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Father James Day and Dr. Dan McMahon '76 are pleased to see the Cross Center for Engineering, Arts & Robotics well on its way towards opening in spring 2025. See page 17 for more information. (Photo by Andrew Travers '11)

The football team won its 10th game in a row to capture the 2024 WCAC championship. See the feature story on page 25. (Photo by Ken Klotz)



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From the President's Office

Dear Alumni and Friends of DeMatha,

he Office of the President entails many responsibilities, and one of the most enjoyable is writing a letter to all members of the DeMatha community for the Red and Blue. It gives me the opportunity to voice our gratitude to everyone, to identify the needs of the school and to ask that everyone participate in the life of the school. This regular communication enhances our belief that we are all in this together. This edition lists all the donors to the school during the past fiscal year, along with our profound gratitude.



As most of you know, I am completing my duty as president on December 31, 2024, so this will be my farewell letter as president. I have mixed feelings of joy in fulfilling an important task and sadness in that I will not be communicating with so many wonderful people in the same way as before. However, I rely on your love of the school's mission to continue supporting our various projects.

I am asking that you continue to assist DeMatha to the best of your abilities and to welcome Fr. Albert as he assumes his role as president on January 1, 2025. You will find in Fr. Albert a dedicated and talented priest who also believes in the school's mission to educate young men in the Trinitarian tradition and to produce Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars.

Many thanks for all that you have done during my administration, and I assure you that you and our family will remain in my prayers as I embark on a new ministry beyond DeMatha.

Go Stags!, and God bless all of us. St. John de Matha pray for us.

Fr. James R. Day, O.SS.T. PRESIDENT

In James, OSSA.

On Saturday Jan. 4, 2025, 2 to 5 p.m. in the Antler Room, we will host an open reception for Father James to thank him for his 28 years of service to DeMatha. Father James, who will step down as DeMatha president Dec. 31, will address the gathering at 3:30. Admission is free. Contributions to the Father James Day Scholarship are encouraged but not required. For planning purposes, please let Teresa Farrell know if you plan to attend (tfarrell@dematha.org).



From the Chair of the Board of Directors

To the DeMatha Family,

On behalf of the DeMatha Catholic High School Board of Directors, please accept our welcome and best wishes for an outstanding 2024-25 school year. To our freshmen, transfers and new parents and grandparents, welcome to DeMatha. At DeMatha, we take pride in being a unique brotherhood, and our new families will soon learn why we say, "there are 38,000 high schools in the United States, but there is only ONE DeMatha!"

Because of the excellent leadership of Father James Day and Dr. Daniel McMahon '76, I am happy to report that the school is starting the year on very solid financial footing. Classes, extracurricular activities and winter sports teams are well underway. Our current enrollment is excellent, and I know the administration is expecting great things from our large freshman class. As I look toward the future, I am excited for the Cross Center to be completed so our young men can take advantage of this state-of-the art engineering, arts and robotics facility. While attending our recent varsity football defeat of Gonzaga, I was very impressed with the school spirit, class and camaraderie of our players and students that fine day.

Our teachers and staff have been the bedrock of the school for decades, and the current faculty is no exception. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to say "thank you" to our teachers for delivering on our day-to-day mission of educating Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars the DeMatha way. Just last week, I was speaking with an alumnus who told a heartfelt story of how a DeMatha teacher changed the trajectory of his life. His recollection



demonstrated the potential of what high school educators can achieve, and reinforced the power our past and current teachers have in shaping young lives.

I am proud to say that our community gives back, represented by more than \$3.6M of donations received during the last fiscal year, with over \$4M of annual scholarships awarded to current students. So, a huge "thank you" to our donors; you are vital to the success of the school. All the great things going on at DeMatha would not be possible without you.

With his pending retirement at the end of the calendar year, I would like to thank and recognize Father James for his exceptional leadership over the last six years as school president, and for his 28 years of tremendous service to DeMatha. His focus, dedication and belief in DeMatha has been an inspiration to me and many others he has worked with during his career. When you spend time with Father, you realize that this is not his "job." DeMatha has been his life's work, and he loves the school as much as anyone you will ever meet. DeMatha is on very solid ground today because of Father James, and I know that all our staff and volunteers look forward to continuing the momentum he has been building as we enter the next phase of our prestigious history.

One DeMatha!

Tom Kane, '86

Vice President and Board Chair



The Annual Report Of Gifts

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The DeMatha Community gratefully recognizes the monetary contributors to DeMatha Catholic High School during the 2023-24 academic year. We would also like to thank the wonderful alumni, parents and friends who volunteered their time and talents during this period. DeMatha is blessed to have so many people contributing so much! If we have inadvertently omitted your name or if you have corrections or questions, please notify the Advancement Office at (240) 764-2222 or email tponton@dematha.org. Thank you for your support of DeMatha Catholic High School.

DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL SUMMARY (CASH BASIS/UNAUDITED)

July 1,	2022 -	- June	30,	2023
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REVENUE

Scholarships

Trinitarians

Other

Anthony Villella '05

Stephen Welker '01

Westerman Family Mary Yarrish

Antonietta & Alfred Zancan

Revenue	\$23,979,148
Auxiliary Income	\$204,971
Annual Giving	\$3,600,196
Interest & Dividends*	\$822,379
Tuition and Fees	\$19,351,602

^{*}includes payments on pledges

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$11,507,271
Academic Departments	\$386,510
Financial Aid	
Insurance/School Services	\$1,543,697
Advancement	\$251,920
Athletics	\$414,345
Plant, Vehicles, Equipment	\$1,471,370
Student Services	\$358,731
Interest Expense	\$644,045
Operating Expenses	\$21,226,605

ANNUAL GIVING SUMMARY

7/22-6/24.....Since

\$0.....\$34,192

\$64,660\$994,826

\$25,000\$242,107 \$6,000\$18,000

\$10,350\$182,899

\$7,000 \$168,700

\$3,387

Inception

Eastman Scholarship \$4,292.....\$91,544 LT Brendan '99 and Maureen Looney \$27,965.....\$486,758 \$26,536.....\$458,306 Wootten Scholarship Bob and Rita Ferry \$0.....\$150,082 Mallov Scholarships: Class of '65 \$25,000\$101,000 \$2,143\$224,284 '88 Alumni Al Alvarez \$7,460\$189,006 Fr. Damian Anuszewski \$37,221\$285,031 Dick Brown \$300\$2,663 Michael and Linda Buchanan \$300\$21,896 Michael Bussink '64 \$2,415\$17,845 Paul J. Cinquegrana '59 \$0 ...\$1,587,159 Walt Coughlin '52 \$0\$194,559 Art Doyle '54 \$10,403\$77,968 Kenneth Duncan \$0\$125,000 Gray Family (Ricky '80, Brian '05) \$9,916\$271,291 Kevin & Alice Hanley \$15,000\$42,529 \$280\$287,482 Pat Krimm Kyle Lallis '87 \$0\$8,365 Lawrence Family Scholarship \$3,000\$267,000 Dick Long \$19,019\$254,723 M&T Bank \$0\$45,000 Stephen and Lynne Malley \$2,572\$46,462 Brendan McCarthy '64 \$0\$289,218 John McDonough '56 \$750\$15,957 Zachary Misleh '16 \$0\$11,835 Ray Riddick \$3,601\$42,184 Sarahan Family \$248\$46,848 Ray Smith \$2,565\$124,757 Ray Smith Golf Classic \$74,510\$849,531

Moylan Scholarships:

Billy Collins '68	\$0\$9,654
Fr. James Day	\$160,160 \$186,177
Russell Edgerton	\$0\$1,250
Ertel Family	\$100,000\$200,000
Markelle Fultz '16	\$16,100\$74,650
Gittings Daly Scholarship Fund	\$23,000\$23,000
Jerami Grant '12	\$46,035\$78,897
Charles & June Jones	\$1,450\$22,150
Bill Kelly	\$5,510\$12,683
Tom Krawczewicz '81	\$30,320\$32,773
Joe & Norma McDermott	\$50\$120,050
Bill McGregor	\$58,991\$355,698
Rodney McLeod '08	\$250\$30,250
Amos Mobaidin '11	\$5,475\$61,748
Victor Oladipo '10	\$25,000\$322,916
St. Simon de Rojas	\$7,625\$53,735
Ben Spotts '59	\$6,850\$92,902
Mickey Steele '74	\$7,500\$47,668
Underwood Family	\$11,000\$75,042
Francis and Annie Whatley	\$300\$28,556
Covid-19 Assistance	\$0\$425,517
Other	\$1,149,124

Music Scholarships:

Cheng Family	\$101,499731,308
Larry Funke '08	\$36\$24,276
Charles Lawrence '82	\$620\$66,988
Coleman Mellett '92	\$21,650\$294,241
John Mitchell	\$3,798 \$76,975
Barbara Reiher	\$500\$51,000
Jim Roper	\$1,421\$87,737
Offutt Faculty Fund	\$142,636
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Other Designated Giving: Academic/Athletic

Cross Center for Engineer, Arts & Robotics	\$199,264 \$3,340,947
Greatest Need	\$820,101
Dave Daly Engineering	\$13,774 \$127,259
Stag Night	\$7,000
Technology	\$2,500

Total Annual Fund Giving

\$3,600,196

\$238,763

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Members of the Villella family Sept. 6 at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville, Md., for the 18th annual golf tournament in memory of **Tony Villella '05**. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$1 million for the Tony Villella '05 Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tony died in 2007 during his sophomore year at Towson University.

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Senior **Gabe Chapman** is the recipient of this year's Mickey Steele '74 Memorial Scholarship. Gabe is pictured here with (from left) **Craig Gough '85, Tim Gough '78, Ronnie Steele** (Mickey's brother), **Father James** and his baseball coach, **Steve Miller '81**. The Gough brothers and Ronnie hold a golf tournament in Mickey's honor each year. Gabe's dad is **Anthony '89**, and his uncle is **Erik '83**.

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- The Bill Kelly and Father Damian Chair in Theology established by Brendan Wootten '88 which will be matched by Goldman Sachs
- The Pat Guerrin and Joan Phalen Chair of Academic Support established by Anthony Fazio '74 and



Mr. Ed Cheng and his wife, **Tamar Eskin**, were on campus in September to greet the Cheng Family Music Scholars. The Chengs are major benefactors of the DeMatha music program. Their son, Zachary, is a 2021 graduate and now attends Oberlin (Ohio) College.

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School & Faculty News



In late November, the DeMatha Players, under the direction of **Keith Rafferty**, staged three well-received performances of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." In the spring, they will perform "Chess." According to Broadway Musical Home, the play tells "the story of an American chess champion, his Russian opponent who defects to the West, and a Hungarian-born American who transfers her affections from the American to the Russian."

SCHOOL NEWS

Workers constructing the Cross Center for Engineering, Arts & Robotics have made great progress the past few months. Particularly with the unseasonably warm weather in November. The building should be ready for occupancy in spring 2025. Follow DeMatha social media for updates.

Father James Day, O.SS.T. will conclude his service as the first president in DeMatha history on Dec. 31. Fr. James is in his 28th year



Thanks to the DeMatha community and Hyattsville neighbors, we collected more than 16,100 edible items during our annual Food Drive for distribution to area partner charities. In addition, the Student Government Association donated turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets and \$500 worth of food.

(non-consecutively) at DeMatha and has also worked as a counselor, counseling director, teacher, moderator and rector. He will be succeeded by **Father Albert Anuszewski**, **O.SS.T.** on New Year's Day.

Fr. Albert began his third assignment at DeMatha as Director of Trinitarian Mission in January 2022. He also teaches sophomore theology and serves as moderator for the soccer team and DeMatha Parent Organization. In May 2024, he earned his M.Ed. in educational leadership from Loyola University Maryland.

Father William Sullivan, O.SS.T. was reelected minister provincial of the Trinitarians USA Province. Father Bill is a former DeMatha teacher, dean of students and rector. Father Josh Warshak, O.SS.T., DeMatha campus minister, was elected a provincial councilor and to the Board of Members A.

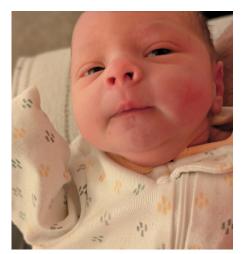
FACULTY NEWS

On Oct. 25, **Angela Woods** (novice) and **Tom Krawczewicz '81** (veteran) were honored as DeMatha's Teacher of the Year. Angela is in her third year teaching algebra and geometry here. Her two sons, Spencer '25 and Tyson '26, are students at DeMatha. In May, she earned a master's in math education from Morgan State University. Tom is director of educational resources, chair of the Computer Science Department and one of the most successful swimming coaches in the DMV.

Theology teacher **Justin McClain** and his wife **Bernadette** welcomed a son, **James Thomas**, on Aug. 5. James weighed 7 lbs., 14.6 oz. and was 19.25 inches long. Congratulations!



Math teacher **Angela Woods**, DeMatha's Novice Teacher of the Year.



Theology teacher **James Zwilling** and his wife **Abby** have a new baby girl. **Alyce Constance** was born Sept. 14 and weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. Congratulations!

Campus Ministry News - & Music Notes

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Seniors went to the Romero Center in Camden, N.J., in early October to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching and serve the community. This helps them gain an understanding of the challenges that many people living in these communities experience each day.

The annual DeMatha Walkathon (Oct. 8) collected over \$1,600 and more than 400 items (wipes, diaper cream) for MOMCares, an organization that provides mothers and babies in Baltimore with supplies, nursing services, education and support.



From left, juniors Jaylen Ortiz-Olfus, Lazarus McCarthy and senior Matthew Conlon completed the inaugural Catholic Charities Student Leadership Program. They were chosen among applicants from every area Catholic high school and worked for a week this summer with Catholic Charities D.C.

From left, Jim Turk (accompanist), Julian Maring
'27, Nasir Donaldson '25, Jesse Kliman '26,
Malachi Wilson '25 and Sam Mwaura '25 were
selected to sing in the Maryland Tenor/Bass High
School Demonstration Chorus. The event, sponsored
by the Maryland Music Educators Association, was
at Kent Island High School in October. Conductor Dr.
George Wilkerson, right, joined them.



Several members of the football team assisted The Hour Generation Foundation (Jerami Grant '12) in planting July crops that were harvested for Jerami's Maryland Thanksgiving Granted food distribution. Assistant football coach Marvin Brown '98 helped organize the activity.

MUSIC NOTES

The Alumni Band Scholarship Benefit Concert is at the University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday Jan. 11, 7 p.m. The event will feature performances by DeMatha's Sinfonia, Philharmonic and Wind Ensemble. In addition, an alumni band of more than 80 musicians spanning six decades will perform. Funds raised will benefit the James Roper and John H. Mitchell Scholarships. The event is free and open to the public.

Junior Jesse Kliman participated in the Washington National Opera Opera Institute at the Kennedy Center this past summer — a three-week training program for high school singers. The institute included vocal training, improvisation, theatrical training, repertoire, citizen artistry, college and career skills and two student-driven performances. Jesse was one of 24 students selected.



Donna Davis, Tam Hoang **CELEBRATE 20 YEARS AT DEMATHA**

Donna Davis, administrative assistant to the president, and Tam Hoang, facilities manager, recently celebrated their 20th anniversaries at DeMatha. Let's get to know them a little better.



Donna, what do you like best about working here?

The people. I've made many friends over the years, and I never tire of witnessing their awesome dedication and thirst for knowledge. The students are a joy to see grow up physically, spiritually – and become accomplished men.

Do you have a favorite DeMatha memory?

Too many to count but one of my favorites was when some legends of DeMatha - John Moylan, Buck Offutt, Lou Amico and Tony Fotos - came together to tell stories. They recounted, in their own words, history in the making. We've also had many strong women who have helped to solidify our grand school. They too have been my mentors and role models.

Tell us about your family.

I'm the youngest of four girls. We lived in a two-bedroom apartment in Mt. Rainier before my parents moved us to the country - all the way to Greenbelt. My sisters all married their high school sweethearts, so I was blessed to call my brothers-in-law my brothers. Bob and I met in 1982, married and raised our son, Jesse, in College Park. When my parents passed, we moved into the house I grew up in, going full circle. Jesse graduated from DeMatha in 2007. He and his beautiful wife, Catherine, have gifted us with our grandson, Ace. My family means the world to me.

Tam, what do you like best about working here?

The people I work with are all very helpful. I appreciate them letting me know when something needs to be repaired, especially if it's a safety issue. I learned the most from my first job and got many insights related to industry. I don't feel pressure to work around school, but I believe that being around professionals motivates me.

Do you have a favorite DeMatha memory?

I love to help all the teachers and staff with repairs so they don't have to worry about it. That way, they have more time to help the students. I love to help them with whatever they need because they're the head of the students. So, if they need something fixed or moved, I like to come over right away to help them.

Tell us about your family.

I have five sisters, four in the United States and one still in Vietnam. Three of my brothers are here, and two are in Vietnam. They're all married. My wife, Hoang, and I got married in 1995. She's also Vietnamese. Our son, Nicholas, went to school at DeMatha and graduated in 2016. Our daughter, Isabelle, graduated from Elizabeth Seton in 2019.



DeMatha Accueille des Étudiants Français (DeMatha Welcomes French Students)

he story of how a group of French exchange students came to spend 11 days in the United States as guests of DeMatha

begins in Morocco.

Father Josh Warshak, DeMatha campus minister, explained that while attending the inter-Trinitarian pilgrimage to Spain and Morocco in 2022, he met Trinitarian Bishop Aldo Berardi, who heads the pontifical territory of Northern Arabia.

While sitting in the lobby of a hotel in Fez, Morocco, Bishop Aldo mentioned that when he was stationed in Cerfroid (pronounced sair-frwa), the region in France where St. John de Matha founded the Trinitarian Order, he learned about St. Joseph School in Château-Thierry. (The school is about a 30-minute drive from Cerfroid.)

Bishop Aldo said he thought it would be great if DeMatha and St. Joseph had an exchange program. And after much planning between DeMatha's soon-to-be president, Father Albert Anuszewski, Father Josh and St. Joseph leaders, 16 French students and three chaperones arrived at DeMatha on Sept. 18.

The 13 girls and three boys stayed in pairs with each of the eight DeMatha host families. The students all spoke English to varying degrees. Lisa Chevalot, a 10th-grader, spoke English the best. She said she enjoyed visiting the United States and meeting new people.

"It was really great, and I think everybody feels the same," Chevalot said. "We all had so much fun and saw so much. My host family was great."

On their first full day here, the students attended Mass in the DeMatha chapel, went to a couple classes, had lunch in the Antler

Room and were treated to the French national anthem – "La Marseillaise" – and other songs by Mr. Jim Turk and the Voices of DeMatha.

The students later saw several sights in Washington and Baltimore and worked at a soup kitchen. "We wanted the kids to see that America, as wealthy as we are, struggles with the injustice of poverty," Father Josh said. "Homelessness is an issue that is ignored by many people. So, it's up to churches and charitable organizations to care for our homeless brothers and sisters.

"The students responded very well."

The second leg of the journey took the youngsters to the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., the Gettysburg (Pa.) Battlefield, Independence Hall in Philadelphia and sightseeing in New York, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Another museum visitor that day was former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Chevalot said she enjoyed New York the most: "It was great to see all the tall buildings, shop there and see Times Square, the Empire State Building and the 9/11 Memorial. That was sad but good to see."

St. Joseph English teacher Nathalie Morier said she was pleased to learn how much France helped America gain independence from England: "I'm proud to know that Americans remember that France contributed to the founding of this democracy."

Plans are now underway to send a group of DeMatha students to France in spring 2025.

"Our goal," Morier said, "is to make this program last for years."



The French students with their host families.



Contributing to a Healthier Chesapeake Bay

n early October, about 60 DeMatha students were caught making a big mess behind the Antler Room. But they didn't get into trouble. They were building concrete reef balls to help restore oyster habitat and other marine life in the Chesapeake Bay.

The event was part of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Maryland Living Reef Action Campaign.

"The beauty of our flagship initiative is that we're giving students ownership of the resource and letting them know that they can have a direct impact on the restoration of the habitat within the bay," said Jesse Howe, assistant director of CCA Maryland.

Howe explained that one of the biggest benefits a robust oyster population brings is in cleaning the Chesapeake of impurities.

"We don't know the exact number of gallons of water an oyster cleans per day, but it is substantial," Howe said. "I tell people more oysters are a good thing; they lead to a cleaner, healthier bay."

Howe said oysters, whose numbers have been greatly depleted in the Chesapeake, are the foundation of a healthy bay ecosystem.

"They attract other animals such as bay anchovies and crabs, and barnacles start to grow," he said. "And with that growth, life flourishes and brings in your bigger predator fish like bluefish, red drum and our state fish, striped bass."

Howe and the CCA Maryland Annapolis Chapter, including volunteer Rich Kuhlman, coordinated the event along with the DeMatha Fishing Club; staff members Tam Hoang and Paul

Pham; and teachers Andrew Travers '11, Caroline Tatnall, Remi Jones and Rich Blorstad '10.

"The reef build provided us with an excellent opportunity to educate our students on the importance of conservation in our rivers and the Chesapeake Bay," Travers said. "Our guys love being involved and active. This project allowed them to step out of their comfort zone and do something that makes an immediate impact in creating bay habitat."

The students had to assemble the reef ball forms, mix the concrete and shovel it into the forms. A buoy was added to the middle of each structure to reduce the weight. Even with this addition, the final reefs weighed about 250 lbs. each.

The 19 reef balls the students constructed were picked up and allowed to harden for at least six months before being dropped in the Chesapeake. Howe said they typically are placed in about 20 to 40 feet of water and relatively close to land.

Shoreline protection through wave buffering is another major benefit of artificial reefs.

"These reef balls are also used as a living shoreline," Howe said. "What we need to do, as a state, is make sure that we are putting some blockages up to prevent that erosion and depletion of the soil from the shorelines."

Howe encourages students to do their part to promote healthy marine ecosystems.

"We're excited about potential future projects for DeMatha to be directly involved in Chesapeake Bay conservation," Travers said.

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DeMatha Welcomes the 2024 Hall of Fame Class

DeMatha held its 19th Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Oct. 27, 2024. Here are snapshots of the inductees and award winners. Go to DeMatha's Hall of Fame webpage for more extensive bios and information on how you can nominate someone.



lan Callender '99 (St. Simon de Rojas Award for service to community) is a driving force for D.C. culture. He founded the Arena Social Arts Club, a nonprofit highlighting minority artists and curators, and is a commissioner in the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture. He's also the creative director of Art All Night, an arts festival that has grown into a citywide event. In 2022, Washingtonian Magazine named him a Washingtonian of the Year.



Father James Day (teacher, counselor, rector, president), in his 28th year at DeMatha, became the school's first president in 2016. He has made it his mission to enhance and emphasize the school's Catholic identity as part of the Trinitarian tradition. He has also been committed to providing our faculty and staff a fair wage; keeping tuition affordable; providing financial aid to families in need; and improving and maintaining our campus facilities.



Austin Freeman '07 (basketball) helped lead DeMatha to three straight WCAC and D.C. City Title Game championships (2005-07). As a junior, he scored 17.1 points per game for the 34-1 Stags, who were declared national champions. He averaged 23.1 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists his senior year and was named All-Met Player of the Year and a McDonald's and Parade All-American.



Steve Looney '01 (lacrosse) was an outstanding midfielder at DeMatha and the U.S. Naval Academy. He played on three straight WCAC championship teams (1999-2001), and, as a senior, led the Stags (16-4) in goals and was named first-team All-Met, WCAC Player of the Year and first-team All-America. Teaming with his brothers Billy '02 and Brendan '99, Steve helped power Navy to the 2004 NCAA championship game.



Tony MacAulay (teacher, coach) is in his 23rd year as a DeMatha faculty member and hockey coach. His teams have won four WCAC championships since league play began in 2016 and six state titles. He has coached six All-Met Players of the Year. Tony is in his third year as chair of the business department. He served as assistant dean of students for seven years and has been teaching business for 16.

One DeMatha

The **2011 Soccer Team** (photo on Table of Contents), under coach Dafydd Evans, punctuated the season with a No. 1 local and national ranking. The Stags finished 20-0 to extend their 44-game winning streak. The victory parade included a penalty-kicks win in St. Louis over nationally ranked Jesuit of Sacramento, Calif., and a 2-1 victory vs. Gonzaga in the WCAC Championship. DeMatha outscored its opponents 103-8.



Scott McBrien '99 (football) is one of the most successful quarterbacks in DeMatha and University of Maryland history. He led the schools to a combined record of 44-7 (.868). As a Stags senior in 1998, he threw 25 touchdown passes to lead DeMatha (12-0) to the WCAC championship and was named second-team All-Met. At Maryland, he directed the Terps to victories in the 2002 Peach Bowl and 2003 Gator Bowl.



Tim Miller '80 (Lou Amico Service Award for service to school) has been volunteering at DeMatha for over 30 years, working the gate at athletic events and, since 2017, serving as president of the DeMatha Senior Boosters. He retired after working 20+ years for the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He has also been a Boy Scouts volunteer for well over two decades, serving as a scout leader for seven years.



Judge John Morrissey '82 (Distinguished Alumnus) was in 2014 named chief judge of the District Court of Maryland. The court has 33 locations and over two million cases are filed before it annually. The Maryland State Bar Association named John 2013-14 Judge of the Year. In 2022, he received the William R. McMahon Award for technological advances in a court of limited or special jurisdiction.



Matt Oliver '00 (soccer) was an offensive-oriented defender at DeMatha and twice named first-team All-Met and Parade All-America (1998-99). In 1999, he rebounded from a back injury to help the Stags (18-1-3) win the WCAC championship. At the University of Virginia, he was a four-time All-ACC selection and three-time All-American. He played a key role in the Cavaliers' two ACC championships (2003-04) and four NCAA Tournaments (2001-04).



Jim Roper (teacher), a faculty member at DeMatha for 40 years, played a key role in the growth and development of the school's acclaimed music program. He started DeMatha's choral program and served as choral director, director of bands and director of bands and instrumental music. He helped spur the growth of the summer band program and established several summer instrumental clinics, as well as the summer jazz workshop.



Kenny Tate '08 (football, basketball) played varsity football for four years under Bill McGregor, started for three and was a two-time All-Met wide receiver. He played a significant role in the Stags' four WCAC championships (2004-07). On the hardwood under Mike Jones, he helped DeMatha win two WCAC titles (2006-07) with a combined record of 66-7 (.904), including the 2006 national championship.

DeMatha Class Reunions

It was great to see so many Stags gather for their reunions this fall. Make sure to follow the school on social media to stay up to date on future reunions.











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Denzel Gardner threw a touchdown pass and rushed for 53 yards before joining his teammates in celebrating the school's latest championship.

Football Wins WCAC Championship

eMatha's 2024 football season didn't get off to a good start. It couldn't have ended any better.

On Nov. 24 in Annapolis, the Stags captured the WCAC Capital Division championship with a 16-7 victory over Good Counsel. The game epitomized team play as DeMatha (10-1) bested the Falcons (7-5) on offense, defense and special teams.

"It was the ultimate team win," Stags coach Bill McGregor said. "We always talk about the importance of those three phases of the game."

After forcing a three-and-out, DeMatha needed just three plays to strike first on a 45-yard touchdown pass from senior Denzel Gardner to junior Lavar Keys. The defense followed with a goal-line stand, and senior Alex Amaya punctuated an 84-yard drive with a 22-yard field goal to make it 10-0 in the second quarter.

Amaya nailed two more field goals, including a careerlong 49-yarder and a 20-yard effort to put the Stags up by two scores with 1:09 left in the game. Their final drive took four minutes and 38 seconds off the clock.

"Defensively, we really rose to the occasion," McGregor said. "Offensively, we did what we had to do."

Senior Bud Coombs, who rushed for 135 yards on 14 carries, got his first taste of ultimate victory after losing the previous two title games.

"We really wanted this one," Coombs said. "It means so much to finally win the championship."

DeMatha lost its opener at Spalding, 26-10, before reeling off 10 straight victories. The first big win, 49-12, came in Philadelphia against Roman Catholic, one of the top teams in Pennsylvania. Things were even tougher the following week when the Stags beat one of the nation's top programs, Washington High, 20-14, in Massillon, Ohio.

Those games prepared DeMatha for the rigors of the WCAC, which included road victories at Gonzaga, 28-14, and St. John's, 31-15. The Stags didn't play a home game until Oct. 18 – a 35-7 triumph over Good Counsel – because the Wilson Stadium turf field was being replaced. They followed with home wins vs. McNamara, 37-0, and St. John's in the WCAC semifinals, 42-6.

Gardner, honored as WCAC Offensive Player of the Year, finished his career with a school-record 37 victories as the starting quarterback (37-8, .822).

"I thought it was a great year all the way around," said McGregor, who has led DeMatha to 18 of its 25 Catholic league championships and was named WCAC Coach of the Year.

SOCCER

The soccer team (9-7-2) advanced to the WCAC championship for the first time in seven years with a 2-0 victory at No. 5 O'Connell. The Stags also toppled then-No. 1 The Heights, 2-1, and tied 2023 Maryland 4A state champion Leonardtown, 2-2. DeMatha has posted a winning season 30 years in a row. Senior Jenovic Elumbu (11 goals) and junior Muma Ndi (5) were the Stags' leading scorers.

BASEBALL

Senior Bud Coombs was named a Perfect Game All-American. He helped the East team rally for an 8-7 victory in the Dick's Sporting Goods All-American Classic in August at Chase Field, home of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team finished with a fifth-place performance in the WCAC Championships. Junior Roman Zentek was the Stags' top finisher, placing 17th in 17:19.25. Senior Brandon Smoot was 29th (17.56.17). Both athletes ran personal course-bests.

ALMA MATTERS

'60s

Steve Greene '61 is featured in the November issue of Reader's Digest. It's a story of how he helped a Vietnamese family get out of South Vietnam nearly 50 years ago. The Washington Post printed the piece last Thanksgiving, which was originally based on a DeMatha Express epilogue.

On Sept. 29, Johnny Jones '62, James Brown '69 and Adrian Branch '81 were inducted into the Washington Metro Basketball Hall of Fame.

Tom Grondalski '67, a volunteer at the Summer Olympics in Paris, carried the flag of the South American nation of Suriname during the Opening Ceremony. Tom has been a volunteer at five Olympics, and was the oldest flag bearer during the ceremony on the River Seine.

David Bates '69 retired Aug. 31 after 50 years of government service as a civilian oceanographer with the U.S. Navy. His career included 73 deployments on naval ships and aircraft.



Ralph Smith '63 celebrated his 80th birthday wearing his old DeMatha blazer. And it still fits!



Ilvio Zachardelli '64 came out to cheer on the Stags in their 20-14 victory at Washington Massillon High School in Ohio.

In September, **James Brown '69** of CBS News told the story of a genealogist whose work uncovered black Americans' family histories.

′70s

Pete Strickland '75 performed in the AmaZing Theatre Company's 10-Minute Play Festival in July. The theme of the performances was blessings. Of 102 submissions, Pete's was one of eight chosen.

Joe Bistany '76 and his team won the Senior Softball World Championship (65+ AAA Division) in Las Vegas.

Tom Carruthers '77, road manager for Ringo Starr & his All-Starr band, was in Washington, D.C., for the group's Sept. 27 concert at The Anthem. Tom's brothers Mike '74 and Johnny (DeMatha alumni parent) also attended. Their late parents, Marilyn and Jack, were longtime school boosters, and Marilyn was a DeMatha employee. Ringo, by the way, is 84.

Kevin Dunn '78 was named chairman of the board at CDI on July 1. CDI is the largest wholesaler of alcoholic beverages

in Connecticut. Kevin also joined the boards of Empire Merchants North and Empire Merchants Metro of New York.

Thomas Hibbs '78 wrote a review of this summer's blockbuster, "Inside Out 2." He says the movie "contains much wisdom about the nature of human emotions and the best response to anxiety ..." Tom also recently spoke about participating in political detox to promote civil discourse and achieve a healthier life.

Sidney Lowe '79, a former NBA player and head coach, is an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons.

Dereck Whittenburg '79

was on campus Sept. 13 to discuss and sign copies of his book, "The Shot Heard Around the World: How I Went From The Playground To The White House." Dereck, whose missed shot led to N.C. State winning the 1983 NCAA basketball championship, talks about his family history, his days at DeMatha and the many people who helped him achieve success.

′80s

The class of 1983 held its annual golf tournament in October. Eighty golfers participated, 33 from the class of '83. Many other Stags, from the class of '70 to the class of '14, also played. Nearly \$6,000 was raised for the Brendan '99 and Maureen Looney Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to Steve Ganey '83 and Steve Hipps '83 for organizing.



Jim White '85 has been taking photos for the University of South Florida football team for years. In September, he was finally able to catch up with (and shoot) a fellow DeMatha grad, Tawfiq Byard '23.

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Navarius McLaughlin '85, left, retired after 25 years with the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General. He was assistant special agent in charge for the Mid-Atlantic Field Office.

Danny Gough '83 and Noah McVicker, fishing on the Billfisher in the 2024 White Marlin Open, finished second in the White Marlin category. They landed a 76-pounder and won \$1,797,119.13.

Kevin Wells '86 has a new book, "The Hermit: The Priest Who Saved a Soul, a Marriage, and a Family."



Malcolm Wiley '87, executive protection director for The Coca-Cola Company and a former Secret Service agent, visited the Louvre while in Paris for the 2024 Olympics.

Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis '87 spoke with NBC4 Washington about his department sending 12 officers and a K9 to Paris to help French police keep the peace during the Olympics.

Chris Evers '88 and Dan **Sheehan '89** played baseball against each other in a championship game of the Roy Hobbs World Series in Fort Myers, Fla. Chris and Dan played on DeMatha's 1988 WMAC championship team.

Dr. Mike Fraser '88, a licensed clinical psychologist in New York State, has launched a YouTube channel called "Tech Strong Parenting." It's designed to help parents deal with issues that often arise with excessive and problematic screen time and smartphone use in their children.

Dr. Alex Piquero '88, professor of sociology and criminology at the University of Miami, was quoted extensively in a New York Times article about an Ohio mother who was killed while trying to stop a carjacking with her child inside.

Ocean Pines (Md.) Police Chief Tim Robinson '89 appeared on the CoastLife TV show to discuss Halloween safety tips.

The late Coleman Mellett's wife, Jeanie, released a single from Coleman '92 entitled "Everymornin.'" that did very well when it was unveiled in November. It can be heard on most streaming platforms. An entire CD of songs ("Sing You a Brand New Song") will be released in February 2025. Sadly, Coleman died in a plane crash in 2009.



Members of the Black Chapter of the DeMatha Alumni Association gathered at Melvin Hines' '89 restaurant, DCity Smokehouse on Aug. 29. That's Melvin in the DeMatha Hawaiian shirt.

Johnny Poss '93 was hired as head baseball coach at PennWest Clarion (Pa.), formerly Clarion University. He had been coaching at Maryland.

Dr. Darnell Barnett '94 is teaching virtually with Proximity Learning, a company that helps to fill teacher vacancies across the country. Darnell graduated from Liberty University in 2022 with a doctorate in curriculum

Robert Taylor '95 was elected to the school board in Nashville, Tenn.

and instruction.

Francis Abbey '95 and his wife Ruth had a baby boy July 15. Francis Jayce Abbey was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs., 8.5 oz. Congratulations!

Todd Beckerman '96 was inducted Nov. 10 into the Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Todd was 208-1 at DeMatha, including 187 wins in a row. He was a two-time All-American at Nebraska and served as head coach at Brown.

Joe Gardella '96, former owner of Joe Benny's, is back

in Little Italy Baltimore with Benny's. Open every day but Monday, Benny's is described as "Southern Italian cuisine with an attitude."

Fairfax County police officer J.T. Bryant '98 was promoted to captain.

Prince George's County police officer Will Weathers '99 was promoted to lieutenant.



Father Josh and Gus Federle '99 met up in Indianapolis in July at the National Eucharistic Congress. Gus is media operations manager for EWTN in Birmingham, Ala.

ALMA MATTERS

'00s

Steve Clagett '00 was featured on FOX Sports in early November. A former Navy SEAL, Steve works for the Baltimore Ravens to help the team assess prospective players' and coaches' character. He is the Ravens' Salute to Service nominee.

Fabrice Mukoko '00 is the new physical education teacher at nearby St. Jerome Academy.

Stephen Welker '01 and his wife, Emily, celebrated the birth of their son, Louis Bates, on Oct. 30. Congratulations!

Andy Gallagher '02 has been promoted to project manager with Rock Spring Contracting, LLC.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Shane Connolly '08 (right) was named 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander at Dover (Del.) Air Force Base on June 6. His previous assignment was at the Pentagon.



Tyler Ross '07 is a lieutenant junior grade in the Coast Guard Reserve in Wilmington, N.C. A 2011 Naval Academy graduate and Marine Corps veteran, Tyler completed a five-week training course at the Coast Guard Academy and finished first in his class of 83 officer candidates.

After two deployments, Tyler left the Marines in 2016 as a captain. He now serves as an incident management officer one weekend per month. He explained why he rejoined the military:

"I missed serving and felt a call to re-enter service," he said. "The Coast Guard Reserve offers me the ability to serve our country part-time in a domestic-oriented service, while retaining my civilian career." Richmond Felton '02, a creative manager for the Walt Disney Co., was part of the animation team for the No. 1 film of the year, "Inside Out 2." He is also contributing to "Moana 2" and "Mufasa."

Garrett Jackson '02 and his wife Lauren welcomed a baby girl, Layla, on July 31. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and is the niece of Randall '08. Congratulations!

Seamus Hughes '02 wrote in a July op-ed that the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump was not surprising considering, "Threats against public officials have been steadily rising for some time." Seamus, a senior research faculty member and policy associate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha-based National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education Center, was also quoted in two USA Today stories and one on FOX.

Paul Rabil '04 will be enshrined in the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in Baltimore on Jan. 11, 2025. Paul was a four-time All-American at Johns Hopkins University, played professionally and internationally, and is a cofounder of the Premier Lacrosse League and Women's Lacrosse League. On May 4, 2025, he will be inducted into the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame.

Lance Hawkins '04, a Realtor and founder of West-Hughes Technologies, is now a licensed NBA and NFL agent.

David Weldon '04, a

cinematographer in Los Angeles, shot his first feature film, "Ick," which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. Described by Variety as a "tribute to '80s creature features," it stars "Superman Returns" actor **Brandon Routh** and "American Beauty" star **Mena Suvari**.

Chris Duffy '05 and his organization, Empact Art, are creating a mosaic at a care center for people with HIV/AIDS in Indianapolis. He was also featured in BaltimoreVoyage magazine.

Leonard Wright '05 is the new director of technology and data at Valley Stream (N.Y.) School District 30.

Hakeem Bilal '06 appeared on the cover of the October International Trombone Association Journal. Hakeem is a performing musician and a music professor at West Virginia University.

Joe Collura '08 is co-founder and CEO of Stealth Mode Biotech in Cambridge, Mass.

Rodney McLeod '08 and his wife, **Erika**, welcomed a baby girl on June 2. **Zaia Lee** weighed 7

ALMA MATTERS



In October, **Brandon Hack '08** (left), safety and occupational health specialist, and **Massimo Mazziotti '08**, fire protection engineer, received awards from the Architect of the Capitol, Thomas Austin, for their work in Senate Office Buildings.

lbs., 2 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Congratulations!

On Sept. 22, Prince George's County firefighter/medic **Brendan (Bucky) Paul '08** was promoted to lieutenant.

Eric Cortellessa '09 wrote a cover story for Time magazine on how Donald Trump won the 2024 election.

Mike Jolly '09 is now an associate territory manager with Novocure.

'10s

Victor Oladipo '10 was inducted into the Indiana University Athletics Hall of Fame. He was named National Player of the Year in 2012-13 and graduated in just three years.

DeMatha teacher and coach Cory Puffett '10 and his wife Rishonda welcomed a baby girl, Riley Mae, on Aug. 27. Congratulations!

Danny Baxter '11 is now a product support analyst with CACI International Inc.

Kyle Moran '11 has started a new job as a project manager at Forsythe Inc.

Jerami Grant '12 hosted the inaugural Hour Generation Foundation Dream Gala in August and raised \$100,000 for philanthropy.

Trevor Irish '12 has started a new position as a mental health counselor with Advanced Behavioral Health.

Arthur Perpall '12 has a new job as a communications consultant at the University of Maryland Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health.

Siegfried Schmidt '13 has a new job as a business development manager with the Valcourt Group.

Adam Baker '14 and Julia Pevarnik were married Aug. 23. Several Stags attended the Oct. 5 reception. Congratulations!

Mark DePrato '14 and Erin Kent were married Sept. 22. Several Stags in attendance. Congratulations! **C.J. Dinsmore '14** is walking across America to raise money for children with special needs.

Gabriel Higgs '14 spent a second summer in Campania, Italy, as an archaeologist and excavation supervisor with the Pompeii I.14 Project. This examination of the ancient Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD is combining stratigraphic excavation with digital technology.

K.J. M'Bale '16 has a new job as legal counsel for Lovisa Pty Ltd in Torrance, Calif.

Beau English '17 passed the Virginia bar exam on Oct. 11 and works as an energy litigation associate with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP in Richmond, Va.

Olu Oluwatimi '17 and **Naomi Morrison** got married June 30. Congratulations!

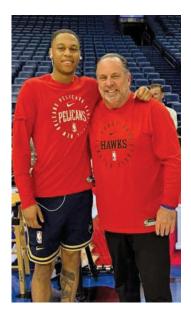
Timothy Dinsmore '18 has been promoted to staff accountant II with Aerotek

Cameron Leydig '18 is now a private wealth associate with Verdence Capital Advisors in Hunt Valley, Md.

Jack Davis '18 has started a new position as operations consultant at TurbineOne in San Francisco.

Patrick Marcos '18 has begun medical school at the Uniformed Services University F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. Patrick is a member of the family that owned the Original Ledo Restaurant. His father is Tommy Marcos '74.

Jonathan Matta '19 was named "Lifeguard of the Year" in Bethany Beach. He recently graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in mechanical engineering. Jonathan plans to join the Navy and attend Officer Candidate School.



Jordan Hawkins '21 of the New Orleans Pelicans and Atlanta Hawks assistant coach Mike Brey '77 prior to a November game in New Orleans.

'20s

Dwayne Allick '20, a graduate offensive lineman at Boston College, founded the 100 T.I.E.S. program to show young men how they can make positive impressions and find confidence amidst adversity. The gentlemen are given a tie and shown how to make it. T.I.E.S. stands for "Transforming Individuals into Empowered Scholars."

Aaron Dade '20 was named to the spring Dean's List at the University of Hartford. He graduated with a bachelor of business administration, data analytics and managerial economics.

Hunter Dickinson '20 was named to the NABC Division I Player of the Year Preseason Watch list. Now in his final year at Kansas, he is also a first-team preseason All-American.

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Justin Henson '20 earned a Penn State dual degree with a B.S. in marketing and an MBA. He made the Dean's List each quarter and served as vice president of the campus ProSales Club.

Mike Morley '20 graduated from Miami (Ohio) University and has started a career as a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual.

Brendan Munnelly '20 has been named captain of the 2025 Navy baseball team. His coach, Chuck Ristano, said his selection "is a testament to who he is as a person, player and aspiring officer."

Michael Davis '21, a mechanical engineering student at Penn State, interned this summer as a high school STEM instructor with RoboMasterminds through Energetics Technology Center.

Anders Murphy '21, a student at the University of Maryland, is a data management intern with the D.C. Department of Health.

Greg Penn '21 is one of two LSU Tigers chosen to wear No. 18 this season. Coach Brian Kelly said the honor is bestowed upon a football player "who brings all those traits of a great teammate. Somebody who has given himself up for the team. A guy you can count on, a guy you want next to you when adversity hits, a guy that's going to be there when you need him. That's number 18."

Greg was also named DC Touchdown Club College Football Player of the Week after recording nine tackles in LSU's 29-26 victory over Ole Miss.

In October, **Hackett Rascher '21** and his Miami (Ohio)
University Mock Trial A Team went undefeated and won a



From left, Andrew Righi '24, Chase Pearson '23 and William Del Valle '24 at the West Point Catholic plebe retreat. Chase was a small group leader.

tournament at the University of Illinois. He is pursuing a dual degree in English literature and film.

Daniel Holbrook '22 was named Pioneer Football League

Special Teams Player of the Week for his role in Stetson's 41-3 victory over Ave Maria. A junior placekicker, Daniel scored 11 points on five PATs and two field goals.



Cameron Tucker '24, a freshman at Delaware State University, was invited by U.S. Air Force Maj. **Shane Connolly '08** to visit with pilots at Dover (Del.) Air Force Base in September. Shane had read about Cameron's interest in becoming a military aviator in the DeMatha Express.

"Cameron was very impressive, a sharp and motivated young man," Shane said. "He made a good impression on the pilots who gave him a tour and offered to help him as he pursues his passion. We'll stay in touch as he builds his network and explores his numerous opportunities."

Tyson Nercessian '22 was named honorable mention All-Centennial Conference and helped the McDaniel College baseball team win the league title and qualify for the NCAA Division III Tournament. He also earned a spot on the spring Dean's List with Highest Honors for achieving a minimum 3.9 GPA.

Rodney Rice '22 scored a career-high 28 points to lead Maryland past Mount St. Mary's, 86-52. Rodney is in his first year with the Terrapins.

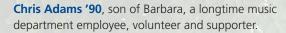
Kevin Winston Jr. '22 tied his career high with 12 tackles and forced a fumble in Penn State's 34-12 victory over West Virginia. The junior safety was named DC Touchdown Club Washington Metro College Player of the Week and Big 10 Defensive Player of the Week.

Virginia Tech cornerback **Dante Lovett '23** was chosen to wear
the prestigious No. 25 in the
Hokies' victory over Boston
College. Each week, a member
of the special teams wears No.
25 to recognize how influential
coach **Frank Beamer** was to
Tech football.

Ethan Smith '23, under the pen name Ethan C Forge, has published a novel, "American Beasts." Ethan took advanced creative writing at DeMatha and worked diligently on the book while still a senior. Set during the American Revolution, it is a historical fiction steeped in fantasy.



In MEMORIAM



James Adams '80, brother of Steve '82.

Anne Adomanis, wife of former faculty member James "Chip" Adomanis '61.

Henry Earl Armstrong, father of David '84.

Beth Bader, mother of Jimmy Bader '03, sister of Clark Mester '65 (dec.), aunt of Christian Mester '90 and great aunt of Colin Mester '22.

Vincent Bartozzi Jr., father of Vince '00.

Joe Behrmann, former DeMatha coach and teacher.

John Brown, who opened RJ Bentley's in College Park in 1978 with Ric MacPherson '65. Several Stags have their University of Maryland jerseys on the walls.

Dr. Marcus Bruce, father of Mark '78.

Pam Daniels, mother of Nicholas '27.

Terry DiGennaro '86, brother of Patrick '79 (dec.) and Anthony '81.

Barbara Dubik, wife of Steve '77, sister-in-law of Mike '74 and mother of Brad '06.

Bertha Dulansey, mother of David '87.

Tom Fennell '76, brother of Michael '73, Francis '74 and Stephen.

Vince Festa '65.

Errol George Francis Sr., father of Errol '03.

Rodney Fulton '69

Patricia Schilke Gawne, grandmother of Robert '12 and Michael '15 Bigelow.

Greta Graves, mother of Tony '82.

Arthur Hiban '53.

Felicia Holland '90, sister of Vaughn '96. Felicia was one of the Regina High School students who graduated from DeMatha.

Father Daniel Houde O.SS.T., a former member of the library staff who also sat on the DeMatha Board of Members A.

David Hulbert, brother of Ed '85.

Bob Kelly, grandfather of John '97 and Jim '00 Croyle.



Bob Brown (kneeling), father of Jack '82 and Robert '78, was a devoted music supporter and Senior Booster who loved DeMatha. Bob's late wife, Barbara, is on the far left.

Jeannie Kenny, mother of Paul '95.

Jack Koslosky '78.

Bob Madrid '81.

John Mahaney '67.

Randy Martin, devoted parent volunteer, father of Sean '00 and Justin, who also attended DeMatha. Husband of Cheryl, former DeMatha staff member.

Jerrod Mustaf '88, father of former DeMatha student Jaeden.

Barry Noonan '50, brother of Joseph '49 and Richard '52.

Abidemi "Demi" Ojurongbe '22.

Thomas Payne '66, brother of Richard '55 (dec.) and John '58.

John Pugliese, father of Gerard '70 and former DeMatha students Johnny and Jeffrey.

Charles (Buddy) Rapczynski '58.

Ray Scianella Sr., father of Ray Jr. '92. Uncle of David '77, Paul '79, Chris '80, Pat '82 and Tony '87. Brother of Frank, former faculty member.

Fannie Jo Tate, mother of James '97.

Timothy Thomas '11, brother of Michael '08 and son of Terry and longtime DeMatha staff member Christine.

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2024-25 VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER vs. Sidwell Friends (at St. John's CHS) 6 p.m. 30 **DECEMBER** 5 Eleanor Roosevelt7:30 p.m. 7 William Brennan (National Hoopfest) ... 9 p.m. Highland (National Hoopfest).....2:45 p.m. 8 10 Carroll*.....7:30 p.m. 13 at St. Elizabeth (at Wilmington, Del.).....6:15 p.m. 14 at Salesianum (at Wilmington, Del.) 6:15 p.m. 20 vs. Wesleyan Christian (at South Lakes HS).. 3:30 p.m. 21 22 27 vs. Westtown (at Salisbury, Md.)..........6:45 p.m. vs. Southern Cal Academy 28 Home games in bold * WCAC game ** At American University *** The tournament, at sites to be announced, begins Feb. 26 and ends March 7. Schedule is subject to change. For latest updates, go to

JANUARY

3	Good Counsel*7:30 p	.m.
7	at Gonzaga*7:30 p	.m.
11	Jackson-Reed1:30 p	m.
12	at Ireton*7:30 p	.m.
14	at St. John's*7:30 p	.m.
19	vs. Whitney Young (Springfield, Mass.) 10 a	.m.
21	at Paul VI*7:30 p	.m.
24	Springdale Prep7:30 p	.m.
28	at McNamara*7:30 p	.m.
31	at Carroll*7:30 p	.m.

FEBRUARY

1	St. Mary's Ryken*	4:30 p.m.
4	O'Connell*	7:30 p.m.
7	at Good Counsel*	7:30 p.m.
11	Gonzaga*	7:30 p.m.
15	at John Paul the Great	3 p.m.
20	WCAC Play-in Games	ТВА
22	WCAC Quarterfinals	ТВА
23	WCAC Semifinals**	ТВА
24	WCAC Finals**	ТВА
Maryl	and Private School State Basketball Touri	n.***TBA