this school has had and continues to have on each of our lives.

As a proud member of the Class of 1985, and as a Marist Brother, former Molloy faculty member and coach, not a day in my life passes without Molloy connections impacting me.

As I reflect on my years at Molloy as a student, I am forever grateful for three amazing gifts that I received during those years that continue to be the major cornerstones in my life to this day:

- The first gift was coming to know the Marist Brothers through the iconic figures of Br. Regis Newbeck, Br. Leo Richard and Br. Ron Marcellin. The impact that these "Marist Saints" had on my life goes beyond words, and my own decision to eventually become a Marist Brother is a direct result of their influence. Our founder, St. Marcellin Champagnat, once told the early brothers in regards to their influence on young people, "Their entire lives will be an echo of all you taught them." So much of my life has been an echo of the impact of Br. Regis, Br. Leo and Br. Ron.
- The second was having the opportunity to be a member of the Molloy Track and Field program. While we were lucky to enjoy much success in winning championships during those years, the life lessons that were instilled in us by our coaches, Br. Aquinas Richard, Br. Kevin Brogan and Br. Bob Andrews, continue to guide the lives of my teammates and myself. We came to value hard work, dedication and commitment on and off the track. But more importantly, we came to realize that we were more than just teammates for four years, but rather "Brothers" for life. My fellow '85ers continue to be my closest friends in life.
- Lastly, I received the gift of being introduced to the camps at Esopus. It was through my experience of volunteering as a counselor at one of the camps for handicapped children that I truly came to appreciate our school motto, "Non Scholae Sed Vitae." This experience helped me realize the profound impact that young people can make in this world and in the life of another person. Our camps in Esopus continue to greatly impact many lives each summer thanks to the 700 plus volunteers from Molloy and our other Marist Schools around the U.S.A. The Camps are a living testament to the generosity and potential of young people to live the gospel in profound ways through sacrifice and countless acts of love.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to President Richard Karsten, Principal Darius Penikas, the current Marist Brothers at the school, and the entire faculty and staff, who carry the flame of Stanner tradition forward as they continue to inspire the students of today and the future leaders of tomorrow. May Mary our Good Mother and St. Marcellin our Founder continue to bless all Stanners, past, present and future!

Sincerely,

Br. Dan O'Riordan  
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22 June 2018

Dear Fellow Stanners and friends of Archbishop Molloy High School,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you, the students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, alumni, and the Marist Brothers of Archbishop Molloy High School on 125 years of "making Jesus Christ known and loved" through a strong, Catholic, Marist education.

Remembering is an innately human activity. How often have we been told a story, heard a grandparent reminisce, or cried over a loved one who has died. Don't we all remember those major milestones in life: falling in love for the first time; a high school victory on the basketball court; a 21st birthday celebrations; marriage; birth of a first child; the profession of vows as a Marist Brother. All memories are important, evoke certain feelings and constitute who we are.

This year, in a special way, we remember the countless blessings that 125 years of a Molloy education has brought to the Church and to society. During those years, Archbishop Molloy High School has accompanied its students in understanding that education is just not "for school but for life." I consider myself blessed to be an alum of such a school. The foundation of a solid, Catholic, Marist education has served me well in life and has inspired me in my vocation as a Brother. This past year we also remembered a simple French priest, Marcellin Champagnat, who 200 years ago had a vision of Brothers in every diocese of the world, evangelizing young people...letting them know of a God who loves them deeply and without cost.

The core of Marcellin Champagnat's vision of mission was "to make Jesus Christ known and loved." He saw education as the way to lead young people to the experience of personal faith and of their vocation as "good Christians and virtuous citizens." True to its mission, Molloy has assisted students to become "artisans of their own formation." As his followers, the faculty, staff, coaches, counselors, and administration assumed this same mission by helping young people, whatever their faith tradition and wherever they are in their spiritual search, to grow to become people of hope and personal integrity, with a deep sense of social responsibility to transform the world around them. Well done!

Again, CONGRATULATIONS, and may our good and gracious God continue to bless and guide you in the years to come! Ad Multos Annos!

Sincerely,

  
Brother Ben Consigli, FMS '80



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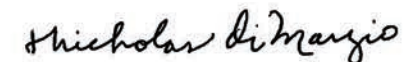
Dear Marist Brothers, Administration, Faculty, Students,  
and Alumni of Archbishop Molloy High School,

On behalf of the bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn, allow me to extend my warm congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate the closing chapter of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your founding as a Marist School.

While providing an exemplary education in mind, body and spirit, Archbishop Molloy High School is committed to make Jesus Christ known and loved through the complete education of young men and women, who develop into good Christians and good citizens, who will be of service to their community, long after they leave their alma mater. This is evident by the faithful participation of the Molloy alumni in the life of this school.

It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to the school community of Archbishop Molloy High School, for their outstanding service and commitment to their school, and with every best wish as you begin your 126<sup>th</sup> year, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn



*Superior General of the Marist Brothers*

Rome, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Dear Brothers, Educators and Students of Archbishop Molloy High School.

Greetings from Rome, and congratulations on Archbishop Molloy High School's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is a joy for me and for the Marist Institute to join you in celebrating these many years of Marist education, and in giving thanks for Marcellin Champagnat's charism present among you.

I wish to thank all the educators, Brothers and Lay people, who devoted their lives nurturing the many generations of students that have passed through this Marist Institution. The Marist style of educating is based on a vision that tries to be truly holistic, and that consciously seeks to communicate values. Like Marist educators throughout the world, we share Marcellin's philosophy that *"to bring up children properly, we must love them, and love them all equally."* For generations, the Molloy High School community has followed the five characteristics of our style of educating: presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work, and following the way of Mary. I know that this style of education has served you well.

Molloy is part of a Marist network of about 500 schools spread out along 80 countries. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President, Mr. Richard Karsten, the administration, the Brothers, the faculty, the staff, students, parents, and alumni for being part of this Marist educational community.

My wish is that Champagnat's dream continues to be alive at Archbishop Molloy High School in the years to come, May Mary, our Good Mother, continue to accompany and protect each one of you.

Be assured of my good wishes and affection at this moment of your celebration.

Your Brother,

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**“WE THANK ALL OF  
YOU WHO ANSWER  
THE CALL TO SUPPORT  
OUR ALMA MATER  
THROUGH THE GIFTS  
OF TIME, TALENT, AND  
TREASURE.”**

**CRAIG KATINAS '93**

## DEAR STANNER FAMILY,

Few organizations have the privilege of celebrating 125 years, and it is an honor for myself and my colleagues in the Stanner Alumni Center to serve the St. Ann's Academy / Archbishop Molloy High School family during this impressive milestone.

We are honored to follow those before us like Brother Terence Jones '36, Brother Vincent Jerome, Mr. Jim Kinnier, Ms. Maria Ford, and so many others who have dedicated themselves to building up our alumni association to what it is today.

We thank all of you who answer the call to support our alma mater through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In the last decade alone we have witnessed your generosity grow and flourish here on Manton Street. Our scholarship program has nearly doubled in size, while significant upgrades continually occur throughout our 6 acre campus. All of this has happened while we remain accessible and affordable to families throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

We know that your dedication to the mission we all cherish is inspired by the selflessness of the Marist Brothers, Administration, Faculty, and Staff – your charity honors their sacrifices.

We hope this special commemorative *Stanner Life* brings you a smile and wonderful memories as it has for all of us here at Molloy during its creation.

We also look forward to seeing many Stanners and friends throughout this new school year as we continue to celebrate student and alumni events and perpetuate the bond that we all share.

God Bless All Stanners,

Craig M. Katinas '93  
Alumni Development Director



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# ALUMNI EVENT CALENDAR 2018-19

Stanners, parents, families and friends are invited to join us at Molloy for any of our upcoming alumni events during the 2018-19 school year:

Each year, the Stanner Alumni Center hosts many events that welcome our community back to Molloy. Whether a small social gathering, a fundraiser, a wine tasting, an evening of professional networking, or an event serving one of our regional chapters, there is something for everyone. A list of planned events is included on this page, but new events can always pop up. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.molloyhs.org](http://www.molloyhs.org), or to read our e-newsletter, The Beehive, at [www.molloyhs.org/beehive/](http://www.molloyhs.org/beehive/), to stay up to date on the latest news and event announcements.



**DEC 6-9 2018** | **STANNER PLAYERS FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION**



**APRIL 4-7 2019** | **STANNER PLAYERS SPRING MUSICAL**



**OCT 4 2018** | **MOLLOY OKTOBERFEST**  
REMEMBERING BR. RON MARCELLIN



**TO BE ANNOUNCED** | **PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING**



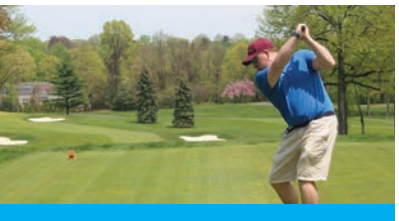
**APRIL 14 2019** | **ST. ANN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST**



**NOV 3 2018** | **STANNER ALUMNI REUNION**  
CLASS YEARS: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 & 2013



**FEB 5 2019** | **WINE TASTING**  
WITH JIM SHEEHAN '75



**MAY 6 2019** | **33RD ANNUAL JIM KINNIER STANNER GOLF CLASSIC**



**NOV 21 2018** | **THANKSGIVING LITURGY**



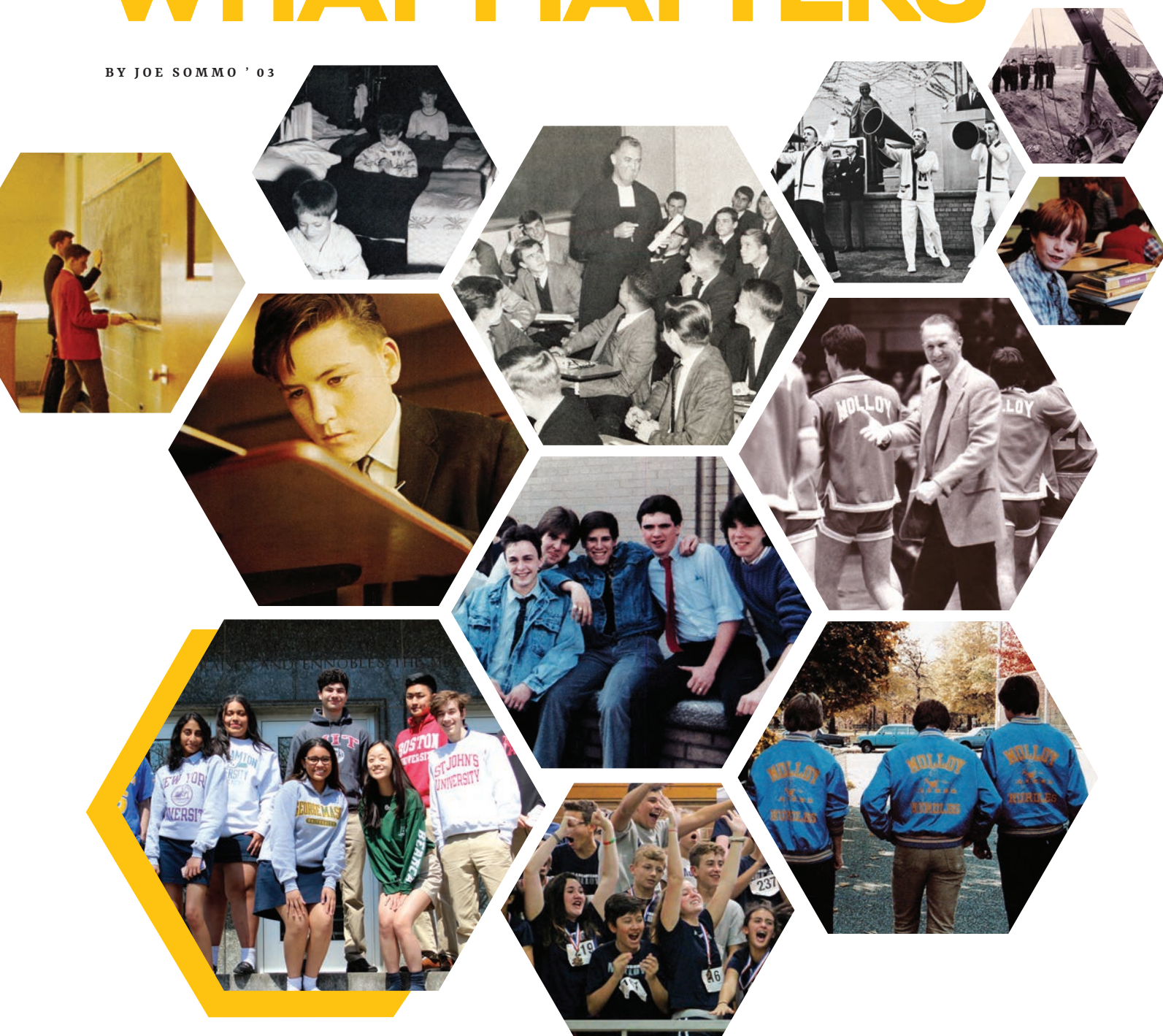
**MARCH 23 2019** | **STANNER HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER**



**WINTER 2019** | **ALUMNI NIGHT / VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME OF THE NIGHT**

# 125 Years of WHAT MATTERS

BY JOE SOMMO '03



In March 2017, our community began its celebration of the founding of St. Ann's / Molloy 125 years ago. Our theme, 125 Years of What Matters, has inspired us to reflect on what defines us as Stanners: friendship, faith, service, kindness, sportsmanship,

leadership, academic achievement, family, and much more. These are intertwined with our memories of the people, events, and traditions that impacted us during our formative high school years. While the ways in which we interact and learn have changed

since 1892, it's safe to say the foundations of St. Ann's and Molloy are what connect us all together. In the following retrospective, we take a look back on where we started, how far we've come, and what ties us all together.

## *The St. Ann's Days*

The story of St. Ann's Academy begins in 1891, when Br. Zephiriny, of Lyons, France, was asked to found the first Marist school in New York City. On September 15, 1892, St. Jean's Parochial School opened its doors to the children of the parish at Lexington Avenue and 76th Street in Manhattan. It was within St. Jean's that Br. Zephiriny was granted space for his new school. The Sisters of Notre Dame taught girls on the second floor, while the Marist Brothers taught boys on the third floor.

Enrollment was modest, with roughly 10 students in each of three classes. The inaugural curriculum was taught exclusively in French, a reflection of the demographics of the parish as well as the Brothers' recent emigration to North America to escape religious persecution in France. As enrollment grew, the Brothers were permitted to use the fourth floor of the building. By 1894, St. Jean's had outgrown its facilities and subsequently moved out. As the only remaining tenants, the Brothers purchased the building, and Br. Zephiriny renamed it St. Ann's Academy, in honor of the mother of Mary. Prior to and after the turn of the century, the Brothers would continue to acquire adjacent buildings to accommodate more students. These properties all shared a

central inner courtyard. As for Br. Zephiriny, he served as director of St. Ann's for its first 12 years. He was appointed Provincial in 1907 and passed away in 1927.

According to our 1912 yearbook, the goal of St. Ann's was to "promote in its students a high sense of honor, veracity, and self-respect, to impress and support the feeling in every pupil, that the highest and noblest type of youth is found in him who is heartily and devoutly a Catholic young man." Life at St. Ann's was indeed centered on Catholic devotions, with rigorous academics, extracurricular activities, and retreats rounding out the student experience. The Marist Brothers made up the entire faculty and oversaw each aspect of the school, from administrative roles and daily instruction, to moderating clubs and sports teams.

St. Ann's flourished as an all boys grammar school and high school. Students wore suit jackets and were expected to show respect and adhere to discipline. The campus included dormitories for boarding students, as well as a library, auditorium, chapel,

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music room, recreation room, study hall, and eventually science labs and a typing room. When changing classes, many students used the fire escapes to travel from floor to floor. Across the street, Stanners often celebrated Mass at St. Jean Baptiste Church. The St. Ann's Summer Camp was located on Isle LaMotte, Vermont, along Lake Champlain. One obscure fact about St. Ann's might surprise you: it briefly operated as a military academy at the turn of the century, complete with cadet uniforms and a marching band.



Br. Francis Xavier and Br. John Lawrence look over the shoulder of Br. Linus William as they review "new school" blueprints with contractors.

After school, students found respite in various activities. Varsity sports included baseball, basketball, track and field, cross country, and swimming. Intramural sports, including football, handball, and punchball, were also popular. During intramurals, students would gather along the sidelines of the courtyard to spectate. The courtyard was also known to host pep rallies and assemblies. The school's close proximity to Central Park allowed it to become a stomping ground for Stanners as well. Clubs included the Philomathic Society, Drama, Music, and Blue & White Yearbook.

In the early twentieth century, the academy published the St. Ann's Monthly, which included school news and alumni notes. This publication was replaced by The Stanner newspaper in 1944.

Among the most important traditions at St. Ann's was the daily reading of the rosary. Every student had his own rosary beads. During May, the month of Mary, Stanners fulfilled their May Devotions by gathering for daily school-wide assemblies where the rosary was read by all. This was a tradition first propagated by Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Institute, and thus one the Brothers held dear. St. Ann's adopted a formal Sodality group dedicated to Mary in 1935, which could be compared to modern day Campus Ministry. Sodality officers ran clothing drives, organized events, and promoted good works throughout the school.

## St. Ann's to Molloy

In the mid-1950s, the Marist Brothers sought to repair St. Ann's aging campus. When repair estimates proved too high, Cardinal Spellman advised the Brothers to move St. Ann's, even if it meant building on more affordable land outside of the New York Archdiocese. These financial burdens were further compounded by safety concerns after a fire at a local school gave rise to questions about whether the Brothers could further afford to meet the fire code. With the infrastructure continuing to deteriorate, Br. Linus Williams, Provincial, announced that St. Ann's would move to Queens.

Several locations for the new campus were discussed, including a commercial building on Northern Boulevard in Woodside, and a

site near Jewel Avenue, today the location of the former Parkway Hospital. During this process, Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy stepped in and offered the Brothers land he had purchased decades earlier. The site was originally meant for a seminary, however it was never built as during World War II the US Army claimed use of the site to store defense materials. Archbishop Molloy gave the Brothers permission to use the land with the condition that it be operated as a Catholic high school in the Brooklyn Diocese. The Brothers accepted the offer and began to phase out their grammar school in preparation for the move.

The Brothers broke ground on their new school in 1956. During construction, the Brothers

asked Archbishop Molloy for his permission to rename the school in his honor. He declined. Prior to the school's completion, however, Archbishop Molloy passed away unexpectedly. In light of this, the Brothers revisited the name change. They were granted permission by the late Archbishop's successor, Bishop Brian J. McEntegart. In September 1957, St. Ann's reopened in Briarwood as Archbishop Molloy High School.

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## Molloy in the 20th Century

Upon its opening, Molloy featured a nearly identical faculty to that which served at St. Ann's, and many students also made the transition. The remaining sixth, seventh, and eighth graders also finished their intermediate studies at Molloy in first floor classrooms that today house the Stanner Alumni Center and Athletic Office. Many of the traditions at St. Ann's carried over as well. Students were still referred to as Stanners, and The Stanner Newspaper and Blue & White Yearbook were also essential activities. The Beehive became an integral part of Molloy's crest. Some athletic jerseys still featured St. Ann's in the first few years. Our motto, *Non scholae sed vitae*, made the move to Molloy as well.

Two influential coaches are a big part of early Molloy history. Mr. Lou Carnesecca '43 previously made a name for himself as a winning varsity basketball and baseball coach at St. Ann's. With several city championships under his belt, Mr. Carnesecca made more history in the first athletic season at Molloy. The Stanners went a perfect 32-0 on the hardwood en route to a CHSAA Championship. The following year, Mr. Carnesecca passed the torch to another legend in the making: Mr. Jack Curran. Mr. Curran coached the Stanners to a 22-4 record in his first year, and went on to coach for the next 55 years until his passing in 2013. In that time, Mr. Curran earned the title of winningest coach in New York State history with 972 wins in basketball and 1,708 in baseball, and was inducted into nine Halls of Fame. As for Mr. Carnesecca, if his place in St.

Ann's / Molloy history weren't enough, he would go on to carve out another legacy as head coach of men's basketball at St. John's University.

In the 1960s, Molloy continued traditions that began at St. Ann's. Students still wore suit jackets, while the rosary was part of students' daily routine. The rosary was often read either before or after lunch depending on the schedule, which became known as "lunch beads" or "beads lunch" among students. This decade also marked the arrival of the first generation of lay faculty, many of whom are mentioned throughout the pages of *Stanner Life*. The arrival of lay faculty was the first sign of changing times at Molloy. Further changes were perhaps inspired by the events of Vatican II, which altered many traditional Catholic devotions. Molloy's daily rosary is one tradition that did not continue into the 1970s.

The 1960s are also remembered as one of the most prosperous periods for Stanner athletics. Basketball, baseball, and track were the only varsity teams offered at the time, meaning the best talent was concentrated in these sports. Coach Curran benefited greatly from this, as legends such as Jim Larrañaga '67, Kevin Joyce '69, and Brian Winters '70

emerged. Ed Kurpiel '71 was a two sport athlete, lifting both Molloy's basketball and baseball teams. Friday night triple headers were a must see. In track and field, Frank Rienzo and the Marist Brothers coached the Stanners through a full decade of domination. Jumping ahead a bit, basketball triple headers drew massive crowds in the 1980s due to the dominance of Kenny Smith '83 and Kenny Anderson '89, and in recent years with the emergence of All-American Moses Brown '18 (UCLA) and Georgia Tech-bound Khalid Moore '18.

By the 1970s, Stanners began to mirror the rebellious times in the world beyond Briarwood. Students, no longer required to wear jackets, outfitted themselves with patterns galore. Everything from plaid, to paisley, to stripes made for many clashing shirt and tie combinations. Rules regarding hairstyles also became more lenient, which inspired many students to grow mustaches and hair that dipped to their shoulders. This decade also marked the beginning of Freshman Camp and retreats to Esopus, two of the most cherished traditions in our history. Who doesn't remember their first game of flag or their senior Encounter?

Beyond Esopus, so many traditions were born in the decades before the new millennium, including SMILE (1965), International Day (1980), the Stanner Golf Classic (1987), the Fun Run (1988), and the Walkathon (1995). Dramatic theater and the sciences also received a boost after the opening of the Ralph DeChiaro Center in 1987 (see our *Stanners On Stage* article in this magazine).

Two beloved traditions, however, were ultimately phased out. The first: for decades, Stanners stood for lunch at high tables. The reasons for this are often debated, but nonetheless many alumni saw this as something that made their Molloy experience unique. In September 1989, however, new tables with built-in seats were purchased, replacing the high tables and effectively ending this long-standing tradition. The second: weekend dances at

Molloy were once the place to be. Welcomed were boys from Molloy and girls from neighboring schools, while entertainment included live bands or DJs. Many alumni will remember the sheer volume of people that attended these dances, and the headaches they most likely caused for the faculty! These dances were eventually phased out in the mid-2000s as interest began to wane. Despite their discontinuance, many Stanners will remember these experiences fondly.

## Molloy Goes Coed

After 107 years of educating only boys, the Marist Brothers announced that Molloy would welcome girls for the first time beginning in September 2000. In turn, the school made plans to significantly upgrade its campus, including renovating restrooms and locker rooms, and building a second gym for new girls sports. The news was a surprise to many in the community, but for the Brothers and School Board it was deemed the best path forward. Rebranding Molloy as a coeducational college prep school was

largely a response to changing demographics and application statistics. School leadership believed accepting girls would both keep academic standards high as well as strengthen the number of applications from prospective students. They were right. An article published in *The New York Times* in April 2000, written by Lynette Holloway, states that applications more than doubled after Molloy announced its soon-to-be coed status. The decision has been further validated in the years since, as the young women at Molloy

have become leaders in academics, athletics, after school clubs, and service projects. Their presence has helped Molloy to continue to thrive as a top tier learning institution. Furthermore, our young alumnae have already begun to impact our world, pursuing prominent careers in law, finance, healthcare, science and medical research, engineering, public service, military, entertainment, and much more.

## Molloy In the Information Age

Molloy has seen plenty of change since its early days of coeducation. Over the past 15 years, a great deal of effort has been dedicated to upgrading our campus into a modern learning environment. A new chemistry lab was christened in 2008, and subsequent renovations have completely transformed facilities such as the William J. Murphy Library (2011), Jack Curran Gymnasium (2013), Student Cafeteria (2014), Chapel (2014), Main Entrance and Lobby (2016), Main Street Path and Memorial Garden (2017), and Strength and Conditioning Center (2017). Other facilities have been created to meet the needs of today's students. These include our Dance Studio (2013), revamped Computer Science Lab (2016), IT Center (2017), and Video Broadcast Studio (2017).

In addition to the physical campus, Molloy has equipped itself with state-of-the-art technology, bolstering an already rigorous curriculum. As of September 2017, every student and teacher now utilizes an iPad.

All 54 classrooms feature the newest SMART Boards with 4K resolution. The Video Broadcast Club has begun livestreaming morning announcements from their studio to every homeroom. Our students are also delving deeper into computer science research and engineering than ever before with the help of an Ultimaker 3D Printer, AutoCAD software, and MakeyMakey kits. Robotics will be introduced for the first time in September 2018 (Read more about technology in our article, *The Evolution of the Modern Learning Environment*).

Beyond technology, there is so much that defines present day Molloy. Students are still taught in the Marist tradition, and they embrace opportunities to tutor in Harlem and Briarwood Shelter, or travel abroad with the St. Marcellin Champagnat Service Society to help marginalized populations. School Spirit is arguably at an all-time high, with few afternoons free of student-driven events. Stanners can still be found crowding



the Jack Curran Gym for triple headers, or cheering on any of our 44 athletic teams. Academic standards remain high, with 100% of graduates attending college. Our faculty, many of whom are alumni or have already served at Molloy for decades, are leaders who educate the total individual. The young Stanners of today quickly come to know our family spirit, and that our motto, *Non scholae sed vitae*, will guide them beyond their four years of high school. Today, Molloy is a bustling, ever-evolving, simply great place to be.

## Conclusion

Friendship. Faith.  
Service. Kindness.  
Sportsmanship.

Family. While there is no question we've come a long way since 1892, it is these and many other defining lessons that continue to nurture present-day Stanners through their most formative years. The goal of the Marist Brothers at St. Ann's Academy was to equip young men with the tools they needed to succeed. 125 years later, the Brothers, lay teachers and coaches at Molloy continue this great tradition, providing structure and

meaning, and instilling the confidence needed in young men and women to become the leaders of tomorrow.

As you read deeper into this commemorative *Stanner Life*, we hope you will discover much more about our past, present, and future.

Share your memories with us! Email [alumni@molloyhs.org](mailto:alumni@molloyhs.org) with your recollections of life and lessons at St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School.



# The CLASS of 2018

BY JOE SOMMO '03

PHOTOS BY SAL GRAFFEO '01



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**“TODAY, WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD. WE’VE GOT THE TOOLS WE NEED, SO NOW LET’S GO AND BUILD SOMETHING GREAT.”**

ANDREW SOLTESZ

**O**n Saturday, June 2nd, Archbishop Molloy High School’s Class of 2018 entered the Colden Auditorium at Queens College to complete their high school careers and look hopefully toward the future. Among the ranks of this talented class are award winning science researchers, poised stage performers, steadfast journalists, selfless volunteers, budding engineers, outstanding student-athletes, and even a McDonald’s All-American. The Class of 2018 is among the most diverse in St. Ann’s / Molloy history, mirroring the ever-growing melting pot that is New York City. They also represent our first ever class to utilize iPads, suggesting they are arguably our most technologically savvy class to date. The Class of 2018 has made their mark as a truly outstanding collection of young men and women, and they are now ready to make their mark on our world.

Among those to speak during Molloy’s commencement exercises was our salutatorian, Vassilia Plakas. A remarkable young woman, Vassilia took advantage of every opportunity to show school spirit throughout her four years at Molloy. She

was determined to volunteer as much as possible, and to put the needs of others before her own – a true Marist. In her remarks, Vassilia reflected on the power of her classmates’ choices. “The decisions we make in the coming years will shape the people we become, the impact we will have on our families and communities, and the legacy we will leave.”

Vassilia also considered what will define the Class of 2018. “In the year 2000, a young couple learned their newborn had a rare medical condition. For months, she was the baby in bed five awaiting surgery. In her community, she was the baby with medical issues, and for years after, she was the little girl who survived. Around my sixth birthday, I decided those images were not going to define me. We cannot let trials and tribulations define who we are....Instead, we can learn from them and prevail. As we dive into this new phase in our lives, we need to ask ourselves: what will define us now?” Vassilia encouraged her classmates to not let the age of social media define them, but rather their willingness to serve their communities. “We should strive to

make the world a better place....Always remember our core values and hold onto the lessons learned at home and at school. Trust in these values, as they will guide and serve us well in the future.”

The valedictory remarks were delivered by Andrew Soltesz, who received a number of awards in recognition of his outstanding academic achievement. Andrew reminisced about the memories his classmates have built together. “That first day of school, nobody knew each other. We had different backgrounds, different stories. All we had to tie us together were our uniforms. Over the next three years, quite a lot changed, but our uniforms did not. We put on Molloy’s colors every day, and that made us a group, and over those years Molloy made us a family. We shared the joys of friendship at Esopus, and the struggles of balancing school, sports, clubs, friends, and everything else. We became Campus Ministry Leaders, club presidents, team captains, and we began to look toward college and the future. Today, that same group of young adults is here, but we no longer need external uniforms to tie us together.”

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VASSILIA PLAKAS



FROM LEFT  
TO RIGHT

PAULA TOBAR, LAUREN BATA, TYLER PEARCE, LINET JACOME, KHALID MOORE, ALYSSA DIAZ, RAYMOND DIAZ, ALEXANDER REZHETS, ABILENE MOHAN, CHRISTOPHER BOLBASIS, CHRISTIANE DIAZ, AND DIONIE KUPRE

Later in his remarks, Andrew urged his classmates to utilize the values they’ve gained from Molloy. “Inside the classroom, we learned the skills we would need to succeed: work ethic, perseverance. Outside the classroom, we learned the values we would need to flourish: empathy, compassion for one another. Each one of us defines success differently, but no matter what we want to achieve, the skills and values we have developed will prepare us to take on any challenge life throws at us. Today, we go out into the world. We’ve got the tools we need, so now let’s go and build something great.”

In a special presentation, President Richard Karsten ’81 honored three retirees who have made a lasting impact on Molloy: Mr. John Diorio, Nurse Kathy

Forgione, and Ms. Mary Pat Gannon.

It was announced that two graduation awards would honor Ms. Gannon and Mr. Diorio henceforth (The Mary Pat Gannon Award for Excellence in Writing; The John V. Diorio Award for Excellence in Government). All received extended applause, and when a chant of “speech” rang out for Mr. Diorio, he simply pointed to our graduates and shouted, “Best class ever!”

In his closing address, Principal Darius Penikas expressed his excitement over the collective future of our graduates in a world where technology is evolving rapidly. “As the Class of 2018, you are poised to live through more technological evolution than any graduating class in history....It is highly probable that the best way to do something will change



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PRINCIPAL PENIKAS

multiple times. Many universities now market themselves as preparing students to excel in careers that have not yet been created.” Principal Penikas continued, “The president of a local college recently told me that now, more than ever, employers value candidates’ ability to solve problems and design systems to improve function. They want employees who can create solutions and solve problems as they come up. It’s clear that professional success in the future will hinge on your ability to be creative, innovative, and original in your thinking.”

Principal Penikas also referenced the importance of “soft skills” in the workplace, including the ability to connect with others and be empathetic. “Soft skills are a byproduct of humility, an openness to others, and a genuine desire to collaborate....Recent research has concluded that, while problem-solving and creativity are extremely important, applicants who possess these ‘soft skills’ are both the most needed and most desired candidates.”

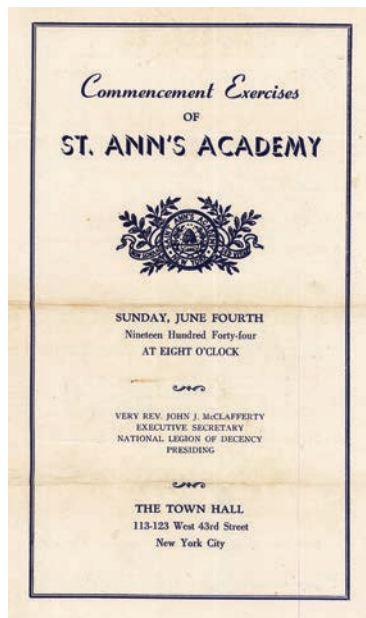
Principal Penikas declared his confidence in the Class of 2018’s aptitude in meeting these modern demands. “Take a moment to think about why you have worked to develop and will continue to enhance these skills of tomorrow. We need your talents, your compassion, and your abilities to make the world a better place. Remember the lessons of St. Marcellin and Molloy. You have developed impressive skills and your future is bright. We are very excited to witness the amazing ways you will impact our world. Finally, remember you are always welcome home at Molloy.”



PRINCIPAL PENIKAS CONGRATULATES  
BRITTANY FERNANDEZ

## Way Back When

On Sunday, June 4, 1944, Stanners and their families gathered for commencement exercises at The Town Hall, located at 123 West 43rd Street in Manhattan. 82 high school students from the Class of 1944 were in attendance to accept their diplomas. 14 members of the class were absent – 13 had completed their courses earlier in the year because of induction into the armed forces, and one left St. Ann’s during the year to enter the Marist Brotherhood. There were also 40 St. Ann’s grammar school graduates in attendance. Medals were awarded to the top students in various subjects at both the grammar school and high school levels. The high school salutatorian was Thomas P. Courtney ’44 and the valedictorian was Edward G. Colbert ’44. The keynote address was delivered by US Navy Lieutenant Thomas M. Reardon.



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
PROGRAM COVER | 1944

## THE CLASS OF 2018 WILL ATTEND MANY OUTSTANDING COLLEGES AROUND THE U.S. AND ABROAD INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Adelphi University
- Bentley University
- Binghamton University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Lafayette College
- Loyola University – Maryland
- Macaulay Honors College
- Marist College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Seton Hall University
- St. John’s University
- SUNY College at Geneseo
- University College Dublin
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Michigan
- University of Rochester
- University of Scranton
- Wake Forest University

## A TRADITION OF *Service*

WHEN ST. MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT FOUNDED THE MARIST INSTITUTE OVER 200 YEARS AGO, THE FIRST BROTHERS SOUGHT TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND CHARITY.

BY JOE SOMMO '03

This was to be accomplished through the Brothers’ embodiment of five Marist Pillars: presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work, and in the way of Mary. Volunteerism fully encompasses these Pillars and therefore is central to Marist education. Today, the Marist Brothers serve students and communities in 79 countries worldwide. Wherever they minister, the Brothers work to inspire all lay Marists to engage in service – to give of their time and energy and put the needs of others before their own. Molloy is one of seven Marist schools in the United States where this integral aspect of St. Marcellin’s mission is realized daily.

Following in the Stanner tradition of service, Molloy’s St. Marcellin Champagnat Society (SMCS), founded in 2004, embraces the Marist call to serve. Made up of student, faculty, and alumni volunteers, SMCS has organized service trips abroad to locations such as Jamaica, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, and Lourdes (France), as well as domestically to Arizona, California, and nearby Rockaway and Breezy Point following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

In June 2018, over 20 SMCS representatives returned to Jamaica to work with



Mustard Seed Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to “caring for the most vulnerable populations in society.”

Mustard Seed provides services for children and adults with disabilities, teen mothers, those in need of proper nutrition and education, and many other individuals. During the week-long trip, SMCS assisted with landscaping and the construction of new lodging facilities, stocked pantries with food, clothing, and toiletry donations they brought with them, and spent quality time with residents.

Service can take many forms, from physical work to simply sharing a smile, laugh, or hand on the shoulder. Through the actions of SMCS, we see presence,

simplicity, family spirit, love of work, and in the way of Mary, all lived out with enthusiasm. We at Molloy are proud of SMCS for acting as great ambassadors for our school and the Marist mission, and we hope that their example will inspire others in our community to answer the call to serve people in need.

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# MOLLOYALTY

*The story of alumni who find their way  
“back to school” at Stanner High*

BY DENNIS VELLUCCI

The great American novelist Thomas Wolfe famously wrote, “You can’t go home again” ... but, then, he didn’t know Molloy. Nearly forty present Molloy faculty and staff are alumni who have returned to teach or to coach or to work in Administration, Development, Alumni Relations, Admissions or Information Technology. While all schools thrive on new blood for fresh ideas and different perspectives, the continuity and loyalty that returning alumni bring with them are gifts. They pass the torch of tradition from one generation of students to the next and keep Stanner legacy alive.

Some, like Bill Niklaus '80 and Shannon Winters '06, came back straight out of college at the tender age of 21 or 22; others after stints in professions such as law, law enforcement or broadcasting, or time in other schools from North Carolina to California. It took Lou Barbera '74, for example, 27 years to return after a career as an attorney and six-years teaching at Xaverian High School. For some, like A.J. Power '84, a job at Molloy was a function of serendipity and good timing, but others were already planning their repatriation while they were still students.

THEY ARE HERE  
TODAY TO GIVE  
BACK TO A PLACE  
THAT HAD BEEN  
SUCH A KEY  
PART OF THEIR  
FORMATION.



PICTURED | AJ POWER '84



PICTURED | SABINA KOBINSKI '04

Ashley Callagy '05 “dreamed of being a guidance counselor here” after a freshman year conversation with Br. Stephen Urban who suggested, “You might like to do what I do.” Craig Katinas '93 has always revered Molloy since he was a child, having witnessing his older brothers, Eric '87 and Bradley '90, build deep and lasting friendships here. This ultimately inspired him to attend Molloy and return as a professional. Brian Klimas '98, who boasted in a kindergarten graduation video that he wanted to be a teacher when he grew up, wrote in his Encounter journal that he wished he could work here someday. Several considered teaching at Molloy as early as freshman year, usually because of a class they loved or because of their Esopus experience. As students, they found Molloy “the best place to be,” a “family unlike

any other school,” “a place of ‘comfort’ during their toughest years of growth.” And they are here today to give back to a place that had been such a key part of their formation.

Influenced by “awesome” instructors with “teaching in their DNA,” these alumni extend a generational lineage that is almost biblical: Mary Pat Gannon inspired Jim Sheehan '75 who inspired Brian Kelly '94 who inspired John Maldonado '08. Lines extend from Br. Leo Richard and Br. Ron Marcellin '52 to Chris Dougherty '91 to Ashley Callagy in Guidance; from John Diorio to Bill Niklaus to Sabina Kobinski '04 in Social Studies; from Br. James Norton '63 to Mike Germano '93 to John Attard '06, who as a senior was a Campus Ministry Leader and as an adult sponsored his mentor's

daughter at her Confirmation. Recreating the creative classroom they enjoyed with Ms. Safrey, practicing the discussion model of teaching they learned from Mr. Sheehan or Mr. Kilkelly, revealing the inner workings of government as Mr. Diorio did for them, or following Br. John Raeihle's “inspirational approach to retreat work,” Molloy's alumni faculty, perhaps without realizing it, are now cultivating their own successors. They remain frequent visitors to Esopus as they were in their student days and help to run the retreats and camps that shaped their adolescence. As a student, Brian Kelly attended freshman camp all four years, as a camper, kitchen crew, and counselor. It was, he says, a place where he grew physically, socially, and emotionally, and now along with Jim Sheldon '88 and





PICTURED | BRIAN KLIMAS '98 SERVES AS MC FOR FRESHMAN FIELD DAY

Brian Klimas (who, surprisingly, begged his parents to let him come home when he was a freshman), is one of its organizers. One-time Campus Ministry Leaders like John Attard continued to work Molloy retreats through college, so it's no stretch when they join retreat weekends as faculty. Special Camps offered what John Maldonado called a "life changing" experience for him. As a rising senior, working at the camp "affirmed a career choice [he] had already made," and he now witnesses current student volunteers have the same experience. "Special campers are so entirely themselves," he said, "it's impossible not to learn from them."



PICTURED | JOHN ATTARD '06

Coming home after a time away may require some adjustment and takes some getting used to. Transitioning to the other side of the desk, the biggest challenge appears to be calling teachers by their first names. Years into their teaching careers, many still felt awkward calling Mr. Diorio "John" or Mr. Smith "Joe." It's a case of old habits dying hard. "My teachers were larger than life figures," Brian Kelly said, but being on the faculty gave him a glimpse "behind the curtain into the 'Oz' of education." Happily, most of the idols of his youth retained their stature and remained "closer to great than not." For Sabina Kobinski, teachers "came down from the pedestal" in a good way; they became "less godlike, more human ... colleagues, co-workers, friends." Initially, some alumni found themselves thinking like students. As a new employee, Joe Sommo '03 hesitated to walk out of the building for lunch because he wasn't sure he was allowed to leave, and Lou Barbera slowly became aware that he'd run his fingers along the tiles as he walked down the hallway, a habit he had as a student decades before. At the same time, he had to remember that his former students were now teachers, something he nearly forgot when he was about to admonish John Attard for not wearing a white or blue uniform shirt. "It's a little Twilight Zon-ish," Mr. Barbera said.



## "MY TEACHERS WERE LARGER THAN LIFE FIGURES."

BRIAN KELLY '94

Class size, something students may be only vaguely aware of, and the hours that go into lesson preparation and grading were, at first, daunting to teaching alumni because their teachers "made it all seem so easy." Nor did they realize that they'd be as stressed over exams as their students, simply because they'd want their students to do well. Access to the fourth floor, off limits to students, has always intrigued returning alumni, but they've been disappointed to find just a series of small offices there and no fabled swimming pool.

Most would agree with Lou Barbera that working at Molloy is "the best career decision" they ever made. Though iPads and SMART Boards may change instruction, at its core, Molloy remains the same caring, nurturing

environment. Teachers feel "empowered" by the freedom they have in the classroom, supported by their colleagues (even non-alumni who quickly adopt the Stanner spirit), and validated by their students, many of whom will likely go on to careers in education as they did – all because of their impact. Like Ashley Callagy, they feel they have come "full circle," and like Matt Morgado '07 (Information Technology), their pride in being a Stanner has only multiplied by working here.

From Br. Ron Marcellin, Brian Kelly learned the importance of living "a life that has meaning," something that teaching at Molloy gives him the opportunity to do. For John Maldonado, "The things I try to practice in my everyday life I learned from my teachers here – empathy, compassion, not settling for the easy answer. And these are the things I hope I'm passing on to my students." Service to others is the hallmark of a Marist / Molloy education, and it's reflected clearly in the words of Mike Germano: "This was the place that gave me such a great foundation in my formative years, and now I have the blessing of doing the same for future generations of Stanners." The great work continues. and it's reflected clearly in the words of Mike Germano: "This was the place that gave me such a great foundation in my formative years, and now I have the blessing of doing the same for future generations of Stanners." The great work continues.



PICTURED | ASHLEY CALLAGY '05



PICTURED | JOHN MALDONADO '08

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JOHN MALDONADO



PICTURED | DENNIS VELLUCCI WITH JUNIORS JOHN GIORDANELLO AND MIKE PETRALIA IN 1981



PICTURED | JIM SHEEHAN '75

# 125 YEARS OF WHAT MATTERS



1892



## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF WHAT MATTERS

2018



When Brother Zephiriny welcomed the first generation of Stanners into St. Ann's Academy in 1892, he could not have imagined the rich history that would begin to unfold. St. Ann's began as an all boys school in just a few classrooms on the third floor of St. Jean's Parochial School in Manhattan. 125 Years later, Archbishop Molloy High School, born out of the traditions of St. Ann's, is a bustling coeducational Catholic Marist high school in Briarwood, Queens. Molloy is also fully enrolled with over 1,500 students.

Over the course of our 125 years, our community has witnessed many landmark events. In the late 1800s and early twentieth century, the Marist Brothers fostered a tradition of faith and academic and athletic excellence. Later, we witnessed St. Ann's become Molloy, as well as the emergence of outstanding lay faculty and coaches, such as Mr. John Diorio, Ms. Mary Pat Gannon, Mr. Lou Carnesecca '43, and Mr. Jack Curran. We've seen the founding of SMILE, a Stanner Medal of Honor recipient, Molloy go coed, the integration of iPads, and so much more.

While much has changed since 1892, many of our traditions remain the same. The presence of the Marist Brothers is still felt daily, while the students of today continue to grow in faith and spirit, and pursue academic and athletic success. Ultimately, today's Stanners are given the tools they need to make a difference in our world. This was Br. Zephiriny's mission all those years ago.

In the following pages, we hope you will enjoy a special foldout timeline chronicling just some of the most influential moments in St. Ann's / Molloy history. If you think we left anything out, let us know! Email [alumni@molloyhs.org](mailto:alumni@molloyhs.org) and share your memories of St. Ann's and Molloy. Your stories could appear a future Beehive newsletter. Be sure to visit [www.molloyhs.org/beehive/](http://www.molloyhs.org/beehive/) any time to read about the history that continues to be made at Molloy every single day.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

# ST. ANN'S ACADEMY & ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL



**'92** Brother Zephiriny founds St. Ann's Academy at Lexington Ave and 76th Street in Manhattan. St. Ann's is an all boys grammar school and high school. It is also a boarding school that houses resident students in dormitories. Over time the school expands into multiple adjacent buildings that share a central inner courtyard.

**'13**

The slogan "St. Ann's 250" is coined in celebration of the school breaking its enrollment record. 250 students were enrolled as of November 1913.



## EARLY 1900s

St. Ann's is renamed St. Ann's Military School and implements new uniforms and a marching band. This lasts several years before Academy is reinstated into the school's name and other changes are reverted back.

St. Ann's Academy organizes summer retreats for students at Lake Champlain on Isle La Motte, Vermont. The camp is described in ads as "where the youthful smile never fades."

**'55**

The Marist Brothers announce that St. Ann's Academy will relocate.



After several sites are considered, Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, of the Diocese of Brooklyn, offers the Brothers property in Queens he had purchased decades earlier. The Brothers accept with the condition that the new school be operated as a Catholic high school. The Brothers begin to phase out the St. Ann's grammar school.

**'57**

Construction of the new school is completed.

St. Ann's Academy officially moves to Briarwood and is renamed Archbishop Molloy High School. Bishop Brian J. McEntegart grants permission for the name change in light of Archbishop Molloy's passing.

**'60**

The number of lay faculty increases

gradually over the next decade. Early lay teachers include Jack Curran, John Diorio, William Dunn, Ray Egan, John Gibbons, Jim Kinnier, Frank Rienzo, Richard Salmon, Joseph Smith, and Joseph Svitek.

**'57**

Molloy opens

with a nearly identical faculty to that of St. Ann's. Many St. Ann's traditions carry over to Molloy, including Catholic devotions, the beehive in our logo, and the nickname Stanners. The final sixth, seventh, and eighth graders migrate to Molloy to complete their intermediate studies.

**'65**

Brother Leo Richard founds Molloy's revolutionary peer-to-peer counseling program,

which leads to the creation of SMILE (Something More in Life's Experience).

**'95**

Molloy's holds its first Walkathon,

a student fundraiser with the goal of upgrading areas of need around the school's campus. In 2017, students walked to raise money for one of the most requested improvements in our history: classroom air conditioning.



**'88**

Molloy holds its first Fun Run.

It is later renamed in memory of the late Andrew Harvey '98. The event is organized by its founder, Frank Gambino '74, for 30 years until its finale in fall 2017.

**'94**

Molloy is named an Exemplary School by the Federal Department of Education.

**'94**

Molloy's School Board is founded.

**'99**

Molloy is named an Outstanding American High School by U.S. News and World Report.

**'89**

Tables with built-in seats replace the high tables previously used for decades in the cafeteria.

This marks the end of the tradition of Stanners standing for lunch.



**'11**

Molloy unveils its modernized William J. Murphy Library, complete with an enhanced research lab, multimedia conference room, college prep stations, and state-of-the-art library database.

**'14**

Molloy introduces its first one-to-one computing program.

iPads are first distributed to freshmen only. The program then expands to other grades over the next four years. Additional IT personnel are later hired to accommodate the increase in devices.

**'12**

Stanner Alumni Center founds professional networks

for Badges, Alumnae, Law, and Finance. A Real Estate network would later be added in 2016.

**'12**

Stanners react to Superstorm Sandy by volunteering

to help clean up affected areas in Rockaway and Breezy Point.



**'13**

Stanners mourn the passing of Coach Jack Curran

on March 14, 2013. A tribute event is held on April 27th.



**'17**

The Walk/Run for Karina is founded in memory of Karina Vetrano '04.

It is held overnight and concludes with the blessing of a new memorial bench dedicated to Karina. Proceeds from the event benefit the Karina Vetrano Memorial Scholarship.



**'16**

The AP Computer Science Principles course is added to Molloy's curriculum.

Molloy opens an improved computer science lab on its third floor, which features laptops, a Makerspace, and a 3D printer.



1890s

1900-54

1955-87

1987-2010

2011-18

## LATE 1800s

Classes at St. Ann's are conducted entirely in French through the school's first decade.



**'44**

The Stanner Newspaper is founded.

It replaces The Beehive, a literary magazine previously published monthly that featured original stories, school news, and alumni notes.



**'23**

Stanners participate in their first intramural punchball tournament.



**'35**

The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception is founded

at St. Ann's, beginning a formal society with focus on reverence and devotion to its patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**'50**

Lou Carnesecca '43 is named head coach of varsity basketball and baseball,

replacing Coach Patrick Gleason. Coach Carnesecca's tenure includes city championships in 1952 and 1958 as well as city final appearances in 1954 and 1956.

**'54**

St. Ann's Academy begins to outgrow its facilities, which are in need of expensive repairs and upgrades to meet fire and safety codes. Rumors of St. Ann's closure circulate among students.



**'67**

On February 15, 1967, Private First Class Louis Willett '63 makes the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life to save the other members of his squad in Vietnam. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



**'80**

Mr. Lou Santos founds Molloy's first annual International Day.

The event celebrates world cultures through food, song, and dance.

**'73**

Brother James Maher founds the first game of Flag

at Esopus. Brother Declan Murray influences the start of Freshman Camp and Esopus Retreats during the 1970s.

**'83**

The Stanner Hall of Fame is founded.

**'74**

The first generation of women to teach Stanners includes Mary Pat Gannon (Maloney), Kathleen Lamb, Maria Russo, and Delia Trombetta.



**'84**

Computer courses are first introduced.

Early courses cover AppleWorks, word processing, databases, and spreadsheets.



**'87**

John Gibbons, Jim Kinnier, Joe Smith, and alumni from the Classes of 1978 and 1979 found the Stanner Golf Classic.

The event recently celebrated its 32nd anniversary on May 7, 2018 by expanding to three golf courses for the first time.

**'87**

The Ralph DeChiaro Center for Arts and Sciences opens.

The new wing features computer and science labs, a theater, lockers, and classroom space. An extension to the school library and the St. Ann's Courtyard also open.



**'00**

After 107 years, Molloy goes coed,

welcoming young women to enroll for the first time.



**'01**

The events of September 11th deeply affect our community. We remember:

Richard Allen '88 (FDNY), Thomas Ashton '97, Joseph Berry '64, Michael Cawley '87 (FDNY), Thomas DeAngelis '68 (FDNY), William Gardner '73, Robert Nagel '63 (FDNY), Robert Regan '71 (FDNY), Robert Scandole '83, Patrick Waters '74 (FDNY), and Timothy Welty '85 (FDNY)

**'04**

Molloy's first coed class graduates at the Golden Auditorium at Queens College.



**'08**

All classrooms feature SMART Board technology.

**'08**

MOLLOY CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

with a school-wide Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 9, 2008. An MTA train is reserved to privately shuttle the entire student body and faculty into Manhattan. Mass is celebrated by Father Frank Shannon '76.



**'17**

Mass of Thanksgiving CELEBRATING THE FOUNDING OF ST. ANN'S/MOLLOY.

The Stanner community gathers on November 22, 2017 for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 125 Years of What Matters. Mass is celebrated in the Jack Curran Gyn by Bishop James Massa.

**'17**

Full iPad integration is realized. Every student and teacher at Molloy now utilizes their own iPad.

**'17**

In March 2017, President Richard Karsten '81 announces the beginning of the 125 Years of What Matters celebration.

To support the celebration, the Honorable Raymond W. Kelly '59 serves as guest speaker at a special professional networking event hosted by Jerry Schumm '68 and Neal Duffy '93 of RFR Realty LLC.



**'18**

Molloy launches its Instagram account. Follow your alma mater via @molloyhs



**'18**

John Diorio, Mary Pat Gannon, and Kathy Forgiione, RN announce their retirements.

They dedicated 58, 44, and 18 years of service to Molloy respectively.



**'18**

Molloy's first Video Broadcast Studio opens.

Students begin livestreaming morning announcements to every homeroom.



# STANNER ON STAGE

BY JOE SOMMO '03

At the end of the first floor hallway, beyond the William J. Murphy Library, and just past the St. Ann's Courtyard, is a haven for Molloy's most dedicated thespians.

The Stanner Players, our talented drama troupe, have called the Ralph DeChiaro Theater home for over three decades. Each year, the Players debut one fall play and one spring musical. Each production typically enjoys a run of four performances and welcomes students, family and friends, faculty, and other community members too. The quality standard is high, and many believe Molloy's theater program is as strong now as it has ever been. To get to this point, however, required some evolution.

St. Ann's Academy, our original Manhattan home, began showcasing theater in the early 1900s. The "Dramatic Club" unveiled a new production annually, often a play or a series of sketches. Notably, the

productions featured all-male casts, meaning the boys played both male and female characters; this might have been an interesting spectacle at the time. A 1948 production of *Room Service* was reviewed in the Blue and White yearbook: "the cast moved through their chores with an assurance that unmistakably pointed to a competent directing hand. The dependability with which each interpreted his part evoked astonished praise from the audience as it filed into the night of realism after two hours of relaxation in a utopia of laughter." The review concludes by noting, "Dramatics, indeed, is still a highlight at St. Ann's." While it may be difficult to imagine what a "utopia of laughter" might have been like in 1948, it is fascinating to consider that theater, and



Matthew Ingrao '19 in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* | 2018

"Students who were interested in theater had a passion for it. Of course when Molloy was all boys, girls would come from The Mary Louis Academy to rehearse and be a part of our shows. Our boys also went there to be in their shows."

MARYANN SAFREY - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ACADEMICS



Production of *Room Service* | 1948

its inherent lightheartedness, had a place at the otherwise academic and discipline-focused St. Ann's. Other productions of the era included *Breezy Money* (1947) and *It Won't Be Long Now* (1950).

After St. Ann's became Archbishop Molloy High School, dramatic theater remained a modest part of student life. Some of the productions The Stanner Players presented over the years include: *Panic Buttons*, *An Evening of One Act Plays* (1966), *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (1969), and *The Sound of Music* (1980). These shows often utilized the stage in what later became known as the Jack Curran Gym. This meant that the Players had to share the space with sports teams and other school activities, a fact one can argue prevented the program from fully blossoming.

It wasn't until the late 1980s that theater got its long-awaited "big break" at Molloy. In 1987, the Ralph DeChiaro Center for the Arts and Sciences opened its doors. The building's namesake, Ralph DeChiaro '36, believed in promoting these areas of study,



Genesis Barreto '18 and David Kemp '17 in *The Pajama Game* | 2017



Production of *Sebastian* | 1911

and in turn made a significant financial commitment to help build this critical extension of the school. The three story addition included science and computer labs, classroom space, the St. Ann's Courtyard, and a brand new theater.

With a theater now among their assets, the Stanner Players finally had a dedicated creative space. "Back then, the program was not unlike now," said MaryAnn Safrey, currently Assistant Principal for Academics and at one time the Theater Director. "Students who were interested in theater had a passion for it. Of course when Molloy was all boys, girls would come from The Mary Louis Academy to rehearse and be a part of our shows." While the opening of the theater proved to be a landmark moment, another fundamental change came in 2000 when, after 107 years, Molloy went coed. This marked the first time girls could be cast internally. The arrival of Stanner women also led to a boost in theater participation, which allowed the program to further grow in ways it previously couldn't.

While student interest is essential, Safrey also believes that the theater program has historically been as strong as its directors have allowed it to be. "The directors who have taken it up over the years have all had an appropriate background and have been passionate about it," said Safrey.

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MS. SHANNON WINTERS ’06 | Theater Director



The Stanner Players present *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* | 2018

Those directors have included Tom Hoefner ’96, Kevin Schwab ’99, Andrew Quigley, Maureen Schneider, Eileen Spinolla, and Jessica Petschauer ’04 among others.

Shannon Winters ’06, current Director of The Stanner Players, brings passion and over 20 years of experience on and around the stage. Winters, an English teacher, shared a bit about her process. “I start reading a variety of shows over the summer, keeping in mind students who are currently in the program as well as incoming students who may join. A show like *Pygmalion* (2016) could never have been done without knowing I had certain students who had already shown their skills over the years. Still, I don’t typecast, and on several occasions a part was claimed on the last day of auditions by a new student.”



Deanna Mayo ’14 stars in *Peter Pan* | 2013



Director Shannon Winters ’06 and the Stanner Players read lines during rehearsal for *The Matchmaker* | 2014

Once the show is approved by administrators, and rights are acquired, auditions are held for several days. “I look for students who are willing to learn and take on any role,” said Winters. Those who do get cast must really commit. Rehearsals are two hours a day and anywhere from two to four days a week – not including several hours on Saturdays. “We’re extremely lucky in that our actors and stage crew are willing and able to spend long hours to get their work in. It always pays off in the end because I believe we have a polished finished product by the time we debut.”

If you haven’t attended one of The Stanner Players’ productions, you are missing out. Their most recent musical, *You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (2018) featured a talented cast; each Player put their poise, impeccable timing, and commitment to character on full display. They are quite good, a real feat when considering this is all achieved after school and not for a grade.

Modern day Molloy prides itself on the development of the total person. Its Catholic Marist values are still a foundation, while the core curriculum now emphasizes STEM (Science, Technology,

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MS. SHANNON WINTERS ’06

Engineering, Math). Consider also that as of fall 2017, every student now has their own iPad. With every student plugged in, and advanced computer science courses growing in numbers, some might find it heartwarming that there is still a population of students who seek out a study of the human condition. Where theater was once the balance to the academic rigor and discipline of St. Ann’s, is theater now the balance to STEM? “I think the arts, and theater in particular, are particularly important to the lifeblood of Molloy,” said Winters. “Our theater program is a family, which is what makes Molloy so unique and different from other high schools. Theater is a place to channel creative energy and take risks in a safe environment. It’s a deeply collaborative process that demands focus, dedication, imagination, and enthusiasm.” In regards

to the shift toward STEM in modern education, Winters believes it is necessary; however “there is truly nothing like live theater. It’s more than just putting on a show; the skills and relationships built in rehearsals and during performances help students grow personally and artistically. This can also have practical applications, such as working on confidence and public speaking, which they might not otherwise be offered.”

For students interested in theater, but who are not yet ready to take the stage in a full-fledged production, the Theater Arts and Improv Club provides weekly acting exercises and games in a judgment-free zone. Occasional field trips to Broadway shows and workshops supplement the club. In addition, a drama elective is offered in Molloy’s curriculum.

While hard work is paramount, theater at Molloy is not without its challenges. The original architects of the Ralph DeChiaro Theater may not have anticipated how much the program would grow – or how ambitious the productions would become. “Our Players routinely have to work hard at creatively using the theater,” explained Safrey. “There is no wing space, no backstage, and for many years lighting and sound equipment was rented. Lighting and sound equipment has since been purchased thanks to funds raised by a recent Walkathon; however lack of space often forces improvisation all its own.” In *Seussical the Musical* (2015), *Alice in Wonderland* (2015), and *The Diary of Anne Frank* (2017), the Players used aisles or the area in front of the stage to expand their world. “We recently applied for an NBC theater grant, which we unfortunately did not receive; however we do continue to receive support from The Josephine Foundation, which is greatly appreciated. We continue to look for more grant opportunities to enrich our theater program,” said Safrey.



Erin Mardenborough ’20 in *Diary of Anne Frank* | 2017

Looking ahead, Winters intends to keep the momentum going, noting she is “truly blessed to work with such talented, hard-working, passionate students.” As *Stanner Life* went to press, Winters had already begun her research for the fall play. She also began moderating a week-long Summer Theater Camp geared toward sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. The camp is similar to our Theater Arts & Improv Club and further extends the reach of our theater program (email stannerplayers@gmail.com to learn more about enrolling your child in Molloy’s Summer Theater Camp). Looking ahead, Winters hopes to one day direct an alumni show. “It’s important to keep connections within the Stanner network. Our theater is a family, and I’d like that to extend past graduation to keep the community alive and well.”



Taylor Garcia-Lawson '19 in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* | 2018



Katie Van Riper '17 stars in *Alice in Wonderland* | 2015

THE STANNER PLAYERS HAVE PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DIVERSE PORTFOLIO SINCE 2004:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Faces of Courage: A Scene Night</i> (Original Production, 2004)    |
| <i>Harvey</i> (2005)                                                  |
| <i>Twelve Angry Men</i> (2006)                                        |
| <i>Fools</i> (2006)                                                   |
| <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> (Musical, 2007)   |
| <i>Rumors</i> (2007)                                                  |
| <i>Guys and Dolls</i> (Musical, 2008)                                 |
| <i>Godspell</i> (Musical, 2009)                                       |
| <i>Our Town</i> (2009)                                                |
| <i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i> (Musical, 2009) |
| <i>The Dining Room</i> (2010)                                         |
| <i>Playing With Power: A Scene Night</i> (Original Production, 2011)  |
| <i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i> (2011)                               |
| <i>Oklahoma!</i> (Musical, 2012)                                      |
| <i>Peter Pan</i> (Musical, 2013)                                      |
| <i>You Can’t Take It With You</i> (2014)                              |
| <i>The Matchmaker</i> (2014)                                          |
| <i>Seussical the Musical</i> (Musical, 2015)                          |
| <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (2015)                                     |
| <i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i> (Musical, 2016)     |
| <i>Pygmalion</i> (2016)                                               |
| <i>The Pajama Game</i> (Musical, 2017)                                |
| <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> (2017)                                 |
| <i>You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown</i> (Musical, 2018)               |

END OF AN ERA

Diorio & Gannon Retire



When alumni come back to Molloy after a few months or many years, often their goal is to visit with the teachers who inspired them. For literally generations of Stanners, Mr. John Diorio and Ms. Mary Pat Gannon have been those teachers. Mr. Diorio and Ms. Gannon have served the Molloy community for 58 and 44 years respectively, each one reputed for a unique teaching style and impact in and out of the classroom. Perhaps fittingly, both also announced their retirements this past spring in the midst of our 125th anniversary.

BY JOE SOMMO '03

John Diorio

John Diorio began teaching social studies at Molloy in the fall of 1960. Just 21 years old, Diorio quickly established a rapport with his students through lively lessons infused with his infectious humor. Diorio said of his arrival, “It was a golden age. The Brothers were fabulous, and there was tremendous camaraderie among them, the lay teachers, and students.”

“My teaching philosophy, up until this year, was to try to get you to understand what I was saying – not memorize what I was saying,” explained Diorio. “I was less interested in your marks and more interested in you getting some knowledge.” One of his strategies to foster that understanding was to challenge his students to discuss the day’s lesson with their parents at the dinner table. “If you could have a 10 minute conversation at dinner, then you probably had a good understanding.”

One of Diorio’s trademarks, aside from being in a constant state of readiness (“I am ready!”), has been his ability to tap into the knowledge of real-world public servants. When not teaching, Diorio actively participated in local politics. He supported the elections of Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. ’82, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Nassau County Executive Ralph Caso, and the congressional and mayoral campaigns of John Lindsay. Diorio also served as the executive assistant to NY Republican County Chair Vincent Albano Jr. Through these experiences, Diorio made many connections that ultimately benefited his students.



PICTURED | BR. ANGUS AND JOHN DIORIO GREET REP. NORMAN LENT

“Bringing in members of Congress, senators, police officers, US Marshals, Customs and FBI agents, was the best part of my class. These guest speakers shared valuable first-hand knowledge with my students,” said Diorio. He also moderated the Political Science Club for many years, which allowed students from all grades to sit in on guest presentations after school. In 1970 alone, Diorio invited 15 professionals to speak, among them State Assemblyman Martin Ginsberg, Nassau County Comptroller Angelo Roncallo, Sen. Seymour Thaler, Queens DA Thomas Mackell, and NYC Council President Francis X. Smith. Other guest speakers over the years included Rep. Norman Lent, Rep. Allard Lowenstein, Nassau County Sheriff Joseph Maher, and many more. “I had speakers that colleges didn’t have, and they were all volunteers,” said Diorio.

Over time, more alumni began to serve as Diorio’s guest speakers, often crediting him with inspiring them to pursue their careers.

The aforementioned Senator Addabbo, US Marshal Scott McLiverty ’83, retired National Import Specialist Mike Contino ’68, FBI Detective Phil Scala ’68, and FBI Assistant Director (NY Division) Diego Rodriguez ’83 are just some of the Stanners who have visited Diorio’s class.

After years of self-debate, Diorio announced that he would retire at the end of the 2017-18 school year. The decision came down to his daily commute. “If I lived closer to Molloy, I’d still be teaching. I can’t believe that there are that many cars on the road!” When reflecting on his career, he said he has enjoyed his bond with Stanners. “When I first started I was like the students’ bigger brother. Then the years went on and I became like an uncle, then a father, and now a grandfather. I feel fortunate that I stayed relevant with the students even as I’ve gotten older.” He also described his retirement as bittersweet, but he is proud of the work he has put in. “I’ll just have to remember to not get dressed up and drive to school. After 58 years it became second nature.”

Diorio’s last class took place on May 23, 2018. As he exited his classroom, students and colleagues lined the hallway to applaud and congratulate him. The moment was captured on video by one time student turned colleague, Jim Sheldon ’88. In the clip, Diorio expresses disbelief, which he follows by evoking one last laugh as he feigns a sprint to the elevator. The video went viral, garnering over 60,000 views on social media, including at least one from Diorio himself. “My daughter came to me crying, asking ‘did you see it.’ She showed me the video and the remarks people left under it. It was really emotional.”

When asked for parting words, Diorio was frank. “As the old expression goes, ‘if you love what you do, then you’ll never work a day in your life.’ I really loved what I did all this time.” |

“MY TEACHING PHILOSOPHY, UP UNTIL THIS YEAR, WAS TO TRY TO GET YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS SAYING – NOT MEMORIZE WHAT I WAS SAYING.”



# Mary Pat Gannon



Mary Pat Gannon first arrived at Molloy in 1974, having previously taught at NYU and Malcolm-King College in Harlem. Then known as Mary Maloney, she was among the first generation of women to join Molloy’s faculty. Gannon fondly recalled that her first class at Molloy was AP English, which included a bright young senior named Jim Sheehan ’75. Jim would eventually become her colleague and close friend.

Teaching in an all boys school never phased Gannon. “I don’t get intimidated easily. Teaching starts with respecting your students, who then must respect you back. I established my reputation early on, so the kids knew I meant business, but that I was also fair,” said Gannon. At the start of class, Gannon would stand by the door to welcome her students with a firm handshake. She did this to establish her classroom not as an adversarial environment, but rather one of collaboration. “I wanted the students to know that I could learn as much from them as they could learn from me. The more responsibility you give them, the more self-confidence they gain, and they become leaders.”

Gannon, a lifelong reader, always sought out content that her students could connect with. “Classic works transcend because they are human. When I taught *Antigone*, a Greek play, the characters didn’t speak to modern kids. Instead, I taught a newer book called *The Watch*. It’s set during the Afghan War and it has the same situations as *Antigone*, but with modern language. I don’t sacrifice content, but I do try to make it viable for my students.” She also takes pride in the unique assignments she has concocted over the years. A theme in *Snow Flower* and the *Secret Fan* is people being silenced. When teaching the book, Gannon challenged her students to not use their phones until the following day. For *Frankenstein*, Gannon asked her class to create ABC books to teach the often misunderstood character how to read. “Writing an essay is not the only way to help kids learn. I love teaching, and I don’t hide

my emotions. If something goes well, I’m the first to yell ‘yes!’ The students might laugh, but I know that helps them understand why I do what I do.”

Gannon’s leadership is equally as strong as her passion for teaching. She served as English Chair during two different decades, and influenced the creation of the English Honors program as well as the expansion of AP English electives. She founded numerous after school clubs so that Molloy could better serve its diversifying student population. These include the Book Club, Investment Club, Ebony Club, Indian Club, and Irish Club. She held college essay clinics, helped plan liturgies, and co-founded the Graduation Breakfast and Junior Leadership Ceremony with Adele Solari and Jeanne Longerano. She created the Popular Literature and Public Speaking courses, and worked with the salutatorian and valedictorian on their graduation speeches each year. She also displayed leadership by embracing change, such as Molloy’s decision to go coed, and the introduction of SMART Boards and iPads. She called the first group of girls to enter Molloy “incredible” and noted that new technology has always been a welcome tool to help her achieve her goals in the classroom.

Gannon has also led through charity, as she regularly encouraged her students to support the Campus Ministry mission collections. “When I was a teenager living Thailand, my family was driving outside of Bangkok. There was a rice truck in front of us, and grains of rice were falling off into the dirt. People were running to collect the rice from the road. I saw poverty there and in Bangkok, and it made a lasting impression on me,” explained Gannon. “I have always tried to remind my students that they’ve been given a lot, and they need to give back.”

In 2008, Gannon broke the proverbial glass ceiling as the first woman to be inducted into the Stanner Hall of Fame. “I was so extraordinarily proud,” Gannon said while fighting back tears. She was particularly humbled to be inducted alongside Br. James Maher, who was among the Brothers that first interviewed her for the job. Gannon and Br. James now serve together on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee that reviews nominations and approves new inductees.

This past spring, as news of Gannon’s retirement spread, many alumni decided they needed to show their appreciation. They organized an online viral campaign using #CranesforMPG and mobilized Stanners to create paper cranes for their beloved teacher. This was in tribute to the cranes that Gannon would take the time to make and gift to each of her students at the end of their high school careers. She kept a tally – 4,006 cranes over 44 years. “I wanted to give the students something for

graduation, and I believe in gifts that have meaning. Having lived in Thailand, I’ve always loved art from that part of the world. One day I woke up and thought ‘I can make origami cranes,’ so that’s what I did. As I made them, I looked at the names in my roll book, remembered who each person was, and offered my prayer for their future life.” Many alumni have kept their cranes into adulthood, a reminder that there are genuine people like Ms. Gannon in the world. At a recent alumni dinner, two 1980s grads

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PICTURED | MS GANNON WITH HER LAST CLASS. STUDENTS IN FRONT ROW HOLD PAPER CRANES GIFTED BY ALUMNI.

showed her their cranes folded up in their wallets. Similarly, the alumni who organized the viral campaign remembered Ms. Gannon’s care and felt every need to reciprocate it. As for the cranes made by alumni recently, President Richard Karsten ’81 presented them to Gannon during her last class ever. “Ms. Gannon, I sat right there in your class (pointing to his seat), many years ago,” Karsten shared with his former teacher during the presentation. “Congratulations on 44 years at Molloy. It’s more than a great run – it’s historic. You’re a living legend.”

In a parting email to colleagues, Gannon emphasized the importance of their work. “Each time we meet as a class, a club, a team, we see many identities, and we try to adjust accordingly. We sometimes do this unconsciously, relying on our instinctive teacher sense. We often do not remember what we said or did. But those students and athletes see only one entity. They hear our one voice and personalize it to their situation. They do remember. We do affect children’s lives – sometimes shaping important life decisions.”

Asked if she is ready to relax as a retiree, Gannon responded “I don’t think I’ve worked a day in the last 44 years.” |

# Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

After reflecting on the legacies of Mr. Diorio and Ms. Gannon, we thought about the Marist Brothers and lay teachers who have inspired us; who are a part of the very fabric of the institution itself.

BY JOE SOMMO '03

There are many – too many to print, but in the following paragraphs we’ve done our best to highlight just some of our many unforgettable teachers.

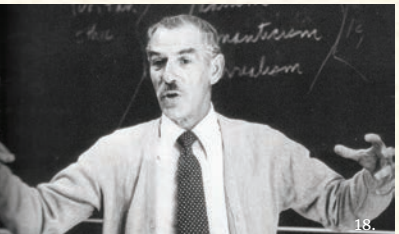
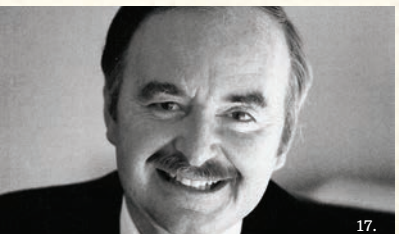
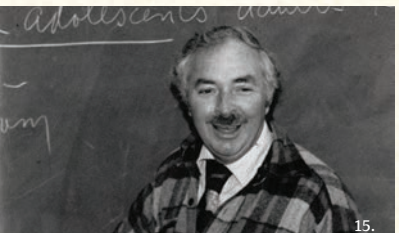
The Marist Brothers laid our foundation of family spirit, service, presence, and our devotion to Mary. We remember Br. Leo Richard and his revolutionary SMILE program, which is still an essential part of our guidance program more than 53 years later. Br. Ron Marcellin '52 is remembered for his ability to relate to young people by fostering a comfortable environment where teens could learn while being themselves. Br. Francis Regis inspired thousands of students for more than four decades, always taking the time to talk, to listen, or to counsel those seeking guidance. Br. Declan Murray is remembered as a compassionate teacher who was integral to establishing Molloy’s presence in Esopus. We also fondly remember his signature wit and briefcase, too. We remember Br. Angus Wilkinson, a soft-spoken leader who, as principal, always left his door open to students seeking consultation. Br. Stephen Urban '38 was recently remembered by Madelyn Dupre, foreign language teacher, as “one of the kindest, most gentlemanly Brothers ever – and he played a mean harmonica.” We remember Br. Pat Lally, and cherish his storytelling and jokes – all told in his Irish brogue. We remember Br. Terence Jones '36, who during his decades of service as a teacher, coach, alumni director, and volunteer tutor, coined the simple yet profound phrase, “God Bless All Stanners.”

The impact of lay faculty since the 1960s has been significant. Many have shaped our high school experiences in lasting ways. We remember Raymond Egan and his decades of dedication to The Stanner newspaper. We remember Jim Kinsella as an outstanding math teacher, selfless volunteer, and steady professional who held his students to a high standard. Richard Salmon is remembered for his ability to inspire intellectual

curiosity through vibrant stories of lived experience – including his own. We recall Jim Kinnier and the late John Gibbons and Joe Smith, better known by many as “The Three Amigos.” The trio directed geology trips, founded the Stanner Golf Classic, and helped build a stronger bridge between Molloy and its alumni. Don’t forget Mr. Gibbons’ Driver’s Ed course. We remember Anne Lonergan, Molloy’s “number one fan” who beamed school spirit everyday. We recall Frank Rienzo, who coached Molloy’s track and field team to glory in the 1960s – and if that wasn’t enough, he also taught Latin. Remembered is Coach Jack Curran, who made winners out of all of his student-athletes for 55 years. We recall Joseph Svitak, Mark Lipset, Kieran Mullins, and Richard Whelan – masters of the sciences. We remember John Mecca, a beloved Con Law teacher of the 2000s who could channel Frank Sinatra during any open mic.

Much like the faculty of yesteryear, today’s teachers are equally dedicated to their craft. Many have already served for decades, including Joe Dombrowski, Br. Mike Fisher, Jeff Gallagher '88, Frank Gambino '74, Br. Roy George '62, Mike Harrison, Mark Lombardi, Jeanne Longerano, Bill Niklaus '80, Br. James Norton '63, AJ Power '84, Br. John Raeihle '61, Rich Rodgers '65, MaryAnn Safrey, Lou Santos, Jim Sheehan '75, Jim Sheldon '88, Anthony Sottosanti, Br. James Vagan, and Dennis Vellucci. A new generation of teachers has also emerged over the past 10 years, one that is actively engaged in after school activities, service trips, retreats, and everything in between. They are prepared to carry the torch into the future. Thanks to each and every faculty and staff member, past and present, Molloy is set to remain a place made special by its teachers.

**Tell us which teachers inspired you!**  
**Email [alumni@molloyhs.org](mailto:alumni@molloyhs.org) with your memories and stories.**



1. Mr. Richard Whelan  
2. Br. James Norton '63  
3. Mr. Jim Kinnier  
4. Mr. Lou Santos  
5. Mr. Raymond Egan  
6. Mr. Richard Salmon

7. Ms. Anne Lonergan  
8. Br. James Vagan & Coach Jack Curran  
9. Mr. John Gibbons  
10. Mr. Mark Lipset  
11. Mr. Rich Rodgers '65  
12. Br. Terence Jones '36

13. Br. Ron Marcellin '52  
14. Br. Aquinas Richard '48  
15. Br. Declan Murray  
16. Br. Francis Regis  
17. Br. James Maher  
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# THE EVOLUTION OF THE MODERN — LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

BY JOE SOMMO '03

A critical piece of the puzzle lies in a school's ability to recognize the ongoing evolution of education itself.



MR. JOHN KRAMER USING A SMART BOARD

One of the fundamental goals of any school is to provide students with opportunities for success. This is accomplished in many ways: hiring the best teachers and staff; promoting confidence; creating a pathway to the right college. A critical piece of the puzzle lies in a school's ability, and willingness, to recognize the ongoing evolution of education itself. In today's learning landscape, innovative technology and teaching methods are implemented with regularity. At Molloy, administrators routinely benchmark our school's practices against those of neighboring institutions. What steps have other schools taken to meet the needs of modern students? How can Molloy realize its own adaptive learning environment?

Students at St. Ann's Academy achieved academic excellence through hard work, faith, and discipline. Chalk, paper, and textbooks were among the few tools available to teach everything from mathematics, to history, to Latin. An exception in the early twentieth century would have been St. Ann's biology

lab, which in 1913 proudly boasted five microscopes. St. Ann's did see technological advances over time. Typewriters became an important part of the curriculum and were essential to the creation of the school's monthly publication known as The Beehive. Physics and chemistry labs further boosted the sciences.

In the 1960s, Stanners had more technology at their disposal. Students could join Molloy's radio club, which in 1964 received its own short-wave set and operated as station WB2LHY. The Photography Club allowed students to saturate The Stanner newspaper and Blue & White yearbook with vibrant photos. In Language Labs, students sat in individual cubicle-like workstations where they wore headphones and listened for audible foreign language prompts. According to Molloy's 1970 yearbook, the Audio/Visual Communications Club gave the school "a totally modern means of presenting taped and filmed materials." A/V equipment was housed in a third floor media center and allowed "material broadcast from within the school itself" to reach televisions in classrooms.

Looking for something to do after school in 1983? Join the new Computer Club! Joe Dombrowski, a computer teacher who arrived at Molloy around the same time as its first processors, recalls those early days. "For the first bunch of years we taught basic programming on the Apple II. We also got into the AppleWorks Suite, which only had a word processor, a database, and a spreadsheet." Over a decade later, in 1998, Molloy received then blazing-fast 1.5 megabit Internet for the first time. The curriculum had also shifted to computer applications, Mavis Beacon typing lessons, C++, and Microsoft Office, the latter of which included basic website design.



ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT MOLLOY NOW USE IPADS

While there is no question St. Ann's / Molloy has welcomed new technology throughout its history, these developments were gradual at best over the school's first 110 years. This is in stark contrast to the rate at which new technology has been added over the past 15 years. In the mid-2000s, Molloy began installing SMART Board technology in classrooms – a major project that saw full integration by 2008. Early SMART Boards used overhead projectors to display content from

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teachers' laptops. As of 2017, every classroom now sports the latest model. These boast LCD screens with 4K resolution and function much like individual computers; each one has its own Internet connection, applications, and data storage. "The SMART Board has had a visceral effect on learning," said CJ Mallia, Molloy's Director of Information Technology since 1998. "It's a fully interactive audio/visual teaching tool that is a classroom staple – leaps and bounds beyond chalk on a blackboard."

Beyond the SMART Board, the number of one-to-one devices at Molloy has increased exponentially over the past 10 years. This initiative began in 2008 when all teachers received their own laptops, and further developed in 2011 when dozens of laptops were added to the new Research Lab in the modernized William J. Murphy Library.

Molloy's most profound development in one-to-one computing, however, is unquestionably the iPad. The powerful devices were first

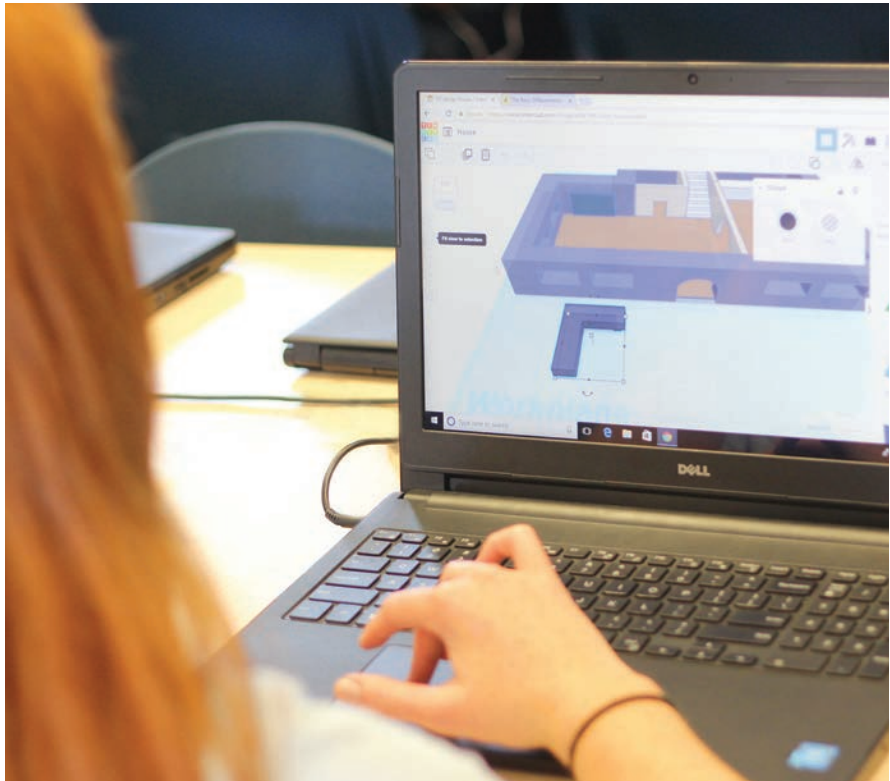


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distributed to freshmen in 2014 and phased in over a four year period. As of September 2017, all students and teachers at Molloy now use iPads. "The iPad represents a major paradigm shift in modern learning," said Mallia. "iPads foster a collaborative process. Teachers can plan interactive lessons, while students have access to hundreds of apps and endless information. There are no limits to their use in an education setting." In 2017, Molloy converted its underused senior lounge into a full-fledged IT Center, which is now staffed by as many as four technicians who provide daily support to accommodate the school's 1,700 devices.

William Kanellopoulos, a junior, has enjoyed how his iPad supplements his day-to-day experience. "It's interesting how Molloy balances tradition and innovation. We have the Catholic Marist education juxtaposed with technology in the classroom. I've come to really appreciate having my iPad. The direct access to information and communication with teachers is essential.

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AUTOCAD SOFTWARE

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President Richard Karsten '81 believes Molloy will remain well-equipped to adapt to the next advances in technology. "Molloy has always invested wisely in its infrastructure. Before adopting iPads, we carefully considered the implications. 'Could it be a fad?' 'Is it sustainable?' These questions have since been answered in our favor. We plan for 10 years down the road, not five."

Principal Darius Penikas, who arrived at Molloy in 2015, believes implementing new technology is an essential part of modern learning. Just one year into his tenure, Penikas oversaw the modernization of the school's computer lab, the addition of a 3D printer, the founding of the STEAM

Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) featuring AutoCAD, and the implementation of an expanded computer science curriculum. Stanners can now enroll in AP Computer Science Principles, Java Programming, and as of fall 2018 the school's first ever Robotics course, which will offer college credits in conjunction with LIU Post. Lessons on encryption and security in the AP Principles course could eventually spark a spinoff elective on Cybersecurity. More computer science and engineering courses are inevitable.

In addition, Penikas made an initial vow to construct a state-of-the-art Video Broadcast Studio within his first three years. The studio has since been built on Molloy's sub-floor and is outfitted with professional-grade technology including Canon XA35



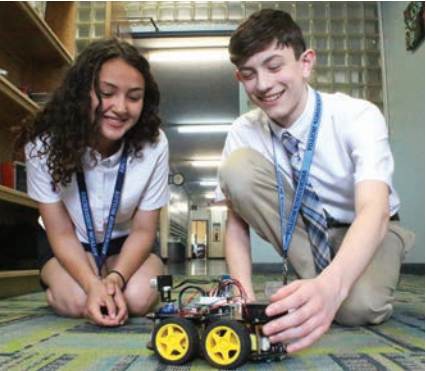
VIDEO BROADCAST STUDIO

Pro Camcorders, an audio mixing board, an all-in-one Mac workstation, and Final Cut Pro editing software. The studio was christened on January 12, 2018, when morning announcements, read by two student anchors, were livestreamed to every homeroom for the first time. "I'm very proud of the studio, but we've only scratched the surface," said Penikas. "In addition to livestreaming, I expect the studio to be a valuable resource for students who want to make their own films and documentaries."

Technology alone, however, does not define the modern learning environment. "I think the reality is that the students of tomorrow are going to enter high school knowing how to access almost any information they want, so in that sense the teacher and textbook as the sole provider of knowledge is an outdated model," explained Penikas. "I see the future of

instruction as smaller classes led by teachers who act as mentors that help students synthesize, evaluate, and apply rather than regurgitate information." Blended learning, for example, emphasizes online digital media within the traditional teacher/student model. The flipped classroom, a form of blended learning, requires instructional content to be viewed outside the classroom, while what was once considered homework becomes the central activity inside the classroom. In other words, a student views online video content on their iPad at home, then applies what they've learned in class. "The flipped classroom allows for more personalized relationships between teachers and students, and in turn a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of individual students. I think more and more teachers will adapt to these types of models in the near future," said Penikas.

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ROBOTICS

As Stanner Life goes to press, Molloy remains committed to an ongoing effort to implement modern technology and teaching models. Where slide rules once gave way to pocket calculators, so too have textbooks been retired in favor of iPads. Stanner newspaper and yearbook staffers who used typewriters and graph paper could only dream of the Adobe Suite available to student publishers today. A/V Club members of the 1970s may not have believed the capabilities of today's Video Broadcast Club. And while blended learning and flipped classrooms are not the law of the land just yet, day-to-day lesson plans rely more on collaboration and interactivity than at any point in St. Ann's / Molloy history. Still, if recent events are any indication, 10 years from now it is likely students and teachers will again be pioneers on a frontier not yet discovered.



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# YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR IMPACT

BY CRAIG KATINAS '93 | ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
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THE LIBRARY



THE CLASSROOMS



MAIN STREET PATH & MEMORIAL GARDEN

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The pillars of Archbishop Molloy High School's annual strategic plan are academic excellence, re-imagining our campus into a modern learning environment, and community and financial sustainability. Molloy continues to make important strides toward these goals, thanks to the generosity, dedication, commitment, and stewardship of all those in our Stanner family. A critical facet to ensuring we retain exceptional faculty and recruit outstanding students is the continual management and enhancement of our entire six acre campus.

To accomplish this ongoing mission, the support generated from a significant portion of The Fund For Molloy, coupled with funds raised through our annual Walkathon, has enabled Molloy to address at least 26 capital projects totaling over \$4.6 million since 2010. The following list highlights YOUR IMPACT on our physical campus over the past nine years, including projects that were planned for and those that were unforeseen.



VIDEO BROADCAST STUDIO



THE CAFETERIA



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NEW SCOREBOARD



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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Modernized William J. Murphy Library & Research Center
- Renovated Manton Street Entrance & Main Lobby
- Modernized Student Cafeteria
- Modernized Chapel
- Video Broadcast Studio (New)
- Strength & Conditioning Center (New)
- Main Street Path & Memorial Garden (New)
- Computer Science Lab (New)
- Three Phases of Roofing
- IT Center (New)
- Classroom Air Conditioning Installation (Ongoing)
- Two New Elevators
- Dance Studio (New)
- Installation of 54 New SMART Boards with 4K Resolution
- Restoration of Jack Curran Gym (Curtains, Court Finish, Graphics)
- Restoration of Capt. Anthony Marsloe Gym (Paint, Court Finish, Graphics)
- Security Enhancements (Doors, Electronic Locks, Video Cameras)
- Restoration of all Student Lockers
- Classroom Enhancements (Acoustic Tiling, Eco-Lighting) (Ongoing)
- New Scoreboards (Stanner Field, Jack Curran Gym)
- Replacement of all Student Lunch Tables
- New Lighting Equipment in Ralph DeChiaro Theater
- Replacement of Field Perimeter Fencing

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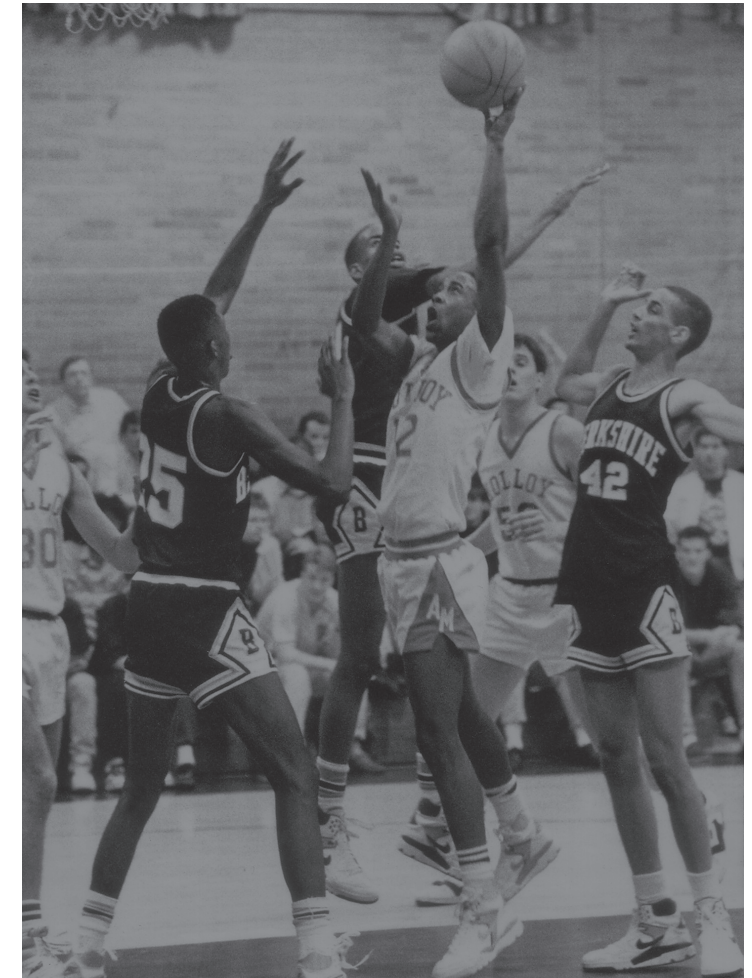
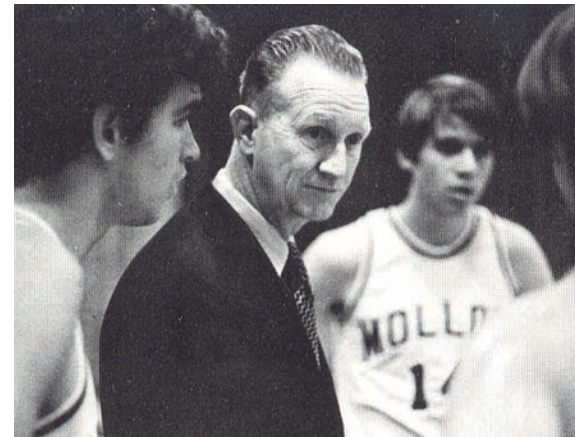
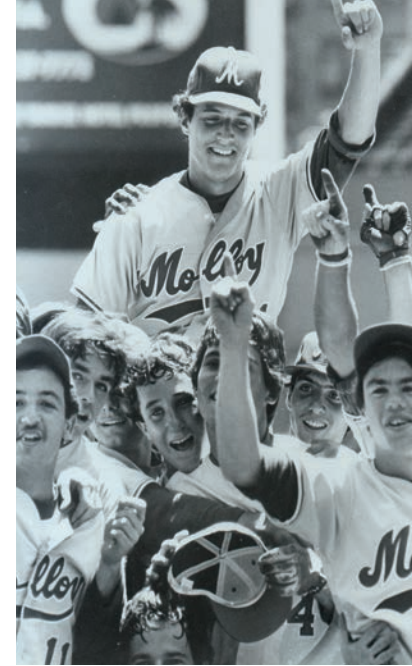
- Complete Replacement of Sewage Pipes Connecting Molloy to Manton Street
- Removal of Fallen Trees; Reparation of Manton Street Sidewalk
- Reparation of Front Entrance Following Fallen Tree Damage

# STANNER ATHLETICS

BY JOE SOMMO '03

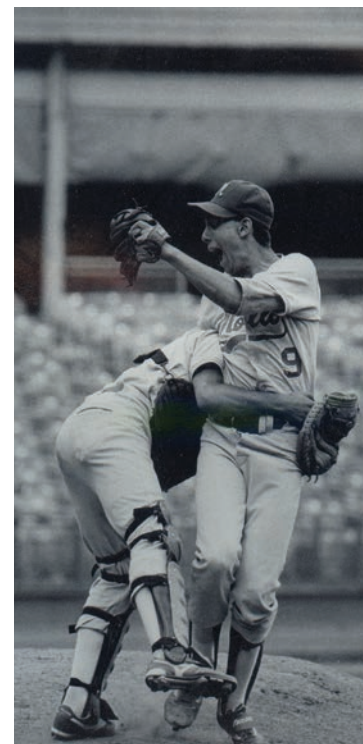
In the early twentieth century, St. Ann's Academy had just five varsity programs: basketball, baseball, track and field, cross country, and swimming (briefly). These have largely remained staples throughout our history, but over the past 45 years Molloy has seen a wider array of sports emerge. Our soccer, handball, and tennis programs began in the 1970s (and swimming returned), bowling and golf in the 1990s, and softball, volleyball, and lacrosse during the coed era. We even briefly had a hockey team (1998-2008). Today, Molloy offers 44 team sports, 17 at the varsity level. No, still no football!

Since 1892, the athletic programs at St. Ann's / Molloy have emphasized the values of teamwork, responsibility, leadership, and community. You've probably heard Molloy described as "one big family" before. Well, every team at Molloy is a family within a family, where bonds form and friendships last a lifetime. Helping to foster this family spirit are the many prominent coaches who have dedicated themselves to bringing out the best in every student-athlete. We recognize our legacy coaches: Br. Bob Andrews, Lou Carnesecca '43, the late Jack Curran, Joe Dombrowski, Jerry Dunne, Jeff Gallagher '88, Frank Gambino '74, Don Greene, Br. Pat Hogan, Andy Kostel, John Kramer, Vinny Leonardo, Kawan Lovelace, Mike McCleary, Bill Niklaus '80, Tony Perrone, AJ Power '84, Jim Redmond, Frank Rienzo, Maureen



Rosenbaum, Lou Santos, Marty Towey, Dennis Wresch, Heather Green-Wresch, Br. James Vagan, and Judy Zink. We also recognize the new generation of inspiring coaches including Nicole Bagatta, Steve Borhi '93, Ivonne Caceres '12, Chris DeSarno, Catie Massowd '07, Don Mooney, Chris Murphy '87, Alison Scalice, Glenn Whelan '10, and many others.

St. Ann's / Molloy coaches, past and present, have collectively nurtured thousands of outstanding student-athletes. Stanners have won countless team and individual championships, and have gone on to become CHSAA Hall of Famers, college stars, pro players, and even Olympians. In this commemorative *Stanner Life*, we dedicate this photo tribute to every coach and student-athlete that has helped make our school an athletic tour de force.



IN MEMORIAM

~ WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR ALUMNI, FAMILY MEMBERS,  
FRIENDS, TEACHERS, AND MARIST BROTHERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED,  
THAT THEY MAY FIND PEACE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD ~



ALUMNI

Fr. Walter Kelleher '47  
Louis B. Decolator, Sr. '48  
John J. Howley '48  
John W. Scanlon '49  
Jacques Mazouzeix '50  
Col. Richard H. Esau, Jr., USMC, '52  
Hugh J. Donohue Sr. '57  
L. Daniel Maxim '57  
Joseph C. Fontana '57  
John G. Conboy '60  
Philip Messina '61  
Albert Wetherell '61  
Ralph V. Caputo '62  
James P. Cullen '62  
Alan J. Lancer '62  
John T. O'Neill '62  
Peter P. Pellegrino '62

Noel Beuschel '63  
John C. Dugrew '63  
Theodore P. Jurasik '63  
Richard Ragusa '63  
Robert A. DePascale '64  
Frederick A. Edwards '64  
Lawrence McNamara '64  
Paul E. Pohlman II, '64  
Raymond Scheer '64  
Paul E. Bianco '65  
Spence F. Burton '65  
Edward J. Kruk '66  
Kenneth P. Keegan '71  
Stephen V. Killorin '71  
Charles E. Dixon '74  
Bob Fortunato '74  
Eamonn J. Vize '76

Joseph J. Zielinski '77  
Joseph M. Cobb Jr. '80  
Jeanclaude F. Dugue '81  
Clement R. Wingert '81  
Paul E. Grabowski '83  
Carl J. Ahlgren '85  
Kevin T. Rooney '85  
Thomas T. Kelly '88  
William Datthyn '89  
William M. Dalton '90  
Timothy J. Liello '95  
Firefighter Michael R. Davidson '99  
Matthew J. Smeragliuolo '99  
Richard J. Parker '01  
Michael F. Primozie '06  
Melissa S. Evelyn '11  
Giancarlo A. Mayor-Valencia '13

FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Deborah E. Barrow  
Dominick Bess  
Robert Board  
Jose De Jesus Bonifacio  
Vivian Corrigan  
James Delaney  
Patricia DeMaria  
Yvonne DeNoto  
Herbert "Whitey" Eckstein  
Rita Friend  
Joseph E. Flynn  
Vincenzo Gangone

Irena Harmity  
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Richard Ingenito Sr.  
Catherine Lang  
Anne Lonergan  
Theresa R. Mansfield  
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Frank J. McGuire  
Doris McHugh  
Kathleen Napolitano  
Charles Peter Polizzi  
Mary Quattrochi

Rachel Rafferty  
Br. Luke Reddington, FMS  
Bruna Rizzi  
Maria Rivadeneira  
Maria Romano  
Stephen Sivak  
Dana Galinis Silbajoris  
Frank Sledzaus  
James Villa  
Mary Westman  
Danny Young

GOOD ST. ANN

Pray For Us

ST. MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

Pray For Us

MARY OUR GOOD MOTHER

Pray For Us

AND LET US REMEMBER

To Pray For One Another

125

YEARS OF  
WHAT MATTERS

THE BERGEN FAMILY,  
CLASSES OF '62, '67,  
AND '91

Proudly send our congratulations  
to the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop  
Molloy High School Community  
celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## THE GALOWSKI FAMILY

Congratulates President Richard Karsten  
and the entire St. Ann's Academy  
& Archbishop Molloy High School Community  
on the celebration of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE

**JIM GALOWSKI**  
Class of 1981

**JOHN GALOWSKI**  
Class of 1984

## THE MAINA FAMILY CLASSES OF 1989 AND 1993

Wishes to congratulate the Archbishop  
Molloy High School Community  
on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## JIM SHANNON, CLASS OF 1983, AND THE SHANNON FAMILY

Offer our congratulations to the St. Ann's Academy  
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*Our Brother*  
**Bro. Leo Richard, FMS**  
1929-1995

*Took the Habit 1952 ... Entered Molloy 1957*

*“You never knew our names,  
but you always knew our faces.  
You knew what to say and when to say it.  
You’ve shown us the path and how to walk it,  
now it’s time for us to show others.  
We’ll always remember you in our hearts.”*

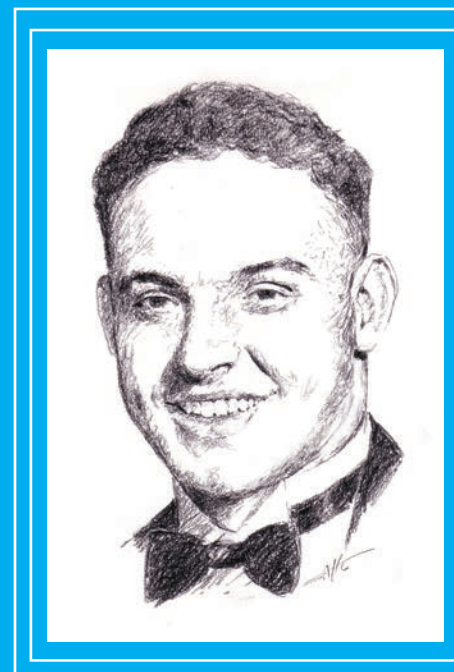


*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SMILE  
March 21, 2015*

*Brother Leo Richard, FMS — humble founder of SMILE and Molloy’s revolutionary peer-to-peer counseling program — thank you for this wonderful resource you helped build and sustain for past, present, and future generations of Stanners. Your legacy echoes at Molloy through SMILE and peer counseling and continues to make a difference in the lives of countless young men and women.*

**THE FAMILY  
OF THOMAS ASHTON,  
CLASS OF 1997**

Congratulates the community of St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School on celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are proud and grateful to continue the Stanner values with the Thomas Ashton Memorial Scholarship.



**HALL OF FAME SKETCH**  
of Thomas Ashton

## JOE BROWNE, CLASS OF 1964

I am proud to call myself  
one of Jack Curran's athletes!  
Congrats to the St. Ann's & Archbishop  
Molloy Community on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## THE COSTER FAMILY JOHN, CLASS OF 1974, JOHN IV, CLASS OF 2008

Proudly congratulates the St. Ann's Academy  
and Archbishop Molloy High School Communities  
on 125 Years of Excellence!

## THE FAZIO FAMILY

Congratulations to Molloy on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the commemorative Stanner Life 125 publication. There does not exist a more special place than Molloy to everyone in our family who has attended. The school, teachers and staff have allowed Molloy to be a second home for us and our parents over the past 41 years, from the day we started until now. We thank Molloy not only for the incredible memories, excellence in education, moral guidance, and Esopus, but for it making us the people we are today. All of our successes are attributed to what we got from Molloy. It truly is the most special place in the world, and we as a family are able to reflect together forever on this beautiful experience. Thank you Molloy.

**GINO** 1981, **JOHN** 1987, **GAETANO** 2001, **GINAMARIE** 2010, **TERESA** 2012, **DANIELA** 2014, **JULIANA** 2017, **ISABELLA** 2019, and **LEANNA** 2020.



## THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Especially those of its members who are Molloy Alumni, wishes to congratulate The St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



## THE HOWARD FAMILY, CLASS OF 1979

Offers our congratulations to the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy Community in celebrating its 125th Anniversary.

## THE HALMY FAMILY CLASSES OF 1982 AND 1986

Offers our congratulations to St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School on celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

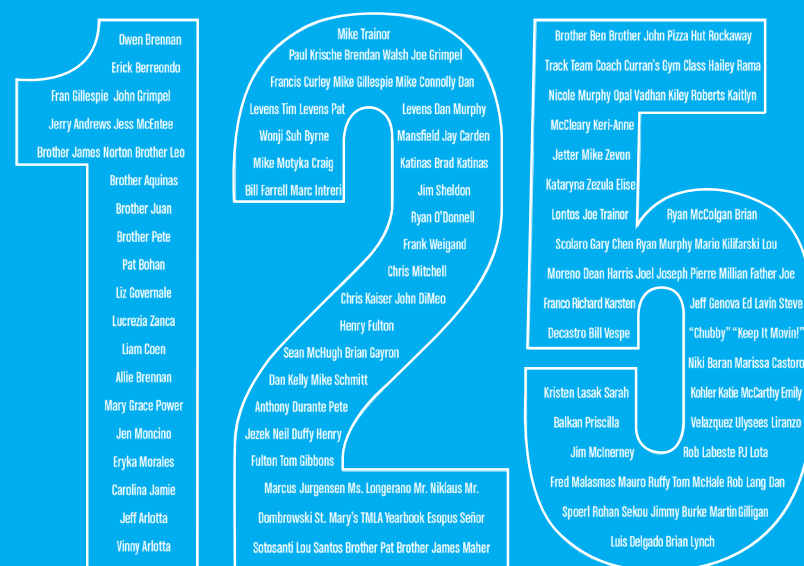
We are grateful for all you have done to positively shape the lives of countless boys and girls in the Marist Brothers tradition of service and caring for others.

Thank you!

## JASON JURGENS '92, HIS WIFE MARIA AND THEIR SON MATEO

Wish to congratulate the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community as it celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Our Stanner Community has so much for which we should be proud and grateful. We enjoy a deep reservoir of good will and trust built up over 125 years by so many of our close friends, classmates, and teachers, as well as by a great many people we've never met. Whether we realize it or not, each one of us benefits from being a "Stanner" wherever we go. We pray that all Stanners, including the future leaders being trained at Molloy today, will help protect that great reservoir, and help ensure that it remains full for many years to come.

### NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE



## JAMES & CARISSA JORDAN '01, '04

Wish to congratulate the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We extend our gratitude for the education and foundation we received and the community we continue to enjoy.

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## THE KATINAS FAMILY

Wishes to congratulate the Marist Brothers, St. Ann's Academy, and Archbishop Molloy High School on celebrating 125 Years of Excellence in Education.

NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE

**ERIC** Class of 1987, **BRADLEY** Class of 1990,  
and **CRAIG** Class of 1993



Bob Kissane '74 and CCS wish to congratulate **St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community** on celebrating its 125th Anniversary.

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Congratulates all the past and present community members of St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School on the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## THE FAMILY OF PATRICK REIN '98

Offers our congratulations to the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community which is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Patrick Rein Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to continuing this tradition of excellence.

## THE MARIST BROTHERS UNITED STATES PROVINCE

Wishes to congratulate the numerous Marist Brothers founders, leaders, teachers, counselors, staff, coaches, moderators, retreat leaders, and ministers who have served the St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School Community as they celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



## GERARD V. SCHUMM '68 & NEAL DUFFY '93 & THE ENTIRE RFR REALTY LLC FAMILY

Offer our heartfelt congratulations to the St. Ann's Academy & Archbishop Molloy High School Community celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



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## THE WUERTZ FAMILY AND THE STEPHEN J. WUERTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Offer our congratulations to The St. Ann's Academy  
and Archbishop Molloy High School Community  
on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**FRANK** Class of 1964, **DONALD** Class of 1966, **STEPHEN** Class of 1967,  
**RAY** Class of 1972 and **MICHAEL** Class of 1974



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