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## Advancement Office News



**Rev. Thomas Collins '79**  
President of Stepinac

### Fr. Collins Appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Rev. Thomas Collins '79, President of Stepinac, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, in White Plains. Father Collins will continue to serve as President of Stepinac along with his new appointment which took effect on July 1.

Since 2011, Father Collins has served as Stepinac's ninth President. Previously, he was a member of Stepinac's faculty since 1995 and, in 2001, was named Vice Principal for Student Life. In 2008, still holding his previous title, he joined Stepinac's Office of Advancement. An avid and accomplished golfer, he also coached Stepinac's golf team for more than 15 years before assuming responsibilities as President.

He graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle in 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Father Collins studied at St. Joseph's Seminary and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1992.

Father Collins, who grew up in White Plains, is a member of a family with strong connections to Stepinac. Among the immediate family members who graduated from Stepinac are his brothers, John '80 and Joe '81 along with his nephews, Joseph '09, Michael '11, Christian '15, Christopher '16 and John Paul '17. Several cousins and other relatives are also Stepinac alumni.

His parents, Thomas and Martha Collins, lived in White Plains for more than 40 years.

As a priest, Father Collins has long been a presence with the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows where he has frequently celebrated Sunday mass. In addition, he celebrated his first mass at Our Lady of Sorrows as a newly ordained priest on May 16, 1992. "It is truly a fitting honor to become pastor of this parish which has been a significant part of my spiritual home these many years," Father Collins said.



**Tom D'Agostino**  
Director of Finance

### Tom D'Agostino Director of Finance, Retires

Tom D'Agostino, Stepinac's Director of Finance, retired effective August 31, 2021. Tom joined Stepinac's staff when the school became independent in 2009. Tom previously worked in the education department for the Archdiocese of New York. Bringing many years of finance experience, Tom quickly helped the newly independent school get many of its financial practices in place, implementing new procedures and controls, including streamlining accounts payable and reducing the amount of receivables while making the process much more efficient.

Tom also was responsible for consolidating funds into new accounts and working with the Board of Trustees to create the Investment Committee, which has helped grow The Stepinac Foundation's endowment.

We thank Tom for his service to the school and wish him well in his retirement. He has even pledged to come visit from time to time!



**Kevin Keane '74**  
Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

**It's imperative that the organization show value and prove to donors that we will use their donations responsibly and effectively.**

## Dear Stepinac Family & Friends

In my day job as managing partner of PKFOD, one of Accounting Today's 2021 Top 100 Accounting Firms, I deal with many non-profits facing the challenges of fundraising. Individuals and companies have many options when it comes to picking a non-profit with good, meaningful causes to which we can donate. It's imperative that the organization show value and prove to donors that we will use their donations responsibly and effectively.

Words cannot express how appreciative I am that you choose to give to Archbishop Stepinac High School. I'm certain it's because you have confidence in the school and know that we will make the most of your contribution. Our faculty and staff work as hard, if not harder, than any others around; and when it comes to commitment, there is no match.

You don't have to look far to see your return on investment; our students, and alumni are tangible proof that your generosity is being put to good use. Thumb through The Stepinac News and witness the fruits of your philanthropy, The STEAM Center, The Finance Center, two more Learning Centers, cafeteria renovations and the jewel of the school - the complete renovation of The Chapel of the Holy Spirit! On behalf of myself and the entire Board of Trustees, thank you for your support.

Thank You,

**KEVIN KEANE '74**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Fr. Thomas Collins '79  
President

## Dear Stepinac Family & Friends

*I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 1:3-7*

**I look forward to the challenge of wearing two hats (president and pastor). I know with your support, the support from Mr. Carty and his administration, support from the Advancement Office and the faculty and staff I can anticipate a good year to come.**

When St. Paul was writing these words to the people of Philippi, he did so with admiration, respect and deep gratitude. He was humbled by their faithfulness. I too want to express my admiration, respect and deep gratitude and love for each of you. Just as the people of Philippi were faithful, so are each and every one of you faithful to Stepinac and to the students and families whom we are honored to serve.

As you may have read, I have been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. I look forward to the challenge of wearing two hats (president and pastor). I know with your support, the support from Mr. Carty and his administration, support from the Advancement Office and the faculty and staff I can anticipate a good year to come.

On a special note, I want to recognize and thank Mr. Paul Carty, principal, and his administration for the outstanding job they did in the re-opening of the school and for an unusual but a non-interrupted school year! The Faculty and Staff met the challenge and in turn challenged their students to succeed. Our students should be commended as well. They faced so many new and unpredictable situations throughout the year and met them head on! And to The Stepinac Community - your patience, encouragement, support, generosity and love is greatly appreciated.

Peace in Christ,

**REVEREND THOMAS COLLINS '79**  
President

## Daniel P. Mahoney '67 Gives Back Again!

THIS TIME WITH  
\$1 MILLION DONATION



**DANIEL P. MAHONEY '67, a long-time supporter of Stepinac, recently returned with his wife, Susan, to give back again to his alma mater which he credits for shaping his success as well as those of many other young men. This time, his commitment to Stepinac came as a \$1 million gift, the single largest donation in the 73-year history of Stepinac. In recognition of the significance that the contribution will make in supporting the school's mission to provide students with the skills they will need to be globally competitive, the groundbreaking Honors Academy will be renamed the Susan and Daniel P. Mahoney Honors Academy.**

Launched five years ago, the Honors Academy, which Mahoney praises for its curriculum innovation, is a small learning program for academically top performing students that provides college-level studies focused on real-world applications in four disciplines—engineering, finance, health sciences and law—leading to potential careers. The Mahoneys also had the opportunity to see Stepinac's latest cutting-edge learning spaces including the new STEAM Center and Finance Center that are typically found at a college, not at a high school. As a former Wall Street executive, Dan was especially impressed by the Finance Center's real-time LED ticker displays and Bloomberg Terminal and Bloomberg Market Concepts features.

In accepting the Mahoney's gift, **Fr. Thomas Collins '79**, Stepinac President, said: "On behalf of our truly grateful Stepinac family, especially the students, I extend deep appreciation for your very generous gift. It truly reflects your abiding faith in the school's tradition of shaping tomorrow's leaders. Thanks to your investment, you will help assure that Stepinac remains strong as a preeminent leader in secondary education." Father Collins added: "Dan's professional achievements and steadfast and significant financial support for Stepinac as well as for so

many worthy causes are a testament to the meaning of a Stepinac education, grounded in Catholic values, that distinguish our alumni. He and his wife, Susan, have left an indelible mark here at Stepinac and in their communities."

Dan grew up in an extended Stepinac family. His older brothers, **Walter '63** and **Jay '65**, as well as cousins **Bob Silbernagel '62**, and **Kenny Silbernagel '65** are all Crusaders. After graduating in 1971 from Boston College where he majored in finance, Dan pursued a successful career spanning more than 30 years on Wall Street as a New York Stock Exchange specialist. He served as a senior

partner at CMJ Partners, a leading New York Stock Exchange member firm. Susan had the distinction of being in the first class of women (1973) to graduate from Dartmouth College and to do so with honors—Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude. Susan served on the board of trustees of Rye Country Day School for 14 years and was responsible for leading three major fund-raising campaigns.

Taking care of children has been the centerpiece of the Mahoneys' lives. Dan and Susan are the parents of three children; Melissa, Derek, and Ryan. Ryan passed away at the age of 31 from Hodgkin's Lymphoma. This tragic loss led Dan and Sue to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission to fight blood cancer through cutting-edge research aimed at advancing cures. They are grandparents to ten.

WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD  
SOME ADVICE TO IMPART  
TO TODAY'S STUDENTS

“

Listen, learn, take risks,  
bring others along  
with your success and,  
above all, believe in  
yourself.

”

Daniel P. Mahoney, '67

The unique, real-world approach of Stepinac's rigorous and innovative academic curriculum was brought home to Dan and Susan when they learned that Honors Academy law students are undertaking college-level projects including how to write a brief for a trial. Dan noted: "It is so important in these challenging and volatile times for high school students to take specialized courses like the ones the Honors Academy offers that will make it easier for them to excel in college."

# GRADUATION CLASS OF 2021

The honored students delivered their addresses twice during Stepinac's 71st Annual Commencement Exercises in two sessions. DeSanctis, will attend Harvard and plans to pursue his interests in Computer Science and Biomedicine. Devlin Hose, will pursue his studies in Architecture at Notre Dame. The 2021 Graduating Class of Stepinac was awarded collectively \$43.9 million in scholarships and grants!



» Nicholas  
DeSanctis  
VALEDICTORIAN



» Devlin  
Hose  
SALUTATORIAN





Top Row (l to r): Devlin Hose; Jesus and Marisol Singh received The Sequere Deum Award; Kyle Shepherd '21 and his family at the Car Parade. Second Row (l to r): Martin Bowen '84 presents his son Daniel Bowen '21 his diploma. They were one of ten alumni father-son graduates; Michael and Mary Spano received The In Te Domine Award; Faculty Member, Regina Molinelli, was presented with the Block "S" Award; School Nurse, Chris Pollard, received The Docendo Discimus Award. Bottom : Members of the Class of 2021!



# summer construction

**Stepinac Announces New Round Of Creating Innovative Learning Spaces to Provide Students with Skills They Will Need to Become Globally Competitive.**

## **NEW STEAM CENTER**

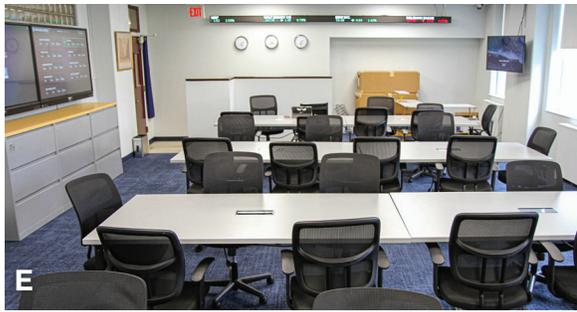
A new STEAM Center, Finance Center, two more additional Active Learning Centers continue Stepinac's Leadership in Secondary Education. The highlights of what Stepinac President Fr. Thomas Collins '79 described as "bold, visionary and technologically advanced initiatives to help assure the post-secondary success of our students", include a STEAM Center, Finance Center as well as two additional cutting-edge classrooms modeled after Columbia University learning spaces that Stepinac introduced in the fall of 2019.

The STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Center boasts a state-of-the-art space with a visual arts design studio where "students will be encouraged to tap into their creativity and try something new," explained Principal Paul Carty. Located on the first floor adjacent to the science wing, the new facility comprising 2,200 square feet will also house professional industrial equipment and the latest technology that "will expose students to real-world experiences in engineering, architecture and design and prepare them to pursue opportunities in these disciplines if they choose," added Carty.





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The 1,500-square-foot Finance Center, which is located on the second floor adjacent to the library, will also “represent another Stepinac first in curriculum innovation, and includes 6 Bloomberg terminals allowing students the opportunity to become Bloomberg Certified by graduation.”

“This unique space is devoted to teaching professional literacy in finance at the college level.”

**FRANK PORTANOVA '93,**  
Vice Principal of Curriculum  
and Academic Studies.

## THE FINANCE CENTER

Building on the success of Stepinac's new Active Learning Center, which were well received in 2019 by students and faculty, Stepinac created two more non-traditional, 21st century learning spaces. The additions will “expand our advanced learning environment that, unlike anything else in the region, prepares students for what they will expect when they go to college and into their chosen career or industry,” Carty explained. The classrooms are equipped with numerous touch-interactive displays with high performance front-facing speakers, and numerous inputs for all video formats as well as built-in browser, white boarding, and wireless sharing without requiring a computer. The rooms also feature moveable premier Steelcase furniture that will allow students to collaborate better, concentrate better, experiment better, and learn better.

- A. Active Learning Center (before)
- B. Steam Wing (before)
- C. The Chapel of the Holy Spirit (before)
- D. The new look Cafeteria
- E. The Finance Center
- F. Active Learning Center (after)
- G. STEAM Wing (after)
- H. The Chapel of the Holy Spirit (after)

# around campus



## Stepinac High School Senior John Prince Honored with 2021 St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester Youth Award for Notable Commitment to Volunteering in His Community

John earned the recognition for his notable commitment to volunteering in his community, specifically during the pandemic when he led a successful fundraising initiative to honor the night shifts of frontline workers at area hospitals. The Auxiliary Board of St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester initiated the Youth Awards in 1993 to recognize high school students whose volunteer service exemplifies the hospital's core values of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence.

## Stepinac High School's Varsity Baseball Team Raises More than \$8,500 to Help Defeat Childhood Cancer



Stepinac High School's Crusaders Varsity Baseball Team raised more than \$8,500 in the recent Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's vs. Cancer campaign to help defeat childhood cancer. "Our team not only exceeded its goal of \$5,000 but also placed first among the regional schools that participated," declared Head Coach Keith Richardson, adding: "We are ecstatic with the results that were

made possible by the generosity of the Stepinac family comprising friends, family and fans and the community service spirit of the student athletes who mobilized for this great cause." Stepinac's baseball team selected the pediatric oncology unit at New York Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital to receive a portion of the funds that would be raised.

## Four Stepinac High School Students Earn Prestigious Eagle Scout, Highest Rank Attainable in Boy Scouts of America

Ciaran Dowling '21 and Joseph Goonan '21 and two seniors: Anthony Raduazzo and Colin Smith earned their rank of Eagle Scout. It is unique to hear about a young man who has earned Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. In fact, only four percent of Scouts are bestowed with that honor after a lengthy review process. That is why Stepinac High School is proud to announce that four of its outstanding students are among the elite group of Scouts who recently earned that prestigious award. Among the rigorous requirements to win the distinctive Eagle Scout medal and badge, the Stepinac students needed to earn at least 21 merit badges as well as plan, organize, lead and manage extensive service projects that significantly benefited and enhanced the lives of many in their communities. According to the Boy Scout of America website, "Since 1912, the Eagle Scout rank has represented a milestone of accomplishment—perhaps without equal—that is recognized across the country and even the world. Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements."





Front (L to R): Evelyn Flores (widow) Shawn Vembenil, Julien Mueller, Rev. Thomas Collins, Back (L to R): Michael and Jessica Leto (Xavier's Brother & Sister in-law), Evelise and Xavier Jr. (Xavier's children)

## Two Honored as First Recipients of Xavier E. Flores '88 Memorial Scholarship

**Julian Mueller** and **Shawn Vembenil** both members of the Class of 2021—were honored as the first recipients of the Xavier E. Flores Memorial Scholarship Award, established in memory of the Stepinac alumnus who tragically passed away from COVID-19 in April 2020.

The students each received \$2,500 in recognition of their extraordinary community service contributions. Evelyn Flores, the widow of Xavier Flores, noted that “in going beyond meeting the needs of the hungry and homeless, especially during the height of the pandemic, Julian and Shawn truly exemplified the spirit of commitment and service that Xavier lived by.”

Stepinac President **Fr. Thomas Collins '79**, said: “We congratulate these outstanding students for achieving this honor and wish them success as they prepare to continue on the path to post-secondary success, inspired by Xavier Flores' legacy of giving back to the community in ways that make a tangible difference in the lives of people who most need it.”

**Xavier Flores**, who graduated from Stepinac in 1988, was actively involved in his alma mater, helping to raise funds for school programs and serving as co-president of the Crusader Men's Club. He was also honored with the Block S Award bestowed on individuals whose contributions had a meaningful impact on Stepinac. His son, **Xavier M. Flores**, graduated from Stepinac as a member of the Class of 2020.

## Eduardo Ramirez, Stepinac High School Junior, Named Finalist in 2021 GENIUS Olympiad Competition

**Eduardo Ramirez** of Peekskill, a junior at Stepinac, recently joined the prestigious finalist ranks in the 2021 GENIUS Olympiad's international high school competition. The academically top-performing student, who is a member of Stepinac's Honors Academy, was among 1,345 high school students from 85 countries who earned the top honor, competing in the fields of science, robotics, business, short film, art and creative writing. The finalists' projects were showcased during an award ceremony that was streamed over the GENIUS Olympiad YouTube Channel. For the same project, Ramirez also won a 2021 Regeneron WESEF (Westchester Science and Engineering Fair) Creative Approach to Research Award. Named “Discovering predictive gene signatures in BRCA (Breast Carcinoma) patients via a novel hierarchical Bayesian Boolean matrix factorization framework,” Ramirez's research project analyzes the likelihood of inter-molecular conversations between the cancer cells to track, predict, and prevent further spread of the tissue.



# alumni

## REGIONAL RECEPTIONS

We were able to host three regional receptions this year: Naperville, IL, Saratoga Springs, NY and Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Special thanks to our gracious hosts – **BILL PALAGONIA '90** (Naperville) and **BILL KOLMAN '72** (Point Pleasant Beach). This coming year we look to host more events across the country. If you are interested in hosting a reception, contact [stepinacalumni@stepinac.org](mailto:stepinacalumni@stepinac.org).



Point Pleasant Beach, NJ



Saratoga Springs, NY



Naperville, IL

## INAUGURAL YOUNG ALUMNI EVENT

Last March 26th The Stepinac Advancement Office held its first in-person event in over a year!

Many events including: Homecoming, The Crusader Classic, The Annual Golf Outing and more had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. When people began to be vaccinated and regulations loosened, we were able to host an evening of virtual golf at Golf Lounge 18 in the Westchester Mall. Over 50 young Alumni participated for prizes and gifts. We plan to continue this event in March '22!

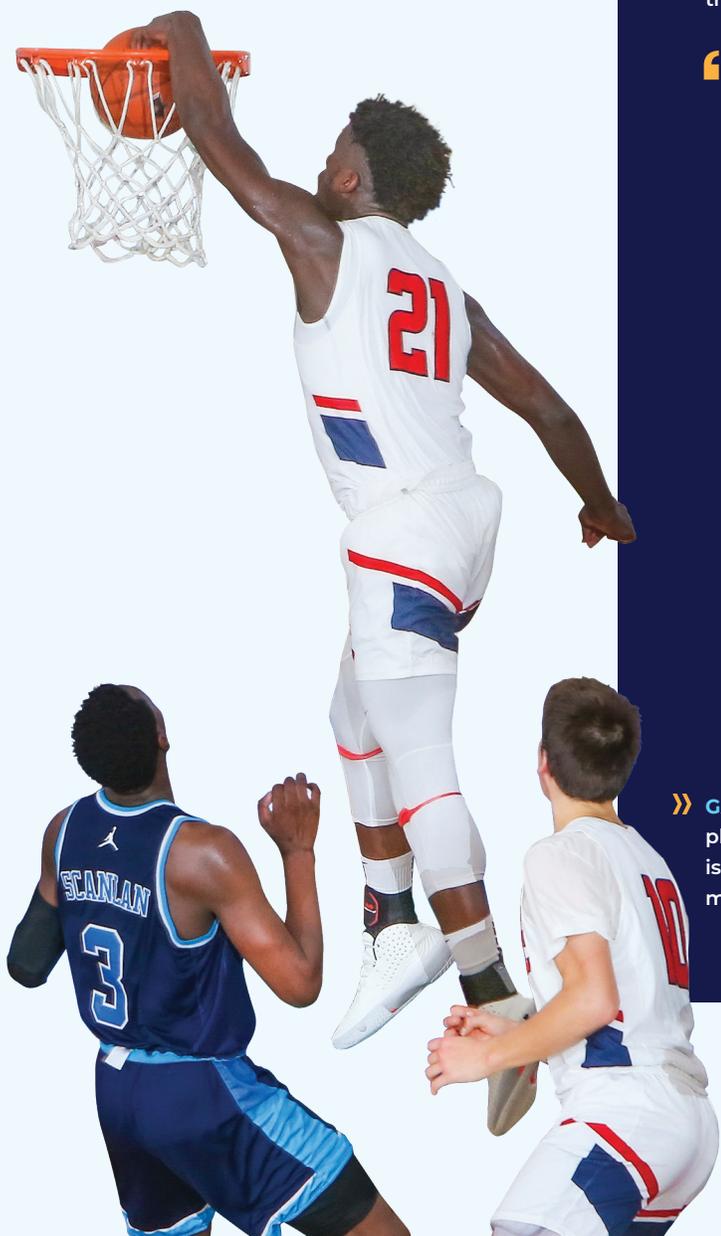


# athletics

## » Ad Griffin

### OFF TO DUKE!

**Adrian Griffin Jr. '21** from Ossining committed to Duke University in the fall of his junior year while signing his National Letter of Intent in November of his senior year. AJ, as he is known to many, became the first Stepinac graduate to attend Duke from the basketball program. AJ was named a McDonald's All American becoming the second in back to back years (**RJ Davis '20**) and the second all time in school and program history. He was also an Iverson Classic invitee and Jordan Brand Classic invitee. AJ finished his Stepinac career with over 1,000 points scored and over 400 rebounds while winning the 2018 Federation Championship as a Freshman.



## Three Standout Stepinac High School Alumni Football Players are on Their Way to Fulfilling Their Dreams as Professional Football Players

- » **MALCOLM KOONCE '16**, the defensive end with the University of Buffalo, was drafted in the third round by Las Vegas Raiders;
- » **T.J. MORRISON '16** defensive back with SUNY Stony Brook, signed with the Raiders, and was subsequently released.
- » **TRILL WILLIAMS '18**, defensive back with Syracuse University, signed by the New Orleans Saints, and subsequently traded to the Miami Dolphins.

“ This is an historic moment for Stepinac to have three of our recent outstanding football alumni to be either drafted by or signed with NFL teams. The fact that only a very select number of players earn NFL standing makes Stepinac’s representation in those ranks a singularly impressive achievement by these extraordinary student athletes. The entire Stepinac family congratulates Malcolm, T.J. and Trill on this great achievement and wish success as they follow in Stepinac’s path to greater fame as professional football players. ”

**COACH O'DONNELL**  
SERVED AS THE CRUSADERS  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH  
FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS

- » **GAVIN HESLOP '15**, is starting his second year playing for the Seattle Seahawks. “So now, the story is really about four players from Stepinac who have made it to the NFL in the past two years.”

# STEPINAC ANNOUNCES ITS INAUGURAL

# Forty under 40



Meet Stepinac's Forty Under 40, a lineup of 40 young alumni under the age of 40 who are making a significant difference and can say that Stepinac – be it in the classroom, science lab, playing field, Bowes, campus ministry or a club - played an important role in their success. The 40 honorees were selected based on their exceptional achievement and significant contributions to their profession, their community, and Stepinac.

FRANK ADAMO '04  
DANIEL AHEARN '05  
CHRISTIAN AMATO '06  
BRIAN APFEL '01  
GIOVANNI BARBALACO '00  
CHRISTOPHER BERRISFORD '02  
BRENDAN BURKE '00  
DAVID CALVELLO '07  
WILLIAM CAVE '99  
CHRISTOPHER CELONA '01  
CHRIS CIAFFAGLIONE '01  
ROBERT CIAFFAGLIONE '01  
JASON CUSUMANO '06  
CHRIS DEVITO '07  
CHRIS ELLIS '99  
BILLY FLOOKS '03  
MICHAEL HENDERSON '05  
PATRICK HENDERSON '07  
RYAN HOFFER '07  
ERIC HOLZER '00

KEVIN HYLAND '02  
TERENCE KEHAYAS '01  
WILLIAM KOLMAN '03  
JUSTIN KOLMAN '06  
CHRIS KOLMAN-MANDLE '05  
NICHOLAS KOLMAN-MANDLE '01  
ROCCO LAFARO '00  
JOSEPH LORE '02  
MATT MADDALO '04  
STEPHEN MAGDITS '04  
JOHN MASCIANDARO '10  
PATRICK MASSARONI '06  
KEVIN MCCARTHY '99  
BRENDAN NUGENT '01  
IDIA OGALA '10  
ANDREW SMITH '00  
ROB SORRENTINO '07  
NAJEE STEPHENSON '08  
JOSEPH VENICE '04  
RICHARD YAPCHANYK '10

# Obituaries



## JAMES J. FILLIS '55

Jim, a devoted husband, father and grandfather died peacefully in his sleep on December 30, 2020. He was the son of Margaret and James Fillis who moved the family to Eastchester in 1943 to run the Columbia Riding School. As a boy Jim rode and cared for horses but his passion, however, was track and field. He began running at Stepinac and then excelled at Iona College. He served in the Army from 1959 through 1963. He had a long

career with the Westchester County Department of Social Services, where he worked until he retired in 2003. Jim had a philanthropic spirit, supporting Stepinac and many other charities. He always had Stepinac Track and Field in his heart, always donating to the program. Jim was also the Class of '55 representative. He was a member of Westchester and New York City Road Runners. In 2016 he was honored in the Westchester Senior Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council in Tuckahoe. Jim is survived by his wife, Marilyn.



## KEVIN PATRICK HELLER '79

Kevin was born April 4, 1961, in White Plains, New York, the loving son of David and Theresa Heller. Kevin is survived by his wife Lesley and their two children: Lauren and Michael, his mother, Terry, his brothers, David '77 (Sandra), John '80 (Tracy), his sisters, Carol Ann Redfield (Ron), Kate (Art) and too many nieces and nephews to mention by name. Kevin attended Resurrection Grammar School and graduated from Stepinac where, besides being

inducted into the National Honor Society, he excelled in swimming, football, and baseball. Kevin received a Congressional appointment and joined the Class of 1983 at West Point. Kevin was an outstanding swimmer all four years and he rose to the rank of Cadet Captain and was a battalion executive officer. Kevin married the love of his life Lesley Ann on September 12, 1998. In July 2019 he was diagnosed with ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Kevin worked at his company until the day he died, and he was still the number one salesman for his company for 2020. Kevin was an avid cyclist, and his army of supporters in California found a three-wheel bike so that Kevin could go on bike rides for as long as possible. He went on his last ride with his brothers on Thanksgiving weekend in November 2020. Kevin died on January 5, 2021.



## PATRICE HALAS P '19 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LADY CRUSADERS

Patrice was an outstanding athlete lettering in three sports at Bishop Kearney High School, and played volleyball at the College of the Holy Cross. She completed her MBA at The University of Rhode Island. Patrice made a lasting impact on the White Plains community through her tireless volunteer efforts at Our Lady of Sorrows School

and at Stepinac. At Stepinac, Patrice was a member and VP of the Lady Crusaders. She was also a member of the Spring Luncheon committee and the Stepinac Celebration committee. She served as a parent ambassador for Stepinac Admissions and was the Stepinac Football Team Mom in 2019. She is also the recipient of the In Te Domine Speravi Award from Stepinac for outstanding service and dedication in May of 2020. Patrice is survived by her husband Wally Halas of White Plains, and their son Matthew '19.



## IN MEMORIUM

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| George R. Horton '51      | Robert J. Dennison '64    |
| Allan C. Gleason '52      | John M. McAvoy '64        |
| Lawrence M. Mayers '52    | Henry E. Bellion '65      |
| Richard T. Broderick '53  | Drew V. Bollard '65       |
| William J. Hanlon '53     | Michael J. Jaworski '65   |
| William J. McCafferty '53 | John Maguire '65          |
| Kevin T. O'Neill '53      | John Perretti '65         |
| Rudolph A. Russo '54      | Peter M. Gandolfo '67     |
| James J. Fillis '55       | Michael V. Yazurlo '67    |
| Daniel J. Graney '55      | Martin L. Santini '69     |
| James F. McCarthy '55     | Francisco G Barquet '70   |
| Michael J. McGreal '55    | Vincent J. Garofolo '70   |
| Roger S. Borrello '56     | Michael R. Iannucci '70   |
| Thomas A. Lee '56         | Peter G. Murphy '70       |
| James J. Reilly '56       | Charles E. O'Connor '70   |
| Patrick T. Westerman '56  | Richard L. Pappalardo '71 |
| Dennis P. Delorier '57    | Paul C. Schmidt '71       |
| James E. McMahon '57      | Victor R. Bonci '72       |
| Michael T. Connors '58    | Frank M. Codella '72      |
| Arthur F. Evans '58       | Frank W. Kuhlwein '72     |
| Richard A. Flintoft '58   | Raymond Marino '72        |
| James R. Gmelin '58       | Joseph P. Acocella '73    |
| Gennaro L. Mellis '58     | Kevin T. Colby '73        |
| David L. Rae '59          | Joseph T. Cotter '73      |
| Richard J. Bolander '60   | James J. D'Ambrosio '77   |
| James M. Trier '60        | Kevin P. Heller '79       |
| Nicholas D. James '61     | Richard M. Finn '81       |
| Robert J. Butkovich '62   | Edward J. Walsh '82       |
| Robert J. Cotter '62      | Cortland R. Coene '83     |
| Richard S. McDermott '62  | John Lofaro '89           |
| Peter A. Curcio '63       | Robert Byrnes '90         |
| Gerard Farinella '63      | Joseph T. Potter '98      |
| William J. Mills '63      | William McCaffrey '09     |

## PARENTS

- Patrice Halas
- John Mele
- Domenico Rivero



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PARENTS OF ALUMNI: PLEASE FORWARD IF YOUR CHILD HAS MOVED

# STEPINAC THEATER RETURNS



*Due to Covid-19 restrictions,*



**WAS PRESENTED ON  
STEPINAC'S FRONT TERRACE**

The lights of Broadway had been dimmed since March last year. But as the saying goes, "The show must go on," starting with Stepinac Theatre's production of the Tony-winning smash-hit musical, Pippin.

The much-anticipated return of the spring musical by the Drama Club followed by last year's cancellation due to the pandemic. One of the longest-running shows in the history of Broadway, Pippin features music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson. Legendary director/choreographer Bob Fosse directed the original in 1972. Keith Sunderland '94 produced Pippin.

“ After missing a year of performing before a live audience, it's an understatement to say that the entire Stepinac Theatre family of talented actors, musicians and crew members is thrilled about returning to the stage and entertaining audiences who are equally looking forward to enjoying a live Broadway show this year.

FRANK PORTANOVA '93  
PIPPIN DIRECTOR

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