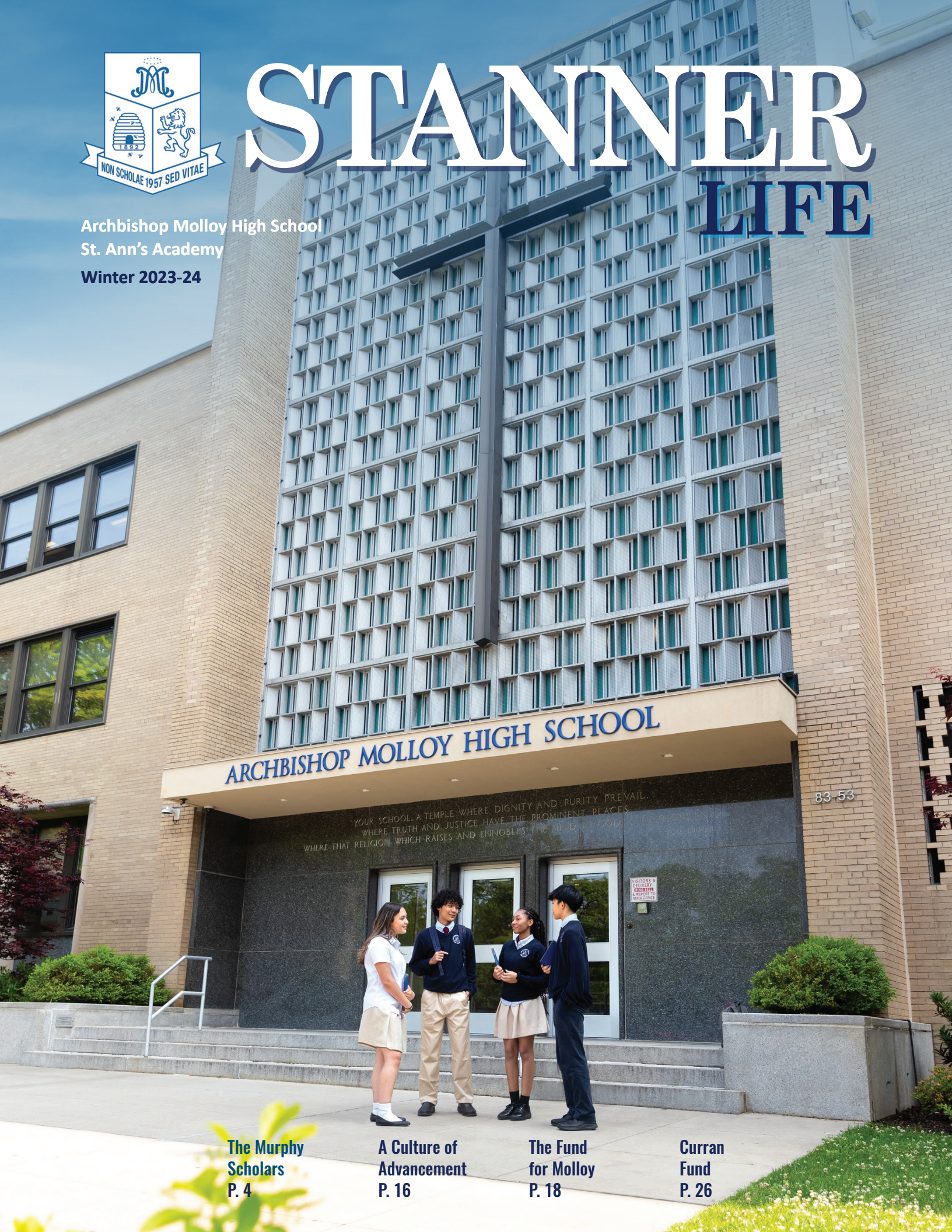
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President's Welcome

On behalf of the Marist Brothers, Administration, faculty, staff, and students at Archbishop Molloy High School, we wish you a blessed 2024. Welcome to *Stanner Life*, our annual magazine highlighting all things Molloy – everything from student achievements and campus upgrades to news from our alumni community of over 23,000 and counting.

As we begin 2024, we are just a few short years away from celebrating our 135th anniversary. Reaching such an incredible milestone is made possible only by the hard work and loyalty of a passionate and dedicated community. Over 200 years ago, St. Marcellin Champagnat's work to educate young people was steered by his ability to "recognize the signs of the times." Your participation and continued support enable Molloy to be as innovative as each new generation of students demands. Together, we advance Molloy ever-forward, ensuring that we can grow with the times and fortify our future as an outstanding Catholic Marist high school in New York City.

Each year, when recruiting new students and families in communities across the five boroughs and Long Island, we must always answer the question, "Why Molloy?" We must also contend with the new challenges of our 21st century world including shifting demographics, rising cost of living, and uncertain economic times. This is where the generosity of our community makes a remarkable difference. Your support helps Molloy's tuition to remain accessible and affordable without compromising the quality of a Stanner education. It also allows us to award more scholarships now than at any other point in our history. In turn, Molloy consistently generates great interest among prospective families, including more and more from public schools, who recognize Molloy as a premier Catholic high school and a viable option. It bears repeating: your support directly and significantly impacts Molloy's success and our students' educational journeys everyday.



Richard Karsten '81, President

If the past several years have taught us anything, it is that the future is unpredictable. Although Molloy is in a fortunate position now, it is important to routinely self-evaluate and take steps to strengthen and sustain our school. With this in mind, Molloy is currently reorganizing its Enrollment Management, Communications, and Development functions under the modern Advancement model. This restructuring will create new collaboration, organizational efficiencies, and a cultural shift that empowers everyone in our community to play a vital role in advancing our beloved school. At its core, Advancement is ingrained in so much of what we do at Molloy. It drives excellence in education, grows scholarship, centers our Catholic Marist identity, fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion, and builds community through events and engagement. Advancement is a community-wide responsibility, and together we can position Molloy for sustained success. Read more about how you can help create a Culture of Advancement on pages 16-17.

The Marist Charism represents our values; it forms the foundation of student life and our answer to "Why Molloy?" When our students graduate, they leave Molloy with a wealth of experiences that have prepared them to enter college as independent thinkers and compassionate leaders. Marist students are taught to embody a spirit of generosity and encouraged to put the needs of others before their own. Stanners leave Molloy as young adults who understand that the greatest gift one can give is service to others. Years after graduating, alumni remain connected to Molloy by supporting scholarships and events, participating in adult formation programs, and volunteering in a multitude of ways. Campus Ministry helps drive so many of the service and retreat experiences that inspire us. Read more about Campus Ministry's continued growth on pages 10-11.

In addition to Campus Ministry, students have a plethora of ways to find their niche at Molloy. As we continue to evolve our Institutional Culture as part of our Strategic Plan, we have made great strides in fostering a welcoming environment where each individual feels a genuine sense of belonging. When

Stanners begin their Molloy career, they are encouraged to contribute to student life by participating in any of our over 60 clubs and activities, 45 team sports (including the recent return of hockey!), an inclusive service and retreat program, and a rigorous and engaging curriculum. Extracurriculars such as athletics, *The Stanner* newspaper, and SMILE represent programs that have enriched the student experience for decades. The recent additions of Tri-M Music Society, The Music Club, Pre-Med Career Club, Sports Management Club, Social Justice Club, Bible Study Club, and Quiz Bowl represent our students' evolving interests and Molloy's commitment to providing something for everyone. Read about one of our vibrant extracurriculars, Mock Trial, on page 15.

The summer seasons are busier than ever at Molloy, as we continue to create new avenues for recruitment and nurturing opportunities for current Stanners. Our new Summer Enrichment Camps, specifically designed for rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, have created an exciting and unique experience wherein future high schoolers can learn about and encounter a Molloy experience. Other summer camps like Freshman Camp and the College Guidance Workshop provide opportunities for personal growth and belonging, while the Jack Curran Camps have introduced even more students and families to the Stanner community. We also offer a TACHS Prep Program that welcomes many prospective Catholic high school students. Read more about our Summer Enrichment Camps on pages 8-9.

Over the past decade, Molloy has made considerable investments in its physical building to further enhance student life and resources made available to faculty and staff. As our 68-year-old infrastructure ages, it continues to get more modern – all while we work toward maximizing our footprint. In recent years, we have made transformational upgrades to spaces such as the William J. Murphy Library, student and faculty cafeterias, chapel, main lobby, art studio, dance studio, strength & conditioning center, and video broadcast studio. Molloy remains ahead of the curve with updates in technology such as the newest Smart Boards with 4K resolution and our continued success with one-to-one computing. All classrooms now have air conditioning, while our roof has been completely replaced. We have also improved security with an upgraded public address system, the V-Alert Emergency mobile app, cloud-based security cameras, quick-press safety locks, and plans for an overhauled fire alarm system. As with our scholarship program, these critical improvements have been made possible thanks to our generous benefactors. Learn more about how your support through the Fund for Molloy improves our school on pages 18-19.

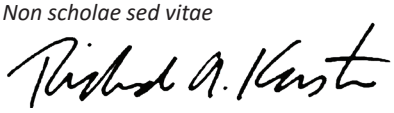
Since 2019, we have worked hard to define and implement the goals of our Strategic Plan: Catholic Marist Identity, Institutional Culture, Financial Thrivability, and Instructional Innovation. As it is a "living plan," I believe that Molloy continues to deliver on each of these goals in many exciting and creative ways, and



L-R: President Karsten, Principal Penikas, US Provincial Br. Dan O'Riordan '85, and the visiting Br. Ángel Diego García Otaola at Molloy's Thanksgiving Liturgy, November 2023.

I hope that you will continue to be involved as new chapters unfold. I encourage you to stay tuned for many new and exciting developments to come soon. In the meantime, I hope you will enjoy reading this issue of *Stanner Life* and seeing the profound impact of your support. Thank you, and "God Bless All Stanners."

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Richard Karsten '81
President











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THE MURPHY SCHOLARS

by Bianca Basone '15

Receiving an education at Molloy does more than prepare a student for college; it actually introduces a student to the college experience. In addition to the many AP courses and the rigorous Dual Enrollment program, Molloy offers its very own Murphy Scholars program.



Nikitas Vlachos '25 at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Named after late teacher and guidance counselor Dr. Patrick Murphy ‘60, the program’s goal is to introduce students to experiential learning on college campuses or through other approved organizations that promote educational enrichment. Dr. Murphy was a huge proponent of encouraging students to go out and explore every opportunity so that they might live to their full potential, and to consider schools that they may have believed to be out of reach. Dr. Murphy felt that the gift of experience challenges and broadens the way people see the world. To honor this vision of Dr. Murphy's, a grant program was created in 2019 to enable students to participate in advanced courses and programs in a multitude of exciting settings beyond Molloy.

The Murphy Scholars program is run by College Guidance Counselor Mr. Gus Esgro, who describes it as “a grant program that allows rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors to pursue educational enrichment over the summer.” To qualify as a Murphy Scholar, Stanners must find an instructional summer program within a field of their interest. After being accepted to their program of choice, students must then fill out and submit the Murphy Scholars application for review. Good academic standing and a sound explanation as to why the program will benefit the student are the main criteria for selection.

Students are urged to look at in-person programs, especially at colleges that they may not know very well. “Core principles of the program are exploration and exposure,” says Mr. Esgro, “and so we promote thinking outside the box.”

Since the creation of the program, 53 students have participated, enjoying unique experiences at a wide variety of colleges and universities. In 2019, the first group of Murphy Scholars consisted of four Stanners; in 2023, the program provided support to 26 Murphy Scholars. Executive Director of Development Mr. Craig Katinas ‘93 helps to secure funding for the Murphy Scholars Program and acts as a liaison between the program coordinator and the School Board. A percentage of all proceeds from the Fund for Molloy have helped underwrite the Murphy Scholars program since its inception, while gifts made to the Dr. Patrick Murphy Memorial Scholarship fully benefit this growing program. “We are so grateful to our benefactors for supporting innovative programs such as the Murphy Scholars,” said Mr. Katinas. “Dr. Murphy always challenged Stanners to be brave, to go out and see the bigger world out there, and that philosophy is what our benefactors have helped to make a reality.”

Since its first summer, the scholarship amount awarded to each student participating in the program has averaged $1,500. With many programs costing less than $1,000, a large number of Murphy Scholars can pursue their preferred program without any financial burden to them or their family.



Leah Hui '25 at Fairfield University.

SUMMER 2023 STUDENT EXPERIENCES

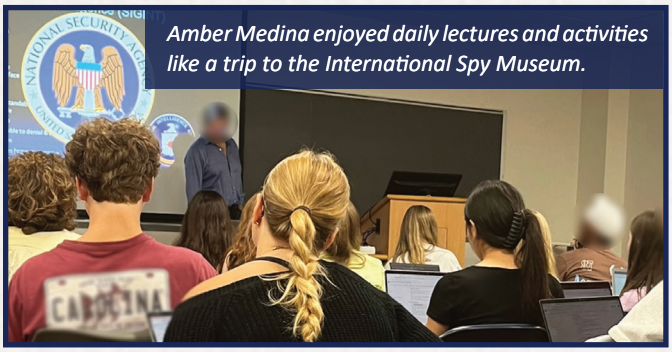
ISABEL DAVIS '24, a senior who participated in the program in 2023, says her time at NYU's Exploring Careers in Medicine Program "was a profound journey into the world of medicine that tapped into my passion for biomedical science." Isabel says her experience was a "dream come true," as she was able to work directly with a practicing emergency medicine physician who created immersive lessons that allowed for a "glimpse into the journey of a medical student." Isabel is "so grateful for the Murphy Scholars program" because it solidified her passion for the field of medicine.

ANTHONY FROSINA '25 participated in an unforgettable experience at the Institute of Culinary Arts in New York City. He shares, "The program enhanced my love for cooking and gave me confidence to be successful. However, I also developed leadership skills because it was my first time leading a group of young chefs in preparing a full meal." Anthony learned about different cuisines, expanded his palate, and ultimately created a "restaurant ready" dish. Anthony thanks the Murphy Scholars program for making this summer experience possible.



Anthony Frosina enjoyed a unique experience at the Institute of Culinary Arts in NYC.

LEAH HUI '25 attended Fairfield University's Pre-College Nursing Program. She learned everything there is to know about a nursing career, such as "what it takes to be a nurse, different nursing paths, mental health, job responsibilities, CPR, and the many different ways to react to real-life medical scenarios." She also learned that nursing is just as much about taking care of yourself as it is taking care of others. Leah said the program made her know for sure that she wants to pursue nursing as her career. She is looking forward to putting everything she learned into practice in the future.


Amber Medina enjoyed daily lectures and activities like a trip to the International Spy Museum.

AMBER MEDINA '24 attended a week-long National Security and Intelligence program at Georgetown, on-site in Washington D.C. She reflects, "This was my first time alone away from home, which was scary at first. However, this turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life!" The program allowed Amber to work firsthand with current CIA agents and professors that have been working in the intelligence community for decades. She learned practical skills such as budgeting and prioritizing, but also attended lectures about AI, national security, public opinion, and security culture. Amber says, "I owe all of this to the Murphy Scholars program, because receiving this scholarship allowed me to partake in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at one of the top universities in the country."

NIKITAS VLACHOS '25 attended the Engineering Bootcamp Pre-College Program at Stevens Institute of Technology this past June. Nikitas learned about each engineering discipline and the career options they offer. "The engineering program was perfect for me," says Nikitas, because while he wanted to pursue a career in engineering, he knew very little about the differences between the many disciplines within the field. Along with his classes, Nikitas also worked on an individual astronomy project, which taught him "many fascinating things about galaxies and galaxy clusters that I've never even thought of, including how scientists determine how far away galaxies are." The program allowed Nikitas to befriend like-minded peers and gave him a glimpse of campus life. "Had it not been for Murphy Scholars, I probably would not have ever had this experience, and I urge all students to consider applying for the Murphy Scholars grant!"

Thank you Isabel, Anthony, Leah, Amber, and Nikitas for sharing your experiences! Other 2023 experiences include: Mini Med-School at Tufts University, the National Student Leadership Conference at Georgetown University, Wall Street 101 at Bentley University, an acting workshop with The Barrow Group, and more.

Academic Possibilities

A wide selection of AP courses gives Stanners a head start in college.

by Bianca Basone '15

Each year, Molloy offers Stanners many opportunities to prepare themselves for the demanding coursework that awaits them in college. Classes at Molloy are designed with the future in mind; many even offer the opportunity to earn college credit, thereby giving Stanners a head start on their post-high school academic requirements.

To receive college credit before graduating Molloy, students must take either Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or Dual Enrollment courses. Mrs. Maria Cuomo, Assistant Principal and Molloy's coordinator for such classes, says that "based on how ambitious a Stanner is, they can enter college with over 30 credits already under their belt."

Students can begin taking AP courses their sophomore year. Always looking to improve Molloy's curriculum, the Administration meets often to consider new AP courses so that Stanners can receive college credits while enjoying subjects they are interested in. From Studio Art to Macroeconomics, each of Molloy's AP classes has a College Board approved curriculum. Course instructors must meet the College Board's standards by attending training seminars so that they can effectively teach the rigorous course. Stanners have a greater incentive to excel in such classes as they prepare themselves for the culminating AP exam at the end of the course, since a high score rewards them with college credit.



At the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year, 814 AP exams will have been administered at Molloy. Mrs. Cuomo reports, "Over 450 students – over 30% of our student body – are enrolled in and will be taking an AP exam in at least one subject!" With 20 AP classes and one Pre-AP class, Molloy is leading many other schools in the quantity and range of Advanced Placement courses.

In addition to AP courses, Molloy boasts a successful Dual Enrollment program that allows seniors to take university-approved classes within their normal high school schedule. Schools that award credit from such classes include St. John's University, Seton Hall, Long Island University, and SUNY Albany. However, many other schools accept the credits as well. Dual Enrollment courses at Molloy have a college equivalent; for example, Molloy's Criminal Justice elective corresponds directly to St. John's University's CRJ 2000

Advanced Placement Courses at Molloy

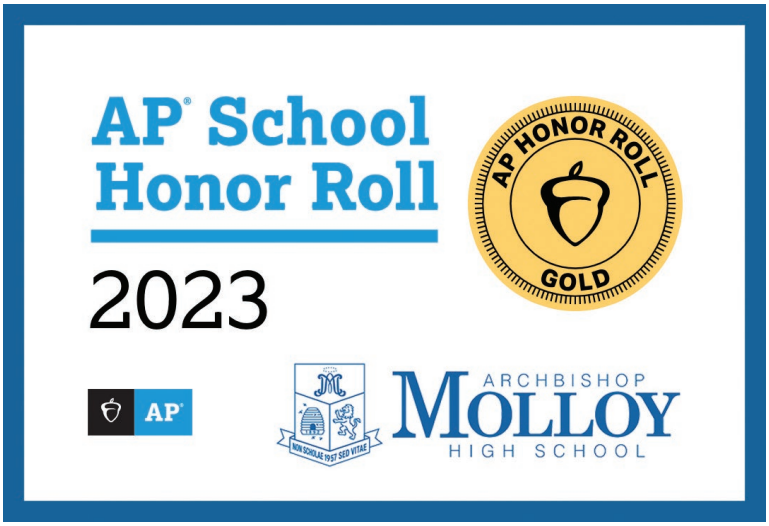
(2023-24 School Year)

- AP Art and Design Program
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language & Comp.
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Physics 1
- AP Research (Capstone)
- AP Seminar (Capstone)
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP US History
- Pre-AP World History
- AP World History

Intro to Criminal Justice course. Molloy's courses are as comprehensive as those on the college level, and for a fraction of the cost, Stanners can earn three college credits per class towards their subsequent degrees.

Mrs. Cuomo strongly encourages students to take as many college-level courses as possible during their time at Molloy. "The decision to enroll in AP or Dual Enrollment classes is financially beneficial," she explains. "Some students go into college with over 30 credits completed, saving a whole year of university tuition." Advanced courses also boost a college application, especially if a student is applying to one of the Dual Enrollment partner schools.

Senior Brianna Robinson '24 has taken full advantage of Molloy's course offerings. "Just as a senior, I'm taking AP Psychology, AP Language & Composition, Science Research Honors, and Scholars Virtual Enterprise," she proudly states. "I wanted to challenge myself, to help expand my knowledge of the subjects. If I was capable of grasping a new concept or new subject matter, then why shouldn't I challenge myself with the next level of learning?" Brianna agrees that the coursework is a bit more difficult, but rewarding when she learns something new every day. She also acknowledges that "by taking these classes and doing well in them, students are making smart financial planning decisions by earning credits in advance, which keeps schooling affordable." Christopher Flynn '24, another senior taking three AP courses, shares Brianna's sentiments. "Ever since I entered high school, I knew that I wanted to take challenging classes. Even though AP classes are more difficult, you get a lot out of them," he believes. This year, Christopher is taking AP Calculus AB, AP Psychology, and AP Macroeconomics, all to better prepare him for college. "Our academics are only going to get harder from here, and so I feel the need to always strive for the best."



AP School Honor Roll Gold Badge awarded by the College Board, Fall 2023.

Due to the number of AP courses offered and the hard work of many motivated Stanners, Molloy earned Gold recognition on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll. According to the College Board, "The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success." The AP Scholar Award is a certificate given to students who score 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. In 2019, Molloy offered 14 AP courses and proudly recognized 81 AP Scholars. As previously stated, Molloy now offers 20 AP courses and recognizes 105 AP Scholars. With a 29.6% increase in the number of scholars in just a few years, these numbers could grow even higher moving forward. The College Board also awarded Molloy a Platinum medal for College Credit, since over half of the Class of 2023 received college credit through AP courses.

Molloy Introduces
Summer Enrichment Camps

by Bianca Basone '15

Making Molloy more accessible to prospective students allows for a healthy and successful recruitment season. While in-person tours and Open Houses will continue to be invaluable recruitment tools, Principal Dr. Darius Penikas and fellow administrators wanted to take it one step further: create opportunities for middle schoolers to learn directly from Molloy teachers!

During the summer of 2023, Molloy welcomed rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to its first ever Summer Enrichment Camps. From June 29th through July 7th and July 17th through July 21st, Molloy hosted over 40 students for fun and informative courses led by Molloy faculty. Campers got to enjoy engaging lessons and activities, meet teachers, explore classrooms and labs, and make new friends. The first half of a camper's day consisted of their "Major" class, followed by lunch, and the latter half of the day saw campers attend their "Minor" class.

Inaugural courses included: Video Creation and Production; Programming and Game Development; ENERGY, A STEAM-based Approach; Web Design, Robotics, and AI; and Chess. All courses were taught by current Molloy faculty, including: Mr. Joe Touzin, Mr. Chris Autera '16, Mr. Alex Van Winkel, and Mr. Brian Klimas '98.

Mr. Touzin, the Chess instructor, first taught campers the fundamentals of the game, including basic strategy and simple endgames. After learning the game, students participated in tournaments. Mr. Touzin, who previously moderated Molloy's Chess Club, noted that "at the end of the first session, the campers said that they enjoyed the class, and one camper said that he now thinks he will be able to beat his dad in chess!"

Mr. Van Winkel, who instructed the computer science courses, taught campers how to code on a website called "REPLIT," covering the basics of the computer language "Python." Campers also flew a drone and coded their own video game. In terms of his teaching style, Mr. Van Winkel stated, "Since I ran the camp in a way that promoted fun first, but also kept the rules still somewhat strict, the students actually learned a lot during those days. The time-per-day working on Computer Science was much greater than regular classes, so they learned a lot in a very short time."

Instructor of ENERGY, physics teacher Mr. Autera, included multiple fun activities in his course, such as building balloon rockets, making egg catching devices, and circuiting Christmas lights. "We studied different forms of energy, including potential, kinetic, electrical, thermal, sound, and light," said Mr. Autera. "We started the week with building a room-wide Rube Goldberg machine – think a chain reaction, 'Mousetrap' type set up – which the kids enjoyed!" Mr. Klimas, teacher of Video Creation and Production, introduced the basics of Adobe Photoshop. He said his



Principal Dr. Penikas quizzes campers, Summer 2023.

campers were a pleasure to work with, and that “hopefully some of them got exposed to potential future areas of study or career options.”

Dr. Penikas, creator of the Summer Enrichment Camps, enthuses, “We were thrilled to welcome middle school students from across Queens to our first Summer Enrichment Camps. Engaging in activities across topics such as computer science, chess, STEAM, and video production provided campers an opportunity to take a deeper dive into things that interest them, to think critically, and to develop new skills that will serve them well in the future. Our sincerest thanks to all campers and their families for the great feedback they have shared with us."

After the success of the camps in their first year, Dr. Penikas and the Administration continue to consider ways to improve and expand the Summer Enrichment Camps experience in 2024. Course offerings will be assessed annually to ensure the program remains fresh while catering to the interests of rising middle schoolers. In addition, the program will now welcome rising 9th graders, providing summer camp options for even more students.

Molloy’s goal is to continue to seek out the best and brightest middle school students across New York City and Long Island. The Summer Enrichment Camps have established a fun and creative way to introduce outstanding students to our school, so come high school application time, Molloy will be at the forefront of their minds.

As *Stanner Life* went to print, courses were still being finalized for the 2024 camps. Visit the link below for regular updates.

For more information about Molloy’s Summer Enrichment Camps, call 718-441-2100 or visit:

www.molloyhs.org/summercamps/







2024 Camp Dates

Week 1*
June 27 - July 3

Week 2
July 15 - July 19

***Weekend off**

SUMMER Enrichment CAMP





Campus Ministry: Reinvigorating Service & Retreats

by Bianca Basone '15







Campus Ministry here at Molloy has undergone changes in recent years, mending and growing to accommodate the needs of Stanners. It is creating more avenues for the Marist Charism to take shape, and students and faculty have greater access to embrace it than ever. This growth has led to the creation of a new, all encompassing department: the Office of Marist Life and Mission. The office encapsulates all Marist life at Molloy, including Campus Ministry, Liturgies, service activities, adult formation, and retreats.

In a short period of time, the Office of Marist Life and Mission has established many new service programs, retreats, and in-school activities. Going into the 2023-24 school year, it became clear to the Administration that all these additions warranted a larger Campus Ministry staff. Molloy's Campus Ministry team is now composed of three members: the Director of Marist Life and Mission, the Campus Minister for Service, and the Campus Minister for Retreats. Designating each branch of Campus Ministry to its own coordinator allows for more personal outreach and creates more opportunities for each Stanner. Additionally, a larger Campus Ministry team allows for more collaboration and more occasions to incorporate the Marist Charism within the school and in the wider community. One such addition to the program in the current school year includes formative, Marist-themed activities designed specifically for freshmen and sophomores.

Molloy's retreat program has grown tenfold in just a few short years. This school year, Mr. Matthew Corrado took on the role of Campus Minister for Retreats, updating Molloy's program to be more inclusive, educational, and ultimately more impactful. In years past, retreats were limited to the Marist Brothers' Center at Esopus, which students of each grade could visit twice a year. The MBCE holds about 100 students each trip, meaning a portion of each grade would miss out on a retreat in any given year. To ensure every Stanner could enjoy a retreat experience, Campus Ministry first created Freshman Retreat Week at Thomas Berry Place in Jamaica, Queens and then adapted this success into full-class, single day retreats held at Molloy. Thus, the Freshman and Sophomore Day Retreats were created.

Held in-house, the Freshman Day Retreat introduced incoming students to retreat life at Molloy, generating excitement for the next four years full of trips to Esopus, service projects, and other related activities. The retreat was held in August, shortly before the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. All members of the Class of 2027 were split into smaller groups led by upperclassmen and tasked with various projects through which students learned more about embodying each of the Marist Pillars. Mr. Corrado said that he loved "witnessing our five pillars in action," and observed that the day was "filled with family spirit and community building." The retreat served as a great chance for freshmen to meet one another and make new friends heading into the school year, especially if they had not gone to Freshman

Camp at Esopus in July. The Sophomore Day Retreat held in October was a similar format to its freshman counterpart. However, instead of learning about the Marist Pillars, the Class of 2026 familiarized themselves with the Marks of a Marist Student.

Full-class day retreats and weekends at Esopus are not the only two options for students to form bonds and immerse themselves in the Marist tradition. Beginning last school year, Mr. Corrado introduced Athletic Retreats, an afterschool program where Molloy's athletic teams spend time together while engaging in team-building activities. Each participating team chooses a theme and connects it to themselves and their Marist Charism. For example, the girls varsity soccer team explored unity in their "We Are Stronger Together" retreat, the step team learned how to think outside traditional boundaries during their "We Can Be Powerful Without Sacrificing Our Dignity'' retreat, and the varsity "B" basketball team bonded through their "Faith and Communication with God and One Another" retreat. Teams create a Unity Prayer to guide them in their seasons and keep them focused on their spirituality as well as their athletic ambitions. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to bond with the Marist Charism by participating in their own after school retreats: Faculty, Faith, & Fun. Held every few weeks, the program invites faculty to a "mini retreat" to recenter themselves while discussing their faith in the context of being an educator.

The Office of Marist Life and Mission has also brought changes to Molloy's service program. As of September 2023, Ms. Rose Haslbauer has taken over the responsibility of finding and promoting service opportunities for Stanners, as Molloy's Campus Minister for Service. Since the creation of her position, Ms. Haslbauer has hosted three sandwich-making sessions, donating all food to the Harding Ford Vision Food Pantry in Jamaica, NY. She, along with Stanner Sophia Morales '24, created Cards Making Connections, an initiative where students make holiday cards for people residing in nursing homes and patients at children's hospitals. Ms. Haslbauer incorporated a donation drive into the one-day retreats, inviting students to bring in school supplies or baby clothes and formula, all of which was donated to the Harding Ford Vision Food Pantry. "I'm someone who has always had a passion for service," says Ms. Haslbauer. "It's a way for me to express my own faith." Introducing students to service has inspired many to continue helping others on their own time and outside of school.

To make sure the Marist Charism leaves a lasting impression on freshmen, the 2023-24 first-year religion courses were supplemented to include Marist beliefs and doctrines reinforcing what students learn through retreats, service, Mass, and after-school activities. To accomplish this goal, Mr. Frank Gambino '74, Chairperson of the Religion Department, created a first-year lesson in Marist history. "I teach students that religious education at our Marist schools has its roots in the story about Marcellin and Jean-Baptiste Montagne," says Mr. Gambino. On the first day of freshman religion, he reads the story of Marcellin meeting Montagne on his deathbed, learning that the boy had no knowledge of his faith. With this story, Marcellin's mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved becomes much clearer to students. These lessons, service projects, and retreats grounded in the Marist Marks and Pillars, ensure that all Stanners progress through Molloy with a deep understanding of the Marist Charism and how they can embody it.

5 Marist Pillars

Presence
Caring for each other, seeking relationships founded on love, being attentive and welcoming.

Simplicity
Being straightforward and genuine, humble and modest, 'doing good quietly.'

Family Spirit
Relating to each other as members of a loving family, building community, offering the warmth of welcoming, acceptance and belonging, setting clear standards of honesty, mutual respect, and tolerance.

Love of Work
Being generous of heart, confident, and persevering in our daily work and meeting the needs of our community.

In the Way of Mary
Seeing Mary as a perfect model of being Marist: tender, strong, constant in faith, open to God's calling us to our own journey to discipleship.

Marks of a Marist Student

Faith-Filled Disciples
Marist students come to possess a strong sense of God and a personal relationship with Jesus, Mary, and Saint Marcellin fostered through religious formation, a sacramental life, and prayer.

Empowered Witnesses
Marist students, recognizing Mary as their model and companion, become joyful witnesses to God's love in their lives, enabling them to see Christ in others, to live simply, morally, and with integrity, respecting all life and creation.

Agents of Justice and Service
Marist students grow in their understanding of Catholic social teaching and stand in compassionate solidarity with the least favored.

Servant Leaders
Marist students recognize through their baptismal call that they are lovingly created by God with unique gifts and talents which they are called to develop and share with the Church and the wider community.

Spirit-Filled Members of Family & Community
Marist students embody a spirit which celebrates and welcomes all people as members of the one family created by God.



TRACKING A NEW LEGACY

by Joe Sommo '03

When thinking about the storied history of Molloy athletics, one might think of the undefeated 1958-59 city champion basketball team, the 2002 city champion baseball team that celebrated on the field at Shea Stadium, the undefeated 1963 cross country state champions, or the long-running dominance of the girls varsity swim team. However, recently the girls varsity track and field and cross country teams have entered the conversation of all-time great teams. Shattering school records, consistently setting personal bests, and working together as a well-oiled machine, the team is carving out a new legacy of elite performance that will set the bar for future Molloy student-athletes.

Stanner women have been making their mark in and out of the classroom since 2000, when Molloy went coed after over 100 years of educating only young men. Over the past 24 years, many of the girls teams have excelled, winning city and state championships while leading by example. The recent girls track and field and cross country teams have been putting in the work to be part of Molloy's elite sports history. Through their hard work and support of one another, they are achieving impressive record-breaking success. *Stanner Life* is proud to recognize the accomplishments of these student-athletes and their dedicated coaches.

Back in June 2022, the team of Eva Gonzalez '24, Camille Munoz '25, Grace Murphy '23, and Brianna Rucker '24 were crowned Eastern State Champions while setting a Molloy record of 9:52.00 in the 4x800 meter (m) relay. A few months later, the sophomore girls cross country team was crowned CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens (B/Q) Champions. In January 2023, at the US Army Officials Hall of Fame Invitational, Eva Gonzalez placed fifth in the 500m while putting herself on top of Molloy's all-time list. Days later, girls track and field won the Indoor City Championship at the 168th Street Armory. Eva was the individual city champ in the 600m and received the B/Q Outstanding Track Performer Award. At the same meet, Camille Munoz was city champ in the 55m high hurdles, Caroline Rozmus '24 was city champ in pole vault, Grace Murphy was B/Q champ in the 1000m, Jordyn Ferrandino '23 was B/Q champ in the 55m, and Izabela Lis '24 was B/Q champ in shot put. Eva was one of the top performers throughout the 2022-23 season. In February 2023, she set the Molloy record in the 600m with a time of 1:37.13. Two weeks later, she broke her own record with a time of 1:36.76 while qualifying for the NYSPHSAA Championship meet!

Last spring was particularly dominant, as several Stanners placed themselves atop Molloy's all-time lists. In March 2023, at the Nike Nationals, teammates Aoife Garvey '25, Eva, Camille, and Erika Strumpf '23 finished 3rd in the Emerging Elite Division with a time of 9:46.49 in the 4x800m relay – a new school record. At Penn Relays, the team of Eva, Camille, Grace, and Erika broke Molloy's outdoor record for the 4x400m relay with a time of 4:09.93. At the St. Anthony's Invitational a week later, the team of Aoife, Eva, Grace, and Erika set a new Molloy record in the 4x1600m relay with a time of 22:50.02. The spring season ended with several outstanding individual performances. Camille was named B/Q Track MVP and B/Q Field MVP at the CHSAA Sectional Championship. She was also CHSAA Intersectional State Champion while setting a new school record with a score of 2742 in the Pentathlon. Eva placed first in the 400m at the CHSAA NYS Intersectional Championship while setting a new Molloy record of 57.44. At Molloy's Athletic Awards Night, Grace Murphy was named Female Athlete of the Year. A four-year track member and multi-sport athlete, Grace is now attending Marist College.

While the 2023-24 season is still developing, the girls have already made history. This past fall, the sophomore girls won their first Cross Country B/Q and City Championship since 2000 – the first year of the team's existence! In addition, the girls freshman indoor team has an individual national qualifier, while the girls varsity indoor team has four individual national qualifiers and four relay national qualifiers. Most recently, in January 2024, girls track and field captured the B/Q and City CHSAA Sectional Championships at the Armory. At this meet, Camille won the B/Q and City Championship in the 55m hurdles and high jump, Eva won the B/Q Championship in the 600m, Caroline won the B/Q and City Championship in pole vault, and Saige Swift '25 won the B/Q Championship in the Triple Jump. The team of Maria Badalamenti '25, Aoife, Kylie Liriano-Montalvo '25, and Gianna Gonzalez '27 were B/Q champs in the 4x800m relay. At the Ocean Breeze Invitational in February 2024, Camille broke her own Pentathlon record with a score of 2,924 points. When *Stanner Life* went to print, she was ranked #1 in New York State and #16 in the nation!

Camille believes much of the girls' collective success comes from the support teammates give one another. "We're really close-knit. We spend so many hours of every day with each other, including weekends. We all know each other's personal records, and we all push each other to do even better," said Camille.

When she first met teammate Aoife Garvey during their freshman year, they weren't sure if competition between teammates would be a good thing. "It brought us together. She's stronger at long distance, and I'm a sprinter. We compete together and help each other get better by strengthening the other's weak points," explained Camille. Aoife added, "Practice is tough, but the team really becomes your family. That bond helps push you through it, and you see those results at meets."

Aoife acknowledged Molloy's dedicated coaching staff as a big contributor to the girls' success. "The support I receive from my coaches is one of my greatest motivations, and I wouldn't be anywhere without the after school training they provide." Camille concurred, "We are lucky to have the advantage of access to several coaches for specific areas. Mr. Power deserves a special shoutout. He drives us everywhere, and some of our meets are really far. He takes time away from teaching and his personal life and works really hard. He and all of the coaches know how to get the best out of us."

The example set by Molloy's coaches inspires upperclassmen to impart their wisdom on their younger teammates. Earlier this year, Camille began helping freshmen with long jump. "You use what you learn to help make a lasting impression on the underclassmen. We want to 'pass the baton' and pay it forward," said Camille. Aoife sets an example by taking a healthy approach to juggling training, injuries, and schoolwork. "When you get injured, it's better to take the time to recover and come back strong. Being a student-athlete is difficult because it can take a toll on your physical and mental health. It's important to stay rested, because you will have an easier time balancing good grades and your sport," shared Aoife.

Aoife noted it feels surreal to keep breaking records. "When I first started track, I joined because my brother joined. I never imagined we would accomplish so much and I didn't know I would love the sport as much as I do now." Reflecting on their place in Molloy history, Camille spoke confidently while providing motivation for future teams. "The great thing about being part of a legacy, and a team in general, is not just striving for perfection, but being better than you were the day before."

Sports Results

Most up-to-date info as Stanner Life went to print

	TEAM	RESULT
Fall 2023 Results	JV Bowling	Brooklyn/Queens Semi-Finalists
	Boys Varsity Soccer	Advanced to First Round of City Playoffs
	Boys JV Soccer	City Quarter-Finalists
	Girls Varsity Soccer	Achieved a record of 1-2-4
	Girls JV Soccer	City Finalists
	Girls Varsity Tennis	Brooklyn/Queens Champions for 3rd straight year and Runner-Up in States
	Girls Sophomore Cross Country	Finished 1st in CHSAA
	Girls JV Cross Country	Finished 1st in Brooklyn/Queens, 1st in NYC CHSAA, 3rd in CHSAA
	Girls Varsity Cross Country	3 Individual State Qualifiers, Individual B/Q Champion, 2nd in B/Q, 3rd in NYC
	Boys Freshman Cross Country	Finished 5th in Brooklyn/Queens
	Boys Sophomore Cross Country	Finished 2nd in Brooklyn/Queens, 4th in NYC CHSAA
	Boys JV Cross Country	Finished 3rd in Brooklyn/Queens, 5th in NYC CHSAA
	Boys Varsity Cross Country	3 Individual State Qualifiers, 3rd in Brooklyn/Queens, 5th in NYC CHSAA
	Girls Varsity Volleyball	Brooklyn/Queens Semi-Finalists
	Girls JV Volleyball	Brooklyn/Queens Semi-Finalists
Active Sports	Girls Varsity Swimming	Brooklyn/Queens Champions, City Champions, and Undefeated Season
	Boys Varsity Swimming	Placed 3rd at CHSAA Novice Champs, Sean Green '25 headed for Olympic Trials
	Varsity Bowling	Undefeated regular season, Brooklyn/Queens Champions and City Champions
	Boys Varsity Basketball	Began their season at 7-12
	Boys JV Basketball	Began their season at 12-6
	Boys Varsity "B" Basketball	Began their season at 9-10
	Boys Freshman Basketball	Began their season at 13-5
	Girls Varsity Basketball	Began their season at 4-13
	Girls JV Basketball	Began their season at 10-7
	Boys Varsity Hockey	Returned to Molloy after 15 years, merged team w/ players from Holy Cross HS
	Indoor Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	B/Q and City Champs (Girls), 6 National Qualifiers, 5 Relay National Qualifiers

Follow @molloyhs_athletics on Instagram for all the latest sports news!

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

Learning the ins and outs of running a business

by Bianca Basone '15

Molloy is frequently adding innovative programs to its curriculum, to promote students' success in college and beyond. In 2019, Scholars Virtual Enterprise was added as a full-year senior course, giving students the opportunity to learn about business operations while earning up to six college credits.

The popular course, taught by Mr. Joe Touzin, utilizes Virtual Enterprise (VE), an international education organization that teaches high school students how to create and run their own business. The first part of the course focuses on basic career building skills, such as: writing a resumé and cover letter; public speaking; networking; and working as a team. After these skills are covered, the class is transformed into a working business with students filling a variety of important roles.



Virtual Enterprise teacher Mr. Joe Touzin (fourth from right), VE representatives, and Molloy seniors after a Lightning Business Pitch Challenge at LIU Business School (2022-23 school year).

Using students' real-life resumés, cover letters, and interviews, students apply for jobs while Mr. Touzin fills the positions in the company. A CEO and Vice President are hired, a marketing team is created, human resources professionals are established, a sales team is recruited, and a communications department is formed. There are also positions for artists to work on logos and other graphic designs. Each department has its own set of responsibilities, and just as in any company, all students report to their respective "bosses." Although the hiring process is at Mr. Touzin's discretion, during the current school year he invited back VE alumni Anik Amin '22, Aneesa Kumar '22, and John Paul Mussalli '22 to help with the interview process for CEO and COO.

Just as businesses change and grow over time, VE's curriculum is ever-expanding. Mr. Touzin says the organization "revamps its lessons each year," and that it is "always current and relevant." Mr. Touzin also says that the course is an important addition to Molloy's curriculum, because it is "a course where the skills learned are practical, where students can take what they learn in class and use it in the real world."

The 2023-24 school year features two new VE classes with two new business ideas. The first, CLUBLINX, is led by CEO Akon Ottong '24 and COO Joe DiMitri '24; the second, JobOracle, is led by CEO Brianna Robinson '24 and COO Bailey Meier '24. CLUBLINX is a community-building social platform that connects teens who are looking to join new clubs and activities with organizations who are seeking new members. JobOracle offers online workshops "dedicated to equipping teens with essential skills for successful employment." Bailey, COO of JobOracle, enjoys being in a leadership role, stating, "I love that it lets me work with – and get to know – so many people." She also appreciates that VE allows her to connect with business owners and professors at competitions, granting access to sound advice on how to succeed as a business woman. "Hearing their talks is often more rewarding than winning a trophy!"

According to Mr. Touzin, both CLUBLINX and JobOracle successfully qualified for Circles of Excellence recognition. The Circles of Excellence is a comprehensive method used by VE to identify and honor the top-performing firms in the program. It assesses their level of engagement and achievement in targeted initiatives throughout the year.

"We are thrilled with the impact VE has had on our curriculum and the rapid growth and success our VE classes have had in a few short years," shared Principal Dr. Darius Penikas. "This dynamic program allows our students to obtain invaluable experience envisioning, creating, and running virtual businesses while earning college credits in the fields of business and entrepreneurship. Mr. Touzin has done an outstanding job, which is evident in the enthusiasm our students have for this program and their impressive awards from local, city, and national competitions."

Mock Trial

Stanners Gain Hands-On Law Experience

by Bianca Basone '15

In recent years, Molloy's Mock Trial team has seen unprecedented success, thanks to dedicated moderators and hard-working Stanners! Created during the 2003-04 school year by Mr. Louis Barbera '74, and now co-moderated with Ms. Diana Rayappa '04, the activity prepares students for careers in law. With as many as 30 members each year, Mock Trial teaches the basics of civil and criminal law and courtroom procedures.

Mock Trial meetings are held three days a week; each practice has one attorney present, along with their direct witness, the opposing counsel, opposing counsel's witness, and a timekeeper, all of whom are fulfilled by current students. Admission to the team is by try-outs only. As members of the team, students gain valuable life skills and experience, preparing them not only for a career in law, but for any professional career. According to Ms. Rayappa, "Students learn public speaking, critical thinking, decision making, active listening, and leadership skills."

Club meetings serve as training for the New York State Bar Association's Justice Resource Center's trial competition. The competition hosts students from around NYC, beginning with interborough matches. Students take on the personas of attorneys and witnesses, aiming to score the most points from a panel of judges. Ms. Rayappa explains, "This competition develops students' communication skills. They have to think fast, so they have to learn active listening. They become experts at thinking on their feet, making quick decisions when objecting and responding to objections."

Last school year, Molloy's Mock Trial team had a historic run in the aforementioned competition. Stanners won all three borough rounds, as well as rounds four and five against schools from all over NYC. Out of nearly 70 starting teams, Molloy came in 4th place, and was the only Catholic school remaining in the competition! The accomplished Stanners of the 2022-23 team included: the "Attorneys" Joseph Castaño-Medina '24, Sumaiyah (Suki) Chin '24, Kevin Diep '23, Tarik Lajoie '23, Bailey Meier '24, and Steven Zheng '23; the "Witnesses" Ariel Gajraj '24, Ryan Ladd '25, Matthew Leonard '24, Anastasios (Taso) Migias '24 , Veronica Nerone '24, Kimberly Ochoa '25, Sebastian Ortiz '24, Catalina Prieto '24, Carolina Rodriguez '24, and Allie Tardugno '24; and the Timekeeper Rinat Moshel '26. The team, working together while representing Molloy on a city-wide stage, set a new benchmark for success.



Members of the 2022-23 Mock Trial team that advanced to the final four in NYC.

Joseph Castaño-Medina explains that last year's case was "a civil case, more specifically a work accident/liability case." He adds that "making it to the top four was one of his proudest moments," and that everyone "worked really hard to be there." Joseph was one of the leading attorneys for the plaintiff, and although the competition was "very tense," he thanks Ms. Rayappa and Mr. Barbera for training him and the team to be the best presenters, and for supporting them throughout the competition.

Ariel Gajraj shares, "Last year, my role on the team was the lead witness in the case we were given. Making it as one of the top four schools was a huge accomplishment. It gives me hope for the many years ahead that the team will continue to prosper after I graduate. My energy during the competition was always positive because I had Ms. Rayappa and Mr. Barbera always encouraging me every step of the way. Being part of this team truly made my Molloy experience and I can't wait to see what the team accomplishes this season." Ryan Ladd adds, "Making it to the top four was an insane feeling! It was exciting that we made Molloy history, but it was also nerve-racking. A stand out moment was probably our third round, when we went against a school that was really good. Being the third round, losing it would have been the end of the competition for us, so it was really scary waiting for results. When the judge told us we won, it was one of the most thrilling moments of my high school career."

Mr. Barbera encourages students to consider joining the team, as he "taught a number of Stanners who went on to some of the top law schools in the country," and he knows the skills acquired in Mock Trial are invaluable. He goes on to say, "As with any competitive endeavor, the adrenaline flows, relationships are forged, and students learn and grow." Ms. Rayappa agrees, calling Mock Trial an "enriching experience," adding that it points undecided students towards a possible career in law. A number of Mock Trial alumni have gone on to participate in their university's Mock Trial team, and later enrolled in law school. The 2023-24 school year promises another exciting Mock Trial season, as many of the current experienced team leaders were juniors last year, while many other team members have also returned. "The upperclassmen always step up and help train the underclassmen," according to Ms. Rayappa. She says that both she and Mr. Barbera are excited to see the team compete and break new records as this year progresses.



A Culture of ADVANCEMENT

by Joe Sommo '03 & Bianca Basone '15

At Molloy, the Marist Brothers, administrators, faculty, and staff all play a vital role in ensuring that Molloy is a well-functioning organization that sustains long-term success. Today, there is more urgency to employ creative and targeted strategies to recruit new students, to be top-of-mind among constituents, and to connect with new audiences. In this way, admissions, marketing, engagement, and development are all critical pieces of the puzzle. While teachers nurture students and embody all these functions in the classroom, the Enrollment Management, Communications, and Development departments serve as the school's external arms and work daily outside the classroom with all audiences to keep Molloy a vibrant, academically strong institution. To strengthen this impact, Molloy is striving to foster a Culture of Advancement, through which each of these previously separate departments will unify into one Office of Advancement, while the community at large will be empowered as active and influential supporters of our school's mission. The talented members of a unified Office of Advancement will work with the school community toward one common goal: ensuring that Molloy can continue to educate young people and inspire them to be good global citizens in the Catholic Marist way for generations to come.

Developing a Culture of Advancement began in 2019 with the establishment of Molloy's Strategic Plan and its four goals: Catholic Marist Identity, Institutional Culture, Financial Thrivability, and Instructional Innovation. Many agents throughout the school community worked together to develop these goals to fortify Molloy for the benefit of present and future generations. Following the successful publication of the Strategic Plan, Molloy began working with CCS Fundraising, a consulting firm with expertise in evaluating Catholic organizations and creating viable plans to foster a modern Advancement model. This partnership then allowed Molloy's leadership to take a closer look at how the school could better engage with all members of the community in a more strategic and deliberate way. With this in mind, Molloy and CCS launched a study centering on the school's current Advancement functions, assessing strengths and opportunities for growth within Enrollment Management, Communications, and Development. This was achieved through extensive analysis, benchmarking, surveys, and discussions with leading stakeholders. CCS has since crafted a plan that will guide Molloy in unifying these departments into one Office of Advancement. While the full rollout of the Advancement model will take several years to fully come to fruition, it will begin in earnest in early 2024.

President Richard Karsten '81, who has worked closely with CCS and many stakeholders, is excited for the opportunity this new approach offers. "In order to achieve the goals in our ambitious Strategic Plan, it is vital that we streamline workflow and create new levels of collaboration," said President Karsten.

What is Enrollment Management?

Enrollment Management serves as Molloy's primary recruitment and admissions function. The Enrollment Management team actively recruits prospective students and families through a comprehensive outreach strategy that includes school visits, advertising, direct mailings, social media engagement, Open Houses, and relationship-building at the parochial school and parish levels. Enrollment Management plays a critical role in building awareness in a wide public audience and recruiting each new freshman class. Their goal each year is to fill as many of Molloy's 400 available freshman seats as possible with highly qualified students while encouraging everyone at Molloy to help "tell our story."

What is Communications?

Molloy's Communications team oversees a wide variety of media and engagement opportunities both internally and externally. The Communications team employs marketing and public relations strategies while reporting news, promoting events, utilizing direct mail and email platforms, and maintaining a variety of online spaces. The department is also behind much of the creative output seen on social media, in *The Beehive* newsletter, and in *Stanner Life* magazine. They develop, refine, and implement a range of targeted messaging and materials that inform, engage, and retain Molloy's audiences while bolstering the important work of the Enrollment Management and Development teams.

What is Development?

The members of the Stanner Alumni Center are stewards of Molloy's mission to remain accessible and affordable for present and future generations of students. As stewards, team members engage all stakeholders to make certain that Molloy is reaching its fundraising goals, supporting students through scholarship, and fostering an active and engaged alumni community. Through annual events, major fundraisers, and sustained engagement, the Stanner Alumni Center provides avenues for alumni, parents, and family members to give back to Molloy through service and support of the Fund for Molloy (Annual Fund) and Named Scholarships.

Why Advancement?

The goals of Enrollment Management, Communications, and Development are one in the same: to consistently position Molloy as the leading Catholic high school in New York City. In unifying these departments and aligning their objectives, the talented members of these departments can better collaborate, innovate, and provide resources to one another to achieve their collective goals. In creating an Office of Advancement, Molloy seeks to sustain, further advance, and endow its Marist Mission to best serve its students today and well into the future.

Fostering A Culture of Advancement

Beyond the Marist Brothers, Administration, faculty, and staff, fostering a Culture of Advancement means empowering the entire school community to work together toward one shared goal. Together, our community – students, parents, family members, and friends – can embody a Culture of Advancement by being present, active participants every day. Whether attending alumni functions or school events, volunteering our time or talents, supporting scholarships, or raising awareness by promoting the "Stanner Story" within our local communities, everyone plays an essential role in building and cultivating a Culture of Advancement. In turn, Molloy can remain a best-in-class institution and the premier choice for outstanding high school students in New York City and Long Island.



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On behalf of everyone at Molloy, thank you for your dedication and care in support of our mission to provide an exemplary education in mind, body, and spirit. At Molloy, we strive to create a modern learning environment that nurtures students' limitless potential. The Fund for Molloy is a discretionary fund that helps provide resources, empowers students through Needs Assistance, and creates the means to achieve important campus upgrades. Your support of the Fund for Molloy is crucial to our students' continued success.

Needs Assistance

One of the goals of Molloy's Strategic Plan, published in full in our previous *Stanner Life*, is Financial Thrivability. An important initiative in reaching this goal is making sure our students and families thrive. Providing Needs Assistance to the most critically affected families is a powerful gift that we can offer, and we would not be able to do so if not for our community's generosity in supporting the Fund for Molloy. You enable nearly 150 students to remain at Molloy each year.

President Richard Karsten '81 explains, "Today's stressed economy presents a multitude of challenges for students and families. Needs Assistance is a critical resource that eases that financial burden, and our community's support directly impacts Molloy's ability to help as many students as possible. It takes a team effort to make attending Molloy a reality for many exceptional students."

Capital Projects

The Fund for Molloy also allows for significant improvements to be made around our six-acre campus. Modernizing a building first constructed in 1957 is no easy feat, but our community's generosity has made many capital projects possible. From renovated spaces such as the William J. Murphy Library and the student cafeteria, to infrastructure updates like classroom air conditioning and roof replacement, all the upgrades made to our campus are vital to Molloy's present and future.

This year's Fund for Molloy is impacting two important student spaces used every day. Your support allows for a completely modernized Art Studio, featuring new flooring and wall treatments, an art gallery for student work, two new clean-up stations, modular tables and chairs, and expanded storage for art supplies. Moving forward, Molloy's art students will have more resources than ever to hone their skills and bring their many creative projects to life.

Molloy basketball has always been a must-see event, and the 2023-24 season is no exception. The Jack Curran Gymnasium routinely hosts many competitive games, physical education classes, and non-sporting events, meaning the space has seen its fair share of use. As a result, the court is in need of important repair work that will keep the facility safe for all who enjoy it. The Fund for Molloy will help cover the cost of these repairs as well as allow for the space to better celebrate Molloy's rich sports history. Visitors can expect to see new wall graphics and lighting that celebrate the gym's legendary namesake, the late Coach Jack Curran.

Thank You

The support you provide to the Fund for Molloy makes so much possible. We cannot emphasize enough the positive impact that you make on our students, faculty, and everyone who visits and enjoys Molloy each school year. We are extremely grateful for your philanthropy and look forward to working together to advance Molloy forward. We wish you a very happy and healthy 2024.

Non scholae sed vitae,



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Upward Trajectory

by Bianca Basone '15

Molloy wants nothing more than to see its students succeed, both in high school and beyond. Having a rigorous academic program is one thing, but providing students with care and support is what truly takes them from student to standout. Stanners Joseph Castaño-Medina '24, Antonia Dey '24, Bridget Jiang '24, and Timotej Stofa '24 are just some of Molloy's many outstanding seniors who have used high school to their greatest advantage, maximizing their chance of success in college, and in life.

Joseph Castaño-Medina

An inherent leader, Joseph Castaño-Medina '24 is looked up to by his Stanner peers. Knowing little about NYC high schools four years ago, he attended Molloy's Open House and looked at schools near his neighborhood. "After doing research, I knew Molloy would challenge me academically," shares Joe, continuing, "I also knew that at Molloy, I would be seen as an individual, not just a number." Due to the pandemic, Joe was unable to attend Freshman Camp the summer before he began at Molloy; however, Joe was invited to camp the summer before his sophomore year. He shares, "Going to camp made me realize that Molloy is more than just a building. I was able to connect with people, and knew that once I went back, I would get more involved." Joe's camp experience caused him to open up and begin to thrive in school, and he joined almost every club he could. He eventually found his home on the Mock Trial team, as a member of Speech and Debate, and as a member of Spanish Club.

In all the clubs he joined, Joe quickly sought out opportunities to lead. "I would consider myself a good leader," says Joe. "I'm very sociable, and I'm good at getting things done. I can see and understand people's talents, so I know how to delegate. I just naturally gravitate toward leadership roles." Early on, Joe enjoyed success in Speech and Debate, becoming a captain during his very first year. After putting in a lot of time and effort with the Spanish Club, Joe was elected club president, and has since created new events and initiatives especially during Hispanic Heritage Month. Joe was inducted into Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society, and was elected as president of Molloy's chapter at the beginning of his senior year. However, it was the moderators of Mock Trial, Ms. Diana Rayappa '04, and Mr. Louis Barbera '74, that made Joe realize he had a passion for law and politics.

"Mock Trial showed me the behind-the-scenes of a courtroom," says Joe. "I fell in love with it, especially the competitions in real courtrooms. Nothing felt better than winning a case!" Ms. Rayappa quickly became a mentor to Joe, and he considered her one of his favorite teachers years before he actually took one of her classes. In addition, Joe says his English classes helped



with his oratory skills and he appreciates those teachers as well, especially Mr. Brian Kelly '94, for continuously supporting him. Because of Ms. Rayappa, Mr. Barbera, and Mr. Kelly, Joe wants to study political science on a pre-law track at Columbia University – and he will do so on a QuestBridge Scholarship! "I think I've matured so much since freshman year," says Joe. "I've learned to take on more responsibility, and I feel like I've become a better person overall."

Antonia Dey



Antonia Dey ‘24 is a selfless Stanner that wants to use her academic talents to help others. An immigrant from Guyana, Antonia chose to attend Molloy because it is where her two older sisters went to high school. “Both of my sisters said Molloy was a great choice for them as students who were new to the country,” she says, adding that she felt cared for right away after enrolling. Antonia’s first year at Molloy was life changing, as she had never had such an abundance and variety of clubs, teachers, and technology available to her. She decided to try her hand at nearly everything, but even after joining as many as 16 different clubs, it was her Intro to Computer Science class that left the most lasting impression.

“Molloy was my first exposure to anything computer science related, and from the get go, I was interested,” explains Antonia. Chair of the Computer Science & Engineering Department Ms. Edit Boral saw promise in Antonia, encouraging her to pursue a technological track at Molloy. Although her freshman class was mandatory, Antonia chose to take CS 110 Honors in her sophomore year, AP Computer Science in her junior year, and is currently taking Scholars Robotics during her senior year. “Ms. Boral is always pushing her students, especially her female students, to do their best,” says Antonia, continuing, “She looks out for us, and wants to prepare us for the real world.” Thanks to Ms. Boral and Molloy’s expansive CS&E Department, Antonia has figured out a way to merge her proficiency in technology with her gratitude for Guyana. “I know I want to study engineering when I go to college, specifically environmental engineering. I want to help engineer sustainable housing and agricultural practices, so that I can give back to Guyana.” Antonia will be pursuing that dream at Northwestern University, where she has received a QuestBridge Scholarship!

Antonia’s confidence in her technology skills, as well as in herself as a person, has been reinforced by the support and encouragement she has received from Molloy faculty and staff, especially Ms. Boral, Guidance Counselor Mr. Gus Esgro, and Communications Director Mr. Joe Sommo '03. She says, “I’m so much more confident in myself, and I feel like I can easily voice my opinions. I’m willing to try new classes and clubs, because I know they’re all learning opportunities, and I know someone will always have my back.” With this support she was able to find herself not only thriving in computer science, but as a member of the Photography Club, an editor of Molloy’s Literary Magazine, and a leader of both the Social Justice Club and the STEAM Club. Antonia has come so far, from a shy freshman to an opinionated senior leader, and she will no doubt embrace every opportunity to learn and grow at Northwestern University!

Bridget Jiang

The definition of “well-rounded,” Bridget Jiang ‘24 is a Stanner who has embraced everything Molloy offers. Having attended Catholic school all her life, Bridget always knew that she wanted to come to Molloy. Although she was confident in her choice of high school, she was less confident in identifying her passions. So, from the very beginning of her freshman year, Bridget joined everything she could. She recalls, “I think I joined every club and activity! I was in the Baking Club, Art Club, Math Team, Robotics Club, Speech and Debate, and Computer Club. Everything was just so new and exciting, so I didn’t want to miss out.” Her ambition led her to explore the realm of computer science, something she had little prior knowledge of, but an instant passion for.

Having no previous knowledge of robots didn’t stop Bridget from getting involved. “I didn’t have a sense of what robotics was at all,” says Bridget, “but I realized quickly that I loved building them!” Because of her love of the Robotics Club and her desire to keep learning, Bridget decided to take Advanced Computer Graphics, where she met one of her greatest supporters, Ms. Edit Boral. “Ms. Boral pushes her students to always do more,” Bridget shares. “She provides us with so many opportunities that we can’t help but be set up for success.” Ms. Boral saw talent in Bridget, and encouraged her to register for AP Computer Science Principles, which she took alongside two other AP courses during her junior year.



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Bridget Jiang Continued

Ironically, it was Bridget's newfound love of robotics that introduced her to Molloy's String Ensemble. While promoting the Robotics Club at Open House during her sophomore year, Bridget met music teacher Ms. Ya-Ting Yang. "She happened to ask if I played an instrument," Bridget recalls. "It was like fate, because I'd been playing the violin for years!" Ms. Yang encouraged Bridget to try out for the String Ensemble, and she has been playing music at Molloy ever since. "I always played on my own, but being able to play with others and learning how to work with multiple people made me stronger," she shares. Bridget calls the members of String Ensemble her family, as they are a small, tight-knit group with a similar passion.

Sophomore year is also when Bridget took an English course taught by Mr. Brian Kelly '94, who inspired her to write publicly rather than just privately. She especially enjoyed the poetry unit in his class, which made her realize just how much she loved reading and analyzing. English classes at Molloy helped nurture Bridget's confidence, leading her to submit an article to the John Locke Institute's annual global essay competition. Her essay was shortlisted, which gave her the opportunity to attend a conference in Oxford, England to learn from leading academics!

Bridget's hard work throughout the years has gotten her elected president of Robotics Club and vice president of String Ensemble. She is grateful for all the support she has received since the moment she entered Molloy, saying, "Every single one of my teachers has encouraged, supported, and affected me, introducing me to what I love, and what I'm good at. I am more confident, I've learned and developed countless skills, and I'm so sad to be graduating." Molloy will miss Bridget, but we know she will find success at university in the fall!

Timotej Stofa

Timotej Stofa '24 applied to Molloy at the recommendation of neighbors, and he's been a top student ever since he arrived. An avid tennis player, Tim joined the team his freshman year even though many students opted to attend school fully remote. He remembers, "I wanted to come to school in person, to be with my classmates. I also knew I needed to join the team, and couldn't do that from home!" His passion for tennis, academics, and helping others makes Tim a well-rounded student leader.



Instead of focusing his attention on one academic path, Tim applied himself in multiple AP classes across several different subjects: AP World History, AP Physics, AP Psychology, and AP Macroeconomics. "I was always more interested in my classes than extracurriculars, but Mr. DeSarno's AP World History class made me love history and learning even more." Tim continues, "His teaching style made me think in a new way. I didn't feel like I had to memorize; instead I actually internalized the content. I was learning to learn, not learning to pass a test and then forget." Tim felt the same in both his Physics and AP Physics courses, crediting both Mr. Chris Autera '16 and Mr. Mike Nadeau, respectively, with teaching styles that showed him how to fully immerse himself in the subject matter.

Tim's dedication to his coursework earned him a place in the National Honor Society, which requires a minimum number of 30 service hours before graduation. Wanting to integrate his love of tennis with his academic responsibilities, Tim, alongside friend and classmate Jose Pouso '24, created a non-profit youth tennis program called Cracked Courts. The program invites children from Queens, NY to the public tennis courts at I.S. 010 Horace Greeley, where Tim and Jose lead introductory tennis lessons, providing all equipment. Tim had been playing tennis since he was four years old, so he felt comfortable imparting his knowledge on others, but he was also inspired by his tennis coach Ms. Mary Edward and all her service work at the Marist Brothers' Center at Esopus. Tim acknowledges, "Ms. Edward, and even Mr. Autera, inspired me to bring good close to home."

His eagerness to help others, as well as his love of history, has pushed Tim towards pursuing a career in law. Although it was always his goal to become a lawyer, attending Molloy has made Tim "more mature," and a more "well-rounded individual." He concludes, "If it wasn't for Molloy, I don't think I'd be as empathetic as I am. I love being part of a bigger community, more than just myself, and I can't wait to continue that in college."

Congratulations

Class of 2023

by Joe Sommo '03



Ceremony photos by Danny Pham.

Congratulations to Archbishop Molloy High School's Class of 2023, who participated in our 130th Commencement Exercises on June 5, 2023. 333 graduates were applauded by family, Marist Brothers, administrators, faculty, and staff as they received their diplomas, officially became alumni, and closed this chapter of their educational journey.

The Class of 2023 were freshmen back in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic began. They, like the three years of graduates before them, were faced with an impossible task: make the most out of their high school experience while social distancing and hybrid learning. The class accepted this difficult challenge, but they would not simply overcome adversity — they would thrive. Our community was fortunate to witness their collective talents across all areas of school life. Among the ranks of the Class of 2023 were uniquely talented musical and theater performers, athletes setting historic records, confident student leaders, and young people ready to step forward and make a positive impact on our world.

Read about some of last year's outstanding Molloy graduates on pages 24-25. ▶

During the ceremony, Valedictorian Nancy Zilz '23 and Salutatorian Stutee Oke '23 each delivered speeches reflecting on their Molloy experience. Stutee shared that she has grown so much through Science Research with Ms. Mallia and Peer Groups with Br. Eugene. She encouraged the Class of 2023 to not let their friendships fade as they head off to different schools, because “true friendships only need a place to start, and time to grow.” Nancy acknowledged their resilience in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and thanked her teachers and counselors for nurturing and guiding her, and helping her to feel seen. In turn, Nancy encouraged her classmates to “be the person that makes others feel special and not alone."

Most impressively, the Class of 2023 is currently attending colleges and universities that are geographically diverse, program-rich, and highly reputable. "This is one of the most impressive lists of schools I have seen one of our graduating classes commit to," said Principal Dr. Darius Penikas. "We are so proud that our Stanners are making their mark in all corners of the country. I encourage them to stay in touch and keep us informed of their success."



MICHAELA HABIBULLA '23

Attending: Barnard College
Focus Areas: Comparative Literature and classes geared toward pre-law
Extracurriculars: Athena Pre-Law Society, volunteering for Sprout Up NYC and Surgam
Long-Term Goals: Through the resources available at my college, I aim to get involved in community work by utilizing my interests in art and literature. I'm also super excited to meet and get to know all sorts of different people while preparing to eventually attend law school in the future.
My Impact: My wish is to inspire others to find meaning in their lives, while also defending those who are suffering. I want to become strong enough to be someone that others can look to when they're in need of help.



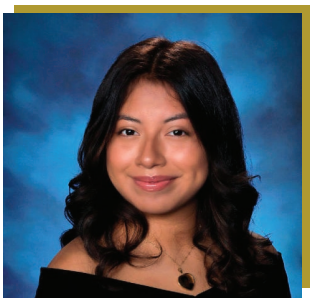
TAR KUQI '23

Attending: The Cooper Union
Focus Areas: Chemical Engineering
Extracurriculars: American Institute of Engineers, Association of Energy Engineers, Chem-E Car, Biomedical Engineering Society
Goals: My short-term goal is simply to perform well throughout my freshman year and to build new friendships. My long-term goal after graduating would be to attend MIT to get my Master's Degree and eventually my PhD in Chemical Engineering. After that, I hope to work at a large pharmaceutical company like Pfizer or AstraZeneca.
My Impact: I hope to make as big of an impact as I can by developing life-saving drugs that can safely be administered to patients around the world.



TARIK LAJOIE '23

Attending: Columbia University
Focus Areas: Anticipated double major in Psychology and Political Science, Pre-Law Track
Extracurriculars: Pre-Law Society, Black Pre-Professional Society, Best Buddies, EcoReps
Long-Term Goals: To attend a T14 law school post undergrad and enter into the field of civil or criminal defense law.
My Impact: From Molloy to Columbia, I've had the privilege of interacting with many people who identify with countless different communities. This has shown me that not all people have the space or courage to speak for themselves and be heard. In studying psychology and law, I want to make sure that anyone's voice can be heard. I want to help cultivate communities of growth and learning.



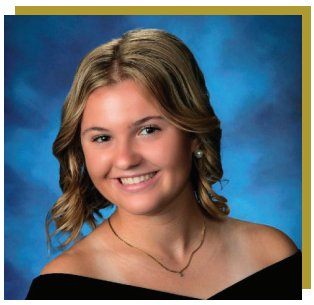
SOPHIE NAVARRETE '23

Attending: Syracuse University
Focus Areas: Health and Exercise Science at Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics
Extracurriculars: Greek Life, Syracuse University Ambulance, Service Dogs
Why Syracuse: I'm super excited to be involved in such an inclusive and spirited environment. The campus feels like a home away from home and like a family. I tried to find an environment that embodied *Non scholae sed vitae*, just like Molloy does!
Goals and My Impact: I hope to make a difference in any way, whether it's volunteering at a local shelter or helping people through occupational therapy. I'm ecstatic for this new chapter as I am a first-generation college student. I crave new experiences and lessons. Knowledge is power, so I will soak up everything I encounter in this new adventure in my life.



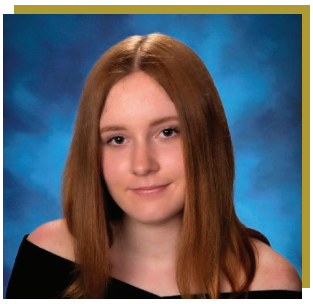
STUTEE OKE '23

Attending: NYU - Stern School of Business
Focus Areas: Business with a finance concentration, possibly management or international business as second concentration
Extracurriculars: Inter-Club Council, International Business Association, Stern Undergrad Research, CHEFs for School
Long-Term Goals: I want to build on my experiences at Molloy and grow as a woman in business. I want to expand my professional and personal networks by getting involved in a large community.
My Impact: I want to help whoever I can to reach their aspirations by living out *Not for school, but for life*. I hope that through my example, I can help others realize their potential to be successful if they are dedicated and surrounded by people who inspire them.



LINDSEY O'NEILL '23

Attending: University of Rhode Island
Focus Areas: Elementary Education major with a focus in Special Education
Extracurriculars: Best Buddies, Honors Program, Greek Life (Kappa Delta), Girl Scouts of America, Prevent Child Abuse America
Long-Term Goals: I want to work in non-profit facilities in lower economic areas, including schools and or counseling centers. I want to make a difference for children who don't enjoy the luxuries of a fair education. Through the Honors Program at URI, I plan on applying for multiple scholarships so I can study abroad.
My Impact: Being a Stanner, it's second nature to want to always put my best foot forward. I want to carry lifelong lessons from my past teachers and inspire others with those lessons. As Mr. Kelly says, "Bring it back to Queens." Now I'm just bringing it back to Rhode Island.



DYLAN PAPAGNI '23

Attending: United States Air Force Academy
Focus Areas: Behavioral Science with a minor in Nuclear Weapons and Strategy
Extracurriculars: Spirit (cheer), Women's Boxing (club), Wings of Blue Club (parachuting)
Goals: My short-term goal is to get my pilot's license in college so I never have to worry about traffic on the Van Wyck. My long-term goal is to become a pilot in Air Force Special Operations. My job would be to rescue downed pilots to support efforts on the ground.
My Impact: I want to defend my country and help my unit in any way I can. I've always wanted to do something that meant I was part of a team, something bigger than myself, and to make a difference in people's lives.



HAILEY RAMZAN '23

Attending: Stanford University
Focus Areas: Majoring in Molecular Biology, Minoring in Theater and Performance Studies
Extracurriculars: Undergrad Cancer Research, Theater Lab, Biosciences Student Assoc., First Year Musical, Students for Sustainable Stanford
Long-Term Goals: I hope to form lifelong bonds at Stanford, absorb knowledge through meaningful experiences on campus, and expand my perspectives through life on the West Coast. I hope to attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician scientist.
My Impact: I want to be a force for good in the medical world, connecting with patients first-hand to understand what issues they are facing, and focusing on lab research to improve treatments. I hope to be a proponent of equal access to healthcare, and also empower young girls to pursue careers in STEM.

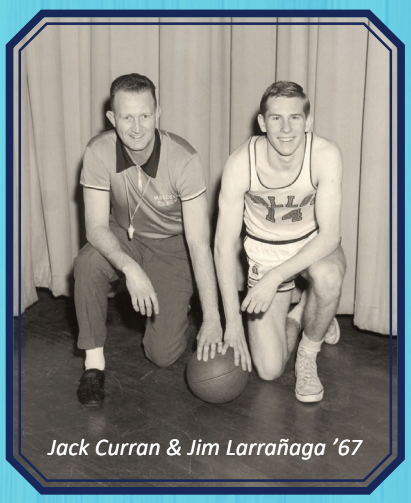


NANCY ZILZ '23

Attending: Fordham University, Gabelli School of Business
Focus Areas: Major in Global Finance and Business Economics, Minor in Marketing
Extracurriculars: Asian-Pacific American Coalition, Campus Activities Board, Women in Finance, Marketing Association, Best Buddies
Long-Term Goals: I want to pursue an MBA degree after I finish my undergrad education and seek a career in the business and finance field on Wall Street. I also want to engage in advocacy for the AAPI community and promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace.
My Impact: I hope to succeed in the business world and inspire more young women to join the economics field. I also plan to be a voice for minorities, first-generation college students, and the AAPI community through volunteerism and taking on leadership roles.

Molloy's Class of 2023 is currently attending outstanding colleges and universities including:

Adelphi University
Barnard College
Baruch College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Buffalo State University
Columbia University
The Cooper Union
Cornell University
Fairfield University
Flagler College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Howard University
Iona University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Maritime College
Molloy University
New York University
Providence College
Rutgers University
Queens College
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
Sarah Lawrence College
Scranton University
St. John's University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
The Ohio State University
University at Buffalo
University of Connecticut
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
US Air Force Academy
US Naval Academy



Jack Curran & Jim Larrañaga '67

The Curran Fund

Honoring Jack Curran's legacy through scholarship

by Joe Sommo '03

March 2023 marked the 10-year anniversary of the passing of Coach Jack Curran, a beloved mentor, colleague, and friend, and the winningest coach in New York State history. For nearly 60 years, Mr. Curran put Molloy's athletic program on the map. He coached Stanner basketball teams to two State Championships, six CHSAA Championships, 21 Queens Divisional Championships, 14 B/Q Championships, and many invitational and tournament titles. In baseball, Mr. Curran's teams won 15 CHSAA Championships and 24 Queens Divisional Championships. Mr. Curran's leadership and success earned him 22 Coach of the Year Awards and induction into ten Halls of Fame, most recently to the Bronx Basketball Hall of Fame in August 2023. He was an outstanding coach, a role model to countless student-athletes, an inspiring man of faith, and a loyal friend to many at Molloy and in the sports world. Mr. Curran's legacy is embodied by each person he influenced, and it will continue to support outstanding students at Molloy through The Curran Fund.

Established in 2023, The Curran Fund provides a deserving student with a four-year scholarship to attend Molloy. For Mr. Mike McCleary, head coach of Molloy's boys varsity basketball team since 2013, a scholarship bearing Mr. Curran's name is a well-deserved honor. "Coach Curran was a great man and a great coach. Being able to keep his memory alive through The Curran Fund is important to me and many of his former players. Stanners for generations to come should remember Jack Curran and his impact on Molloy," said Mr. McCleary.

To launch the fund in earnest, the Jack Curran Gala was held on September 20, 2023 at Molloy. Fittingly hosted in the Jack Curran Gymnasium, the gala welcomed over 225 distinguished guests, including members of Mr. Curran's family and many of his former players and colleagues. The event also reaffirmed Molloy's commitment to celebrating its sports history, especially Mr. Curran's unrivaled contributions. Shortly after the evening commenced, and as student-athletes spanning many generations looked on, President Richard Karsten '81 unveiled new permanent plaques on the



President Karsten (right) and Principal Penikas (left) present Coach Jim Larrañaga '67 with a thank you gift.



Over 225 alumni and sports professionals attended Molloy's Jack Curran Gala on September 20, 2023.



New plaque memorializing Jack Curran's iconic #5 baseball jersey.



New plaque memorializing Jack Curran's basketball win total of 972.



New banner highlighting one of Jack Curran's famous quotes.

walls of the gym that memorialize Mr. Curran's basketball win total of 972 as well as his iconic #5 baseball jersey. Alongside the plaques, the gym now also features new graphics, decals, and banners celebrating Mr. Curran. All who enter Molloy's storied gymnasium will be greeted by one of Coach's famous quotes: "The road to success is always under construction."

Mr. Jim Larrañaga '67, Head Coach of men's basketball at the University of Miami, was the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Coach Larrañaga graciously took time out of his busy fall schedule to pay tribute to his coach, mentor, and friend, Mr. Curran. Coach Larrañaga delivered a memorable keynote speech, sharing several personal stories about Mr. Curran while illustrating the type of man he was. Coach Larrañaga spoke of Mr. Curran's strategic mind, how he was always thinking about players and lineups for games — even in casual conversation. He also shared a story about how Mr. Curran helped Larrañaga's ill father get admitted into a top hospital where he would be cared for by the best doctors. "That was the kind of man he was," said Coach Larrañaga. Coach Larrañaga also emphasized that he never uses vulgarity in his own coaching style because Mr. Curran never did. He concluded by saying, "I love Molloy, I love Mr. Curran. He was my role model, and everything I've done in coaching…I hope he'd be proud. [Coach] was always there to encourage you, motivate you, and lead you in the right direction. To me, he's not only a hall of fame coach, a legend, an icon – the winning he did in baseball and basketball, nobody is ever going to match that combination. He was truly, truly one of a kind."

The Jack Curran Gymnasium was filled with history on September 20th, as many esteemed alumni and sports professionals showed their support. Among the attendees were: Otoja Abit '03 (St. John's University, Actor, Film Director), Uka Agbai '99 (Boston College), Mike Baxter '02 (MLB, Vanderbilt University), Ed Braunstein '99 (Assemblyman, Queens District 26), Matt Bourne '91 (MLB Communications), Bob Carver '68 (Baseball and Basketball at Molloy), Chris Caputo '98 (Head Coach, Men's Basketball, George Washington University), Eugene Doris '66 (former Fairfield University Athletic Director), John Dunne (Marist College Men's Basketball Coach), Sundiata Gaines '04 (NBA), John Gallagher (Coach, Manhattan College), Kevin Joyce '69 (Olympian), Tom Kearns '54 (NCAA Champion, North Carolina), Ed Kull '99 (Molloy School Board Member, Fordham University Athletic Director), Billy Mitaritonna '90 (St. John's University, Author), Dennis O'Grady '07 (MiLB), Whitey Rigsby '74 (Player and Development at Villanova), Matt Rizzotti '04 (MiLB), Barry Rohrssen (Player at St. Francis College, former Head Coach at Manhattan College), Nick Trotta '95 (MLB Media), Brian Winters '70 (NBA), and many others. Molloy was also honored to be joined by Coach Curran's nephew Gerard and niece Maria.

Otoja Abit shared, "It was remarkable to see generations of players gathered in one room," with Mr. Ed Kull adding that "the energy, enthusiasm, and Stanner love in the Jack Curran Gym" made him feel like he was 16 years old again. Author Billy Mitaritonna reflected saying, "Coach Curran impacted so many lives in a positive way, it's great that they're doing a scholarship fund in his honor, and retiring his numbers – the first retired numbers in school history. He deserves it." According to Whitey Rigsby, "It was a great night honoring one of the most important and influential individuals in my life and the lives of so many young men. Catching up with Kevin Joyce, Brian Winters, Jim Larrañaga, and my teammates from the 1974 City Championship team was a memory I will not soon forget." Hosting such prominent figures from throughout Molloy history and across the sports world on a Wednesday night was "inspiring," noted President Karsten, who said their presence was a "reminder of how Mr. Curran, the Marist Brothers, and all our teachers and mentors have made a remarkable impact on our lives."

Executive Director of Development Craig Katinas '93 offered closing remarks. "Tonight we are not closing a chapter, but immortalizing a legacy. The numbers 5 and 972 now serve all of us as mile markers on the road of our baseball and basketball histories, reminding us of the countless victories, lessons learned, and enduring impact of a great coach. Let them also remind us that we are a part of this rich history and can play a critical role in preserving our past, while making a positive impact on our present and future, just as Coach did for all of us in this room and beyond." Craig then introduced a special video tribute produced by Major League Baseball featuring narration by legendary broadcaster Bob Costas. This video can viewed any time on Molloy's official YouTube channel. Thank you to our alumni at MLB, especially Marc Caiafa '90, for their tremendous efforts in creating this video.

Molloy is grateful for the generosity of all benefactors of The Curran Fund, especially the Larrañaga family, who helped create a gift challenge that matched all donations to the fund 2:1 up to $75,000. Together, we all can continue Mr. Curran's legacy and help students through The Curran Fund.

Support The Curran Fund: www.molloyhs.org/give/

IMPACT SWINGS

Annual Golf Outing Helps Students Attend Molloy

by Joe Sommo '03











Since 1987, the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic has been Archbishop Molloy High School's biggest annual fundraising event. Founded by late faculty members Jim Kinnier, John Gibbons, and Joe Smith, as well as a dedicated group of alumni, the Classic has raised over $3 million in support of Molloy scholarships over the span of nearly four decades. May 13, 2024 will mark the 38th year of the event, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

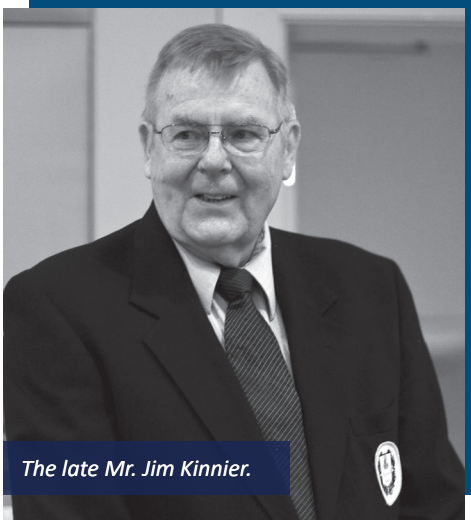
The Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic welcomes alumni, parents, faculty, friends, and corporate sponsors to enjoy an 18-hole round of golf at four private courses on Long Island. The day includes brunch, food and beverages on the course throughout the round, a number of exciting prize and contest holes, and a celebratory evening program that includes cocktail hour and a gourmet buffet dinner. Participants have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win a large cash prize, a trip to Las Vegas for two, or a brand new smart television. The Classic also features exclusive auction prizes available for bidding including exciting vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, private golf packages, and much more. If you're looking to reconnect with your alma mater, give generously to a wonderful cause, or simply have a great day out on the greens, the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic is a premier experience suitable for golfers of all skill levels. The event also now offers a tennis tournament at North Hills Country Club!

All proceeds raised through the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic benefit outstanding students who may otherwise be unable to attend Molloy. Many students have received a scholarship made possible by the Classic, including Alumni Development Officer Ms. Rebecca Wagner '14. "I received the Jim Kinnier Scholarship, which gave me the opportunity to attend this amazing school," said Ms. Wagner. "Receiving the scholarship changed my life, and now I feel blessed that I am able to help pay it forward by helping to run the outing and raise money for more students."

In June 2022, the Molloy community mourned the passing of Jim Kinnier. Jim was not only the namesake of the Stanner Golf Classic, but he served as a beloved teacher and volunteer for over 61 years. For decades, Jim put his heart and soul into the Classic each year – even well into his retirement. He never missed an outing, and greatly enjoyed working with the staff at Molloy and the volunteers on the Golf Board to make every outing a resounding success. Everyone who worked with Jim was inspired by his passion, and they remain committed to carrying on his legacy by trying to make each outing more memorable than the last.

The first Classic in 1987 had humble beginnings, as it was held on just one private course while welcoming a small group of alumni. The event has since grown and evolved in a variety of ways. The Classic now consistently welcomes over 350 golfers to play at four private courses. Adding more courses has given golfers more options and has improved overall pace of play. Registration, previously only done by phone or mail, has moved online and made it easier than ever to reserve a foursome or sponsorship. A digital event journal allows Molloy to share sponsor logos and ads with an even wider audience. The auction, previously only offered in person, is now fully online and made available several days before the event. This permits golfers, and even those not attending, to place proxy bids early and often. Alumni Development Officer Matt Rizzotti '04, who has served as the main coordinator of the Classic since 2015, has collaborated with Golf Board members and numerous chairpersons to improve the outing year-to-year. "We are always thinking about how we can maximize the experience," said Matt.

To run so efficiently, the Classic requires the hard work of many people. The Stanner Alumni Center secures the date, creates promotional materials, and recruits volunteers to assist with the many moving parts of the day. The Golf Board, made up of alumni, faculty, and parent volunteers, works on recruiting new golfers and sponsors, securing auction prizes, and promoting the outing to their personal and professional contacts. In addition, each year's honorees act as ambassadors for the outing and work to secure new sponsors. In 2023, Mr. Ken Meier P'22 P'24 served as Chairperson. Ken is Northeast Territory Vice President at Aflac, as well as a parent to four amazing daughters – all of whom have attended Molloy. Ken's love and enthusiasm for the school motivated him throughout his tenure as Chairperson. His work, alongside the Golf Board, was a big reason why the outing raised over $190,000! We look forward to working with our 2024 honorees: Chairperson Michael Shea '02 (Treasurer / Equity Capital Markets, Steadfast Financial LP) and Honorary Chairperson Robert O'Donohue '94 (Project Executive, Consigli Construction Co., Inc.).


The late Mr. Jim Kinnier.

The Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic is a great opportunity for Stanners and friends to network with professionals in a variety of fields, to reconnect with classmates and faculty, and to simply enjoy a great day of golf and camaraderie. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of one of Molloy's longest-running traditions! Your participation in the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic, whether as a golfer, sponsor, or volunteer, helps Molloy continue to provide incredible educational experiences to amazing students.


2023 Chairperson Mr. Ken Meier P'22, '24, with President Richard Karsten '81.



Stanner ALUMNI REUNION

by Joe Sommo '03

Each year, the Stanner Alumni Center connects with thousands of alumni by way of events, newsletters, retreats and service initiatives, and much more. One of Molloy's largest annual events is the Stanner Alumni Reunion, which is unique in welcoming graduates representing up to eight different decades in one evening. Many alumni who attend the reunion are already frequent visitors to Molloy, while for others the reunion marks their first time back to their alma mater since graduating many years prior. For the former and the latter, the reunion serves as an excellent occasion to reconnect with the Stanner community and strengthen the bonds we share *not for school, but for life*.

The Stanner Alumni Reunion is typically held on the first Saturday in November. Molloy welcomes each class back in five year intervals, so each alumnus can return for a reunion once every five years. The program includes a Mass of Remembrance, cocktail hour, dinner, dessert, organized class photos, and, as of 2023, student-guided tours. In addition, many faculty and staff attend the reunion hoping to catch up with their former students.

While the Stanner Alumni Center makes every effort to update graduate contact information and spread the word about the reunion, the contributions of Class Agents are important. These volunteers work with Molloy to update their classmates' contact information, raise awareness about the reunion, and ensure that any desired special accommodations are discussed in advance. If several Class Agents are identified for a class, a Reunion Committee is established to focus their efforts and resources.

The most recent Stanner Alumni Reunion, held on November 4, 2023, welcomed class years ending in three and eight. This reunion marked significant milestones for many returning classes. Most notably, nearly 80 members of the Class of 1973 returned to celebrate their Golden 50th Anniversary. For many in the class, it was their first time walking the halls of Molloy in many years – and for some their first time since graduation. The Class of 1973 enjoyed a private cocktail hour in the William J. Murphy Library, and later they were highlighted on stage in the Jack Curran Gymnasium, receiving cheers and applause from hundreds of other alumni in attendance. All members of the class who attended received a gold medal commemorating this special night.

Joe Williams '73, who served on the Class of 1973's Reunion Planning Committee, shares, "Our small team of volunteers met and immediately got reacquainted after 50 years. We then got down to business, searching for and contacting members of the Class of '73 who are all over the globe. Through diligent, and at times frustrating, efforts, we were able to connect with many of our classmates. Our efforts were well rewarded, with nearly 80 of our classmates from all over the country attending the event. All agreed it was a fantastic evening, providing for many an opportunity to meet and catch up for the first time after 50 years. It was truly a milestone event!"

The Stanner Alumni Reunion also marked the Class of 1998's Silver 25th Anniversary, with class members receiving silver medals. Over 100 members of the Class of 2018 returned for their 5th Anniversary, which was a wonderful showing! Not to be outdone, the Class of 1983, celebrating their 40th Anniversary, welcomed over 100 of their ranks back to Molloy to celebrate. Molloy was also delighted to welcome John and Ella McConville. John graduated from St. Ann's Academy in 1948! It was a fantastic evening that saw all returning classes create new and lasting memories. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special occasion.

The next Stanner Alumni Reunion is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024. Molloy is excited to welcome class years ending in four and nine! If you have questions or are interested in serving as a Class Agent, contact the Stanner Alumni Center at 718-441-9210 or alumni@molloyhs.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Molloy

Classes Reuniting:
1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, *1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, *1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 & 2019.

*1974's Golden 50th Anniversary & *1999's Silver 25th Anniversary





Search Archbishop Molloy High School at Flickr.com for a full photo gallery from the Stanner Alumni Reunion held on November 4, 2023!



















24 HOUR RUN FOR 2 CAUSES

by Bianca Basone '15, Joe Sommo '03, & Rebecca Wagner '14

From 3:00 pm on Friday, September 22nd to 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 23rd, Social Studies teacher Mr. Joe Beaudet participated in Molloy's 24 Hour Run for 2 Causes, a fundraiser to increase understanding of pediatric cancer in memory of Kaitlyn Mendoza '22, as well as to raise awareness for runner safety in memory of Karina Vetrano '04. Throughout the 24 hours, members of the Molloy community walked or ran alongside Mr. Beaudet, or cheered him on from the sidelines, as he maintained constant, perpetual forward motion! The event raised over $17,000 in total for both Karina's and Kaitlyn's scholarships. Mr. Beaudet ran a total of 440 laps around Stanner Field, totaling 88 miles!

A teacher at Molloy since 2020, Mr. Beaudet has taught a number of gifted Stanners, one being Kaitlyn Mendoza. Kaitlyn was a talented student and tennis player who was beloved by her family, friends, and teachers. As a freshman in 2018, Kaitlyn won the CHSAA Tennis Singles Championship, making her the top overall winner in the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese and Nassau and Suffolk counties and qualifying her for the State Championship. She was named to the All-League Tennis Team later that school year. In 2019, Kaitlyn qualified for the New York State Catholic Tennis Tournament, which invites the best players in the state to compete. From an early age, Kaitlyn was a rising star in so many ways.

After a devastating cancer diagnosis and a brave battle with the disease, Kaitlyn passed away shortly before the start of her senior year. As her history teacher, Mr. Beaudet admired every aspect of Kaitlyn. He clearly remembers her to be a stellar honor student and gifted athlete that never missed class, never required extensions on assignments, always asked incisive questions, and had a genuine love for school. "Kaitlyn was not only one of the most impactful students I've ever taught, but one of the most impactful people I've ever met," shares Mr. Beaudet. "She embodied characteristics that I hope to emulate myself. Her traits and qualities should not just be remembered, but celebrated."

To honor her memory, the Kaitlyn Mendoza Fund was created in 2022 to award scholarships to young women attending Molloy and to provide grants to the Girls Tennis Program. When Mr. Beaudet learned of the scholarship, he knew immediately he wanted to do something to support it while honoring Kaitlyn. Executive Director of Development Mr. Craig Katinas '93 and Principal Dr. Darius Penikas suggested that a fundraising run would be appropriate considering Mr. Beaudet's running history. An avid runner, he has participated in countless running events, including the Boston Marathon, the NYC Marathon, the Leadville Trail 100 in Colorado, the JFK 50 Mile Memorial in Maryland, the Rocky Racoon 100K in Texas, and the Tour du Mont Blanc in Europe. Mr. Beaudet has also previously completed a 24 hour run.

As the event took shape, Mr. Katinas and Dr. Penikas suggested that Molloy also use the occasion to promote runner safety in honor of Karina Vetrano, a Molloy alumna from the Class of 2004 who was tragically killed after she was unexpectedly attacked while on a run in August 2016. The 24 Hour Run would then help support and educate women on safety initiatives while running, especially alone. Mr. Beaudet agreed, explaining, "I have four daughters, two of whom run track. My running coach is a talented woman. I'm surrounded by strong women, many who run, and it just makes sense that this event promotes their safety and that of all women."



Mr. Beaudet reaches for his daughter's hand at the start of the second lap.



Mr. Beaudet jogs the first lap with Phil Vetrano '74 on Friday afternoon.

At the start of the event, over 100 students, faculty, family, and friends lined the track to watch as Mr. Beaudet ran the first lap with Karina's parents. Phil Vetrano '74 held Karina's running shoes in his hands – his way of bringing her with him on his run. After the first lap, many who were cheering then rushed the track to run alongside Mr. Beaudet, showing a massive wave of support from the Molloy community.

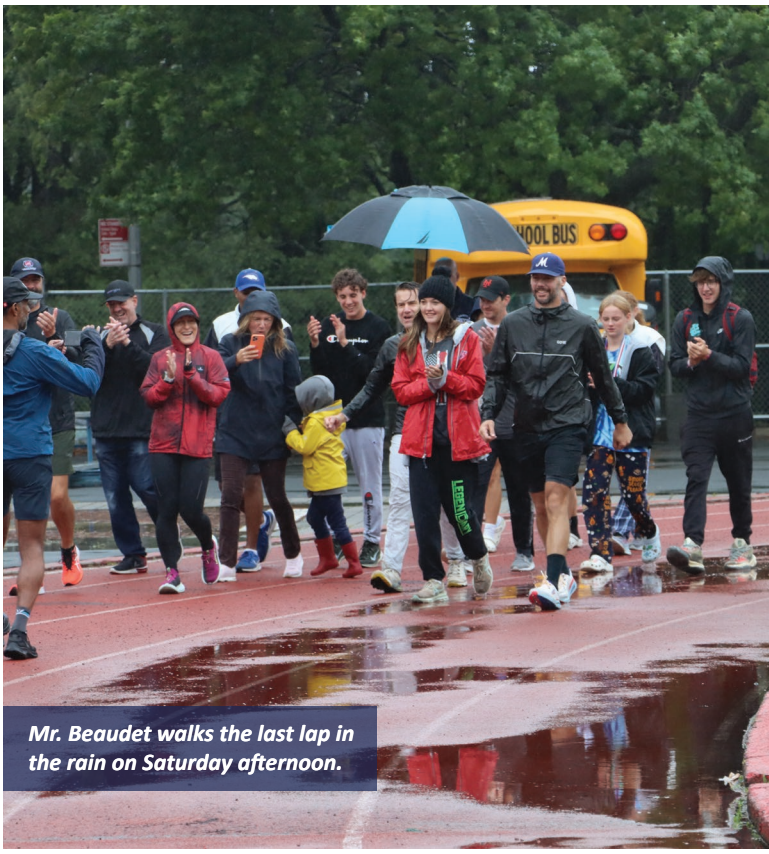
For the first few hours, members of both Kaitlyn's and Karina's families walked the track while talking to students and faculty. Kaitlyn's mother, Ms. Liz Hunter, said that although it was hard to be back at Molloy without her daughter, seeing the community come out to support her scholarship and honor her memory meant the world. Among those who showed their support were Coach Mary Edward '13 and members of the girls varsity tennis team, who walked in solidarity with Kaitlyn's family for part of the evening. In an effort to raise money for the Kaitlyn Mendoza Fund, the tennis team also hosted a bake sale, donating 100% of their profits to the fund. Ms. Hunter was beyond grateful for the many acts of kindness, and especially for Mr. Beaudet initiating the event. She appreciated how supportive he had always been of Kaitlyn, especially throughout her treatment. "Kaitlyn was a fighter who through it all always had a smile on her face," said Ms. Hunter. "I hope the Kaitlyn Mendoza Fund will help young women attend Molloy and enjoy their experience the way Kaitlyn did," she added.

Dr. Glade Bender, the pediatric oncologist who served as Kaitlyn's doctor, also attended the event and was pleasantly surprised to see so many people coming out to show their support. Dr. Bender noted that often pediatric cancers present very different from adult forms and urged parents to step up and speak up for their kids if they feel something isn't right, just as Ms. Hunter did for Kaitlyn. Action like this can make all the difference when it comes to catching the disease early.

Even though it began to rain around 3:00 am on Saturday, Mr. Beaudet was not deterred. "It was just something I had to deal with, something that became a part of the event. There was not a moment that I considered stopping." The rain did not deter support either! Many faculty members, family, and friends joined Mr. Beaudet on the track through the rain. "I anticipated the monotony of running the track would be difficult, but I quickly realized that wouldn't be the case," shared Mr. Beaudet. "I was always supported, always with someone."

After an exciting, rewarding, rain-soaked day, Mr. Beaudet completed his run! He said that the fundraiser brought out the best of Molloy and its family spirit, and even though his feet and legs started to feel sore during hour eight, the sense of camaraderie and respect kept him going! He is exceedingly grateful to everyone who joined him in supporting these two amazing scholarships. "I want to thank Kaitlyn's and Karina's families for coming to the run, even under such difficult circumstances." He also thanked Molloy's Stanner Alumni Center, Tennis Team, GERLL Club, Social Studies Department, and everyone else that showed their support.

The 24 Hour Run for 2 Causes was a historic event which saw so many members of the community contribute to its success. Not only did Mr. Beaudet run for 24 straight hours around Stanner Field, but he did not run alone for any of those 24 hours. The love and support displayed during this event was inspiring, serving as a powerful reminder of the remarkable people Kaitlyn and Karina were, and the impact their legacies are continuing to have on present and future Molloy students.



Mr. Beaudet walks the last lap in the rain on Saturday afternoon.



Kaitlyn Mendoza '22



Karina Vetrano '04

Make a gift to the Kaitlyn Mendoza Fund and the Karina Vetrano Memorial Scholarship today:

www.molloyhs.org/give/

MOLLOY OKTOBERFEST

by Bianca Basone '15

Molloy Oktoberfest has become one of the Stanner Alumni Center's most anticipated events of the year! What started off as an intimate event in 2011 for Molloy's Badges Network, has now become a huge celebration of culture. When the event was first created, Oktoberfest attendees consisted primarily of FDNY and NYPD members, as well as Molloy faculty and staff. At that time, between 60-100 guests enjoyed dinner and an evening to catch up with old friends. After a few years, a raffle was added, and the larger Molloy community was invited. The event continued on in this fashion for almost a decade, but unfortunately, once the COVID-19 pandemic began, Molloy Oktoberfest was put on hiatus.

Two years later, when planning for the event began again, Alumni Development Officer Ms. Rebecca Wagner '14 decided Molloy Oktoberfest needed reimagining. Ms. Wagner knew that with her Gottscheer heritage and event planning experience, Molloy Oktoberfest could be taken to new heights. The updated version of the event would include a Steinholding competition, live music provided by Die Spitzbuam, dance performances by her dance group Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe, and food catered by Danny Durante, a friend of Molloy who specializes in Oktoberfest cuisine. "As a younger alum, I knew I wanted to make



Ms. Wagner (right) joins the dance floor. October 2023.

my mark on the Molloy community in a new and fun way. With my culture being such a big part of my life, Oktoberfest felt like the perfect opportunity to do just that," said Ms. Wagner.

With the support of her colleagues, Ms. Wagner decided that the new Molloy Oktoberfest would present a completely different format than previous years. The updated event would allow guests the opportunity to buy t-shirts, win raffle baskets donated by Hofbräu, enjoy a traditional German dinner with even more variety, and dance to popular German music. The new Steinholding contest challenged participants to hold up filled 1-liter glass steins for as long as possible. There was a women's round followed by a men's round, and winners took home a special gift basket. With Bavarian pretzels on each table and German beers on tap, spirits were high from the moment the event began until the strudel was served and the band played their final number.

The first revamped Molloy Oktoberfest took place in October 2022, with over 250 alumni, friends, and family coming together to support Molloy while having an altogether great time. Because of the event's success, on October 20, 2023, almost 300 new and returning guests attended our most recent Molloy Oktoberfest! The larger turnout and energetic crowd showed that the Molloy community has truly embraced the new additions to the redesigned event. Ms. Wagner shared, "This event has become so special to me. Seeing everyone cheering as loudly as they did during Steinholding, or dancing along with the Tanzgruppe, made the night even more memorable. There's nothing better than seeing our hard work come to fruition as a room full of people raise their glasses together."

Don't worry if you missed the event, because Molloy Oktoberfest is here to stay! Thank you to Ms. Wagner, the Stanner Alumni Center, the Parents Guild volunteers, and everyone else who has helped turn Molloy Oktoberfest into one of the biggest events of the year. We hope to see you there next year. Prost!



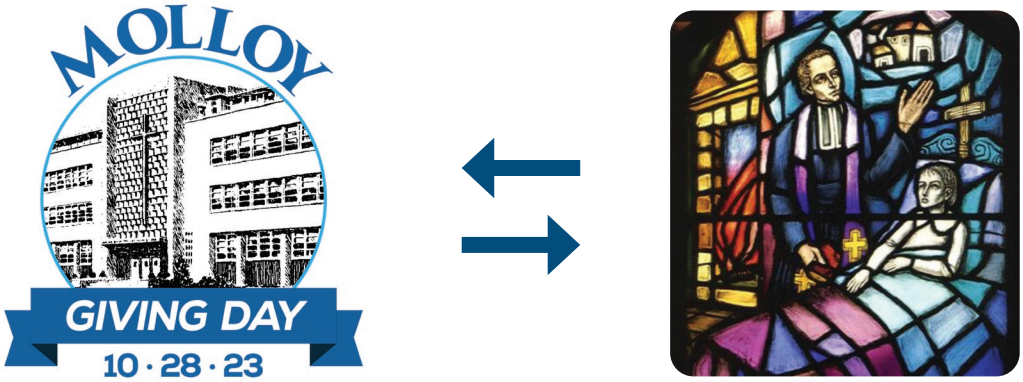












Molloy's New Giving Day

October 28th is a celebration of Molloy through the meeting of Marcellin & Montagne.

by Joe Sommo '03

In October 2023, President Richard Karsten '81 announced that Molloy would establish a new Giving Day, which would raise awareness of and encourage support for Molloy's scholarship program. Designated as October 28th, Giving Day would offer Stanners and friends an opportunity to rally their support behind the Fund for Molloy and Named Scholarships, in turn benefiting Molloy students now and in the future.

October 28th holds great significance within the greater Marist world. Known as Montagne Day, it commemorates the historic event that sparked Marcellin Champagnat's commitment to founding the Marist Brothers. On October 28, 1816, Marcellin was called to the bedside of a dying boy named Jean-Baptiste Montagne. Upon meeting Montagne, Marcellin soon realized that the boy had no understanding of the Catholic faith and could therefore not receive absolution. Marcellin spent several hours speaking with the gravely ill Montagne about the existence of God, which resonated with him. The boy passed away with Marcellin at his side, but not before receiving a blessing of absolution.

Marcellin's meeting with Montagne motivated and inspired him to form a congregation that would educate children and young people to make Jesus Christ known and loved. This led to the founding of the Marist Brothers, which decades later would lead to the founding of St. Ann's Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School, along with other Marist schools in 79 countries worldwide.

The Molloy we know today is a direct result of the work of St. Marcellin Champagnat. Designating October 28th as Molloy's new Giving Day helps pay homage to this significant moment in Marist history, and brings this crucial story to the forefront to serve present and future generations as a reminder of our roots.

Everyone at Molloy is extremely grateful for the generosity of our community, as over $96,000 was raised in support of our first Giving Day campaign! Your philanthropy directly affects Molloy's ability to remain accessible and affordable for all families, and helps Molloy to address important capital projects.

In the years to come, your support on our new Giving Day, and every day, will continue to sustain Molloy as a top destination for amazing students and families across New York City and Long Island. *Thank you!*

SAVE THE DATE – NEXT GIVING DAY: OCTOBER 28, 2024!

> **If not for the meeting of Marcellin and Montagne, there would be no Marist Brothers, there would be no Saint Ann's Academy, and there would be no Molloy.**
>
> **Br. Luis Ramos**
> *Teacher; Religion & World Language*

IN MEMORIAM

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

ALUMNI

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Louis F. Campione '50
Francis R. Lewis '50
Bruno J. Cappellini '52
Robert James Gillanders '56
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Dr. Donald Brennan, MD, '62
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February 16, 2023



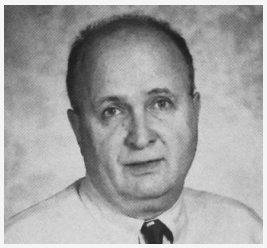
Charles J. Mallia, known to many as CJ, was a beloved member of the Molloy family. Serving as the Vice President of Technology and Innovation, CJ was integral to the day-to-day operations of Molloy. He oversaw the school's Information Technology and Communications departments, and was a trusted administrator.

First arriving at Molloy in 1998, CJ built Molloy's technology infrastructure from the ground up over the next 25 years. His talents and contributions were key to installing high-speed Internet and the latest Smart Boards, integrating one-to-one computing, and adding hybrid-learning capabilities to every classroom early in the COVID-19 pandemic. Molloy would not be where it is today without CJ, and his legacy will live on in our school for generations.

CJ was one of a kind. He led with kindness, he was a great listener, he always seemed to have a thoughtful answer to your question, he always made time for you, and he was deeply respected by his colleagues and friends. Moreover, he was a loving husband and proud father. We continue to pray for his wife, Trisha, their daughters, Abigail, Sarah, Emma, and Charlotte, and the entire Mallia family.

Anthony A. Nicolini

February 9, 2023



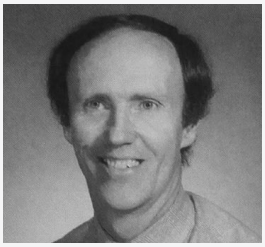
The Molloy community mourns the passing of retired teacher Mr. Anthony A. Nicolini Jr.

Mr. Nicolini was a respected teacher and colleague, serving in Molloy's Religion Department from 1972 – 2006. He taught courses including Religion 9, Religion 10, Religion 11, Jesus and the Christian Community, Johannine Literature, Church History, and Hebrew Scriptures among others. Mr. Nicolini was named chairperson of the department in 1979, serving in that role for several years.

During his career, Mr. Nicolini also acted as a Liturgy Coordinator, Encounter Coordinator, Chorus Director, and briefly in Molloy's Guidance Department.

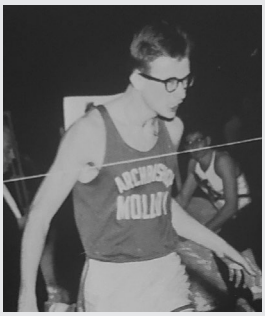
Kerry K. Hughes

March 13, 2023



The Archbishop Molloy High School community was deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Kerry K. Hughes. Mr. Hughes served as a Guidance Counselor at Molloy for over 40 years. He began working at Molloy in the early 1970s, then as Brother Kerry Hughes. While he did not continue his path as a Marist Brother, he did remain at Molloy, where he performed a variety of roles in the school's Guidance Department. These included Sophomore Counselor, Senior Group Counselor, College Guidance Counselor, Peer Counseling, College Advisor, and Personal Counselor. Mr. Hughes was Guidance Chairperson from 1982 – 1990.

In addition to Guidance, many Stanners fondly remember Mr. Hughes as their Driver's Ed teacher. Mr. Hughes retired after the 2011-12 school year. Please join us in prayer for Mr. Hughes and his loved ones, as well as the many students he helped throughout his career.



Robert S. Zieminski '64

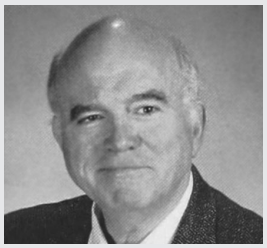
May 26, 2023

by Peter Farrell '64: Bob and I were co-captains of the Molloy track team back in 1964. The team numbered some 200+ boys and could claim to be one of the best track teams in the country. We had won the AAU National High School championships at MSG. Though we were well-rounded, the pride of the team was the two-mile relay (4X800M today). Bob, with his poise and great strength, was our anchorman and there was none better. At the Knights of Columbus meet in the Garden, we not only broke the indoor national record, but our time of 7:49.3 would have set the outdoor record (still the Molloy school record). We had an off day at the Penn Relays and the four of us winced as we watched rival St. Mary's walk off with our watches. After all, they were several seconds behind us that night at the Garden.

I'm sure it was our legendary coach Mr. Rienzo who organized a rubber match at SJU in June. We were too proud to let it go. We drove there from Molloy in Mr. Rienzo's Volkswagen Beetle. As his car pulled into the parking lot he turned to the four of us and said, "I did not come here to lose." We got out of the car and Bob turned to me. He gave me a look and without saying a word, I knew 'It was on.' We won that day and set a new high school national record, smashing the old one by six seconds. Our time of 7:43.7 is still the school record. And yes, Bob, my anchorman, finished 20 yards up the track from St. Mary's and undoubtedly looked like the included picture…a runner of great strength and poise.

Richard N. Whelan

September 25, 2023



Archbishop Molloy High School continues to mourn the passing of Mr. Richard N. Whelan. Known to many as Rick, he was a beloved teacher and colleague at Stanner High for over 40 years.

Mr. Whelan graduated from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School and later earned a Bachelor's Degree in physics from St. John's University and a Master's Degree from New York University. He diligently served as a member of Molloy's Science Department from 1969 – 2011. He is remembered by colleagues and alumni as a dedicated and passionate science teacher – most notably as a physics teacher – who had an impeccable sense of humor, a love of spirited conversation, and a memorable teaching style that continues to inspire his many former students.

It was wonderful to see the outpouring of support from alumni and friends on social media when Mr. Whelan's passing was first announced. Many remembered specific moments from his classes and other funny or joyful anecdotes, all of which illustrated the kind of beloved and influential teacher Mr. Whelan was.

Personally, Mr. Whelan loved music and playing his Gretsch Anniversary guitar. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Anita, having often visited Switzerland, London, Germany, and Barbados. One of his favorite meals was a burger and beer at Donovan's Pub in Woodside. Cheers, Rick.



Patrick J. Carroll '81

November 13, 2023

The Molloy and greater Marist communities mourn the passing of Patrick J. Carroll after a courageous battle with cancer. Patrick was a beloved member of Molloy's Class of 1981, maintaining friendships with many of his classmates throughout the decades. He was also a long-time volunteer for the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps dating back to his high school years, and volunteered for Molloy events including the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic. His loyalty and love for the Marist Brothers' Center at Esopus and Mid-Hudson Valley Camps was his passion. His presence in our community was truly a blessing.

Patrick lived life to the fullest. He was an inspiration and mentor to all who knew him. His indomitable spirit will live on through all his friendships. His positivity and love for life was his "superpower." Patrick would do anything for his friends, family and community.

We continue to pray for Patrick, his wife, Liz, the entire Carroll family, and all who share in mourning his loss.

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Event Calendar | Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni, parents, family members, and friends are invited to participate in our upcoming events.
Visit **www.molloyhs.org/events/** for more information.

Alumni Book Club
Stanners & friends read and meet to discuss a new book each month. Meetings are held in-person with a virtual option. Join the club! Email rwagner@molloyhs.org.

Alumni Zumba Night
Monthly workouts led by Ms. Murdocca & Mr. Autera. Contact rwagner@molloyhs.org for info.

Wine Tasting with Mr. Jim Sheehan
DATE: Spring 2024

38th Annual Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic
North Hills Country Club
North Hempstead Country Club
Lake Success Golf Club (New!)
Wheatley Hills Golf Club (New!)
DATE: May 13, 2024
www.molloyhs.org/sgc2024/

Theater Alumni Reunion
A reception and VIP seating in support of our Spring Musical: *Mamma Mia!*
DATE: April 20, 2024

Stanner Alumni Reunion
Class Years: 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 & 2019
DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Contact the Stanner Alumni Center for more info about events: 718.441.9210 or alumni@molloyhs.org.