

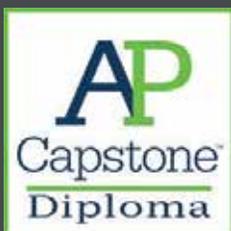
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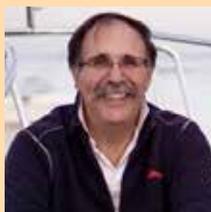
**T.A.C.H.S.**  
**November 2, 2018**

**Open House I**  
**October 28, 2018**

**Open House II**  
**February 13, 2019**

**Registration**  
**Class of 2023**  
**March 6, 2019**

## Board of Trustees Appointments



**RICHARD DEL BELLO '67**

After graduation, Dick went to Georgetown University, where he graduated from the Business School with a degree in business management in 1971. In 1973, he married Patty Koegler, who was an active participant in Stepinac shows while she attended Maria Regina HS. Pat and Dick moved to Westport, CT in 1975, and have remained there ever since, raising their three children.

Dick has enjoyed a 45 year career on Wall Street, including working for the New York Stock Exchange, Paine Webber, and UBS. He founded the Prime Brokerage business for Paine Webber and went on to manage it for UBS, until 2007. Dick retired in 2015.

Dick has served 2 terms on the Board of Regents at Georgetown University as well as several years as a member of the Parish Finance Council at St. Luke Church in Westport. Dick splits his time between Westport and Naples, FL and spends much of his spare time around the water, boating with his family, cruising and fishing. He plays a little golf and loves politics



**ALEX MARASCO '70**

Alex, along with his brothers Bernard '69, and Frederick '72, graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows School and Stepinac. They grew up in the house between Sorrows and Stepinac. Alex graduated from The College of the Holy Cross and holds an MBA from Pace University.

Alex, a retired corporate executive, spent 38 years in business and retired in 2014. During his career he worked in the areas of finance, strategic planning, technology and general management. He held senior positions at The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation, Reuben H. Donnelley. In his last position at SS&C Technologies, he was the General Manager of the Asset Manager Division which provided software and services to the global financial service industry.

Alex met his wife of over forty years at Holy Cross. Donna was in the first class of women to graduate from Holy Cross. They have two sons; Alex and Steven. Alex was inducted into the Stepinac Football Hall of Fame in 2012 and was the MVP of the Baseball team his senior year



Kevin Keane '74  
Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

## Dear Alumni and Friends of Stepinac High School,

On behalf of the entire Stepinac family, I express our sincere gratitude to the thousands of alumni and friends who have made a commitment to support our school's mission to develop men of vision in spirit, mind, and body. That philanthropic support impacts our students' lives in ways that I am privileged to see first-hand. Such generosity makes a real difference in the lives and futures of the young men of Stepinac.

**Not only do we prepare our students academically to handle a college curriculum, but more importantly, we prepare our students morally and spiritually to be the change-agents and problem-solvers that challenge the status quo of society and to be the leaders who can change the course of history.**

As we look around our world with its many uncertainties and areas of unrest, both at home and abroad, it becomes all the more apparent that a school like Stepinac is critically needed for our future. Not only do we prepare our students academically to handle a college curriculum, but more importantly, we prepare our students morally and spiritually to be the change-agents and problem-solvers that challenge the status quo of society and to be the leaders who can change the course of history. Our world needs people of integrity who are not afraid to stand up for what is right and just and who can make decisions and lead others based on moral principles that respect life, work for the common good, promote service to others, and that similarly reflect honesty, responsibility, compassion, fidelity and generosity. Sadly, these are all too lacking in today's world and culture.

However, they are still a critical and focused component of school life and formation at Stepinac. These principles and qualities are seen as just as important, if not more important, to our students being able to solve a quadratic equation, write a ten-page essay, or to know the essential elements of the scientific method. While our students do receive one of the very best academic education, the faith and moral development that they receive provides the foundation and framework necessary to make good decisions and to be effective leaders in life.

I am grateful to the many individuals, organizations and companies who have partnered with Stepinac because they believe that our students will hold the key to making the world a better place. I pray that God will bless everyone for their support and for the difference that they make in our students lives, and consequently, on our future.

Sincerely,

KEVIN KEANE '74  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Fr. Thomas Collins  
President

## Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Stepinac,

These pages offer a glimpse into the vibrant life of the Stepinac community. Here you will find boys discovering their many gifts and growing into young men of true character. We believe in education for the whole person so we offer a host of engaging activities that foster the intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth of our students.

**For 70 years, thousands of boys have been transformed through their Stepinac education. And while our graduates are high achievers in terms of college acceptances, artistic performances, and athletic awards, our true mark of excellence is the proven quality of their leadership in society.**

I invite you to visit and see our campus for yourself. We offer unparalleled facilities and resources. Most importantly, the “Stepinac Family” you often hear about provides the nurturing environment in which our students thrive, gain confidence, and support one another on their paths to success. Between the place and the people, Stepinac provides a unique learning environment.

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The 2017-18 academic year was marked by exploration and innovation. The preparation of a major self-study for our accreditation review by the Middle States Association helped us clarify our future priorities surrounding facilities, mission and faith formation, curriculum, and technology.

We continue to develop interesting curricular opportunities for our students that employ creative methodologies and technologies that focus on student initiated learning, group projects, and real world application of textbook (albeit digital textbook) knowledge. We have also embraced the theme of preparing our students to be global citizens who are aware of the future ecological challenges that face us all.

I am forever proud of our students whose talents, energy, and care of one another is truly heartening. I am grateful to our parents who enter into a partnership with us to develop their son’s academic, social and spiritual development. I am thankful to our benefactors who have enabled Stepinac to be a school that can celebrate its economic and racial diversity. The pride and love our students display for Stepinac was best described by a student who was asked where he went to high school. He responded: “I just don’t go to any high school: I go to Stepinac!”

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Thomas Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

REVEREND THOMAS COLLINS '79  
President

# alumni

## HOMEcoming 2018

What a year! Quite a few classes celebrated their anniversaries this year. Pictured (Clockwise); Members of the Classes of '58, '68 and The Golden Crusaders attend Mass on Homecoming Weekend prior to Pub Night, The Class of '58 celebrated their reunion at the Doral - Arrowwood, The Class of '75 took a tour of the school and ran into Mr. Larkin, The youngsters, members of the Class of '98, went out for "one" after the homecoming game at the Brazen Fox, and the fiftieth anniversary class (1968) had their reunion banquet at Sam's of Gedney Way.



**GOLDEN CRUSADERS!** The Golden Crusaders Club is designed to facilitate continued alumni participation for those who have celebrated their 50th graduation anniversary and beyond. Presently this would include the 17 classes from 1951 through 1967. Many of those alumni expressed keen interest in reconnecting, not only with their immediate classmates, but also those in the years immediately preceding and following their graduation, since they too shared many meaningful experiences. The goal of the Golden Crusaders is to provide a vehicle for our "senior alumni" to stay connected with each other and the school, and to encourage alumni to become involved in Stepinac's activities and programs.



Stepinac, the first private high school in Westchester and the Bronx and one of approximately 1,500 schools worldwide will implement the College Board's AP Capstone™ Diploma program.

## STEPINAC PARTICIPATES IN THE COLLEGE BOARD'S AP CAPSTONE™ DIPLOMA PROGRAM

**Stepinac, the first private high school in Westchester and the Bronx and one of approximately 1,500 schools worldwide has implemented the College Board's AP Capstone™ Diploma program.** The program enables students to focus on skills crucial for post-secondary success including independent research, collaborative teamwork, communication and writing.

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP Seminar and AP Research. Developed in direct response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone™ complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other Advanced Placement® courses and exams.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research assessments and on four additional

AP Exams of their choosing will earn the AP Capstone™ Diploma signifying their outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on both AP Seminar and AP Research assessments only (but not on four additional AP Exams) will earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

**“As we continuously seek opportunities to prepare our students for the rigors of university academia and the challenges of a global marketplace, Stepinac is excited to offer a program that will allow our students to further sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills.”**

**FRANK PORTANOVA '93**  
Vice Principal for Academics  
and Curriculum

Paul Carty, Stepinac Principal, said: “The AP Capstone™ program furthers our school's mission to make our students globally competitive and prepared for college and beyond. It follows on the heels of our Honors Academy, the unique-in-the-region, three-year personalized learning program that provides our top students with opportunities to pursue advanced studies in disciplines leading to potential careers in engineering, financial services, law and health sciences.”

# exceptional seniors

We are very proud of all of the graduates from the class of 2018. The 195 members amassed over \$44 million dollars in scholarships and grants this year. Here are a few of our exceptional seniors.

## CHRISTOPHER JAMES HECHT

United States Air Force Academy

The National Honor Society Certificate  
The Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Certificate  
Principal's Award for Academic Excellence  
Accepted to four Service Academies

## ANTHONY V. LICCIARDONE

Penn State

The National Honor Society Certificate  
The Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
General Excellence Award  
Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award  
Principal's Award for Academic Excellence  
President's Award for Service

## DENNIS CREGIN

SUNY Binghamton

The National Honor Society Certificate  
The Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
St. Vincent's Youth Leadership Award  
Campus Ministry Award  
St. Michael's College Book Award  
Excellence in Science Award  
Principal's Award for Academic Excellence

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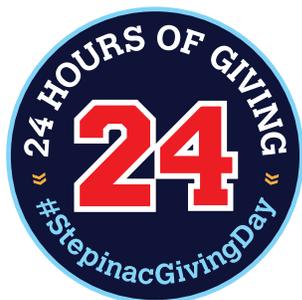


## ERIC ANTHONY JIMENEZ

Yale University

The National Honor Society Certificate  
The Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
General Excellence Award  
Harvard Book Award  
The Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Certificate  
Principal's Award for Academic Excellence  
Reverend J. Hargrove Award for Dramatics

# around the campus



## GIVING DAY

This past February, in celebration of Blessed Aloysius Stepinac's Feast Day, the school had its inaugural 24 Hours of Giving Campaign. The Giving Day is a powerful 24-hour online fundraising competition bringing the Stepinac community together to raise money for the school. In its first year, the school raised over \$100,000 with over 415 gifts during the 24 hours. The generous donations of many individuals – parents, students, alumni and benefactors made the inaugural event a huge success. We are thankful to all those who participated. Please Save the Date for February 7-8, 2019. We ask for your assistance in making year two a major success by sharing videos, messages and more on all social media platforms and via email amongst the Stepinac community. Interested in joining the Giving Day committee?

Contact [stepinacalumni@stepinac.org](mailto:stepinacalumni@stepinac.org)

## MIDDLE STATES EVALUATION

This academic year, Stepinac will undergo our Middle States Association process as is customary every seven years. The Middle States Association is a nationally recognized organization that is responsible for auditing and accrediting schools throughout the eastern half of the United States as well as several notable school systems in Europe. The process follows a two year self-examination conducted by faculty, staff, students and parents alike and allows the Stepinac Community to recognize all that has been accomplished and set future goals to be achieved both academically and community based. Upon completion of the study, Stepinac will be subject to an external audit conducted by a visiting team of four educators from the local area who will audit the materials thus starting the Stepinac Community on a seven year process of implementing the goals and objectives set forth by the stakeholders during the self-examination.



“ We are very excited about how this new capability that will significantly expand and enhance the viewing experience for the entire Stepinac community. ”

REV. THOMAS COLLINS  
Stepinac President

## LOCAL LIVE

Stepinac High School has been a pioneer in embracing digital technology. Five years ago, Stepinac became the first high school in the nation to launch the first-of-its-kind all-digital text book library, earning the reputation as a standard bearer of curriculum innovation. In another digital first, Stepinac became the first high school in Westchester as well as the Archdiocese of New York to announce it will partner with LocalLive— the innovative digital video company that live streams indoor and outdoor sports and other events.

Rev. Thomas Collins, Stepinac President, added: “For fans who are unable to attend certain games or other school events as well as alumni located throughout the world who are keenly interested in following Stepinac High School, LocalLive will make it so much more convenient to do so via a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone.” Reverend Collins also noted that the addition of the state-of-the-art LocalLive would appeal to Stepinac students who are passionate about sports and video production and might be interested in pursuing studies leading to potential careers in sports communications.

The LocalLive platform will provide a web channel and portal for live and 24/7 on-demand viewing that the viewer will access by registering a username and password. Viewing of away games in-network schools will also be included all free of charge!

# CATHOLIC NEW YORK

AMERICA'S LARGEST CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

## “Stepinac’s Honors Academy Assesses Flint Water Crisis, Looks for Potential Lead Dangers in Westchester”

Students in Stepinac’s Honors Academy program studied the water crisis in Flint, MI, for the past year across four disciplines; engineering, health sciences, finance and law, and presented their findings to more than 150 guests at the Clean Water Solution Symposium at the school in May.

The students concluded their findings by looking at potential lead dangers in Westchester County and a municipal bond solution for paying to replace lead pipes.

Moderated by Mary Calvi, co-anchor of “CBS2 This Morning” and “CBS2 At Noon” on WCBS-TV and mother of two at Stepinac, the panel included discussion of the student findings by expert panelists: Anthony V. Capicotto ’83, P.E., a 31-year veteran engineer and consultant for municipal water systems; Morri E. Markowitz, M.D., director of lead poisoning prevention and treatment program, Department of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine); Christopher L. Daly ’89, founder, CEO and president of Synergy Alternative Capital Management, a New York metro area investment firm and 22-year Wall Street veteran of leading investment firms; and Walter Schwartz, a practicing attorney in Ardsley, with more than 55 years of experience.

The finance student panel presenters, Steven Vukaj and Jonathan Alviar, showed that more than 21,000 homes in Westchester County built before

1939 potentially still have lead piping. They concluded, “The sum total of repairing lead piping would be in the vicinity of \$212 million.” They also pointed to potential economic expansion, increasing jobs for plumbers, excavators, landscapers and inspectors.



MARY CALVI, MOTHER OF TWO STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL SONS AND CO-ANCHOR OF “CBS2 THIS MORNING” AND “CBS2 AT NOON,” SERVED AS MODERATOR. WITH HER IS MICHAEL SCHWARZ OF WHITE PLAINS, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY.

The engineering panelists, Patrick O’Mara, Ted Akuffo, Anthony Makaj and Nolan DeFreitas, presented the pros and cons of different filtering systems they created. Engineering expert Capicotto discussed how the student plans created concepts that were more economical than those that are used today and encouraged their further development.

Health care student panelists Peter Astriab, Michael Schwarz and Jiayan Liang looked at several ways to treat those with lead poisoning, especially children. Besides the obvious removal of the lead source, they described the pros and cons of chelation therapy, antioxidant therapy and calcium and

iron supplements.

Dr. Markowitz, who has been treating children with lead poisoning for decades, said that through the years, the blood level numbers considered toxic have dropped. He also said that symptoms sometimes take long periods of time to manifest. “It’s a hierarchy of toxicity,” Dr. Markowitz said. “You don’t become aware of lead affecting your cells until many cells are affected.”

Students Thomas Silver and Ryan Howard presented background for both civil and criminal cases being brought against those in Flint. Attorney Schwartz created a dialogue with the student panelists and discussed which would be more difficult to prosecute, civil or criminal. “The criminal is much harder,” Schwartz concluded. “It is a matter of proving beyond the reasonable doubt.”

Frank Portanova, vice principal for curriculum and academic studies at Stepinac, said one of the primary goals of the Honors Academy when it was launched two years ago was for students to “see the relationship between their studies and their application to the real world.”

Portanova concluded that “by tackling the contaminated water crisis in Flint, which has gone missing in the national conversation, the students have undertaken a very relevant project.”

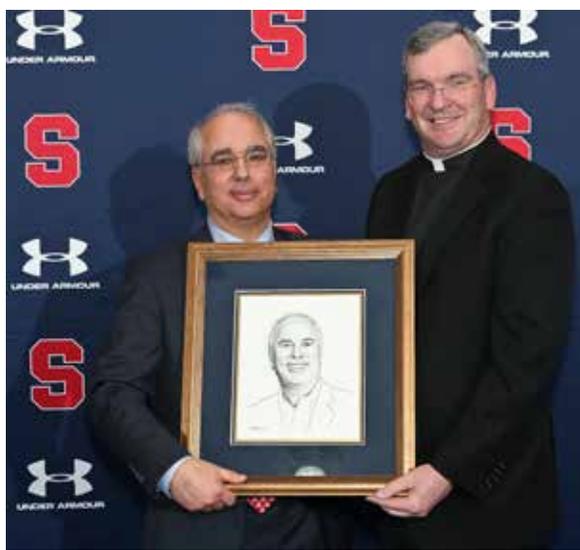
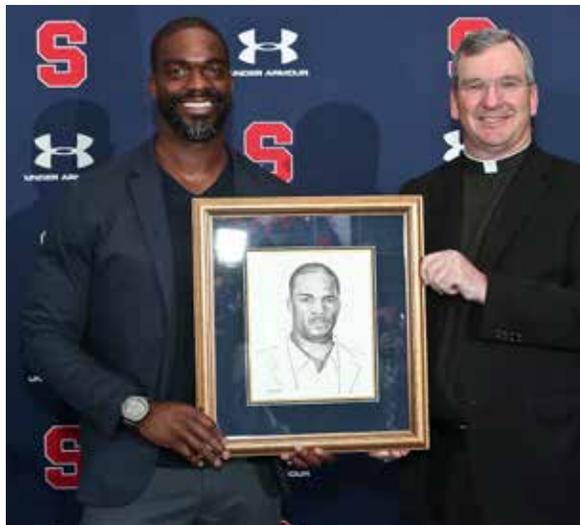
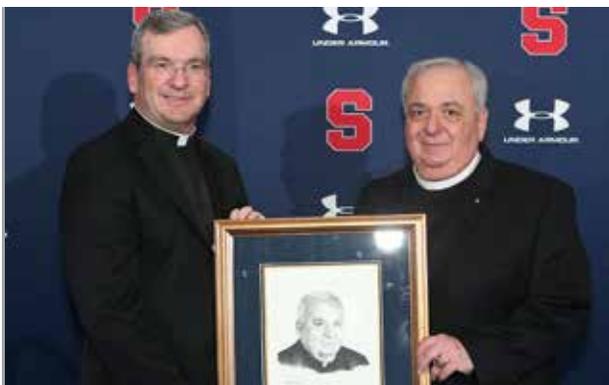
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# hall of fame

Stepinac High School Hall of Fame Inducts Former President, Three Prominent Alumni and a Philanthropic Family Partnership. Five inductees joined Stepinac's Honor Roll which began in 1994 that recognizes distinguished alumni, faculty, groups or families for their significant contributions to the success of the school.





## THE 2018 DISTINGUISHED INDUCTEES WERE:

**Reverend Monsignor Anthony Marchitelli**, former President of Stepinac, benefactor and current Pastor of St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel.

**The Hatcher Family Partnership Ltd.**, honored with the Timothy Cardinal Dolan Service Award in recognition of their generous support of the students and Stepinac. Representing the partnership were Michael Hatcher '86, Patrick Hatcher '93 and Gerry Hatcher '82.

**John Butala '82**, benefactor and trustee of The Stepinac High School Foundation and the assistant treasurer of Freepoint Commodities LLC, Stamford.

**Eric Ogbogu '94**, benefactor, former professional football player and director of sports marketing at Under Armour, managing its relationship with the NFL.

**Ronald DeSoiza '76**, benefactor and advisor to The Stepinac High School Foundation and a partner at PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, Harrison.

# athletics

## BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL

**The basketball program at Stepinac finished atop the CHSAA's top division for the first time in 58 years. The school also completed the second phase of a much rarer feat in the process. The victory gave Stepinac both football and basketball league titles in the same school year.** It was a first for Stepinac, which became just the third school in the Catholic league's fabled history to complete the impressive championship double. St. Francis Prep (1955-56) and Cardinal Hayes (2016-17) were the only other athletic programs to win both. Then, after the football team won the state title and the basketball team captured the state federation title, Stepinac Football and basketball are reigning state champions. Rare indeed!

Outside of their fan base, the football and basketball programs also share a few connections. James Prince, a promising offensive line prospect and reserve forward, is the only athlete on both rosters. O'Donnell said team managers Liam Sullivan and Ryan McSpedon also work for both teams and will join Prince in earning two championship rings.

"They are very much a big part of the team as well," he said.

Led by the dominant postseason of senior Trill Williams, the football program beat St. Anthony's last November to win its third CHSFL 'AAA' championship in four years after having not won any since 1955. The Crusaders went on to beat Canisius for their second Catholic state championship.

After falling behind 14-0, Stepinac rolled over St. Anthony's 47-22 to take the CHSFL AAA League Championship in Uniondale.

The basketball team, led by first-team all-league guards Alan Griffin and R.J. Davis, lifted hardware twice during the season as well. Before winning three straight over longtime CHSAA powers St. Raymond, Archbishop Molloy and Christ the King in the city tournament, Stepinac topped Cardinal Hayes on Feb. 24 to earn its first Archdiocesan title since 1984.

**"I am in my 38th year here and to be standing on the court at the end of the game was unbelievable,"**

**said Mike O'Donnell, the school's longtime athletic director and football coach.**

**"Just saying to myself, 'Who ever would believe we would be in this position?' We are very proud of the accomplishments of our teams. It is always about them."**



"They are a very resilient bunch. They never seem to lose control or be out of a game," O'Donnell said. "Patrick (Massaroni) and his staff have done a remarkable job with them. Knowing that only three teams have ever won both championships tells you how hard it is to do."

Unlike in football, the basketball team had a chance to go an additional step. The Crusaders advanced to the Class AA Federation tournament against the state public-school, city public-school, and state independent-school champions.

Stepinac faced-off against independent-school power Long Island Lutheran in the semifinals in Glens Falls. They won a nail biter 76-72. The following night they prevailed against South Shore High School from Brooklyn 88-76 to be crowned New York State Federation Champions. The Football team's final ranking in the Max Preps poll was number one large schools (public and private) and the basketball team was ranked number one in the New York Sportswriters poll and number eleven in the country in Blue Star Media's final poll.

## TENNIS

### The 2018 Varsity Tennis "B" Division League and City Championship Team was that team which comes together only once in a long while.

The year was 1979 when Stepinac last captured a tennis Championship. First year Coach Matt Hanley inherited a team comprised of three Seniors, two Juniors, four Sophomores and three Freshmen. The Spring weather wouldn't co-operate and severely limited practice time. With a very short pre-season, league play began; the team quickly found themselves undefeated seven matches into the season. The only loss during the season came from Salesian.

The regular season ended with a record of 9-1. After a successful first round Semi-Final victory, Stepinac marched into the finals to face Salesian for the third time this year. The match was tied at two games apiece, with Junior Pat O'Mara on the court in the final singles matchup. Stepinac bested Salesian to win the Championship 3-2. The final record for the season stood at 11-1.





## A First, Two Musicals in one Year!

“Stepinac High School is honored and excited to be a part of the Disney Theatrical Licensing Pilot Program! The Pilot Program chooses a select group of schools throughout the country to mount a production of a Disney musical before it is released to general licensing. We are thrilled to be one of the first schools nationwide to produce Newsies.”

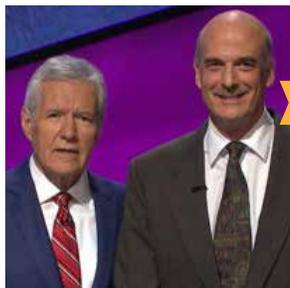
FRANK PORTANOVA  
STEPINAC THEATRE  
DIRECTOR

## the drama club

The acclaimed Stepinac Theatre Club continues to make news as a producer of award-winning musicals. The latest big headline was that Stepinac was one of only five high schools in the U.S (and the only one in New York State!) that was granted permission by Walt Disney Theatricals to produce **Newsies**, the 2012 Tony-winning musical. The stage adaptation tells the story of **Jack Kelly**, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant **Joseph Pulitzer** raises newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. All of New York City soon recognizes the power of the “the little man.”

The acclaimed Stepinac Theatre Program presented five performances of “**Ragtime**,” the Tony-Award winning musical based on the distinguished novel by E.L. Doctorow, as its spring musical. Written by the award-winning composer/lyricist team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (“Once on This Island,” “Seussical” and “Lucky Stiff”) and noted playwright Terrence McNally, “Ragtime” is a sweeping musical portrait of early-twentieth-century America that masterfully blends fictional characters and historic figures of the era and features a music score comprising ragtime, marches, cakewalks and gospel music. It tells the story of three families in pursuit of the American Dream-- that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history’s timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America. “Ragtime” was directed by Frank Portanova (Class of ’93) and produced by Keith Sunderland (Class of ’94).

# MORE ALUMNI NEWS...



## **ALAN DUNN, STEPINAC CLASS OF '76, PICTURED HERE WITH ALEX TREBEK ON JEOPARDY.**

Alan had a lifelong dream to appear on Jeopardy, and once there, he took full advantage of the opportunity. After an impressive five-day streak, he went home with \$120,802. Congratulations Alan!



## **WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB HOSTED THE FIRST EVER STEPINAC VS IONA PREP ALUMNI GOLF MATCH.**

The two 12-man teams squared off in a Ryder Cup format. Each participant is a Stepinac or Iona graduate and a current member of Winged Foot. While it came down to the wire, the Crusaders were steadfast and laser focused winning the inaugural event 9.5 to 8.5 over the Gaels. It was a great day with strong competition and exciting friendly rivalries. Many are looking forward to the rematch next fall.



## **JOE VENICE '04, NAMED ASSISTANT HEAD COACH OF THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.**

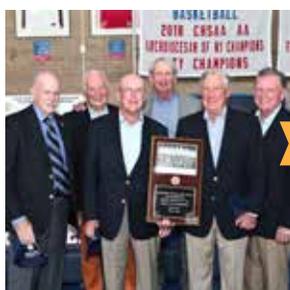
Joseph Venice an alumnus and member of its faculty, has been named assistant head coach of the Crusaders championship varsity football team. Joe, who excelled both academically and athletically at Stepinac, returned to his alma mater in 2009 after earning B.A. Degrees in English and Communications from Fordham University and a Masters in English Education from Lehman College.

In his new position, working with head football coach Mike O'Donnell, Venice will continue to be responsible "to guide student athletes to ensure their success both on the field and in the classroom," said Paul Carty, Principal, adding: "He will build on Stepinac's tradition of outstanding members of the varsity teams' coaching staffs who help prepare student-athletes to excel at college and in their future careers



## **STEPINAC CLERGY ALUMNI CAME BACK TO STEPINAC.**

to con-celebrate the funeral Mass of Rev. Msgr. Peter Gelsomino. From left to right: Rev. Joseph Giandurco '79, Rev. Thomas Collins '79, Rev. James Rebeta '64 and Rev. Msgr. James McCabe '56.



## **AFTER LAST YEAR'S MAGICAL VARSITY BASKETBALL SEASON, THE 2018 TEAM WELCOMED BACK SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF STEPINAC'S FIRST CHSAA AA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS FROM 1960.**

Pictured left to right: James Latimer, Ray Doherty, Ed Dealy, Tim Cohane, Peter Kaufmann, James McCarthy.

# STUDENTS IN THE NEWS



Each year, Stepinac students provide over 25,000 hours of community service as part of their curriculum requirements – but more importantly it develops them to become Christian men within their community. Here are just a few examples of our student accomplishments



**Hari Channagiri**  
HONORED BY  
THE TOWN OF GREENBURGH

**Hari Channagiri, a member of this year's graduating class, was honored by the Town of Greenburgh for constructing a bridge over a stream that had impaired foot traffic along a nature trail located in Hartsdale.**

Hari, who will be studying electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall, and who was the inaugural recipient of The Francis McIntyre '51 Engineering Scholarship, conceived the idea to build the bridge over troubled water as part of an Eagle Scout community project. Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner noted that the stream—which had been eroding the soil—made it difficult for people to cross from one part of the trail to the other side without getting wet. Channagiri began constructing the bridge in early March and completed it the last week of May. The wooden structure is about 32 feet in length, 4 feet in width and sits about 5 feet above the stream. Hari, who was an outstanding Stepinac student and member of the National Honor Society, thanked his troop-mates from Boy Scouts Troop 4 Scarsdale for their help. He said: "I am grateful for the support and encouragement offered by the Town Supervisor, the Parks Commissioner, and the Parks Superintendent, and thankful for their help in finishing the project so quickly."



**Nolan Defreitas**  
WINS  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

**Nolan is a senior at Stepinac and was recently presented with the Youth of the Year Award at the Annual African-American and Latino Scholastic Achievements Awards ceremony. He earned the distinguished honor for his excellence in academics, commitment to the community and exemplary character.**

The presenting organization comprises two White Plains community groups: White Plains Youth Bureau, the Beta Alpha Alpha of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. chapter and the My Brother's Keeper chapter. As one of Stepinac's high-achieving students, DeFreitas was inducted into the inaugural group of the Honors Academy.

Established two years ago, Stepinac's Honors Academy provides students with opportunities to pursue in-depth studies in either engineering, law, health sciences or economics/finance, leading to possible careers in those disciplines. DeFreitas selected engineering for his specialized field of study.



## Brian Dervin '18

CHAMPION FUNDRAISERS

**(son of Kevin Dervin '81) and Hanna Cleary '18 from the School of the Holy Child, Rye, ran as co-candidates to raise the most money during a spirited seven-week competition to support Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS's) mission to find cures for blood cancers and ensure that patients have access to life-saving treatments.**

Brian and Hannah were honored at the Students of the Year Grand Finale on March 8, at Chelsea Piers in Stamford, Conn. The two were among eight local high school candidate teams who competed in the 2018 Students of the Year campaign. The teams competed in honor of local blood cancer survivors. Candidates and their campaign teams were honored with awards for their impact on community service, volunteerism, leadership and dedication to the LLS mission.

The top fundraising candidates during the campaign are awarded the title Students of the Year, with each dollar raised counting as one vote. Brian and Hannah, along with their team members raised over \$35,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In all, the eight teams raised \$125,000 for LLS.



## Alan Griffin

INAUGURAL CLASS OF '63 SCHOLAR

**The Class of 1963 established an endowed scholarship to be awarded to a rising senior who best exemplifies the Stepinac Spirit and who has demonstrated his dedication to both his studies and his extra-curricular activities!**

Alan, a member of the class of 2018, led the 2017-2018 Varsity Basketball Team to its first NY State Federation Title in school history and the first CHSAA 'AA' title since 1960. The team finished with a record of 27 wins and 5 losses, recording the most wins in school history in one season. Alan averaged 19.2 points per game, 9.9 rebounds per game, 3.9 assists per game, 2.4 steals per game and 1.8 blocks per game. Alan was named All New York State First Team, All CHSAA First Team, 2017 Torrey Pines Invitational Tournament Most Valuable Player, 2018 CHSAA City Tournament Most Valuable Player and the 2018 NY State Federation Tournament Most Valuable Player. Alan earned 17 Division 1 scholarship offers during his time at Stepinac due to his success both on and off the court. Alan received a Division 1 Scholarship and will be a member of the basketball team at the University of Illinois.



## Julian Mueller

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

**Julian Mueller, a junior at Stepinac, spent his summer organizing an online fundraiser effort for Feeding Westchester (Feeding Westchester's mission is to end hunger in Westchester County).**

They source and distribute food, and other resources, to towns across Westchester helping to ensure that no one is hungry. Julian started the effort to help feed hungry children around the region.

As of Mid-August the 14-year-old had raised more than \$3,000 toward his goal of \$2,500, which was equal to purchasing 10,000 meals by the end of August. Mueller had originally set the goal at \$1,000 and quickly revised it after strong response from supporters. "This summer, I wanted to do something small that would hopefully make a big impact," he said.

"I decided to focus my fundraising effort on school-aged children because I recently learned that nearly 58,000 kids" — one in three — "in Westchester County may be hungry this summer." "During the summer, they do not have access to free or reduced-price school lunches," Mueller said. "It's really hard to believe that here in Westchester we have this problem."

# SUPPORTING STEPINAC

## THE FUND FOR STEPINAC: RECURRING GIFT PROGRAM

"The Fund for Stepinac" reflects the changing ways alumni and friends are giving. Many have begun making recurring gifts, while more are contributing stocks and other appreciated assets. "The Fund for Stepinac" also better describes that your support is being used at Stepinac for Stepinac.

Becoming a member of Stepinac's Recurring Gift Program is easy - just go to [www.stepinac.org](http://www.stepinac.org) select the donate page. You can make a one-time gift or elect to make it a recurring gift. Spreading your support throughout the year is a convenient way to include your donations into your personal budget.

Monthly giving is the most cost efficient way to deliver your support. Your Recurring gift will directly sustain the student experience, support financial aid, scholarships, academic programs, and student services. Supporting Stepinac can in fact inspire others - your friends, your community - to follow your example. Your annual support can make a powerful, lasting statement about the value of a Stepinac education.

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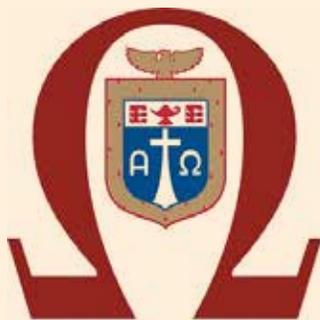
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If you are over 70.5 years old, you can direct your IRA's required minimum distribution directly to Stepinac and not have to declare the income. There are many advantages for you to do this.



“ Stepinac helped make me who I am today, I feel I owe it to the school to include them in my estate, the Stepinac Community has always been like family to me. ”

## THE OMEGA SOCIETY

Since first being introduced in 2013, the Stepinac Omega Society has had over 45 people identify themselves as a member. Omega Society membership is comprised of those who believe in Stepinac's future so much, that they have informed us they have included Stepinac in their estate plans.

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thank you » WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO MADE A GIFT THIS YEAR...

and encourage all of you when making your gift, call a few of your classmates and encourage them to send in their gift as well. The worst thing that can happen is that you catch up with an old friend! If you would like to help your class improve their participation, help find lost Alumni or become a Class Representative, please contact Dennis Buckley '82 at [dbuckley@stepinac.org](mailto:dbuckley@stepinac.org). If you would like to make a gift and encourage your classmates to give - share with them the link <https://46261.thankyou4caring.org/> so they can make a secure gift to Stepinac!



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## MEMORIAL MASS NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Every fall, Stepinac holds its annual Memorial Mass. Alumni, faculty, staff and friends gather in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit where Mass is celebrated in remembrance of members of the Stepinac community who have passed away since our last Mass. This special tribute to friends and loved ones is held on the first Saturday of November at 9AM and all are welcome.

### IN MEMORIUM

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### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tom O'Toole Basketball Game	<b>December 16</b>
Crusader Classic II at the County Center	<b>January 4</b>
Basketball Homecoming	<b>January 25</b>
Florida - East Coast (Fort Lauderdale)	<b>February 5</b>
Scholarship Night	<b>February 6</b>
24 Hour Giving	<b>February 7</b>
Open House II	<b>February 13</b>
Florida - West Coast (Naples)	<b>March 12</b>
Holy Name Mass	<b>April 7</b>
Trustees Reception	<b>April 11</b>
Career Day	<b>TBD</b>
NYC Regional Reception	<b>May 9</b>
Spring Musical	<b>TBD</b>
Legacy Reception	<b>May 21</b>
69th Commencement	<b>May 23</b>
Golf Outing	<b>June 4</b>
Saratoga Reception	<b>July 26</b>