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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Stanners and Friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce the latest *Stanner Life*, Archbishop Molloy High School's annual magazine. This edition comes after the conclusion of an exciting year, as our students excelled in the classroom, our athletes achieved historic individual and team success, and our alumni and greater community staunchly supported the Marist Mission we all hold dear.

Think for a moment about your high school experience, including the cost of education and the available technology. In my tenure as Molloy's president, going on 16 years, we have moved through several generations of SMART Boards, introduced one-to-one computing, adapted to distance learning, and are now studying the scope of artificial intelligence. Our ability to evolve along with dramatic shifts in education has helped us provide the best opportunities for our students, but balancing affordable tuition is always a priority. We know that our families value Catholic education, yet the burden on many of them to pay tuition is great. When you support annual giving and Named Scholarships, you project students forward. You pave the way for innovative learning spaces and sustain Molloy as an accessible and affordable option for all families. The generosity of our community stretches across many decades and generations, and as we move closer to the celebration of our 135th anniversary, Molloy is thriving as one of the best Catholic high schools in the country because of your support. On behalf of everyone at Molloy, *thank you*. Together, we make an incredible difference in the lives of our students.

As Molloy continues to thrive, our recruitment efforts must always evolve. The question that we must address each year is "Why Molloy?" The answer requires bold thinking and big dreams. It is not simply about keeping pace; it is about leading, adapting, bridging imagination with opportunity, and empowering students with skills, instincts, and the confidence to enhance the future of our world.

When St. Marcellin Champagnat founded the Marist Institute 208 years ago, he did so by reading the signs of the times. He knew that young people needed to be nurtured with a strong educational foundation guided in Christian faith. Following in his footsteps, the Marist Brothers have continued to read the signs of the times, including expanding their ministry to North America, opening St. Ann's Academy in New York City, and moving St. Ann's to Queens to become Archbishop Molloy High School in 1957. We will reflect on perhaps our school's most important such strategic decision during the upcoming school year, when Molloy celebrates 25 years of coeducation.



Our decision to go coed in 2000 has benefited our community immensely, as the achievements of our young women in academics, athletics, and in the workforce have added immeasurably to our institutional culture. We are planning a special event this September to celebrate this historic milestone, as well as more initiatives throughout the 2025-26 school year.

A significant part of reading the signs of the times in this millennium is adapting to the speed at which technology evolves. Emerging technologies impact a multitude of industries by the minute, and Molloy must respond through curriculum innovation and technological advancement. With student interest surging in fields like medicine, engineering, data science, global business, and entrepreneurial leadership, we are prepared to expand what is possible for every Stanner who walks through our doors. Through flourishing AP courses, experiential learning, and with an eye on fostering leadership, Molloy is ready to meet the expectations of each new generation of students.

We are also focused on providing opportunities for creativity in the fine arts. Visual arts, theater, and music each play a significant role in the vibrancy of our school. Students have more resources than ever in our modernized Art Studio, the Stanner Players continue to sell out the Ralph DeChiaro Theater with their impeccable plays and musicals, and our music program is more prominent than ever, with our choruses, Band, and String Ensemble performing with passion. We have enjoyed many exciting moments in the arts this year, and we look forward to more this fall, including offering Band as part of our curriculum for the first time.

Success beyond the classroom also permeates the field of play, as our student-athletes continue to put Molloy's athletics program on the map. This year saw many incredible achievements, including individual or team Brooklyn/Queens Champions, City Champions, and State Champions. With our program now offering 46 teams, our Stanners have more opportunities than ever to grow as athletes and as leaders.

As Molloy advances, so too do our graduates, who continue to be accepted to many exceptional colleges and universities around the world. This is a testament to our exceptional students, our world-class faculty, our supportive families, and our school's commitment to nurturing the whole student. We are deeply proud of our graduates and look forward to tracking their ongoing success. In this *Stanner Life*, we are proud to highlight graduates from the Classes of 2024 and 2025 and the impressive schools they are attending.

Amazing "Stanner Stories" are forged here every day, and that is because of the collective work of our community to drive the Marist Mission ever-forward. I anticipate a bold new school year in 2025-26, and I hope that you will join us for the journey.

Non scholae sed vitae



Richard Karsten '81
President

Making the Grade

AP-titude on the Rise

by Bianca Basone ‘15

Molloy is committed to refining and expanding its course offerings each year to appeal to modern, well-rounded students. If a Stanner is considering a career in Computer Science, they have the option to take Scholars Robotics or Machine Learning. Students with aspirations in law can take Constitutional Law or Criminal Justice. Molloy’s Administration works diligently to assess the courses available to Stanners, including considering new Advanced Placement (AP) courses that reflect the diverse interests of students. Additionally, new AP courses benefit students as they represent more opportunities for motivated Stanners to obtain valuable college credit before they ever step foot on a college campus.

Each AP course follows a College Board approved curriculum and is taught by a Molloy faculty member who has undergone training seminars. At the end of an AP course, students take a cumulative test wherein a high score rewards them with college credit. During the 2023-24 school year, Molloy offered a then record 20 AP (and one Pre-AP) courses in a range of subjects. Students with a passion for drawing could take AP Art and Design, while those who enjoy conducting scientific experiments could take AP Chemistry. Molloy’s AP program continued to grow during the 2024-25 school year, as the addition of four new courses set a new high-water mark: AP French, AP Italian, AP Statistics, and AP Precalculus!

AP EXAMS AND AP SCHOLARS

An increase in AP courses ultimately leads to an increase in the number of test takers, and now Molloy has seen a record-breaking number of AP exams administered for three consecutive years! In addition, Molloy has seen a record number of AP Scholars in consecutive years! Students recognized as AP Scholars score a 3 or higher on one or more AP exams.

At the end of the 2022-23 school year, 697 AP exams were administered at Molloy, with 78% of those students earning the title of AP Scholar. In 2023-24, 813 AP exams were administered to Stanners, with 84% becoming AP Scholars. In 2024-25, Molloy administered 938 AP exams, with those results pending as *Stanner Life* went to print.

“Every year the number of AP exams administered increases greatly. This is a clear reflection of our students’ academic ambition and the continued growth of our college-level offerings,” said Mrs. Maria Cuomo, Assistant Principal for Assessment, Technology, and Integrated Learning. “It is also a testament to the strength of our academic program and the dedication of our students, who consistently seek out and challenge themselves with rigorous coursework. These efforts not only enrich their high school experience, but also help them stand out in the college admissions process.”

From one year to the next, Molloy jumped from having 105 AP Scholars to 158! After the addition of our four new courses, we can’t wait to see what the coming year has in store for our AP Scholars!

BRAND NEW AP OFFERINGS

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- AP French
- AP Italian
- AP Statistics
- AP Precalculus



AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

Graduates from the Class of 2024 were among the first Stanners to receive a Capstone Diploma, with select members of the Class of 2025 following suit. AP Seminar is a college-level research course rooted in the humanities. Students study scholarly, peer-reviewed articles, learn how to decipher the arguments within them, and ultimately formulate arguments of their own. Students enrolled in AP Seminar then take the second course of the two-year program, AP Research, during their senior year. AP Research gives students the opportunity to use the research practices and methodologies they learned during AP Seminar to investigate a research question of their own.

Students who earn a 3 or above on both AP Seminar and AP Research as well as four additional AP exams offered at Molloy will receive the AP Capstone Diploma, the highest ranking diploma offered by the College Board. Molloy, now with students from two class years earning this prestigious distinction, hopes to grow these enriching courses in the future.

Stanner Athletics

AN OUTSTANDING YEAR
FOR MOLLOY'S STUDENT-ATHLETES

by Joe Sommo '03

Generations of exceptional student-athletes and dedicated coaches have led the way in defining the renowned legacy of Stanner athletics. From our Track & Field program celebrating its 100th anniversary, to our Boys Varsity Lacrosse team winning their first CHSAA Boys B Division City Championship in just their second year of existence, history is made every season here at Stanner High. Now sporting 46 teams, including 20 at the varsity level, Molloy offers more opportunities than ever for student-athletes to develop their skills. During the 2024-25 school year, there were many outstanding individual and team performances that raised the bar for future athletes. In this year's *Stanner Life*, we're highlighting a multi-time All-American, an Olympic hopeful, a State Champion, a team on a multi-year B/Q Championship streak, and a team that brought home its first City Championship since 2002.

Camille Munoz '25

Committed to the U.S. Naval Academy

Simply put, Camille Munoz '25 is the most decorated female athlete in Molloy history. A four-year varsity athlete and team captain, Camille epitomizes the hard work, consistency, and spirit necessary to be the best. Her resumé speaks for itself: 12-time All-League, 15 varsity school records, 15-time Brooklyn/Queens Champion, 5-time B/Q MVP, 14-time City Champion, 4-time Eastern State Champion, 9-time Catholic State Champion, 8-time Nationals Medalist, and 12-time All-American. In addition to winning the CHSAA Sportsmanship Award, Camille was named the Jack Curran Outstanding Female Senior Athlete at Molloy's 2025 Athletic Awards. In spring 2025, as her senior season was winding down, Camille was still putting forth her best, winning the Catholic State Championship in the Pentathlon, High Jump, 100 High Hurdles, 400 Intermediate Hurdles, and earning the meet's Most Valuable Performer title. She also finished second in the New York State Championship Pentathlon, setting a new school, league, and Catholic state record. At the Adidas National Championships, Camille led her Shuttle Hurdle Relay team to 5th place, and on top of resetting the school, league, and Catholic state record, she was named All-American in the Heptathlon. An outstanding student in the classroom as well, achieving a high GPA, Camille has secured her place in Molloy sports lore for many years to come.



Camille is not just a top athlete, but a top teammate. While she has established school records in numerous individual events—Indoor 60m, Outdoor 100m, Indoor 200m, 400m Hurdles, Outdoor Pentathlon, Indoor Pentathlon, and Outdoor Heptathlon—she has also achieved great success with her teammates. She is part of numerous record-holding indoor and outdoor relays. Running alongside Maria Badalamenti '25, Riley Devaney '28, Eva Gonzalez '24, Grace Murphy '24, Brianna Poliseno '25, Brianna Rucker '24, Jenna Wright '24, and many others, Camille cheered for her teammates and pushed them to become better versions of themselves every step of the way.

One of Camille's coaches, AJ Power '84, offered the highest praise when asked about her achievements. "She earned more All-American titles than any other Stanner female athlete. Camille can do it all," said Coach Power.

"She is a great competitor, but more importantly she is the ultimate leader. She could have been league champion in eight different events this past spring, but she made sacrifices to give the team the best chance to succeed," said Coach Dylan Dombrowski '07.

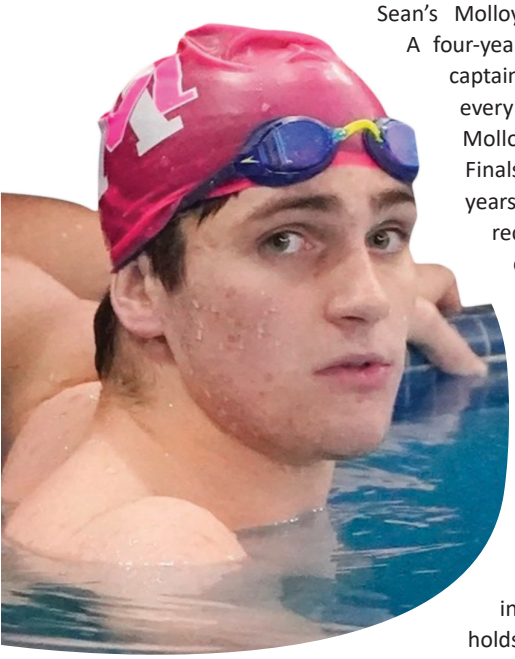
After making Molloy history, Camille now looks ahead to the next chapter. She has reported to the U.S. Naval Academy, where she will strive to continue shattering records and bettering herself on the Track & Field team. "The Naval Academy is getting a tremendous athlete, but an even better person," said Coach Power.

Sean Green '25

Committed to the University of Georgia

In summer 2024, Sean Green '25 achieved something few Stanners have: competing in the Summer Olympic Trials. Representing Molloy and the Long Island Aquatic Club, Sean competed in the trials for the 400 IM, the 1500 Freestyle, the 800 Freestyle, and

the 400 Freestyle. Impressively, Sean was the youngest male athlete in the nation to reach the finals for an event. He finished eighth in the country in the 800 Freestyle, a performance which saw him drop his personal best time by 11 seconds. Though he ultimately did not advance to the Olympic Games, Sean's abilities and competitiveness were on display for a national audience—a fact emblematic of the type of talent he is.



Sean's Molloy career has been stellar. A four-year varsity athlete and team captain, he achieved MVP status every year. He has represented Molloy in the New York State Finals in multiple events all four years. Sean holds five school records, as well as league, city, and state records in two events. He is a 2-time League MVP, a Junior National Champion in the 400 IM, and has been named the fastest swimmer in the country at the high school level in the 500 Freestyle. In 2023, he was the 18 and Under National Champion in the 800 Freestyle, and he holds the national age group record in the mile. This year, he was State Champion in the 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle. At Molloy's 2025 Athletic Awards, Sean received the Jack Curran Outstanding Male Senior Athlete Award, recognizing him as one of Molloy's most elite competitors.

"I'm thankful to all my coaches," said Sean. "I have a great relationship with all of them, we communicate really well, and I think that's helped me a lot." Sean's head coach, Heather Green-Wresch, is extremely proud of all that he has accomplished. "Watching Sean swim these past four years was an honor. I know he will do amazing things at the University of Georgia, and I look forward to seeing him in the Olympics one day."

MJ Sim '27

Bowling State Champion

Rising junior MJ Sim '27 has been bowling since he was three years old, and has been competitively bowling since about the age of 11. It shows, as in just two years at Molloy, MJ has established himself as one of the school's top athletic performers. A 2-time individual State Champion in bowling, MJ may already be Molloy's all-time best bowler. Before this school year even began, MJ had finished in fourth place in the National Bowling Tournament. Entering the year coming off that tremendous accomplishment, he bowled his second career 300 game on September 25, 2024. Next, he was a top performer during what turned out to be an undefeated season for Molloy's Varsity Bowling team. The team went on to win the Brooklyn/Queens Championship and the City Championship! Soon after, MJ captured his second individual State Championship, capping off an impressive and memorable bowling season.



MJ was first inspired to take up bowling by his family. Both of his grandparents had a bowling background, as well as his parents, and so being in that environment helped him discover a love for the game. It has also fueled his competitive drive, which is why after capturing back-to-back State Championships in his freshman and sophomore years, he is training to help Molloy achieve a clean sweep in 2025-26. "I want to win Brooklyn/Queens, cities, and bring another State Championship back to Molloy," said MJ confidently.

Asked about his long-term goals, MJ has many in mind. He has his sights set on making the Junior Team USA, winning a junior gold title, and even acquiring sponsors. He also plans to bowl in college, hopes to one day be part of an All-American team, and perhaps even go pro.

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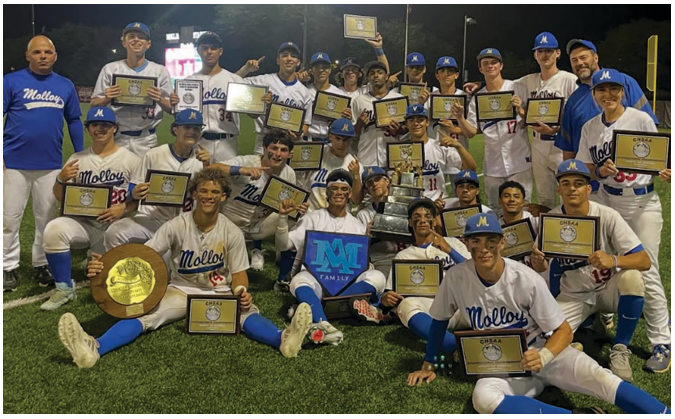
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 COLLEGE SIGNED ATHLETES!

Camille Munoz – Track & Field – U.S. Naval Academy
Garrett Ryan – Track & Field – SUNY Oneonta
Patrick DeSarno – Baseball – University at Albany
Noah Leon – Baseball – University of Mount St. Vincent
Dylan Payano – Baseball – SUNY Maritime College
Sean Kivlan – Basketball – SUNY Maritime College
Justin Munson – Basketball – St. Joseph's University NY
Arianna Steele – Golf – Manhattan University
Kieran Meenan – Rugby – Mount St. Mary's University
Daniela Peros – Soccer – Queens College
Milan Sliwa – Soccer – Hunter College
Marcella Polvere – Softball – Adelphi University
Faith Wagner – Softball – Adelphi University
Joshua Chariah – Swimming – Baruch College
Sean Garvey – Swimming – Manhattan University
Sean Green – Swimming – University of Georgia
Mellanie Benitez – Tennis – Molloy University
Blaise Corozzo – Basketball – St. Joseph's University NY

Varsity Baseball

2023-24 State Champions
2024-25 City Champions
Back-to-Back B/Q Champions

The past two years have been nothing short of an incredible ride for Molloy's Boys Varsity Baseball team. Capping off what many considered a "Cinderella Season" last year, the Stanners won the 2023-24 CHSAA New York State Championship! It was the first state title in Molloy baseball history, and the first time a Brooklyn/Queens Diocese school won this state tournament. Molloy secured the championship with an 8-0 victory over the Eagles of St. Peter's Boys High School, who at the time were ranked 15th nationally and riding a 29-game winning streak. After Ryan McMenamin '25 secured the last of his six strikeouts in a seven-inning shutout performance, the team rushed the field in celebration. As they proudly hoisted the championship trophy, they entered Molloy baseball history forever. Several weeks later, on August 15th, our state champions were invited by the New York Mets to Citi Field to be honored on the field before the game. It was another incredible moment for this historic team.



The team was as motivated as ever to bring home more hardware in 2024-25. Many outstanding players returned for another full season. Standouts like Patrick DeSarno '25, who collected his 100th career varsity hit this spring, and pitchers Ryan McMenamin and Liam Brower '26, who each achieved their 100th varsity strikeouts, contributed consistently. John Brown '26, DeSarno, Dylan Payano '25, and Ayden Roman '26 played at a high level, earning CHSAA All-League honors.

After a successful season going 23-3 as back-to-back regular season champs, Molloy captured its second consecutive Brooklyn/Queens Championship by defeating St. Francis Prep on May 27, 2025. It was another proud moment for the team and coaching staff, who have worked so hard and put in many hours to leave the "Cinderella" title behind them. The varsity squad soon made another major statement en route to that goal, bringing home Molloy's first City Championship since 2002 after defeating Iona Prep 9-6 on June 7th! Huge games from Liam Brower (game MVP, 5.2 IP, 4 strikeouts), Ryan McMenamin (save), Charlie Lods '25 (2 RBI), Ayden Roman (2-3), Patrick DeSarno (3 BB), and Dylan Payano (2 SB) all helped secure this historic victory. It was a total team effort, which reflects the acronym that has become part of their rallying cry: F.A.M.I.L.Y. "It stands for 'Forget about me, I love you,'" said Assistant Coach Ms. Stephanie Staiano. "It's about embracing a selfless team mentality and putting the team before yourself the way a family does. That's the culture we have created in our program."

Asked if winning the State Championship last year changed their approach to the 2025 season, Head Coach Chris DeSarno was pragmatic. "Honestly, not much changed since spring 2024. Winning the State Championship was a surreal experience, but a new season always brings new goals," said Coach DeSarno. "As a coaching staff, we just focus on teaching fundamentals and communicating our values with constant messaging about what is important in life and baseball. I guess for the kids, maybe there is a little more confidence, and we do get other teams' best efforts it seems, but overall it was a fun year with another group of outstanding young men."

Girls Varsity Tennis

Six Consecutive Brooklyn/Queens Championships

Molloy's Girls Varsity Tennis team has been the model of consistency in recent years. Coached by English teacher Ms. Mary Edward '13, the team won its sixth consecutive Brooklyn/Queens Championship during the fall 2024 season. The final match was a thriller, which saw Molloy win 3-2. Christina Kyrou '26 secured a second singles tiebreaker, coming back from a 9-6 deficit in a ten point match to win 12-10. Emma Palacio '28 also won her first singles tiebreaker 10-6. In second doubles, Vanessa Pas '26 and Angelina Pustovoytov '28 clinched Molloy's title with 6-2 and 6-1 victories. The team concluded their season as State Semifinalists.



The Girls Varsity Tennis team employs a strong work ethic to sustain its success. During the fall season, the team practices five times per week. The regular season consists of 14 matches, but many of the girls also play in tournaments on weekends, which requires they stay prepared and their skills remain sharp. "It's a competitive league," said Coach Edward. "Schools like The Mary Louis Academy, Xaverian, and Dominican Academy are very tough competition. Our B/Q final was won through two tie breaks in the singles match, which shows how evenly matched it really was."

Ms. Edward hopes the team will continue its streak of success heading into fall 2025, with top players Emma Palacio and Christina Kyrou setting a strong example for their teammates. Part of providing that leadership is modeling the code of ethics that Coach Edward believes is key. "Each season is unique with its own challenges and victories," said Coach Edward. "What matters most at the end of each match, championship, or season, is that we put forth an effort that we can be proud of, and that we acted as players that people would want to root for. Winning is nice, but being deserving of the win is more important." Ms. Edward also noted that although there is a lot of individual performance on the tennis team, the team's motto is "win or lose, we do so as a team!"

CELEBRATING Our Teams

	Team	Season Result
FALL 2024	JV Bowling	B/Q Champs, City Champions
	Varsity Bowling	Undefeated Season, 4th consecutive B/Q Championship, City Champions; MJ Sim became a 2-Time State Champion
	Boys Freshman Cross Country	4th in Brooklyn/Queens, 14th in NYC CHSAA, 13th in CHSAA
	Boys Sophomore Cross Country	2nd in Brooklyn/Queens, 6th in NYC CHSAA, 8th in CHSAA
	Boys Varsity Cross Country	3 Individual State Qualifiers, 3rd in Brooklyn/Queens
	Girls Freshman Cross Country	B/Q Champions
	Girls Varsity Cross Country	2 Individual State Qualifiers, 2nd in Brooklyn/Queens
	Boys Varsity Soccer	City Finalists
	Girls JV Soccer	City Semifinalists
	Girls Varsity Soccer	B/Q Semifinalists
	Step Team	3rd Place in CHSAA Step Competition
	Boys Varsity Swimming	Divisional Champions, Division 2 Novice Champs, Overall Novice Champs; Sean Green: State Champ In 200 Free & 500 Free
	Girls Varsity Swimming	2nd in the City Championship & Dual Meets
	Girls Varsity Tennis	6th Straight B/Q Championship, City Champs, State Semifinalists
	JV Volleyball	B/Q Tier 1 Finalists
WINTER 2024-25	Boys JV Basketball	B/Q & City Champions
	Boys Varsity "A" Basketball	City Semifinalists
	Girls JV Basketball	City Finalists
	Girls Varsity Basketball	B/Q Semifinalists
	Boys Varsity Track & Field	22nd in Brooklyn/Queens, 2nd in Indoor & Outdoor Sectionals
	Girls Varsity Track & Field	Indoor: 1st Place B/Q Sectionals, 1st Place NYC CHSAA Outdoor: City Champions
SPRING 2025	JV Baseball	B/Q Championship Finalists
	Varsity Baseball	B/Q Champs, City Champions, State Semifinalists
	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	City Champions, State Finalists, Mayor's Cup
	Girls JV Lacrosse	City Championship Finalists
	Girls Varsity Lacrosse	City Semifinalists
	JV Softball	City Semifinalists
	Varsity Softball	B/Q Champs, City Champions, State Semifinalists

Making an Impact

Campus Ministry's Project 153 engages Stanners in national and global service

by Bianca Basone '15

As a Catholic Marist school, Molloy teaches the importance of serving others, just as St. Marcellin Champagnat first taught over 200 years ago. A focal point of our Campus Ministry program centers around service, both within our community and around the world. In fall 2024, Campus Ministry launched Project 153, named after the post-Resurrection story where Peter, unable to catch any fish, is encouraged by Jesus to put his fishing nets in the Sea of Tiberias a second time, resulting in 153 fish caught. Mr. Richard Costa, Molloy's Director of Campus Ministry & Marist Mission, says the story "symbolizes the need for Jesus's followers to seek out everyone, engage them, encounter them, enrich them, and be enriched by them." A part of this initiative is to design trips that recreate this dynamic of seeking out and engaging others, and so a number of national and global service opportunities have been established for Stanners to broaden their world view and perform acts of kindness for those in need.

In tandem with our ecological efforts as a school, eight students accompanied Campus Ministers Mr. Costa and Mr. Matthew Corrado, along with Director of Sustainability of U.S. Marist schools Mr. Sam King, on an international service trip to Belize during the 2024-25 school year. Jernae Castle '25, Vanessa Guilfoyle '26, Jillian Kahn '26, Esme Kerr '25, Ismael Minchala '25, Kristen Mussalli '25, Juliana O'Keeffe '26, and Audrey Ward '25 traveled to Placencia, Belize to learn about the ecological systems in the area and help with various service projects.

Molloy teamed up with Bold Hope, an Christian organization that connects people from around the world to facilitate the service projects. Mr. Costa worked with Bold Hope to plan the trip to Belize and incorporate ecological learning opportunities throughout the experience to align with the Marist U.S. Province's focus on taking care of our planet. Mr. Costa, Mr. Corrado, and Mr. King brought our student volunteers to local farms where they took tours and learned about climate change's effects on planting seasons. Students visited a bee farm to learn about the importance of bees in pollinating crops, and they also participated in beach cleanups. Mr. King shares, "I hope this experience inspired Molloy's students to fall in love with creation and become advocates for ecological justice in their communities."

17,351

The number of service hours Stanners logged in 2024-25!

Source: InnerView.org

Our students also spent the week serving the people in the Placencia community. Stanners helped a primary school build an outdoor assembly area and installed a fence around a church. Esme Kerr says working at the school was most impactful to her, because while working, "unexpectedly children came up to us and started giving us hugs and high fives, and it just showed us how welcoming and inviting everyone is." Jernae Castle noticed that the children and Belizeans "were so connected to nature and the world around them, inspiring us to spend the least amount of time on our phones we could." Juliana O'Keeffe said all eight Stanners grew as people because of this trip, becoming more compassionate, grateful, and aware of global challenges. Mr. Costa noted, "Yes, these eight students encountered the Belizeans, but they also encountered each other."

Later in the school year, Stanners participated in a service trip to Kissimmee, Florida, for the first time. This opportunity was in partnership with Give Kids the World, a non-profit organization that provides week-long vacations for children with critical illnesses and their families. During winter break, Elias Benitez '25, Mackenzie Clarke '25, Tiffany Esquen '25, Aine Harkins '26, Deborah Murphy '26, and Christian Schmidt '26 joined Campus Minister for Service Ms. Rose Haslbauer and computer science teacher Mr. Alex van Winkel as volunteers for the program. Together they worked to ensure participating families had a vacation to remember.

Throughout the week, the volunteers served food in the dining hall, did nails in the day spa, and even distributed ice cream for breakfast! "The motto of Give Kids the World is 'where happiness inspires hope,' and it was inspiring to be a part of creating that happiness," says Ms. Haslbauer, who has volunteered with the program in the past. Mackenzie Clarke describes these different "hope inspiring" volunteer activities, saying, "I worked in the dining hall both serving food and carrying trays for the kids. I also worked a shift in the castle where the kids get their star put up; there is a star for every child who has come to GKTW. All of us worked different shifts at the Christmas party, dressing up like elves and Christmas trees, leading



Students with Mr. Costa and Ms. Haslbauer in Kentucky

games and cookie making. My favorite shift by far was in the spa, where I got to give kids glitter tattoos, and do their nails and hair!"

Ms. Haslbauer was proud of our Stanners and how they embraced the experience, adding, "GKTW has always held a very special place in my heart, and being able to return there, this time with Molloy students, was very impactful. Watching Stanners interact with families and help spread joy was something that was awe inspiring." Mr. van Winkle agrees that the trip was special, because "these families get a week of pure fun, and we were able to be a part of it. I jumped at the opportunity to go, and the bonds I created were absolutely worth it." Stanners took their roles seriously, and left the trip with a "sense of fulfillment, because knowing that our group of volunteers made a difference for the kids and families of GKTW brought us such joy," says Elias Benitez.



Students at Give Kids The World in Kissimmee, Florida

Another trip occurred over Easter break, as Ms. Haslbauer and Mr. Costa, along with Natalie Carrillo-Rojas '27, Enda Connolly '27, Juan Guaman '26, Vanessa Guilfoyle '26, Adam Minarovic '26, Lena Olszowka '27, and Emma Sefaj '27 volunteered with the Housing Development Alliance (HDA) in Jackson, Kentucky. The group stayed at the Magnificat Farm run by Ellen and Josh Van Cleef, fellow Marists and missionaries that serve the Eastern Kentucky area.

The group was tasked with helping to build homes for families that were displaced during the July 2022 flood. The first few days of the trip involved Stanners "painting and flooring a house with the HDA," according to Ms. Haslbauer. During the latter part of the trip, our volunteers met with Ms. Genevieve, a social worker from one of the local schools in Kentucky. They accompanied Ms. Genevieve on house visits, bringing "gift baskets of basic necessities" to four families that were affected by the floods, according to Mr. Costa. The purpose of the visits was to gain new perspectives on the families' lifestyles, faith, and resilience in the face of difficulty. Ms. Haslbauer says of the visits, "We could see firsthand the devastation of the floods, and it was inspiring to provide a helping hand in housing the families that are still displaced years later. We encountered God not through just the people, but through the landscape, and the work we did with our hands." Enda Connolly adds, "The trip really opened up my eyes to the issues in other parts of our country and how poverty takes a different form there. It was especially significant to me to truly be able to see, talk to, and be present with the people behind tragic news reports and devastating statistics." Mr. Costa says he and the group were "embraced" by the multigenerational families, continuing, "While our eyes told us one story, our ears told us another; we met families who were happy to visit with us and invite us into their homes."



Students doing landscaping in Belize

One day during the trip, our students and Campus Ministers attended a Mass in honor of Earth Day, held at the chapel on Magnificat Farm. After hiking in the Red River Gorge on Friday, the group attended another Mass, this one bilingual, in Lexington in honor of the late Pope Francis. Mr. Costa says of the Mass, "While on one level sad, Celebrant Bishop John Stowe optimistically reminded us that we are to continue Pope Francis's work and we 'cannot go backwards.'" Overall, the trip provided memorable lessons in ecology, service, and faith, giving our Stanners a well-rounded and unique service experience.

In addition to these trips, Ms. Haslbauer and Mr. Costa attended the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) with students Alyssa Bisono '25, Emmi Bisono '27, Dominick Cadore '25, Elizabeth Canty '26, Vanessa Guilfoyle '26, Emily Mussalli '28, Kristen Mussalli '25, and Johan Torres '25. Held in Long Beach, California, the NCYC brings together thousands of Catholic students from all over the country to pray together and hear from inspiring guest speakers. According to Emily Mussalli, "The talks included many various topics. For example, 'You are not the sum of your weaknesses and failures' delved into the humility in being a good Catholic, while 'I believe it, but don't feel it' was about believing in God, but not knowing how to establish a deep connection with Him…. With over 25 different options, there was a small group session for everyone." Mr. Costa said the trip was "of vital importance to our vision of Project 153," as it engaged students and Campus Ministers from all over the nation and enriched their faith.

Molloy's Campus Ministry team works tirelessly to grow our faith, service, and retreat programs, with Project 153 now a core part of it all. Many other service projects occur throughout the year between these trips, including visits to the Ronald McDonald House and local food pantries, and making sandwiches for Midnight Runs. We are so proud of all the students who participated in impactful service this year, and we can't wait to see what Campus Ministry has in store in the 2025-26 school year!



Students laying flooring in Kentucky



Caring for Our Common Home

Molloy's Laudato Si' group renovates the St. Ann's courtyard

by Bianca Basone '15

Members of Molloy's Laudato Si' group plant new flower beds in the St Ann's Courtyard

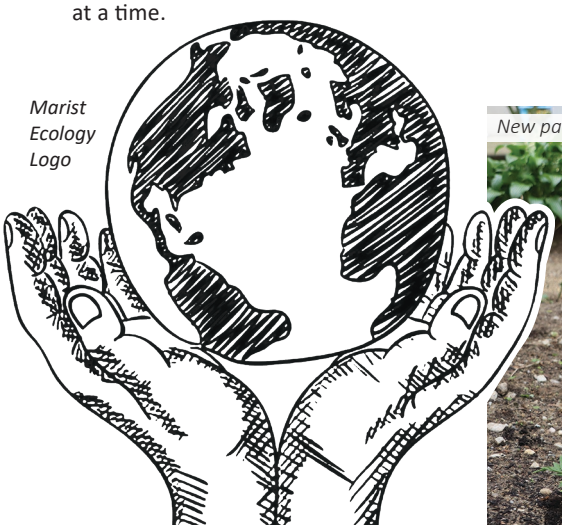
In 2015, Pope Francis published a 184 page encyclical that became commonly known as Laudato Si'. With the subtitle "Care for Our Common Home," the encyclical calls on people to care for the natural world—planet Earth—as it is a gift and should be treated with respect. Laudato Si' begins by presenting the environmental problems our Common Home is facing—pollution, climate change, etc.—and then explores how these issues are caused and what we can do to live more ecologically responsible lives.

In 2022, Marist Provincials from around the world met with Pope Francis in Rome where he stressed the importance of teaching young people about our Common Home, and how those with an enthusiasm for Ecology are the ones that will allow for a more sustainable future. Recognizing this call to action, Molloy's Campus Ministry team formed a Laudato Si' student group, made up of Stanners who are passionate about the environment and are intent on bettering the planet, one small act at a time.

The biggest contribution Molloy's Laudato Si' group has made to our community is the renovation of the St. Ann's Courtyard. In the spring of 2023, Kristen Mussalli '25, Christina Sbano '25, and Alyssa Bisono '25 approached Molloy's Campus Ministers, asking if it were possible to renovate the garden in the courtyard. Alyssa said that "the garden is the perfect connection to Pope Francis's Laudato Si' message for caring for our Common Home," and, "since Molloy is like a second home for us, we want to care for it and help it grow." Jules Nohar '25 and Sofia Paz '25, also members of the Laudato Si' group, helped write a proposal asking the US Marist Province for a grant that would "turn the school's courtyard into a stunning garden oasis." Excitedly, the group received a $2,000 grant from the US Province to put towards cultivating the new garden.

After receiving the grant, students got to work pulling weeds, preparing flower beds, removing shrubs, constructing garden beds, and prepping for the installation of new lighting, pathway upgrades, and fountains. When the area was ready, students planted perennial plants, as well as a vegetable garden. In spring 2025, Alyssa wrote a second proposal to the US Province, which resulted in Molloy receiving an additional grant. The funds were used to add bird houses, a butterfly garden, and implement a composting program.

The St. Ann's Courtyard garden now features solar path lighting, a bird bath with a solar-powered pump, fresh coats of paint for the statue of St. Ann and Mary and the St. Ann's bell, and a "peace pole" inscribed with the main idea of Pope Francis's Laudato Si': Our Shared Home. To commemorate the opening of the garden, Campus Ministry and the Laudato Si' group held a blessing led by Molloy's new chaplain, Fr. Nicholas Colalella. Fr. Nicholas reflected on Pope Francis's urge for an "ecological conversion," where our relationship with Jesus is represented by our relationship with nature. Fr. Nicholas proclaimed, "In this garden, we are invited to encounter God's presence, to witness the miracle of growth, and to participate in the ongoing work of creation."



Marist Ecology Logo



New pathway lighting



Alyssa Bisono tends to new plants in St. Ann's Courtyard





Above: Members of the Molloy community attend the blessing of St. Ann's Courtyard

In attendance at the blessing was Mr. Sam King, the Director of Sustainability of U.S. Marist schools. He was moved by the garden blessing, saying it "represented Molloy's commitment to Laudato Si'." He also said that the garden is "a beautiful embodied expression of our care for our Common Home, and all of the wondrous biodiversity we are blessed with," and that he is "inspired that Stanners put their hands to soil so that they can share in this sacred space." President Richard Karsten '81 attended the blessing and was proud to witness it with a sense of nostalgia. "Ecology and concern for the planet was a huge part of everyday conversation when I was young," he says, "and it's an important topic that is being embraced by Marists today."

Aside from the Laudato Si' group, Molloy has been making incremental improvements to reflect the message of caring for our Common Home for several years. In 2020, all of Molloy's original water fountains were replaced with modern models that feature a filtration system, a spout to fill up water bottles, and a digital counter that tracks the number of plastic bottles saved. These fountains have encouraged Stanners to bring in reusable bottles instead of plastic, significantly cutting down Molloy's plastic waste. In 2024, Molloy replaced its original boilers from 1957 with three new, energy-efficient boilers that automatically shut down once the set temperature is reached. Previously, to keep the Marist Brothers' quarters heated during the winter, both boilers would need to be turned on and the whole building would have the temperature affected, even when the rest of the school was not in use. Now, different heating zones can be isolated to conserve energy, allowing for an estimated 35-40% in energy savings. "We also included a recycled water loop," says Molloy's Facilities Director Mr. Brian Yuska, "which reuses the steam that is condensed and collected back into the boilers." Molloy has also installed eco-outlets in all classrooms as well as environmentally sustainable lighting throughout the building. These improvements, made possible through community giving to the Fund for Molloy, have helped our school live out Pope Francis's Laudato Si' in a tangible and meaningful way.



Craig Katinas '93 repaints the statue of St. Ann and Mary

Molloy's long-standing I AM Green Club, moderated by Guidance Counselor Mr. Chris Dougherty '91, has been around since the late 1980's—with Mr. Dougherty being one of its founding Stanners back when he was a student! On a daily basis, members of I AM Green help separate the plastic bottles that are incorrectly thrown away in the trash during lunch, placing them in recycling bins. Each fall, the group participates in the Rockaway Beach Clean Up, where they pick up any litter found on the sand and separate it so it can be recycled. Members also take record of what is found so that Mr. Dougherty can send the data to the American Littoral Society. During the Stanner-A-Thon, club members clean Molloy's surrounding neighborhood, picking up trash and separating recyclables. Each year, students come up with other various, sustainable activities, such as making ornaments out of recycled materials for Christmas, or taking a field trip to Brooklyn to go thrifting! I AM Green is a wonderful club that perpetuates the spirit of Laudato Si'.



Molloy's I AM Green Club with moderator Mr. Dougherty



MOLLOY'S MUSICAL MOMENT

Celebrating Stanner Musicians

by Joe Sommo '03

Though their Molloy experiences differ in various ways, there is a strong chance that most graduates of the past several decades would instantly react to hearing the first few notes of "Envía Tu Espíritu." Sung at many liturgies each year, the song has become a favorite among students and alumni, representing the moments we gather to pray and the family spirit that bonds us together. The music that we share at school not only adds to the vibrancy of our community, but it stays with us for years and reminds us of a special time in our lives. The soundtrack of the 2024-25 school year featured a plethora of wonderful music performed by many talented Stanners. The Junior/Senior Chorus, Band, Freshman Chorus, and String Ensemble all enjoyed a fulfilling year that helped forge many lasting memories for performers and audiences alike.

Mr. Jim Sheehan '75 has directed Molloy's Junior/Senior Chorus for over 40 years, mentoring generations of Stanner vocalists. According to Mr. Sheehan, the Chorus "started out as a small extracurricular, with about a dozen students." The Chorus would grow over time, but its biggest jump occurred when Molloy went coed in 2000. "When girls arrived, we started having up to 70 people in the Chorus, and we could add more sections and showcase more voice types," recalled Mr. Sheehan. Due to growing interest, Chorus was eventually added to the school day as a class to allow more students to participate.

The Junior/Senior Chorus is part of the bedrock of Molloy, as they perform throughout the school year at liturgies, Open Houses, concerts, alumni reunions, and more. Delivering consistently excellent performances requires a great deal of preparation, and Molloy's Chorus students are truly dedicated to their craft. They meet either three times per six-day cycle or for one double-length class period per six-day cycle, during which each voice section (soprano, alto, baritone) practices separately. Prior to public performances, the entire Chorus meets to put everything they practiced as separate sections into one cohesive presentation.

In addition to rehearsing, Mr. Sheehan is thoughtful about which songs match the theme of each liturgy. "I have a go-to list of songs for liturgies, like 'Envía Tu Espíritu,' because we don't always have time to learn new material. The great thing about reusing the liturgy songs over time is it creates a nice moment for alumni when they come back and recognize those songs," explained Mr. Sheehan. He also tries to add at least one new song to the rotation every September at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Last fall, the Chorus debuted "Go Make a Difference" by Steve Angrisano, a song that calls on young people to joyfully do God's work. "That was perfect for us, and it set the tone for the rest of the year," said Mr. Sheehan. "If the music at our liturgies is hopeful and prayerful, that can make a difference in the students' spiritual experience at Molloy."



Mr. Sheehan directing the Junior/Senior Chorus

Seasonal concerts incorporate more unique selections. The Christmas Concert showcases many classics and modern interpretations of traditional Christmas songs, while the Spring Concert incorporates medleys and well-known Broadway musicals. This year's Spring Concert featured songs from *Cats*, *Oklahoma!*, *Godspell*, *West Side Story*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Little Women*, and *Wicked*, as well as an extended Beatles medley. "I try to pick pieces that are fun to perform, familiar to the audience, and that will build the confidence of the Chorus," said Mr. Sheehan. He also often features soloists and duets to further build that confidence. "By the time these concerts roll around, I've heard the students sing a lot, so I invite them to audition for solos and duets if I think their skill set matches a particular song."

When asked about the importance of Chorus at Molloy, Mr. Sheehan reiterated it's about instilling confidence. "I want to see more students have confidence—that's what I'm here for—but I also love music. I want to show them that music can be a source of joy, prayer, healing, and fun. The pressure of school and college applications can cause us to feel tight, like we're constantly inhaling. Metaphorically, music teaches you to exhale and relax. It can help a student realize, 'Wow, you mean there's a period during the day where I can take a breath, do music, and meet other kids who like music?' Music introduces things that are more qualifiable than quantifiable, but ultimately it's something very important to the heart and mind."

The music Stanners learn while in Chorus stays with them, which is evidenced each time an alumnus joins the current students in song at an event. "I'm always humbled by the alumni response at our events," said Mr. Sheehan. "It's become something of a tradition where alumni attend events and then naturally stand among the Chorus to sing the songs they remember from Molloy. It's something special to them that they want to jump up and recapture."

Mr. Sheehan invites the entire Molloy community to come out, support the Chorus, and join in the celebration of music. "Our singers are quite good. Come out and hear them!"



In September 2024, Molloy welcomed Mr. Daniel Jones as its new music teacher. Mr. Jones, who has been playing instruments since he was five years old, brings 11 years of teaching experience and a genuine passion for music and the arts to Molloy. Though he holds a BA in Criminal Science, music is his true passion. "Music has always pulled me to it. It has shaped me into who I am. Music has the ability to heal, to inspire, and to spark creativity. I always tell people to love what you do, and so I decided to take up that mantle professionally," said Mr. Jones.


Mr. Jones directing the Band

Entering the 2024-25 school year, Mr. Jones was tasked with taking on numerous aspects of the music program, including teaching Music Appreciation, Music Theory, and Freshman Chorus during the school day, and moderating Band and String Ensemble as extracurriculars. "The biggest challenge was scheduling, because students have a lot of obligations after school, and a lot of the Band's and String Ensemble's work had to happen outside of the school day," explained Mr. Jones. He decided to implement early morning practices for the Band, with members meeting before the start of the school day. The Band would first read and listen to the song of the week together, and then make an initial attempt to play it. The Band would spend its next meeting breaking out into sections to practice their own parts. Subsequent meetings would challenge the sections to come together to play in unison, work out any issues, and finalize the song for public consumption. "We had some off days, and sometimes it was just me giving pep talks to encourage the students. It was important for us all to grow together at the right pace," said Mr. Jones.

Although the students were initially skeptical about the new morning routine, everyone began to embrace it when they started to hear the results. "My goal was to build the students' excitement first and then develop that. Eventually, there was a moment when they heard how good they sounded and realized, 'Oh, we can really do this!' Eventually, the senior members were leading the charge, arriving to practice even earlier and setting a positive example for the underclassmen," Mr. Jones proudly noted.

When the Band finally made their big public debut at Molloy's fall Open House, the quality of their performance throughout the day turned more than a few heads. They featured several rock and pop tunes, including "Viva La Vida" (Coldplay) and "Another One Bites the Dust" (Queen), that they had rehearsed for weeks. Membership also jumped significantly afterward, with over 20 students joining the Band after hearing their debut. "There was a great feeling of accomplishment after Open House. We worked hard for weeks, but really it was a lesson about patience, consistency, and how you invest your time. We didn't master every song right away, but little by little we made progress, and the students experienced the payoff," said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones chooses songs that he feels both the performers and audiences will respond to. "I often look for positive, impactful, and family-oriented music. I also want to feature songs that are timeless, so we can connect all generations together. We want everyone to feel involved when experiencing our performances," explained Mr. Jones.

Even with a full schedule, Mr. Jones found a way to add one more extracurricular: the D-LIMITZ Drum Club. Mr. Jones has studied music around the world, including African drumming. He has taught drumming in other schools for over nine years, and he works with his own D-LIMITZ Band outside of school. Mr. Jones wanted to bring that experience to Molloy as well. "Drumming is a core skill that can really help musicians improve their focus and rhythm. It's near and dear to my heart, and it continues to give me motivation to continue my journey as a music teacher. The students have responded well to it."

The Band performed at many school and alumni functions throughout the year. Two of the most exciting events were Molloy's first Athletics Pep Rally and the Seniors vs. Faculty Basketball Game, both held in early spring. Mr. Jones described the atmosphere at both events as "electric" and compared the Jack Curran Gymnasium to feeling like a mini-Madison Square Garden. "Our community had never heard our Band perform at athletic events like that. It's nice to be able to create that culture for sports," said Mr. Jones.

On May 1st, the Band, Freshman Chorus, String Ensemble, and D-LIMITZ Drum Club presented their biggest show of the year: the Spring Concert. Themed "Around the World," the concert represented a convergence of performers, ethnic styles, and musical genres. The Band performed upbeat songs including "7 Nation Army" (The White Stripes), "Livin' on a Prayer" (Bon Jovi), and "Suavemente" (Elvis Crespo). The Freshman Chorus provided a spirited set including "We are the World" (Michael Jackson) and "What a Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong). The String Ensemble showed its range with songs including "Time to Say Goodbye" (Andrea Bocelli) and "Thinking Out Loud" (Ed Sheeran). Mr. Jones even invited Assistant Principal Mr. Ed Cameron to play bagpipes with the D-LIMITZ Drum Club in what he dubbed an "International Fusion" of Scottish, South Korean, and African music. "It was wonderful to reflect the spirit of Molloy and Queens by bringing everyone together with different kinds of music," said Mr. Jones.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year, Mr. Jones plans to develop the music program even more. He will assign leadership roles to students and empower them to take on more responsibility, and he looks forward to Band being added into the school day for the first time. "Band becoming a class will give us more time to practice, and will help us strengthen our one-on-one and section practices," said Mr. Jones excitedly. He also hopes that graduates will look back on their experience with Molloy's music program fondly and stay connected, much like the alumni of the Junior/Senior Chorus.



Mr. Jones is grateful for the opportunity he has had to make an impact at Molloy. "This is the best school I've ever taught at. The mission, the kids, it's all been a blessing, and we're just getting started." Mr. Jones invites the Molloy community to come out and support our Stanner musicians. "If you want to have a great time and hear some great music, come out and see us," he said. "I guarantee you'll hear some things you haven't heard before!"

MOLLOY'S SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM TAKES ON STATES AND NATIONALS

by Bianca Basone '15

Extracurricular activities allow Stanners to look outside of their typical classes and discover new interests. While Molloy has over 60 clubs and activities, there are core extracurriculars that require more commitment and impart valuable skills on students. One of these activities, Speech and Debate, has been on the rise with back-to-back successful competitive seasons!

Coached by Dr. Jonathan Mangar '09, Mr. George Reed, and team alum Mr. Ryan Curran '22, Speech and Debate teaches Stanners how to advocate for themselves and others, how to speak publicly, and how to prove their points clearly and concisely. Dr. Mangar adds, "Being a member of Speech and Debate teaches students how to analyze and think critically about information and present it thoroughly and confidently to others."

A typical Speech and Debate season consists of weekly practices to prepare for competitions throughout New York and around the country. Coach Ryan says team members "attend Tuesday meetings where they work with peers and captains in their respective events," as well as compete in tournaments that usually take place on Saturdays. Dr. Mangar says practices are "fun and lively," starting off with words from coaches and captains, then splitting up into event groups: speech, congressional debate, Lincoln-Douglas, and public forum. Speech events can range from delivering original or well-known speeches to interpreting selections of literature, while debate events challenge students to debate values, philosophies, ethics, or even current world events.

During the 2023-24 school year, Molloy became a National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) member school within the NYC District. NSDA membership provides students with additional opportunities and resources to become better speakers, earn scholarships, and attend a wider array of competitions. Notably, Lucia Vucetic '24, one of Molloy's inaugural NSDA members, went on to become the first Stanner to earn a bid to compete at the Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky! The 2024-25 season saw 11 more Stanners earn NSDA membership.



2024-25 Speech and Debate Team

According to Coach Ryan, "Being a member school of local, state, and national leagues, Stanners can qualify for many tournaments throughout the school year. These leagues include top schools in the nation." Molloy has participated in local tournaments hosted by the Brooklyn Queens Catholic Forensic League, as well as in prestigious tournaments including the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Championships in Chicago, the New York City Invitational at The Bronx High School of Science, the Harvard University Invitational, and the Yale Invitational! Moises Bien Nunag '25 competed at the NCFL Championships, and shares, "Getting to participate at nationals in Chicago was one of the greatest honors I've had as a Molloy student." Lilly Kacziba '27, another Stanner that competed, elaborates, "Debating in Chicago was very exciting because I had the opportunity to go against many debaters with more experience, so I was able to assess where I should improve and use that knowledge to become better for the next season."

After several years of success, Molloy's team has grown to nearly 40 members—leading to more tournament qualifiers. The 2024-25 team competed in over 23 tournaments, winning eight team trophies for top three placements. In addition, Stanners earned 23 half qualifications and 10 full qualifications for States, and six qualifications for Nationals! Molloy's 2024-25 National qualifiers were: James Lukose '28, Isaac Contreras '27, Anya Satyanarayana '27, James Vanegas-Molina '27, Juliette Bonello '27, and Elizabeth Canty '26.

Many multi-year team members step into roles as captains, mentoring the new students and teaching them how to be better speakers, researchers, and debaters. Anya, a current captain, says she enjoys being a Speech and Debate leader because "she likes to teach others about debate," and even though it is hard work at times, she likes working with others and introducing new ideas to make debate more fun. This past year's team certainly gelled, working just as diligently as their predecessors, with Stanners placing in almost every category throughout the season.

In November 2024, Molloy hosted and competed in a Tri-State Debate League tournament, with six Stanners receiving half-qualifications to the New York State Championships. In March 2025, Molloy hosted the Speech & Debate Regional Qualifying Tournament, where another four Stanners qualified for States. Hosting these events has helped raise Molloy's profile in the Speech and Debate world and signals our team's rising reputation as a competitive force!

Molloy Introduces a Robotics Team

by Bianca Basone '15

Molloy's Administration is always interested to hear new ideas for clubs and activities that are pitched by Stanners. During his sophomore year, Westen Lipan '26, with encouragement from Molloy's Computer Science & Engineering (CS&E) faculty, thought up an exciting possibility for Molloy's extracurricular roster: a competitive Robotics Team!

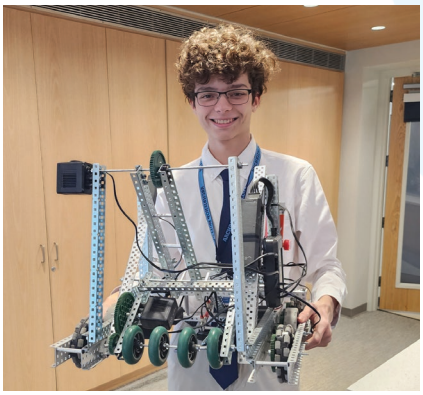
For some time, Molloy's CS&E teachers had been considering ways to grow their program. With the idea to try and form a competitive robotics team now on the table, CS&E teacher Mr. Alex van Winkel approached a talented Stanner he knew could help make the idea become a reality: Westen Lipan. In middle school, Westen competed in various Lego robotics competitions, leading to an early understanding of how to code VEX robots. That knowledge, along with seeing various building parts going unused during Robotics Club meetings, provided the spark he needed to spring to action. Westen then worked with Mr. van Winkel to write a proposal for the creation of a Robotics Team. After doing an immense amount of research, Westen was given the green light to move forward. Working with classmate Alexandros Bazenikas '26, the pair began recruiting students from the Robotics Club who showed interest in participating as part of a competitive team.



The Robotics Team competing at the Harvey School, February 2025

In the fall of 2024, Molloy's first Robotics Team officially launched. With the help of Mr. van Winkel, the team began acquiring the materials they would need to build competition-ready robots. Soon the team was ready to begin looking for competitions. Westen and Alexandros took it upon themselves to do much of the searching, even connecting with a private school in Westchester that had more experience in competitive robotics.

Molloy's founding Robotics Team is made up of Westen, Alexandros, Megan Chelius '26, Rocco Fasanello '28, Avinash Hemraj '26, Francesko Hila '26, Yosef Naser '26, and Sydney Pullo '26. Their first competition was held on February 16, 2025 at The Harvey School in Westchester. Compared to their more experienced competitors, Molloy's team "started from the ground up just three months before the competition, with just one of those months dedicated to actually building!" exclaimed Alexandros. Although the Robotics Club meets once per week, the Robotics Team stayed after school every day for weeks leading up to the competition. Some days, they had to request a chaperone stay in the building with them because they would be working past six o'clock in the evening! "I'm blown away by how much time and effort these students put into this competition, to the goal of this team in general," says Mr. van Winkel.



Westen Lipan '26 (above); The Robotics Team (below)





Each team needed to build a robot that could score points by picking up rings and placing them on mobile goals. A total of 38 teams competed, and although it was Molloy's very first competition, the Stanners won one of their rounds, and tied another—all against more experienced schools!

"The experience was really fun," said Westen, adding, "we learned a lot, such as the smaller the robot, the less problems will occur to it." Alexandros also felt the competition was a learning experience, realizing that instead of every member of the group working on one aspect of the robot at once, splitting up the work "makes the process run more smoothly."

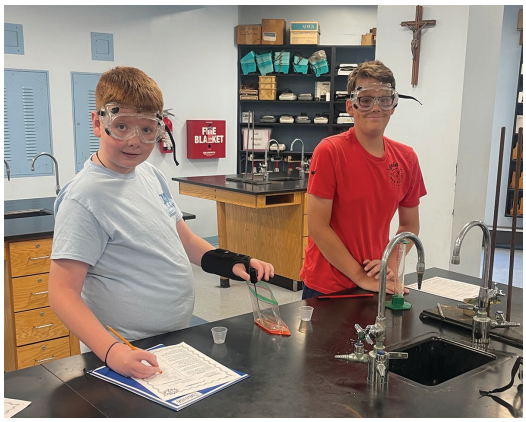
Westen and Alexandros are excited about the prospect of growing the team and entering more competitions in the near future. Since both of them will be seniors during the 2025-26 school year, they are looking forward to "teaching underclassmen what they learned and passing on their coding and building knowledge."

ENRICHING SUMMERS

by Bianca Basone '15







Archbishop Molloy High School's Summer Enrichment Program offers an amazing opportunity for rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students to take fun yet educational courses instructed by Molloy's outstanding faculty and staff! The program provides prospective Stanners (and some incoming freshmen) the chance to take a "major" and "minor" course of their choosing, with subjects ranging from Web Design to Broadcast Journalism & Podcasting. In addition to their courses, participants engage in daily large group creative/critical thinking recreational periods, where they solve puzzles, play word games, and tackle other brain teasers together.

Back in 2023, the first year of the program, Molloy welcomed 37 participants and offered the following courses: Video Creation and Production; Programming and Game Development; ENERGY, A STEAM-based Approach; Web Design, Robotics, and AI; and Chess. In just its second year, the program nearly tripled in size, and so more courses were added to create a robust schedule! In its third year, the 2025 program included: Programming and Game Development, which offers hands-on instruction in Computer Science, giving young students a head start in the field; Chess, designed for players of all levels, tailored to promote critical thinking, problem solving, and the joys of a good intellectual challenge; Fine Art, which gives students the opportunity to develop their natural talents and explore their creative side; Video Production, giving students a first look at Adobe Photoshop and After Effects, teaching them the fundamentals of graphic design and animation; Principles of Rocketry, which gives participants an introduction to the mechanics of rockets; and Music, a hands-on course designed to introduce students to the fundamental techniques and rhythms of West African drumming, both in traditional and contemporary styles.

Ms. Bisceglia, instructor of the podcasting course, said her goal is to provide participants with a solid introduction to broadcast journalism. She enjoys the program as a whole because "it introduces younger students to Molloy while giving them a fun way to learn during the summer." Mr. Duplessis, the instructor of the program's art courses, said he wants participants to "realize how gratifying and rewarding being creative feels," and thinks they should register for the program because "it allows them to gain a deeper understanding of subjects they enjoy and gives them a chance to advance their knowledge in a variety of valuable areas."

"We hope to continue growing our Summer Enrichment Program so that we can offer more great classes to academically dedicated and gifted students during the summer," says Principal Dr. Darius Penikas, creator of the program. He continues, "We are also thrilled to be able to give middle school students a look into the dynamic, supportive, and high-achieving community that is Molloy."

Molloy looks forward to welcoming future participants to our campus soon, where we hope they gain a sense of the academic ideals and family spirit we uphold every day here on Manton Street!

For more information about Molloy's Summer Enrichment Program, call 718-441-2100, scan the QR Code, or visit: www.molloyhs.org/summerenrich

Stanners Shine as Math Team National Champions

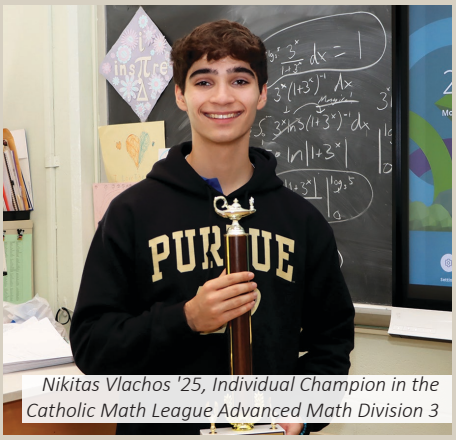
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Congratulations to Molloy's Math Team, which achieved great success during the 2024-25 competition season! The team won First Place in the Catholic Math League Advanced Math Division 3 competition, with an award presented to Nikitas Vlachos '25 as the Individual Champion in the division! Molloy's team also won First Place in the Division 2 Algebra 2 Championship, and Michael Lee '27 placed 3rd nationally in Algebra 2. The most prestigious trophy the Stanners took home was a National Championship in Algebra 2! National championships are exceedingly difficult to win, making this accomplishment all the more impressive. Of the top 29 overall Math League participants, four of them were Stanners!

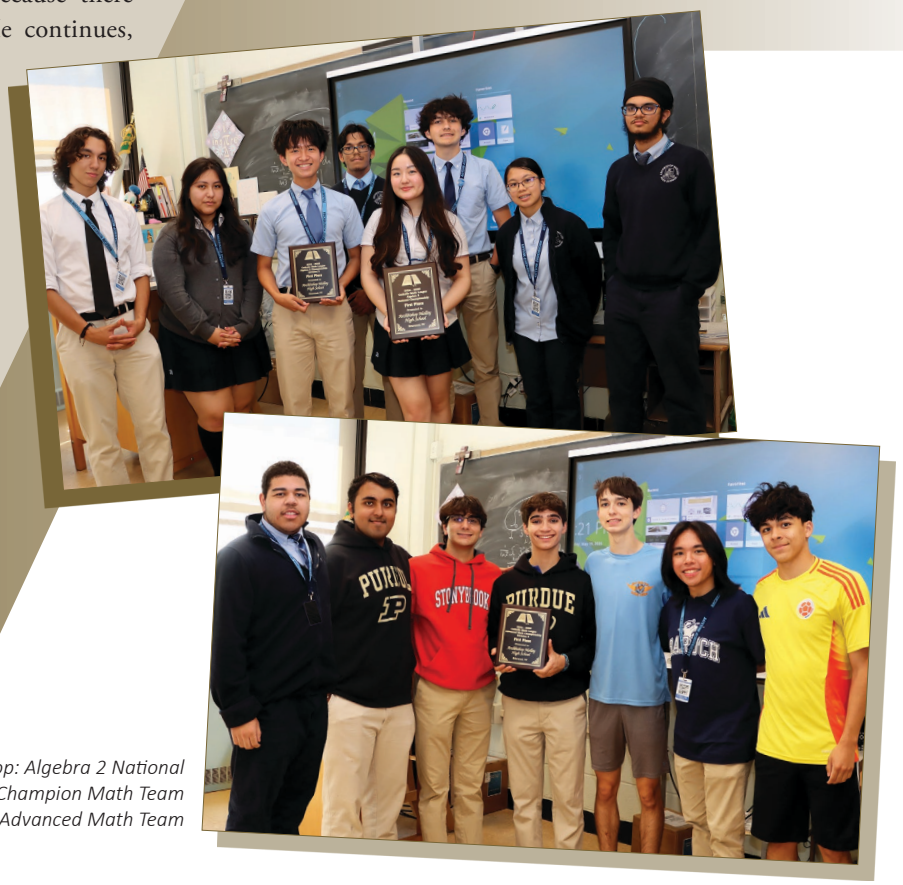
Ms. Lauren Pizzo moderates the team and coaches them throughout the school year. During meetings in November, December, February, and March, all members of the team complete a test that matches their grade level: either Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, or Advanced Math. All of the exams are non-calculator, and all 25 questions must be answered in 30 minutes or less.

Michael Lee says he "enjoys being on the team because there is a strong sense of community and teamwork." He continues, "We all push each other to do our best, and it is extremely rewarding to see our collective efforts lead to success." Nikitas Vlachos is proud of his own accomplishments this year, graduating on a high note. "I'm very proud of myself and especially of the team as a whole for performing so well this year. This was a very strong year for the Math Team, and I hope this momentum can continue in future years and that Molloy's Math Team will keep performing exceptionally while welcoming more and more people who want to express their talent in math."

Ms. Pizzo was very impressed by the Math Team's achievements, saying they did incredible work. "I am so proud of all the members of the team—showing up after a long day of school to work on more math questions. It shows such dedication and a love of math. Winning first place in our division in Algebra 2 and Advanced Math are great accomplishments on their own, but this year we also took home first place in the nation for Algebra 2! It is such a joy to see young people interested in and passionate about math."



Nikitas Vlachos '25, Individual Champion in the Catholic Math League Advanced Math Division 3



Top: Algebra 2 National Champion Math Team
Bottom: Advanced Math Team

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THANK YOU—Two words that carry the weight of thousands of lives changed.

On behalf of the Marist Brothers, President Richard Karsten ’81, our faculty, staff, and most importantly, our students—thank you for believing in Molloy. Your support of the Fund for Molloy is more than generosity—it is leadership. It is a declaration that Catholic education, rooted in faith, service, and academic excellence, must remain accessible to all. It is a decision to stand with our mission, our students, and their limitless potential.

Since 2010, your support has provided over $2 million in Needs Assistance to more than 1,500 students. You have fueled over $10 million in capital and emergency projects—without placing additional burden on families. You have helped us grow our annual financial aid from $150,000 to $250,000, meeting rising needs with rising compassion.

Statistics alone do not tell the story. What matters most is what happens next.

A young woman who never imagined she could afford Molloy walks through our doors and discovers she belongs. A student in crisis receives help—quietly, discreetly, and with dignity. A senior opens a college acceptance letter to a school they once thought out of reach, and realizes: “This happened because someone believed in me.” That someone is YOU.

Molloy now ranks among the top 8% of schools in the country. We offer 24 AP courses (and counting), prepare students for elite universities, and foster a deep sense of purpose in each young person. From Columbia to Cornell, from Notre Dame to the U.S. Naval Academy, our graduates are stepping boldly into the future.

We are not content to simply celebrate the past. The future demands more: more access, more opportunity, and more leadership rooted in our Catholic Marist faith.

That is why the Fund for Molloy matters—because our mission doesn’t pause when the school day ends. Our mission lives in every student we lift up, every family we walk with, and every future we help shape.

As St. Marcellin Champagnat taught us, “To educate children, you must love them, and love them all equally.” Your generosity is love in action. It is faith in motion.

There are more students to reach, more barriers to break, and more lives to transform. Thank you for walking with us and for continuing this extraordinary journey. Please know you are always welcome to visit us on Manton Street to see your charity first hand.

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Craig M. Katinas ’93
Executive Director of Development

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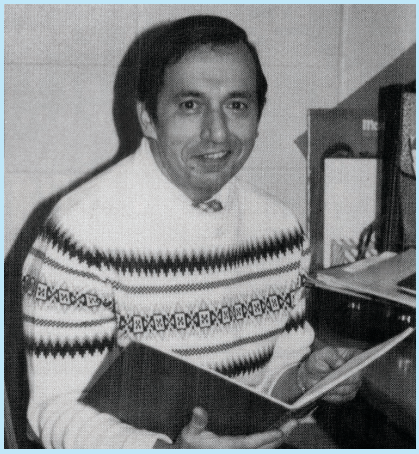
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ON THE VERGE OF A MILESTONE

The Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship nears $1,000,000 in total funds raised!

by Joe Sommo '03

Named Scholarships reflect the generosity of members of our community who wish to make a unique and significant impact on the lives of students in need. Alumni and families who create Named Scholarships often do so in honor of loved ones, classmates, Marist Brothers, or lay teachers who made a positive impact on their lives. These scholarships are available to students who may be facing financial burdens, those living in single-parent households, and many other considerations.



The Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship is one of Molloy's largest need-based Named Scholarships, and it awards full tuition to students experiencing the most extraordinary of circumstances. Students who receive this scholarship are among the most vulnerable who are seeking to enroll at Molloy, and without it they may be unable to meet tuition requirements. This scholarship, created by a group of generous alumni and friends in the 1990s, reflects the legacy of Br. Ron Marcellin '52, a longtime teacher and guidance counselor who always sought to protect, nurture, and empower such students.

Br. Ron graduated from St. Ann's Academy in 1952. Inspired by the Marist Brothers who taught him, he entered the Marist Novitiate, becoming a Marist Brother by the late 1950s. First joining Molloy's faculty in 1959, he taught Spanish and mechanical drawing, coached pole vault, and served as a guidance counselor. After departing for a few years in 1967, he returned in 1977 to teach Religion, lead retreats, and once again serve as a guidance counselor. It was as a counselor that Br. Ron made his greatest impact.

Br. Ron had an innate ability to connect with students, imparting advice that deeply resonated with them. Using his excellent interpersonal skills, he met students where they were, understood where they were coming from, established mutual respect, and helped them build confidence and grow as people. He worked hard to make sure no student ever got "lost in the shuffle," ensuring each one felt seen and heard as an individual. Br. Ron was a beloved Marist Brother who lived out his vocation everyday. He lifted others up, protected the marginalized, put the needs of others before his own, and worked to make sure that every student, no matter their circumstances, could succeed. Sadly, the Molloy community would mourn the passing of Br. Ron in 1993 after he lost his battle with cancer.

Br. Ron's care and commitment to his students inspired a community of alumni and friends to create a memorial scholarship that would reflect the significant impact he had on them and countless other Stanners. Forming a committee, they raised money through annual events, auctions, and raffles to establish the Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship. Its impact goes beyond scholarship: not only does it award full tuition, but it has the capacity to



cover the costs of retreats, school supplies, food, uniforms, and other essential needs. Simply put, the scope of this scholarship is on a different level of impact. It has enabled life-changing support for many students, and it has helped exceptional students who were deeply in need to attend Molloy and have as normal a high school experience as possible.

"It is a wonderful scholarship," said Lou Santos, a founding member of the Br. Ron Committee. "It is so special to help students with extraordinary need to attend Molloy when it often seemed impossible for them financially. I am truly so proud of what we have accomplished."

Over 30 years since its creation, the Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship is now on the verge of a historic milestone: it is within reach of $1,000,000 in total funds raised! Now, we humbly ask that the Molloy community help us reach this milestone. Together, we can ensure that Br. Ron's legacy continues to shine.

This past spring, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a $35,000 Challenge Gift! For every $2 donated to the Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship, $1 more will be added, strengthening the impact of your generosity. In celebration of the release of *Stanner Life* magazine, this gift challenge has been extended through September 30, 2025. You can also support this scholarship *any time* to provide critical help to Stanners in need.

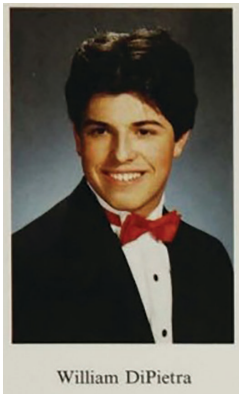
On behalf of the Marist Brothers, the Br. Ron Committee, and the students we serve, thank you for your generosity and your support of the Br. Ron Marcellin Memorial Scholarship!

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Continuing the Legacy of William F. DiPietra '94

by Bianca Basone '15

The William F. DiPietra Foundation partners with Archbishop Molloy High School to include our students in its annual Photo Exhibition, as well as sponsors the William F. DiPietra Media Arts Award at Molloy's yearly Commencement Exercises. The foundation was created by Helen and Frank DiPietra to honor their late son, William, better known as Bill.



William DiPietra

Bill DiPietra graduated from Molloy in 1994. A kind, sensitive, generous spirit, Bill was someone always ready to share. As a student at Molloy, Bill had a passion for film and gravitated towards humanities classes, forming a particular interest in Mr. Dennis Vellucci's Introduction to Film and Creative Writing courses. Ms. Helen DiPietra reminisces, "By the time Bill entered Molloy, he had already decided on a film career. However, it was Mr. Vellucci's two classes that gave him the confidence to pursue his film goals." Mr. Vellucci became Bill's mentor, helping him with his writing and further cultivating his love of visual arts.

After graduating from Molloy, Bill attended Fordham University for his Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies and Long Island University for his master's degree. According to Ms. DiPietra, "Several of Bill's photos were published in the Fordham literary magazine, and his first short film appeared in the annual student film festival." Bill went on to form his own film production company, Richmond Productions, and produced two award-winning 16mm black and white short films. Around his creative ambitions, Bill also worked full-time as an FDNY EMT. Sadly, Bill passed away in 2017 at age 42 due to illness.

After Bill's passing, Ms. DiPietra received a call from one of his graduate professors at LIU notifying her that the school would be creating a graduation award in Bill's name and gifting it to a Media Arts student. She shares, "I thought this was a wonderful idea, because it was important to me that Bill never be forgotten." This inspired Ms. DiPietra and her husband to create the William F. DiPietra Foundation, as it would enable the DiPietra family to help students with similar interests to Bill's. "I learned that there was very little funding for media arts students," she recalls, and so the scholarships and grants could hopefully allow students to complete film and photography projects, or purchase equipment. It made sense to Ms. DiPietra to focus on students attending the schools that Bill once had, and from there, the FDNY and several childhood cancer charities were added to the grant budget as well. Ms. DiPietra decided to sponsor a graduation award at Molloy to memorialize Bill, and so the William F. DiPietra Media Arts Award is presented to a graduating senior who shows promise in film or photography.

Ms. DiPietra and the foundation eventually decided that a virtual photography exhibition would "be a wonderful way to celebrate both Bill's love of photography and the talent of participating students," and in 2020 the first exhibition was opened to students at LIU. In 2022, students from Molloy's Photography Club were invited to participate for the first time, and since then, Molloy has become the primary participating school. Members of the club submit photos based on a theme of their choice, and a panel of judges chooses the winners based on which submissions best represent their theme. The panel always includes two professional photographers who are also members of the Foundation Advisory Board, and the remaining judges represent Molloy graduates, amateur photographers, teachers, fine arts majors, and Ms. DiPietra says, "always one 'ordinary' person who doesn't know a lot about photography, but who will find certain photos appealing." Students pre-selected by club moderator Mr. Jonathan DiDonato '01 each submit five themed photos. The judges then assign points to each group of five, the points are tallied, and the winners are chosen.

During the 2024-25 school year, 17 members of Molloy's Photography Club participated in the Sixth Annual William F. DiPietra Foundation Photography Exhibition. The top three winners and their themes were: Aiden Valerio '28 (Capture the Moment - First Place); Ryota Sato '25 (Beauty in Silence - Second Place); and Ariela Loveras '27 (Peaceful Trips to Remember - Third Place). Mr. DiDonato shares, "I'm consistently impressed with the students' ability to not only take photos of beautiful places and things, but of how they are able to think outside the box and come up with something so creative and aesthetically pleasing. You can clearly see the students' passion and desire for taking photographs in their work."

Although a small foundation funded mainly by family, friends, and even members of the general public who have been touched by Bill's story, Ms. DiPietra hopes "that the foundation will be able to offer financial assistance to even more students and charities in the future, and that those who are recipients of our grants and awards will become givers themselves one day."

Visit www.wfdfound.com/photos-2025 to see the top 10 submissions from Molloy's Photography Club in this year's Photo Exhibition!



2025 Winners and honorable mention recipients





FIRST PLACE
“Capture the Moment”
by Aiden Valerio ‘28





SECOND PLACE
“Beauty in Silence”
by Ryota Sato ‘25
(above)





THIRD PLACE
“Peaceful Trips to Remember”
by Ariela Loveras ‘27

FOLLOWING IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

A father and son both serve in the same key role at Molloy decades apart.

by Joe Sommo '03

A wonderful aspect of our school community is reflected in the families who have attended or supported Archbishop Molloy High School across generations. In the case of the McGann family, a father and son hold a unique distinction: both served as Chair of Molloy's School Board.

Molloy's School Board is made up of a group of Marist Brothers, alumni, parents, educators, and industry experts with a vested interest in the school. They offer their knowledge and expertise across many professional disciplines to help ensure the school's Administration receives the necessary support to sustain one of the best Catholic high schools in the country. As an entity of limited jurisdiction, the School Board votes on school policies and helps to develop and present the annual operating budget to the Marist Provincial and Marist Council.

Jason McGann '96 is a proud Stanner who cherishes his Molloy experience. He recalls memories of serving on the Student Council, volunteering at soup kitchens, playing intramural basketball, and being part of the Irish Club and National Honor Society. He fondly remembers faculty favorites like Br. Ben Consigli '80, Ms. Gannon, Mr. Sottisanti, Señor Santos, Mr. Whelan, and Br. Richard Van Houten.



Jason McGann at a board meeting

Peter McGann, Jason's father, grew up in Brooklyn, where he attended Bushwick High School. He initially thought he would pursue a career as a professional auto mechanic, but a teacher at Bushwick recognized his academic prowess and encouraged him to pursue a degree at St. Francis College. He eventually earned a degree in accounting and established a successful career as an accountant, including at the prestigious Price Waterhouse. "He was the life of the party, a great dad, and probably the number one New York Jets fan in Queens," shared Jason. "He never missed one of my CYO basketball games, even though he never did like basketball. He was always very supportive of me, helping out with my homework, and giving me advice years later when I worked at AIG. Up until he passed away, I called him almost every day." Jason recalled that while his father grew up in a family without many means, he later came to appreciate and become a big proponent of Catholic education. "He loved Molloy and thought it was a fantastic place for me to go to school," said Jason.

Tradition was important in the McGann family, and so Jason started working summers at his father's firm throughout his high school years. He learned many aspects of the business at an early age before heading to Villanova University to study investing. Professionally, Jason spent time as a trader before moving into private equity. "I may have chosen a slightly different path than my father, but accounting and investments are interrelated. The experiences I had working for my dad were so important and inspired me to get into the business," Jason explained.

In the 1990s, then Principal Br. Richard Van Houten conceived of the idea to found a School Board that would welcome the skills and perspectives of talented volunteers within the school community. Br. Van Houten invited Peter McGann, whom he had befriended as a Stanner parent, to be among the inaugural members of the Board. Serving on the Finance Committee, Peter's focus was primarily on Molloy's finances. During this time, Peter befriended another inaugural member of the Board: Richard Karsten '81, who would later be appointed as Molloy's president in 2010. Peter's dedication to Molloy and to the School Board eventually inspired the Marist Brothers to elevate him to Board Chair. As Chair, Peter continued to work on school finances, but also oversaw meetings and many different aspects of the Board's decision-making. "Peter McGann was an honorable man who always had Molloy's best interests in mind," said President Karsten. "It has been a privilege to work with Jason years later, and to watch him offer the same care and dedication to Molloy that his father did."



Jason McGann '96

Jason was first asked to join Molloy's School Board as part of its Investment Committee in 2019.



Peter McGann (top row left) and the inaugural Molloy School Board



President Richard Karsten '81 and Jason McGann

On this committee, serving alongside Bradley Katinas '90 and James Shannon '83, Jason helped monitor Molloy's financial resources, including its investments and endowment, to ensure the school had what it needed to thrive. "Our financial planning included looking at things like risk posture and risk tolerance, and whether the school's investments and returns were being handled properly by third parties," said Jason. In 2020, Jason and the committee worked tirelessly to secure the school's assets and protect against risk during the uncertainty of the pandemic.

In 2023, Jason was elevated to Chair of the School Board. In this important role, which is served in a two-year term, Jason took on greater responsibility, helping all the committees by shepherding their ideas and lending his expertise whenever and wherever needed. "To some degree, the Chair is the keeper of the flame," said Jason. "Everyone works on their piece of the puzzle while you're trying to keep it all together in the broader framework of what the school is trying to accomplish. You consider the different people and opinions that come to the table, and then you try to fit it all into the goal of providing a wholesome Catholic education to exceptional students."

Serving on the School Board provided Jason a tremendous opportunity to continue his late father's legacy by supporting the Catholic education he deeply believed in. "It was important to me to serve on the Board because it's incumbent on the alumni of Catholic institutions to do what we can to help. All Catholic schools face challenges, and families shoulder many burdens in a complicated world, including struggling to afford tuition. Schools like Molloy need to lean on the resources of alumni, whether it be through their annual gifts, their volunteerism, or their critical work on the School Board. If cared for in the right way, we'll all have a school to come home to for decades to come."

As Chair of Molloy's School Board, both father and son worked to enhance the high standards Molloy is known for. "Molloy provides a great academic and moral foundation, but it also fosters an excellent focus on leadership," said Jason. "If you look at all the alumni in the workforce, they're often managing directors, executive vice presidents, and CEOs. My path through Catholic education prepared me to lead with a moral compass in my own industry, making sure that we're investing in people and that the environment is taken care of. That approach is based on my experience as a teenager at Molloy."

Jason is honored to have followed in his father's footsteps, serving as Board Chair for an institution that meant so much to both of them. "It's pretty cool," said Jason. "When I first started at Molloy as a student, my father chose to give back to the school almost right away, making an impact by lending his time and expertise. I was able to do the same years later, which illustrates how important the tradition of Catholic education is in my family. It also emphasizes the importance of giving back and helping someone when they help you."

Asked if he feels he accomplished his goals as Chair, Jason was sincere. "I think you could always do more, but I look at the schools our graduates are accepted to and where they're going, I look at the growth of Campus Ministry, I look at our strong academics, and I look at how engaged the student body is with Molloy's mission every day. I feel good to have contributed to that."

With his term as Board Chair now complete as of spring 2025, Jason expressed his gratitude for the opportunity. He also continues to be thankful for his entire Molloy experience, beginning with the very first day he walked into the building during Open House. "It was one of the luckiest days of my life. I felt an immediate sense of belonging, and I appreciate that the school let myself and other students find our true selves and explore all possibilities. It means the world to kids who start out shy and grow into confident people," he explained. Jason also expressed his thanks for everyone he served with on the School Board, especially the Marist Brothers, President Karsten, Principal Penikas, and the members of the Investment Committee. He looks forward to remaining engaged as an alumnus by attending future events, sharing his professional insights, and vowing to "never miss a Molloy Oktoberfest!"

Jason believes that the School Board will continue to be championed by members of the community who are selfless in their work to secure the school's vibrant future. "When people are excited about giving back to Molloy, it puts the school in great shape to weather any of the challenges that it may face, and it strengthens the school's ability to provide an even higher level of education while expanding on the Marist mission." Jason concluded, "It's always good to have volunteers willing to work on the budgets, manage the assets, and make sure the school has what it needs to prosper. In the end, the kids are the beneficiaries."



THANK YOU, MRS. DIONISI!

by Bianca Basone '15

Shortly after the release of our last *Stanner Life* magazine, an amazing teacher retired following a long and distinguished career. We are excited to take this opportunity to thank her and recognize her wonderful contributions to our school community. Thank you, Mrs. Palmina Dionisi, for your 38 years of dedication to the Stanners of Archbishop Molloy High School! For decades, Mrs. Dionisi served as an educator, club moderator, mentor, and friend, enriching the lives of thousands of students.



Mrs. Dionisi with the Italian Club, 1991

During her senior year of college, Mrs. Dionisi fulfilled her student teaching at Molloy under the guidance of Italian teacher Francine Bonventre. "Francine taught me how to teach!" she says, and once she graduated she applied for the position of Spanish teacher at Molloy. Although she was not offered the job, months later Mrs. Dionisi received a call from Mr. Jones, Molloy's principal at the time. "I was working at the airport after graduation, and I received a call from Mr. Jones, who remembered me from my interview and offered me the Italian teacher position! He just hired me over the phone! All these years later and here we are."

While at Molloy, Mrs. Dionisi taught Italian and Spanish, and moderated the Italian Club for about 20 years. "When I first started the school was all boys, so for the first 14 years that's who I taught. It was very different from now," she shares, reminiscing, "They were quite a bunch!" Although she enjoyed teaching the boys, she said the girls brought a different energy to her classes, and she began "to add more elements of Italian culture to the class," which became some of her favorite lessons. She loved teaching about Italian food, especially how to order from a restaurant. "The students told me I was making them hungry!" she exclaimed, "So I always told them they needed to go to Italy and experience it for themselves." She also loved the early lessons that required students to introduce themselves in Italian, because it allowed for her to learn more about them. During her tenure, Mrs. Dionisi also took Stanners on multiple trips to Italy, visiting Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Sorrento, and Capri!

Although she was a student-teacher during college, Mrs. Dionisi believes that the best way to learn how to teach is to just learn as you go. "As a teacher," she says, "you have to love your subject matter, and I wanted to project my love of Italian language, life, and culture onto my students. I learned a lot the first few years." Mrs. Dionisi said that she was always extremely proud when a Stanner would stay in contact after graduation, letting her know of their travels. In fact, two Stanners that sat right near each other in her Italian classes years ago let her know that they got married in Italy, and they said "it was thanks to her!"



Mr. Sheldon '88 walks Mrs. Dionisi down the hallway to a round of applause after her last class

When asked what she misses about working at Molloy, Mrs. Dionisi said the socialization, or "the day to day interactions with her students and colleagues." She also misses being in the classroom, because, as she says, "Working with kids all day, it keeps you young! They keep you in the loop." Mrs. Dionisi thanks the Marist Brothers for their advice, lessons, and friendship, saying she misses them, especially as many had become her close friends.

Some parting advice from Mrs. Dionisi is to "travel when you're young, go to Italy, and study abroad, because life is short!" She encourages everyone to go out and see the world, and use the language skills she taught. Following her own advice, Mrs. Dionisi is taking a summer-long trip to Italy this year, spending time with her family. Retirement has given her more time to spend with her grandchild, and they love to bake together. We're so happy for you, Mrs. Dionisi, and wish you all the best in retirement!

Congratulations GRADUATES

by Bianca Basone ‘15

Each year, Archbishop Molloy High School celebrates members of the graduating class by highlighting their aspirations for college and beyond. Due to the timing of this edition of *Stanner Life*, Molloy would like to put the spotlight on both the Class of 2024 as well as the Class of 2025!

It is always exciting to see our Stanners thrive by taking advantage of all Molloy has to offer. Members from the Classes of 2024 and 2025 flourished while in high school: student-athletes won championships, Stanner Players performed sold out shows, Campus Ministry volunteers logged thousands of service hours, and many seniors received a significant number of AP credits and scholarships. New clubs and classes are added each year, and the Classes of 2024 and 2025 jumped at the chance to immerse themselves in new experiences.

Members of the Classes of 2024 and 2025 have been accepted to many of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the world, with a trend towards greater diversity of schools and programs. Grads from 2024 are representing Molloy at Howard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Northwestern University, and Trinity College Dublin, just to name a few; 2025 graduates will be attending schools such as The Cooper Union, Cornell University, University of Notre Dame, Scranton University, St. John’s University, the U.S. Naval Academy, and many more!

On behalf of the Marist Brothers, our Administration, faculty, and staff, congratulations to our amazing Class of 2024 and Class of 2025!

STEPHEN TSIMISIRIS ‘24



Attending: Binghamton University School of Management
Focus Area: Business
Long/Short-Term Goals: My long-term goal is to earn an MBA and start a career at whatever business God leads me to. My short-term goals are to build connections and friendships while continuing to advance in my extracurricular activities, hobbies, and studies.
My Impact: I hope to make a positive impact on the world through continuous community service and through inspiring others. I would like to help those less fortunate than me while inspiring the younger generations with my hard work, kindness, and faith.

AMANDA FRICKE ‘24



Attending: Stony Brook University. I felt it was the right fit for me because of their excellent Medical Center and School of Health Professions, while allowing me to stay within my community.
Focus Areas: I am majoring in Health Science with a clinical concentration in Radiologic Technology.
Goals: My short-term goals are to form connections at Stony Brook with people who share my passion in health science, gain experiences personally and academically, and continue volunteering in the community. Long-term, after I finish my undergrad degree and RT certificate program, I want to obtain specialty certifications in Nuclear Medicine, MRI, CT, Mammography, Radiation Therapy, and possibly more.
I hope to be a positive influence in the healthcare world, helping patients to understand their situations, and finding better ways to approach treatment and imaging. I want to advocate for equality and inclusion within the system, and inspire young women to look deeper through leadership roles. I wish to make someone’s life a little easier, whether it be through volunteer work, patient care, or personal advice.

NIKITAS VLACHOS ‘25



Attending: Purdue University
Focus Area: My intended major is Mechanical Engineering.
Short-Term Goals: I aim to get a solid education, taking every opportunity I can find, from courses to internships. If possible, I’d also like to further my education by receiving a master’s degree. I hope to make my college experience as rewarding as possible by meeting many new people of similar interests who I can hopefully form lifelong bonds with. However, even while creating a new life at Purdue, I want to keep and remember my Molloy community and always remain in contact with my Molloy friends.
Long-Term Goals: I hope to one day work at an engineering firm with a steady job and salary. I want to make a positive difference in the world by advancing technology in whatever field of mechanical engineering I end up in, perhaps car manufacturing or medical devices. Over the course of my career, I hope to help humanity and make people’s lives easier and better. Additionally, even after my school education has ended, I want to always continue learning and expanding my skill sets by gaining real world experience and problem solving skills.

GRANTLAND TIGHE ‘25



Attending: Cornell University
Focus Area: My intended major is Chemical Engineering.
Short-Term Goals: I want to do well in all my first-year college classes. I also would like to get 5’s on all my AP exams, especially AP Chemistry. I would like to get a summer job and a savings account which allows me to earn some money and increase my financial literacy before college. I would like to continue to play basketball recreationally and maintain a healthy lifestyle. In college, I would like to continue as a peer tutor for my fellow students, and engage in the community service opportunities my college provides. Finally, as an undergraduate I want to secure an internship with an engineering firm.
Long-Term Goals: I want to capitalize on the internships I participate in as an undergraduate and get a job in the engineering field. Hopefully, I’ll be able to attend graduate school and earn my master’s degree. I want to use my knowledge in engineering to innovate in the public health sector, improving the quality of people’s lives.



BEATRICE ARMAND ‘24

Attending: Brandeis University. Brandeis makes you feel like you’re at home and that’s very important to me.

Focus Areas: Double majoring in Biology and Mathematics. I’m big on research, and Brandeis is an R1 university, very high research activity, and I know I want to do some type of genetic research as an undergraduate.

Long-Term Goals: To study how to genetically manage pain for children who are diagnosed with sickle cell anemia and are prone to having a sickle cell crisis. I also want to help families make sure that their kids who have special needs get the right care.

My Impact: I aspire to contribute positively to my community by easing the lives of individuals with special needs in any attainable way, empowering them to maximize their capabilities. I love to dedicate my time to others and helping people with disabilities is something I love to do. It means a lot to me to see others happy.



ANNIE BACANI ‘24

Attending: Brandeis University / Posse STEM Scholar

Focus Areas: Majoring in Health: Science, Society, and Policy, minor in Politics

Short-Term Goal: To complete my undergraduate pre-medical studies while partaking in the ROTC program at Brandeis. Since I am currently on a full-tuition Posse scholarship, I will be entering as a non-scholarship cadet during my sophomore year of college.

Long-Term Goals: After college, I plan on applying to a military medical school program in hopes of serving in the military as an Air Force flight surgeon. My job would consist of conducting medical examinations for air crew members during flying missions, ensuring they receive utmost care.

My Impact: As a first-generation college student, I often drew inspiration from my grandfather, who served as a captain in the armed forces in the U.S. during World War II. As an Air Force flight surgeon, I hope to use my passion for medicine and serving our nation knowing that my efforts will help keep every American safe. To me, this is the most impactful way I can truly make a difference in people’s lives.



JOSEPH CASTAÑO-MEDINA ‘24

Attending: Columbia University. This school is the right fit for me because it is an elite, academically rigorous institution yet still close to home. This mixture of newness and familiarity means I can truly explore my new life and surroundings while still having the support of family and friends.

Focus Areas: Intended major in Political Science with a minor in Economics, Pre-Law track

Goals: To go to a top law school and become a leading lawyer in my field. Then, work in politics to represent Americans the way they want to be represented.

My Impact: Whether it’s becoming the president or defending people in court, I hope to make an impact by using my voice to help those who cannot be heard.



CHRISTOPHER DALTON ‘24

Attending: SUNY Cortland

Focus Area: Adolescence Education, specifically Mathematics

Goals: I will continue to push myself as a runner to be the best that I possibly can be. I also want to serve my community to impact those around me. I want to become a teacher because I want to have the same positive impact on people as my mentors have had on me.

My Impact: As a teacher, I hope I will be able to encourage people to be a little better than they were before each and every day and to serve the people around them.



ADAM GALLAGHER ‘24

Attending: Boston College

Focus Areas: Anticipated double major in Management & Leadership and Political Science

Long-Term Goals: I want to build on my experiences at Molloy and continue to form meaningful relationships with my peers and professors. Through the resources available at my college, I aim to get involved in community work and volunteering programs. I hope to continue to grow as a leader and as an individual throughout my college years.

My Impact: I want to serve as an example of what it means to live out one of Mr. Kelly’s favorite mottos: “Do the right thing, do it all the time.” I hope to inspire others through my actions and treat all people with respect, dignity, and kindness.



BRIDGET JIANG ‘24

Attending: MIT. I feel that MIT will allow me to challenge myself intellectually and will equip me with what I need to pursue my dreams and impact the world in the best way possible.

Focus Areas: Mathematics with Computer Science and Economics

Goals: In college, I hope to learn pure mathematics and utilize computational methods to tackle intellectual, theoretical, and real life problems. I aim to conduct interdisciplinary research, applying my findings to different, relevant situations and driving positive progress.

My Impact: I hope to reimagine a changed world and address widespread issues in the world. I hope to be confident in my abilities and share my unique voice, generating transformative changes and effective solutions for the good of the world and all people within it.



MILES JONES ‘24

Attending: Howard University
Focus Area: Marketing major in the School of Business
Long-Term Goals: To launch a financial literacy non-profit, providing resources to those who weren’t brought up with financial knowledge. I want to pursue entrepreneurship, wealth creation/ investing, content creation, and other passions of mine. I want to impact people’s lives and be a model of growth.
My Impact: I hope to flourish in the world of business, inspire young men and women to pursue their passions authentically, and most importantly make a positive impact on the lives of everyone I encounter.



BRIANNA ROBINSON ‘24

Attending: The University of Maryland at College Park, Robert H. Smith School of Business
Focus Areas: Business Management major and Marketing and Hospitality minors
Goals: I was selected as one of 75 students to be a Smith Business Leadership Fellow at a university that excels in top-tier entrepreneurial leadership programs with many corporate partnerships and opportunities. I am excited for them to help me prepare to excel in leading or launching a top luxury product or hospitality brand. They also have 800 clubs so I hope to have lots of fun!
My Impact: At Molloy, I think I succeeded in leaving a mark in the hearts of many—whether as an occasional anchor on the Daily Buzz, launching the inaugural AMHS Anime Film Festival, or helping take my Virtual Enterprise class the furthest in AMHS history as my class’s CEO. As my Molloy entrance essay said: “If you don’t know me now, you will know me.” I hope I succeeded!



CAROLINE ROZMUS ‘24

Attending: The U.S. Naval Academy. I believe that the Naval Academy is the right fit for me because it combines my passion for selfless service with strong academics and hard work.
Focus Area: Engineering, specifically Chemical Engineering
Long-Term Goals: When I graduate from the Naval Academy I hope to serve as a pilot for the Navy, or join the Marine Corps and possibly pilot as well.
My Impact: I want to make a positive impact through my service to our country and giving of myself for the greater good. I believe that the Naval Academy is the next step on my journey for service.



GABRIELLA SAVINO ‘24

Attending: Fairfield University as a Magis Scholar in the Honors Program
Focus Areas: Business in the Dolan School of Business and minoring in English with the ultimate goal being becoming a lawyer.
Goals: I hope to make long-lasting friendships and connections with those I will meet at Fairfield and get involved around campus. My long-term goal is to attend law school and study to be a corporate lawyer.
My Impact: The best way I can make a positive impact on this world is to use what I’ve learned as a Stanner. The lessons and skills I learned at Molloy will remain with me for the rest of my life and I plan to take them with me wherever I go.



LUCAS TSANG ‘24

Attending: Boston University
Focus Areas: Major in Business with a concentration in Management, and minor in Mathematics.
Goals: A short-term goal of mine in college is to graduate as “summa cum laude.” I also want to learn as much as possible from my peers and classes at BU to be intelligent enough to converse about any topic! A long-term goal is to get a master’s degree from a T20 school and manage my own business, creating something that helps a marginalized community.
My Impact: I plan to take the values I’ve gained from being a Stanner and create a business that advocates for people who cannot advocate for themselves. My service experiences at Molloy have made me realize that it is my mission to help as many people as I can with the gifts I hold.



ELIAS BENITEZ ‘25

Attending: The Culinary Institute of America
Focus Areas: Majoring in Culinary Arts, an intended bachelor's in Business Management, and a concentration in farm to table cuisine.
Short-Term Goals: I hope to graduate culinary school by the age of 21. I look to not only participate heavily in charity, volunteer work, and Esopus, but also connect the Marist Brothers and Esopus with my college. I’d like to start a club or Campus Ministry program. I hope to meet many new people in my internships and be at the top of my class. Ultimately I want to bring joy and happiness to those that I serve.
Long-Term Goals: I hope to one day start up and own three successful restaurants. Each restaurant varies in atmosphere. I hope to share this joy and passion with many others through apprenticeships. I am looking to live a comfortable and stable lifestyle through this career path. Maintaining peace and happiness in my future is always a priority.



ALYSSA BISONO ‘25

Attending: Bentley University
Focus Areas: Double major in Marketing and Quantitative Economics. I would also like to pursue a minor in English and Media Studies.
Short-Term Goals: To get myself comfortable with being uncomfortable in a new environment by studying abroad, becoming an RA, and joining clubs that allow me to meet new people with similar interests. I would like to graduate with honors, and hopefully continue my education and earn a master’s degree. I also want to continue the community service that I’ve been a part of at Molloy.
Long-Term Goals: I hope to one day work as a market data researcher for an entertainment media company like Warner Bros, Netflix, NBCUniversal, etc. that allows me to share my passion for market data research to improve company profits. If possible, I’d like to continue volunteering at the MBCE Special Camps and stay connected with the Molloy community!



JACQUELINE CAPRA ‘25

Attending: University of Massachusetts Amherst
Focus Areas: Intended major in Biology. I would like to pursue a minor in Theater/Theater Studies.
Short-Term Goals: To master and understand the basic concepts of biology before I begin my undergraduate studies in the fall. I also plan to attend/watch many musicals throughout the summer in hopes to further support my passion for theater. Traveling is another big passion of mine; therefore, I would like to complete service in other countries while I’m in college. I plan to see as much of the world as possible and take advantage of the amazing study abroad opportunities my college has to offer!
Long-Term Goals: I hope to go on to become a pediatrician/pediatric surgeon once I have completed medical school. I want to make it my lifelong goal to help support children who are battling chronic illnesses that prevent them from living lively childhoods. To accomplish this, I hope to one day open my own medical practice to support these patients.



MACKENZIE CLARKE ‘25

Attending: Towson University
Focus Area: Intended Major of Forensic Chemistry
Short-Term Goals: To get involved in campus life at Towson and survive my chemistry and math classes. I might want to minor in ASL. Hopefully I will get into a graduate program and secure several internships. I also hope to receive my Girl Scout Gold Award in the fall.
Long-Term Goals: I would like to eventually move back to New York and work in the NYPD Forensics Unit. I also want to get my interpreters certification for ASL. Maybe one day I might consider working toward a doctorate in forensics to become a pathologist or medical examiner.



TIFFANY ESQUEN ‘25

Attending: St. John’s University
Focus Areas: Intended major in Politics and Government and I am intending to minor in either Philosophy or Legal Studies.
Short-Term Goals: I hope to excel in the honors program and in my classes, with the goal of securing an internship during my freshman year. I plan to engage with Campus Ministry, participating in their retreats and prayer opportunities. During my sophomore year, I hope to study abroad in Rome. I want to make lifelong friendships and memories in the next four years!
Long-Term Goals: I hope to one day work in public office, then become either the Mayor of New York or a Congresswoman. I want to be a voice for those who often go unheard and use my platform to bring about meaningful change. I plan to attend law school, where I can deepen my understanding of justice, policy, and advocacy. My ultimate goal is to use my legal education to help marginalized communities fight against injustices.



GISELE HABIBULLA ‘25

Attending: New York University
Focus Areas: Intended major in Physics. I plan to pursue a minor in either Computer Science or Film.
Short-Term Goals: To continue my high school research in quantum optics and data science. I plan to continue my work with a research lab in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. I also aim to advance my research on spatial light modulation by applying digital holography to optical tweezing. I’m eager to explore new perspectives through clubs, coursework, and study abroad opportunities.
Long-Term Goals: I hope to pursue a career where I can use research, writing, and media to make complex scientific ideas accessible and meaningful to a wider audience. I’m interested in using my background in science to help shift the narratives seen in education and pop culture, particularly representation in STEM, and to help reimagine how women are portrayed in media. I hope to find a path that lets me continue to explore research through a humanistic lens to contribute to real innovation.



RAMON “RJ” MEJIA ‘25

Attending: University of Notre Dame
Focus Areas: Majoring in Neuroscience & Behavior with a minor in Theology, Philosophy, or Compassionate Care in Medicine
Short-Term Goals: I want to explore the intersection of biology and psychology to understand the brain more holistically, and research the biology of consciousness and publish in a scientific journal. I will continue practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and enter tournaments. Most importantly, I want to continue serving my community through Campus Ministry and creative writing.
Long-Term Goals: I hope to get into my dream medical school, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and become a psychiatrist in NYC. I want to have a YouTube channel dedicated to making psychiatric knowledge more accessible and inspire the next generation of youth to consider a career in medicine. I plan to finish the development of my visual novel before I’m 30 to fulfill my childhood dream of being a media developer.



MOISES BIEN NUNAG ‘25

Attending: Baruch College

Focus Areas: Intended Major of Finance. I would like to pursue a minor in Fintech or Business Law.

Short-Term Goals: I want to learn more about financial modeling, particularly Mergers & Acquisitions, Discounted Cash Flow, and Leveraged Buyout models. While pursuing my undergraduate studies, I plan to become a summer intern at an investment bank and join many clubs, such as Debate and Model United Nations. Above all, I want to meet new people and keep learning from those around me.

Long-Term Goals: I hope to work in various finance roles, such as credit-risk investment banking, wealth management, and asset management. Eventually, I want to manage or become the founder of a venture capital firm to support early-stage startups that solve meaningful problems. I want to play a role in shaping the future of business and technology.



MICHAEL O’NEILL ‘25

Attending: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Focus Areas: Major in Mechanical Engineering, possible minor in Business or Theater

Short-Term Goals: At Madison, I’d like to join a wide variety of clubs, such as the Formula Racing Team, and participate in theater. I want to study abroad somewhere in Europe, hopefully Ireland, and I’d like to attain an internship in New York by the summer after my sophomore year. I would also like to continue the service that I participate in and join service clubs in Madison.

Long-Term Goals: After graduating, I’d like to move back to New York and search for jobs in the area, however, I’m open to staying in the Midwest region, such as in Chicago. I’d like to eventually become a project manager. I hope to innovate in whatever industry I go into, whether that be automotive, manufacturing, or something else. Finally, I hope to be able to continue my passion for theater and the arts in some way, shape, or form, either with my career (possibly working in set creation and design, theme park design, or any other creative position that would require an engineer’s mind), or something not related to my career.



BRENDAN TWOMEY ‘25

Attending: SUNY Maritime College

Focus Area: I will be studying Mechanical Engineering.

Short-Term Goals: I will strive to strengthen my abilities in Calculus as well as other math-related subjects that I will be taking, like Engineering and Chemistry. I also want to play some type of intramural/club sport. Specifically the summer after graduation, I am setting several goals for myself including getting into a steady workout routine and reading several books.

Long-Term Goals: I hope to work as an engineer on cargo transport vessels and travel the world, and after a few years, I aim to be called to serve as a New York City Firefighter. I’d also like to ensure that I remain physically fit and continue certain hobbies I enjoy now like playing the guitar.

Molloy’s Classes of 2024 and 2025 are attending outstanding colleges and universities including:

Adelphi University
American University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
The Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Colgate University
Columbia University
The Cooper Union
Cornell University
Cortland College
Culinary Institute of America
Baruch College
Brooklyn College
Drexel University
Fairfield University
Farmingdale State College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Hunter College
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Manhattan University
Marist University
Maritime College
Molloy University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Seton Hall University
St. Francis College
St. John’s University
St. Joseph’s University
St. Michael’s College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Temple University
Texas A&M University - College Station
The University of Alabama
Touro College
Towson University
Tuskegee University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Michigan
University of Mount Saint Vincent
University of Notre Dame
University of Scranton
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vaughn College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech

THE STANNER HALL OF FAME
WELCOMES FIVE NEW INDUCTEES

by Joe Sommo '03

On March 22, 2025, Archbishop Molloy High School welcomed our school community to the Jack Curran Gymnasium in celebration of five distinguished individuals who now claim membership in the Stanner Hall of Fame. Since 1983, Molloy has honored those in our community who have not simply achieved fame, but who have led remarkable lives of faith, honor, service, generosity, and excellence. The men and women selected for induction into the Stanner Hall of Fame exemplify our school motto, "Not for school, but for life."

Molloy was privileged to honor longtime educator and administrator Ms. MaryAnn Safrey, renowned Canadian basketball coach Stephen Konchalski '62, elite varsity soccer coach Andrew Kostel, devoted advocate for the DeafBlind community Joseph McNulty '64 (posthumously), and lifelong humanitarian and public servant Dennis Lazarus '71. Each of these outstanding individuals has led an inspiring life, making a positive impact in their vocation and on the lives of those around them.

The first inductee to be honored was Dennis Lazarus '71, who dedicated 30 years of service to the United Nations. A passionate public servant and humanitarian, whose career included living in a South Korean leprosy village as a Peace Corps volunteer and coordinating international disaster relief programs, Dennis embodies the Marist ideals of selflessness and putting the needs of others before your own. Speaking at the podium, Dennis shared numerous lessons and stories from his travels. "The key lessons I took from Molloy were we all matter, do the right thing, work hard, and persevere. These lessons served me well in my public service career. I visited Indonesia in 2004 after the tsunami, where over 100,000 people lost their lives. We were overwhelmed working, helping them, but we were not the ones it was about. It was about the people who were affected by the disaster. Every day we just had to work on and on to try and find solutions to make it better for them, and little by little we were able to improve their lives." Just one of many incredible stories, it is representative of how Dennis has always given of himself for the betterment of others throughout his life.



Dennis Lazarus '71

Next to be inducted was renowned Canadian basketball coach Stephen Konchalski '62. Coach Konchalski enjoyed a 46-year career as a nationally recognized coach, including leading the Canadian Men's National Team and coaching at the Olympics in 1976 and 1984. As head coach of the men's basketball team at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, he was a fierce leader, coaching the team all the way to the national tournament 13 times. He was named Atlantic University Sport (AUS) Coach of the Year six times, and led the team to nine AUS titles. Coach Konchalski is a member of the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame, the St. Francis Xavier University Sports Hall of Fame, and the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame. While he earned these and many other accolades throughout his life, Coach Konchalski spoke first and foremost about his brother, fellow Stanner Hall of Famer Tom Konchalski '64. "Tom was one of the most renowned high school basketball scouts in the United States, and more so was a total gentleman who allowed his faith to guide his career. To join Tom tonight on that wall is one of the most special moments of my life." Coach Konchalski is a co-founder of the Thomas C. Konchalski Foundation, which provides scholarships and other assistance to deserving students.



Stephen Konchalski '62



Family of Joseph McNulty '64

The third inductee of the evening was the late Joseph McNulty '64. Speaking on behalf of Joseph was his son Brian, who highlighted his father's decades-long devotion to the DeafBlind community. Joseph, serving as Executive Director of the Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults, secured

grants to improve services and technology at the center, visited the White House with DeafBlind children to champion national Helen Keller Awareness Week, and traveled from state to state to help grow a national network of DeafBlind specialists. Joseph worked to transform the center into an internationally recognized institution that served thousands, all while improving the lives of countless people. As he spoke before the proud family and classmates of his father, Brian McNulty shared, "Molloy taught my dad the values of commitment, fortitude, perseverance, and striving for excellence. They stuck with him. It can be objectively stated that the impact Molloy had on dad was real. It was evident in the lessons he taught to [my sister] Kate and I. It was evident in the career path he took, one of service to a community in dire need."



Andrew Kostel

Next, Coach Andrew "Andy" Kostel, Molloy's boys varsity soccer coach of nearly 50 years, took to the dais. Coach Kostel has helped make boys soccer one of Molloy's most successful athletic programs. His teams have won two New York State championships, 15 New York City championships, and 17 Brooklyn/Queens championships, as well as three consecutive Metro Bowl championships. His outstanding coaching career earned him induction into the CHSAA Hall of Fame in 2010—the first soccer coach to receive that honor. Beyond the championships, Coach Kostel has been a positive influence in the lives of generations of student-athletes. He has acted as an advocate for scholar athletes, with his work ethic and positivity serving as a model for his players to emulate on the field and in the classroom. During his remarks, Coach Kostel credited his players and assistant coaches, often calling on them to stand for applause. "My coaches taught me the game, they gave me a passion for the game, but more importantly, they taught me the aspect of teamwork—but my induction is mainly because of the players. All the players, for all these years, who worked so hard and always did the best they could on the field, they're the ones who really made this work."

The final inductee of the evening was MaryAnn Safrey, who served Molloy as a beloved English teacher and administrator for 29 years. She taught across the English curriculum, instilling a passion for literature and learning in generations of Stanners. After 19 years of service as a teacher, MaryAnn was appointed as Molloy's first lay female administrator. As Assistant Principal for Academics, she pushed for new and thoughtful courses and electives, as well as the expansion of Molloy's AP program, which includes 24 AP courses as of 2025. In 2018, MaryAnn worked with members of the senior class to co-found GERLL Club, which stands for Girls Empowerment for Real Life Leadership. GERLL Club empowers and encourages female Stanners while driving initiatives to raise money for the Girls' Leadership Scholarship Fund, benefiting future young women entering Molloy.



MaryAnn Safrey

In her remarks, MaryAnn credited Molloy for giving her "more opportunity than I ever could have imagined in 1991 as, at the time, one of the few women in a male dominated building." She went on to introduce new courses that continue to thrive, teach all four grades, plan liturgies, moderate National Honor Society, run Shakespeare Festivals, and create the Theater Arts & Improv Club. She went on to thank Molloy for "giving me a seat around the administrative table, and an opportunity to exercise my voice and air my thoughts," as well as subsequently approving the creation of GERLL Club to serve as a space for Stanner women to be inspired. MaryAnn spoke sincerely as she stood before many of her former students and colleagues in the Jack Curran Gymnasium. "What Molloy has always done best in its classrooms, on its fields, and in its many clubs and activities is to foster and encourage leaders. This room and its many alumni tonight is proof of that. When you train leaders and nurture their sense of mission, integrity, and justice, they go back to their communities to touch infinitely more lives for the better and for the collective good."



Each inductee's full bio can be read on Molloy's website at: www.molloyhs.org/stannerhof

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TRACK AND FIELD

by Joe Sommo '03

From the early days of St. Ann's Academy to present day Molloy, countless Stanners have found fulfillment and community through a variety of competitive sports—each with their own storied history. While Molloy is known for its elite champions in basketball, baseball, softball, swimming, and other sports, Track & Field holds its own rich history of championships and All-Americans—and it may also hold the record for highest total participation. That could be because the track team routinely carries the biggest rosters, but there is something to be said about the special bond that has shaped students and alumni who have circled Stanner Field, run the streets of Briarwood, traversed the terrain of Van Cortlandt Park, or returned to The Armory year after year to volunteer at Stanner Games.

Track & Field has been a beloved sport in St. Ann's and Molloy history not simply for decades, but now for a century, and generations of alumni reunited on March 29, 2025 to pay tribute to the program, the coaches, the teams, and the memories that span 100 years. A celebration first initiated by Molloy's dedicated Track & Field coaches, especially Mr. Dylan Dombrowski '07 and the retired Mr. Joe Dombrowski, the event welcomed nearly 300 alumni representing at least seven decades of graduates.

Since day one, Track & Field has been a cherished sport at St. Ann's and Molloy. With countless team and individual champions, All-Americans, and even Olympians, the Stanner Track & Field program has not only been successful, but it has bonded so many alumni and coaches together for life. When you run Track & Field at Molloy, you become part of a family.

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The celebration began with a cocktail reception in the Captain Anthony Marsloe '29 Gymnasium. It was here that a surprise was unveiled: new large-scale Track & Field record boards now adorn the walls of the gymnasium. The boards list the top performances in freshman and varsity Cross Country, as well as many indoor and outdoor relays and individual events. Boys and girls records are both represented, and each spot on the board can be removed and reapplied as needed should new records be set in the future. The record boards represent many successful decades of Stanner Track & Field—from the legendary 1960s teams coached by Frank Rienzo, to today's dominant girls teams coached by AJ Power '84 and Dylan Dombrowski. The unveiling of the boards was applauded by all in attendance, many of whom pointed and reminisced with delight as they spotted familiar names—or in some cases their own names!

Later in the evening, attendees moved into the Jack Curran Gymnasium for dinner and the evening's main program. Although championship trophies, vintage jerseys, and archival footage were all on display, the best recollection of history often comes from those who lived it. Molloy was blessed to welcome a series of speakers who, standing before a gymnasium full of history, recollected different eras of the incomparable Stanner Track & Field



Track alumni looking at memorabilia on display



Track alum with Coach AJ Power '84 looking at the new record boards in the Capt. Marsloe Gym

program. First, Br. Dan O'Riordan '85, who currently serves as US Provincial, led everyone in prayer. Br. Dan not only ran track as a Molloy student, but he later coached alongside greats like Br. Bob Andrews and Br. Aquinas Richard '48. In turn, Br. Dan thanked God for the greatest gifts Track & Field has provided so many. "We are grateful for the many coaches, both Brothers and lay men and women, who inspired countless generations of young Stanner athletes. Through their efforts, so many of us came to know many great lessons in life, such as working hard, and appreciating Molloy and its incredible community



Coach Frank Rienzo watches future Olympian Tom Farrell '61 on the wooden track in 1959.

that would last us not for school, but for life. We are blessed with precious memories from our high school days, which were among the best we ever knew."

After prayer, retired coach and Stanner sports historian Joe Dombrowski, joined by his son and current coach Dylan, highlighted the legacy of St. Ann's / Molloy Track & Field. Joe explained how he developed an interest in meeting the great athletes and coaches of the past, reaching out to them, meeting them, and committing to keeping accurate records of their achievements for what would later become Molloy's official Track & Field Wall of Honor. The Dombrowskis then highlighted just some of the many program achievements over the years including: Molloy remains the only NYC team to win the NYS Cross Country Championship; 16 titles in Catholic high school Cross Country with four individual champions; 48 varsity CHSAA City Team Championships; 9-straight Intersectional Championships in the 1960s; triple crowns in 1964, 1973, and 1976; 375 Catholic high school varsity or individual relay champions; Olympian Tom Farrell '61 winning the bronze medal in the 880m in 1968 (as well as setting two world records); and the list goes on.

Retired coach Frank Gambino '74 spoke poetically about what he called "our sport." He shared, "In the four years between 8th grade and college, there's questioning, searching, doubting, mistaking, second guessing—it is through running, throwing, and jumping that we did our finding. There was learning in the classrooms that we were required to do, but we all enrolled to learn lessons on that track." Speaking at the podium, Fred Ammann '68 painted a picture of Molloy in the 1960s: blazers, standing for lunch, the daily rosary, and of course, the old wooden track. That track, stored in the basement and built by the Marist Brothers each season, "was an exact replica of the one that Tommy Farrell set the world record on in the 880m when he ran at Madison Square Garden," Fred shared proudly. Kevin Kearney '73 spoke about the late Coach Tony Perrone, who he described as a wonderful and accepting man, and a calm and astute coach. "He had the capacity to see what each of us could do and how we would fit into the puzzle, and he gave us a quiet motivation everyday to succeed."

Br. Dan returned to the podium to speak about his mentor and friend, Br. Bob Andrews, who guided his '81 Cross Country team to their first state championship. Br. Bob also provided a lifetime of memories across countless

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Track alum signs a teammate's yearbook



St. Ann's Academy's inaugural 1925 Track & Field team



Part of Molloy's 2024-25 Track & Field team recreating the vintage photo above

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track camps in Esopus and Vermont, and so many practices that were anything but routine. “How many of us can close our eyes for a minute and remember being in the hills of Van Cortlandt, hearing that booming voice no matter where you were on the course? One of Bob’s greatest attributes as head coach was that he greatly valued the importance of our Track & Field team being a comprehensive program. He trusted the wisdom and talents of his fellow coaches, so that the program could continue to grow and dominate in all events. He empowered his coaches and saw them as a real family, which it proudly continues to be today.”

When Coach AJ Power took to the podium, he offered a sincere reflection on the coed era of Stanner Track & Field. “Our girls hit the ground running from the moment they got here; we’ve had numerous City Champions, All-Americans, we have a New York State Champion here with us tonight, and since 2000 the Molloy program has been and continues to be the strongest in the city, beating all other Catholic high schools regularly.” He went on to reference the COVID-19 pandemic, and how it abruptly threatened the track program—and all sports—overnight. In the face of the challenges that COVID presented, he thought he had reached his limit as a coach and teacher. “Then our present group of athletes came in, the ones who were here during COVID and are now in college, and the ones who have come to the team since, and their enthusiasm, their spirit has reinvigorated me. So they’re going to be stuck with me a few more years, because this group of present athletes are everything that all of you are. They are phenomenal.”

Executive Director of Development Craig Katinas ’93 shared closing remarks, summing up what was at the core of the celebration. “What we’re honoring isn’t just a century of running. We’re honoring persistence, courage, and character, imparted onto us by the men and women who have been our teachers, coaches, and mentors. We’re recognizing that this was a place where young people came to discover what they were made of, and what we all learned here wasn’t just how to run fast, it was how to keep going, how to show up when it’s hard, and how to trust the work even when the results aren’t guaranteed. Because at the heart of this program and this school is something powerful: *Non scholae sed vitae*.”

Molloy extends its sincerest thanks to Joe and Dylan Dombrowski, our dedicated track coaches past and present, and all our alumni and friends who continue to hold Track & Field near and dear to their hearts! We hope this wonderful community will continue to stay involved, attend reunions, remain connected to one another, and volunteer at Stanner Games and other meets to help “pay it forward” for the next great generations of athletes.









Retired Coach Joe Dombrowski, joined by his son and current Stanner Track coach Dylan Dombrowski '07

ALUMNI EVENTS

Stanners Reuniting at Molloy

by Joe Sommo '03









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The Stanner Alumni Center is always excited and proud to welcome you back to your alma mater! From reunions and professional networking, to the Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic and Molloy Oktoberfest, there is something for everyone on our robust calendar of events. Your presence brings so much energy to our community, and we cannot express our gratitude enough for your support of our events. We offer special thanks to our Class Agents and volunteers who assist us with numerous events; your dedication to the Molloy community makes so much possible. From all of us at Molloy, thank you, Stanners and friends, and we look forward to seeing you again during the 2025-26 school year!

Be sure to check the back cover of *Stanner Life* to save a few important dates! Learn more about our annual events or sign up to volunteer at a future event by visiting **www.molloyhs.org/events** or by contacting us at 718-441-9210 or alumni@molloyhs.org.

Pictured:

1. Stanner Alumni Reunion
2. Molloy Oktoberfest
3. Thanksgiving Liturgy & Alumni Reception
4. 25 Years of Girls Basketball
5. Badges Alumni Night
6. Stanner Players Alumni Reception
7. Softball Reunion & Family Fun Day
8. 39th Jim Kinnier Stanner Golf Classic

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In Memoriam



Lou Carnesecca '43
November 30, 2024

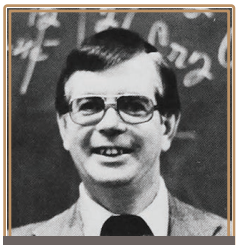
A hall of fame coach, an inspiring leader, and a friend to all, Lou Carnesecca '43 enjoyed a remarkable life and career highlighted by his passion for coaching, his respect for each player and colleague, his faith, and his contagious enthusiasm.

Mr. Carnesecca was born in 1925 and raised in New York City. After graduating from St. Ann's Academy in 1943, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard for three years during World War II. After returning home, he enrolled at St. John's University (SJU), where he played basketball and baseball. As a student-athlete at SJU, he was a talented utility infielder, achieving a batting average over .300. Mr. Carnesecca notably played in SJU's first College World Series in 1949. Just one year later, he returned to St. Ann's Academy, where he taught Health and Civics in addition to beginning his storied coaching career. As a head coach at St. Ann's, Mr. Carnesecca won two CHSAA City Championships in basketball (1952, 1958) and two in baseball (1950, 1955). After St. Ann's Academy moved to Queens and became Archbishop Molloy High School in 1957, Mr. Carnesecca coached the Stanners for one more year before moving on to nearby SJU, where he served as assistant coach under the tutelage of renowned head coach Joe Lapchick. This move paved the way for another legendary coach, Jack Curran, to begin forging his own path after succeeding Mr. Carnesecca as Molloy's head basketball and baseball coach in 1958.

After succeeding Coach Lapchick in 1965, Mr. Carnesecca would go on to author an incredible coaching career at his college alma mater, all the while changing countless lives for the better. Mr. Carnesecca achieved a record of 526 wins and 200 losses over 24 seasons while leading the university's men's basketball team ('65-'70, '73-'92). The Johnnies became mainstays in the playoffs, reaching the postseason every year under his leadership, including a Final Four appearance in 1985. Mr. Carnesecca's time at SJU was also highlighted by international play, including tours in Spain and Yugoslavia, and he ran clinics in many different countries. In 1970, Mr. Carnesecca entered the arena of pro ball, coaching the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association for three seasons.

Mr. Carnesecca is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Stanner Hall of Fame. He was voted National Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1985 by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, and he is a three-time recipient of the Big East Conference Coach of the Year Award (1983, 1985, 1986). In 2004, St. John's University's Alumni Hall was renamed Carnesecca Arena, in recognition of the incredible impact the legendary coach had on the university.

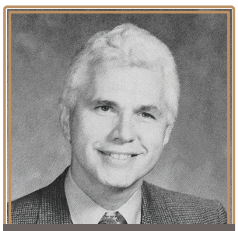
In a 2012 interview with MSG Varsity, Mr. Carnesecca spoke about Molloy: "The great tradition, the heritage Molloy has, I mean not only in athletics, which is unbelievable, but the academics have really blossomed. You can't get into this place! I know I couldn't! College coaches go after good kids—that's the big thing. They come to Molloy for not only good athletes, but very good students as well. It's amazing, the reputation this school has. It's one of the great high schools in this country. You're proud to be a Stanner."



Kieran Mullins
August 15, 2024

Born in the Bronx, Mr. Kieran Mullins attended Holy Cross Elementary School and St. Helena's High School. He graduated from Marist College and began teaching at Molloy shortly thereafter. At Molloy, Mr. Mullins taught the sciences along with Driver's Ed for over 40 years.

A beloved husband and father, he is described by family as kind, generous, patient, loving, witty, and a gentle soul. He loved living in retirement in Arizona, and he enjoyed golf, poker, crossword puzzles, and cruises. He was very proud of his Irish heritage. He cherished many fond memories from his time at Molloy.



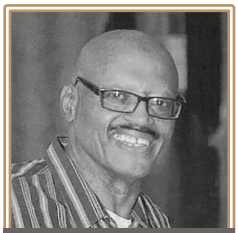
Robert Jones
January 10, 2025

Robert Jones served in numerous roles at Molloy from 1967 to 1997, including as an English teacher, as English Department Chairperson, as well as Molloy's first lay Assistant Principal.

Mr. Jones was a lifelong learner, earning a Master's in English from NYU, a Master's in School Administration from Columbia University, and a Master's in Social Work (MSW) from Fordham University. He taught with a genuine passion for English that resonated with generations of Stanners, and he is remembered fondly as a kind and compassionate teacher.

After receiving his MSW, Mr. Jones relocated to Palm Springs, California, where for several decades he worked as a psychological family counselor and rose to Clinical Supervisor of Family Practice in Riverside, CA. He was widely admired for his work in that field and very much enjoyed it.

Mr. Jim Sheehan '75 commented on his late colleague and friend saying, "Bob was the best teacher I ever saw. Bar none." Another colleague, MaryAnn Safrey, shared, "A lovely, talented, highly intelligent man with whom I shared a classroom when I first arrived at Molloy to teach. He had a meaningful impact on so many students and staff, and so clearly made a difference."

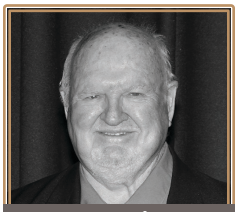


Willie C. Hall '58
December 8, 2024

Willie C. Hall '58, known to many as "Kid Kangaroo," began his hoops career as a member of the St. Ann's Academy varsity basketball team. He started out as a freshman on the varsity team, rising through the ranks over the years to eventually serve as captain. He also blossomed into one of St. Ann's/Molloy's greatest all-time rebounders. He had the ability to play anywhere on the court, boasted an unbeatable jump shot, and could score

from every conceivable angle. Willie was so good that he was recognized in Dell Sports magazine as one of the top ten high school players in New York City from 1957-1958. Thanks to Willie's contributions, the Stanners went an undefeated 60-0 under coach Lou Carnesecca '43 during Willie's senior year. He would continue his athletic excellence after Molloy, attending nearby St. John's University. While at St. John's, Willie once again played a huge role on an undefeated team, playing for an elite Johnnies freshman team in 1959. Later in life, Willie worked in the legal field. He spent many years as an Associate Senior Juvenile Counselor at the Department of Juvenile Justice.

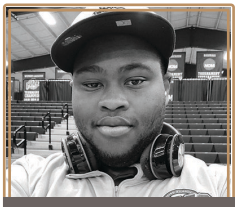
In 2013, Willie was inducted into the Basketball Old-Timers of America Hall of Fame. Speaking about this honor, Willie said, "I had so many good people behind me like Coach Carnesecca, Jack Curran…I had so many good people in my life that made the world a better place for me and a lot of other people." Willie is also a member of the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame and the Stanner Hall of Fame.



Br. Aquinas Richard '48
February 18, 2025

Br. Aquinas Richard '48 was a beloved member of the Molloy community, serving as a Biology teacher for over 30 years and a Track & Field coach for over 25 years. He was known for his kindness, dedication, and for his famous "Jog 5, Run 5, Jog 5" workouts, which alumni and coaches continue to reference to this day. For many years in retirement, Br. Aquinas continued to help maintain Molloy's Biology Lab and to assist the Track & Field coaching staff. Br. Aquinas will be remembered as a kind, caring mentor who helped nurture the skills and shape the lives of generations of science students and student-athletes.

Br. Aquinas served as a Marist Brother for over 77 years. He will forever be enshrined as a member of the Stanner Hall of Fame, the CHSAA Hall of Fame, and on Molloy's Track & Field Wall of Honor.



Derek "DJ" Southerland '13
April 17, 2025

Derek Southerland '13 was beloved by and well known to many in the Molloy community, as well as in the St. John's University and Msgr. Scanlan High School communities. Over the years at Molloy, Derek worked closely with many athletic teams as an assistant manager. He also worked as a substitute teacher and public address announcer at Msgr. Scanlan and with SJU's TV production team. Derek also enthusiastically and selflessly volunteered at many school and alumni events at Molloy. He loved people, sports, and helping those in need.

Derek is remembered as a kind-hearted and generous person, an inspiring presence in the lives of so many, a loyal friend, and a devoted supporter of the student-athletes of Molloy, Msgr. Scanlan, and SJU. He was a wonderful person and a friend to all, and he will be deeply missed.

Please join us in prayer for the repose of the souls of members of our community.

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  A CELEBRATION OF MOLLOY WOMEN
  DATE: September 27, 2025
- **OPEN HOUSE**
  DATE: October 19, 2025
- **MOLLOY OKTOBERFEST**
  DATE: October 24, 2025
- **STANNER ALUMNI REUNION**
  Class Years: ST. ANN'S ALUMNI, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020
  DATE: November 8, 2025
- **THANKSGIVING LITURGY / ALUMNI RECEPTION**
  DATE: November 26, 2025
- **THEATER ALUMNI REUNION**
  DATE: April 25, 2026
- **40th ANNUAL JIM KINNIER STANNER GOLF CLASSIC**
  DATE: May 11, 2026

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