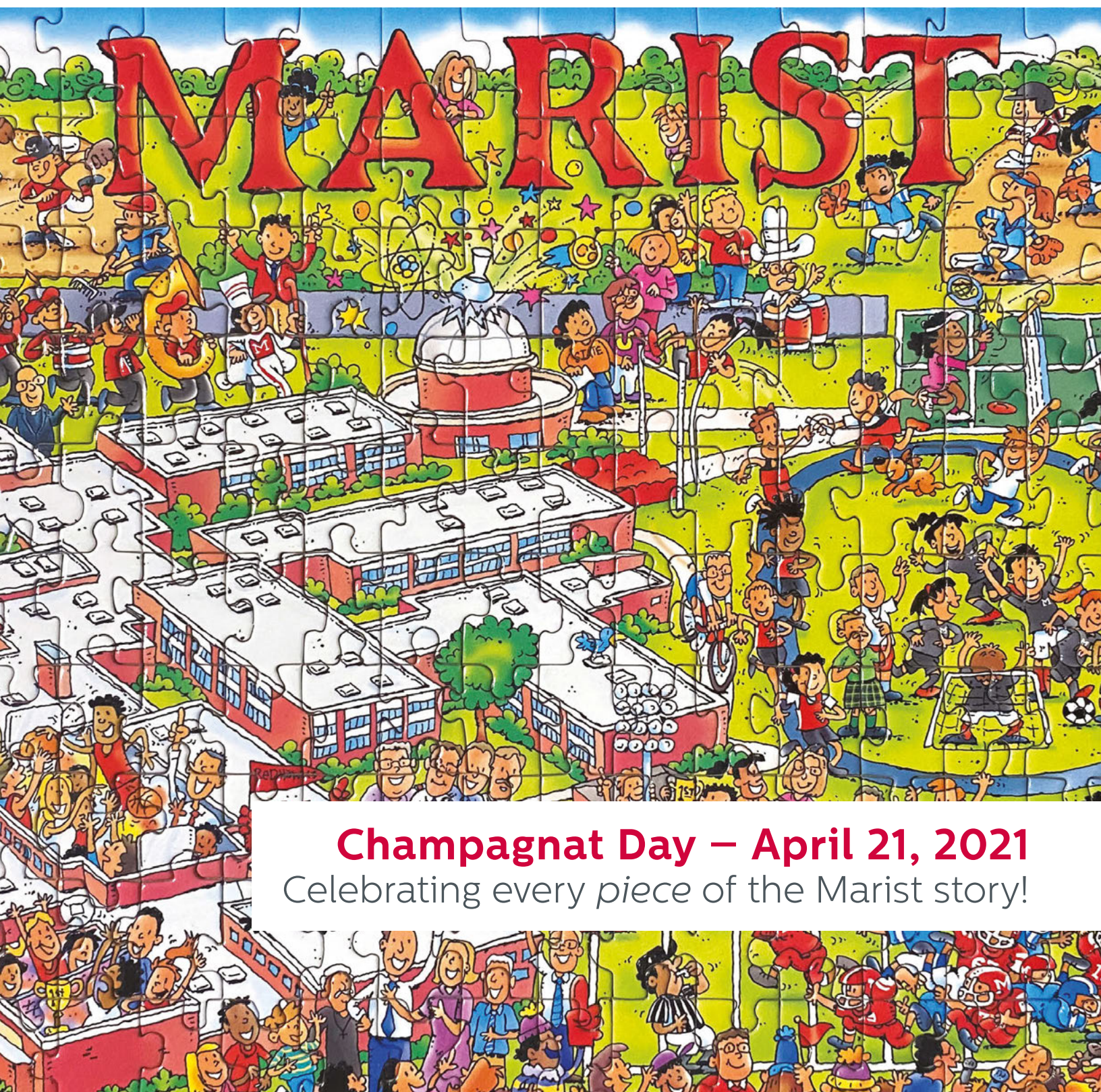


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Champagnat Day – April 21, 2021
Celebrating every *piece* of the Marist story!

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Champagnat Day artwork by
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DEAR MARIST FAMILY,

It was just over a year ago, that the impact of the pandemic was felt here and around the world. There was uncertainty, fear, and change to varying degrees in its wake. And yet, we remained true to who we are as Marist.

Hemingway wrote, "Now is not the time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is." I find that to be true of what we have done here. We adjusted, pivoted, and responded to the restrictions, protocols, and most importantly, the needs of our students.



- Marist returned to hybrid learning in August 2020.
- We expanded to in-person learning five days per week in half-day shifts in January 2021.
- Our Advancement Department doubled its efforts to increase financial assistance fundraising for families impacted by the pandemic, and the Marist community responded generously.
- Though group activities have been impacted, we have celebrated Mass and the Sacraments during the year.
- Our RedHawks have proudly competed in albeit different types of seasons, but still brought "honor, glory, and fame" alongside the arts and activities that continued to shine.
- The Admissions Department accepted the class of 2025, with more than 400 future RedHawks among it.
- We continue to look confidently towards the future, planning the evolution of our curriculum and campus.

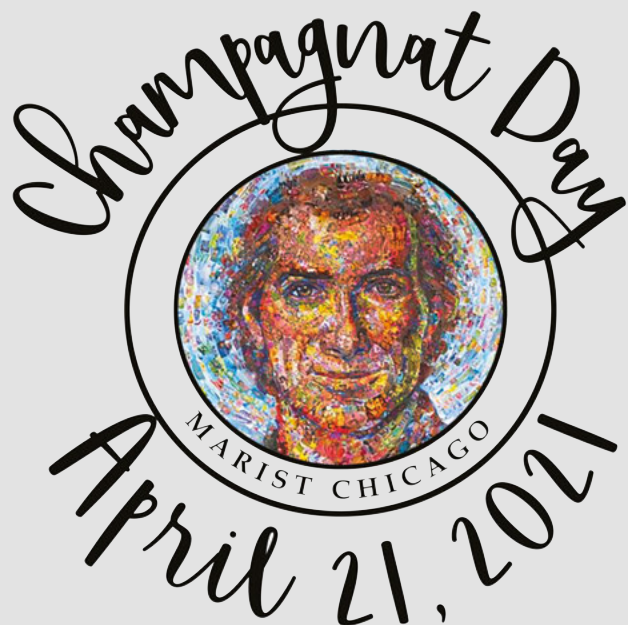
I give my most sincere thanks to **our students** who rose to the challenge by adjusting to the situation and helping protect our community, to **our faculty and staff** members who adapted to the changes over the course of the year, to **our parents** who continued to entrust their children to our care, and **our greater Marist family** who supported our mission.

As small signs of normalcy appear, we look forward to returning to many of our treasured traditions, including gathering together.

Let us pray for the continued health of the Marist community.

With optimism,

Larry Tucker '79
President



You are a *piece* of the Marist story

Join us as we celebrate our 4th annual Champagnat Day on Wednesday, April 21. The 24-hour giving event commemorates the canonization of St. Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, and celebrates each piece of the Marist story – our students, faculty/staff, parents, alumni, and friends! We aim to inspire **750 donors to help us raise \$120,000 for the Marist Fund** so that we may continue to give students the advantage of an exceptional, Catholic education. The first 600 donors who give \$50 or more will receive a 200-piece jigsaw puzzle that brings the Marist campus to life with colorful characters from the past and present.

We also invite you to our Champagnat Day Bed Build on Saturday, April 17. In the spirit of St. Marcellin, our students are teaming up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Oak Forest to build, assemble, and deliver bunk beds to local children and families. Help us serve the “least favored” by improving the quality of life for dozens of children. All you need is a willing heart to register for this outdoor activity. [+](#)

Share your Marist story on April 21

- » Wear your Marist gear or our school colors
- » Share our social media posts or create your own using **#champagnatday**
- » Show you care with a gift to the Marist Fund

Learn more at www.marist.net/champagnat

Alumni artist brings Marist to life

MIKE DAMMER '78 is an award-winning illustrator who has worked with clients worldwide to design everything from puzzles, toys, and electronic game boards to packaging and products and television and print ads. He has developed characters for logos, apps, animation, branding, and greeting cards. After Marist, he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Xavier University and continued his studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He spent most of his career as a freelance artist.

After many years in the art world, Dammer returned to school and earned an applied science degree in facilities engineering technology in 2016. Today, he works as a Local 399 building engineer at McCormick Place. Art has become a hobby rather than his main living.

In the early '90s, he designed an illustration of the Marist campus featuring Brothers, teachers, students, and more. As Champagnat Day 2021 planning started, Marist called on Dammer's skills once more, and he designed an updated drawing of Marist with both new and old members of the Marist family and some of the impressive additions to the physical campus. The poster has been transformed into a 200-piece jigsaw puzzle that will be mailed to the first 600 donors who give \$50 or more to Marist on April 21, 2021. [+](#)





Faith and Science

SCIENCE TEACHER Chris Leshner (in green) and religion teacher Br. Sam Amos co-teach a senior course called “Faith, Science, and Reason” that explores the intersection between science and religion. Earlier this semester, Mr. Leshner led the students in a lab to understand natural selection as part of evolution, so that the class could then discuss the meaning of evolution within the context of the theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a 20th-century Catholic philosopher. 📖

Department Snapshot: Religious Studies

THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT works to nurture faith formation through prayer and worship, catechesis and academics, retreats, social justice projects, and service opportunities. The Religious Studies curriculum aims to be experiential in order to deepen our students’ understanding of the core beliefs and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church in the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat and the Marist Brothers. We offer students a variety of experiences and opportunities to strengthen their faith and build character in order to become active members of their church, their community, and our world. 📖



DEPARTMENT FACULTY MEMBERS:

Karen Ramirez,
Curriculum Coordinator
Tammy Ames
Br. Sam Amos, FMS
Joyce Ende
Kathleen Greenan

John Hyland
Jan Maratea
Patrick Meyer '10
Br. Luis Ramos, FMS
Brigid Wolff
Patrick Quinn

Marist welcomes new employees



Tasia Buford-Howell,
School Counselor



Mandy Gaida,
School Nurse



Joy Lewis, Director of
School Counseling



Robyn McNaughton,
School Counselor



Andrea Bernardi Mossuto '07,
School Counseling
Department Assistant



Heather Olsson,
School Counselor



Cherise Roberts,
Assistant to the Principal



Ryan Tucker '14,
Admissions Recruiter

» **Br. Rick Carey, FMS '76** and **Pat Dunne '98** started just before the school year and were introduced in the Fall 2020 issue of *The Point*.



New Marist Brothers provincial named

BR. DAN O'RIORDAN, FMS,

was elected the next provincial of the Marist Brothers USA Province. He has spent the last six years serving as assistant provincial and will assume his new role in April 2021. His predecessor is Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS, former president of Marist Chicago.

During his more than 29 years as a Brother, Br. Dan has served as a teacher, coach, counselor, development director, and campus minister at numerous Marist schools around the U.S. He also served the USA Province as a vocation director.

He has coordinated more than 100 mission service trips, allowing many young people the opportunity to serve the least favored in communities around the world. He led numerous pilgrimages and continues to be a featured speaker on youth retreats and youth gatherings where he encourages young people to find ways to answer God's call and use their gifts and talents to respond to the many needs of our world.


A graduate of a Marist high school himself, Archbishop Malloy in New York, Br. Dan is also a published author. His titles include *Never too young to change the world: Inspiring true stories of young people* and *A Plan B Camino 2020: A Pilgrim's Prayer Journal for Future Spiritual Camino Seekers*. Both are available on [Amazon](#). ⓘ

OUR FAITH REMAINS

Though gathering in large groups has restricted many of our school traditions, Marist has adjusted to ensure our faith remains a priority. Daily prayer as a school and within individual classes takes place. There have been prayer and communion services in small groups. **Fr. Tom Hurley '85**, pastor of Old St. Patrick's Church, celebrated Mass for the student body via a livestream. The freshmen attended a class-level retreat in groups and the senior Kairos retreat was adjusted to allow the class of 2021 to participate in this special tradition. Ashes were also distributed safely with the use of cotton swabs. ⓘ



Marist Senior Spotlights

AT MARIST, we are committed to honoring the class of 2021. The Marist Senior Spotlight campaign is underway on Marist Chicago's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Each post includes a student's photo along with a kind note from a faculty member at Marist. **Check them out.** 



Thank you, Marist parents!

Marist parents have been at the heart of our success, especially during this challenging time. We are so thankful for them all. A special thanks goes to our Parents Club officers who have adjusted their plans. Though the traditional parent-student events could not take place, these dedicated moms

and dads came up with creative virtual events and monthly meetings that featured college information, Marist spirituality, and even some comedy. Kudos to the many parents who joined in on Zoom each month for the meetings (pictured).

President:

Jen Portincaso, Class of 2021 and 2023 parent

Vice-President:


Al Bernhardt, Class of 2022 parent

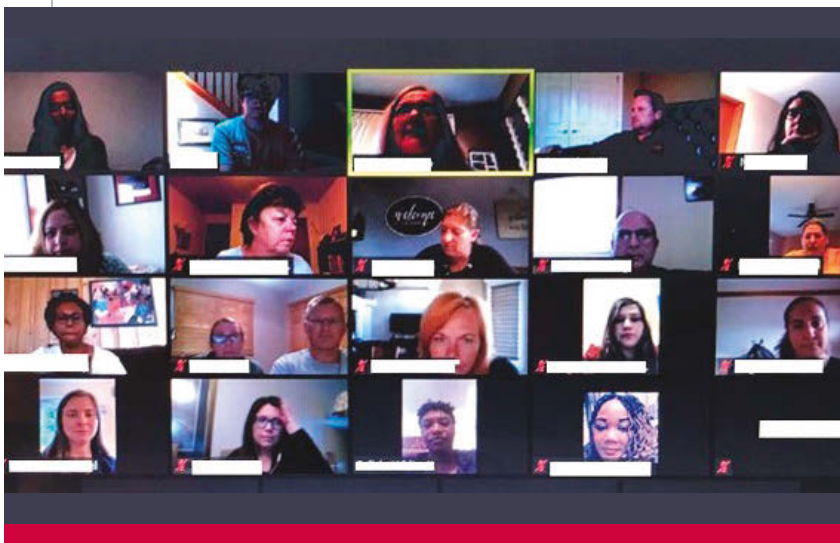
Secretary:

Ann O'Brien, Class of 2021 parent

Media Chair:

Janie Vulich, Class of 2021 parent

Thanks, too, to the many parents who graciously offered their help on various committees for the class of 2021 senior events. These events have been completely reimagined this year due to health protocols and dozens of parents have helped to make them memorable. 



STANDOUT STUDENTS:



Colin Dillon '21
National Merit
Finalist



Daniel Gillerlain '21
Chick Evans
Scholar



Sarah Hughes '21
Chick Evans
Scholar



Brooke Arundel '21
Butler
University
Chicago
Partnership
Award



Thomas Kavanaugh '21
National Merit
Finalist



Josiah Harris '21
Chick Evans
Scholar



Ryan Rosenberg '21
Chick Evans
Scholar

Not pictured: **Cesar Gaona '21**, Chick Evans Scholar

The arts in April



The **MARIST THEATRE GUILD** will present *Singin' in the Rain, Jr.* April 23 to 25 and April 30 to May 1 online. The double-cast show has been working hard to bring this classic to life. Online access purchasing to view the show will be posted on www.marist.net. The group also streamed *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* in November to rave reviews.

The popular **SENIOR ART SHOW** will take place on April 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. It is hoped this event will be held in person. Marist artists will showcase their painting, graphic design, drawing, photography, and more. Details will be posted online.



Both **THE BAND AND CHORUS** are busy producing concert videos to celebrate spring and showcase their hard work over the past school year. Links to the concerts will be posted on the Marist website and social media. [+](#)



Senior wins design contest

Marist photography student **Angel Ortiz '21** won one of only six spots in the College for Creative Studies' design contest, garnering him a scholarship to the school's Precollege Sneaker Design Summer Camp in Michigan, where he will work with product designers from big brands to produce his shoe. The University of Oregon-bound senior already runs his own brand, SneakerNerds. [+](#)



◀ Marist's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Student Activities

Office sponsored the RedHawks Fly Together Virtual 5k in October 2020 with all proceeds from the event benefiting the Marist Health & Wellness Fund, which provides students, faculty, and staff with programming, events, and education in the area of self-care, mental health, and spiritual development, as well as counseling resources for students. With more than 400 participants, the event raised more than \$4,500. **Jack Vulich '21** and his mom, Janie, (pictured) were happy to support the cause.

▲ Black History Month was celebrated in and out of the classroom. The **EVOLVE club** sponsored a series of gatherings featuring segments of this year's virtual Archdiocesan African American Heritage Prayer Service. The ARC featured works by Black authors, while other clubs and classes also took time to honor the month. Pictured are Marist students at the 2019 Archdiocesan event. Marist looks forward to participating in-person next year.

LIVING THE FAITH



Osmar Rocha-Patino '24

Freshman **Osmar Rocha-Patino** participated in an Archdiocesan event for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The Vianney Visit is usually an in-person program at St. John Vianney College Seminary, but it was held virtually this year for high school and college-aged young men. Rocha-Patino is a youth group leader in his parish and participates in Bible study.



Lauren Zarris '21

Lauren Zarris '21 has been a dedicated volunteer at Frankfort Township Food Pantry, putting in more than 500 service hours as of November 2020. With Marist's Senior Service Outreach Program unable to run because of COVID-19, Zarris decided to launch an ongoing food drive in her area. She drops off empty bags to neighbors and community members and picks up the donations a week later and delivers them to the pantry. +



▲ The **National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Italian National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society** held a series of induction ceremonies to accommodate small groups on March 15, 2021, welcoming 100 juniors and seniors into one or more of the groups. A full list of inductees is available [online](#). The Art National Honor Society will hold a ceremony during the Senior Art Show on April 29.

Coffee AND CHILL

THE CLASS OF 2021 has been through a lot over the past year. As a lift to their spirits, the senior coffee lounge opened in January. The space features comfortable seating, a ping pong table, and television for gaming. Seniors have enjoyed the opportunity to chat with friends, grab a beverage, and relax before or after school or during a free period. [+](#)



All the right moves: The chess team had an exceptional season, finishing third overall for the regular season and second overall for the playoff tournament in the Chicago Chess Conference. The team also scored the most individual points in the three playoff rounds. The team went on to compete in the state tournament, garnering great experience. All the players contributed to the team's success.



CHESS TEAM

Checkmate: Freshman players bring experience to team

Class of 2024 **chess team** members Trechelle Williams (pictured from left), Shakira Luster, and Imani Hill are no strangers to chess success. The trio, pictured with their coach at the time and Shakira's dad Eric, were state champs during their eighth grade year playing for St. Ethelreda School in Chicago. The U.S. Chess Federation ranked the girls among the top in the nation in their age bracket.

Luster, who finished first in conference for Marist this year said playing chess remotely this season was okay at times but disappointing. "There is nothing like over-the-board chess," she explained. She started learning the game at age three and competing by age seven. She enjoys continuing to play with her friends from grade school. "It felt good being named conference champ but I'm really focused on the team improving," Luster explained. "My personal chess goal is to become the first female African-American chess master no later than junior year in high school." [+](#)

The Marist world hits home

The Marist world is often referenced in school prayers or in information about the Brothers. But for one Marist Chicago family, it's a lived reality.

Ronald Rivera, father of **Jonathan '21**, attended Marist School in the Philippines. It opened in 1964 and is located on Champagnat Avenue in Marikina, part of Manila. The school serves students from age six through high school. Mr. Rivera earned a loyalty award for attending Marist all 11 years. He says his parents valued Catholic education and so he followed in the footsteps of his two older brothers who also attended.



Jonathan '21 and his dad Ronald Rivera

While a student there, Mr. Rivera participated in basketball, baseball, track and field, and chess. He described it very similar to Marist Chicago in terms of academics and activities. He also recalls the Brothers there, including Br. Crispin Betita, FMS and Br. Paul Meuten, FMS.

"Marist education gave me a broader perspective in life not only as a Catholic but as a person," Mr. Rivera said. "Faith-based education instilled in me the value of respecting myself and others, the importance of doing what is right, and providing service to my community."

And so when it came time to choose a school for his children, Mr. Rivera was happy to have a Marist


option, and a coed one at that. Jonathan's older sister **Gabrielle '18** led the way. "My experience with the Marist school system was so influential in making me who I am today that I want my children to have the same opportunity which is a world class education and caring community with Christ through Mary as a model," Mr. Rivera explained.

“I think we share a bit more of a connection because now I also have stories about the Marist Brothers and my own Marist experience to match his.”

— Jonathan Rivera '21

Jonathan is involved in anime club, cross country, science club, Spanish club, the theater guild, and sometimes pops into meetings for the book club and yearbook club. He said his dad has shared stories about high school, including learning how to code even though computers were not as popular as they are today and even less so in the Philippines.

"I think we share a bit more of a connection because now I also have stories about the Marist Brothers and my own Marist experience to match his," Jonathan said.

Jonathan is considering his next chapter of life, looking at colleges such as University of Dayton. 



▲ **Marist Youth** continued to serve the “least favored,” organizing a school-wide Thanksgiving food drive. Each of the 54 Hawk Hall classes filled a box with non-perishable items along with some kids’ craft items. The Parents Club got on board, too, collecting 70 turkeys. All the donations benefited Our Lady of Tepyac grade school and high school.

The **academic team** advanced to the state regional, coming up just short of the sectional.

The Sentinel continued to produce issues of the school paper, reporting on the pandemic, academics, sports, culture, and more.

As of mid-March, the decorated **math team** competed in the state regional and awaited the results.



▲ The **speech team** adjusted to a totally virtual season and made the most of each competition. They advanced members to the sectional finals.

The **Polish club** celebrated throughout the year with traditional baked goods.

1Book, 1Marist showcased members’ book picks for their fellow students and ran the club’s annual book sale in March.

The **pro-life club**, unable to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., honored the cause by collecting diapers for a pregnancy resource center and caravanning in cars downtown in the March for Life procession. 📌




Marist students hit the ice

THE MARIST CAMPUS became a winter wonderland this year. Of course, there was plenty of snow, but three ice rinks were also installed on the Zidek Tennis Courts in the northwest corner of campus. The rinks gave students the opportunity to skate or play hockey before and after school and at special events.

Marist Principal Dr. Kathryn Baal pointed to a *New York Times* article that highlighted the “positive wintertime mind-set” of Norwegians in some of the most remote, sunlight-limited locations. They

embrace the opportunity winter provides to get outside, see others, and participate in activities. “We at Marist are going to mimic the Scandinavians and welcome winter by providing a positive and fun outlet for our students,” Baal wrote in a letter to parents and students.

The seniors especially made use of them at their class party on January 29 that featured skating, fire pits, food trucks, an escape room, games, a dj, and some laughs from comedian **Pat McGann ’94**. 

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— Dr. Kathryn Baal





Champagnat Awards honor faculty and staff members

MARIST PRESENTED THE esteemed Champagnat Award to **Patrick Ryan '01**, a school counselor (from left), Assistant Principal of Student Services **Beth O'Neill**, and **Sue Gardner**, the school nurse who retired at the close of the 2019-2020 school year. The award recognizes those who share traits with St. Marcellin Champagnat,

the founder of the Marist Brothers, and who embrace their roles at the school as vocation. As has been the tradition, this year's award winners were chosen by previous Champagnat Award winners. In addition to exhibiting Marist and Marcellin-like qualities, award winners must have served at Marist for at least 10 years. 📌

Freshmen learn the Marist way

FRESHMEN ATTENDED THEIR class retreat on March 18 and 19, celebrating Mass together, participating in group activities, making rosaries, and learning about the foundation of the Marist way and how we still follow in the footsteps of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

The timing of the retreat aligned with freshmen learning about liturgy in their religion classes. The day helped them learn more about the Marist charism and get to know one another. In one activity, small groups of students had to work together to create a Marist-themed image. This not only called on teamwork skills, but reflected how each person is an important member of the Marist family. 📌



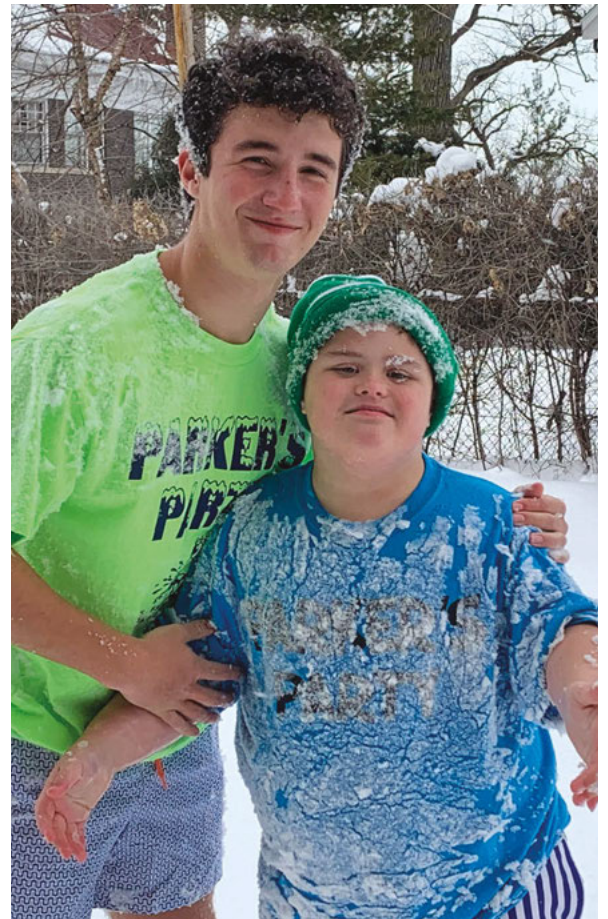
▲ Br. Luis Ramos, FMS (standing) helps a group of freshmen make their own rosaries during their retreat day.



Students take the “plunge”

PARTICIPATING IN THE Chicago Polar Plunge, which supports Special Olympics Chicago, has become a popular event for many Marist student-athletes. Due to the pandemic, the lakefront event could not be held. Chicago Alderman Matt O’Shea helped coordinate a new twist on the event with the help of members of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union Local 130 who set up a series of hoses on Marist’s campus on March 2. Students ran across snow-covered grass while getting soaked for a good cause. Earlier in the day, students paid to dress down in honor of the event, raising more than \$2,600 for the charity. **Check out the event on WGN News.**

Additionally, sophomore Nolan Baudo and friend George Bilecki ’22 were inspired to show their support for Special Olympics Chicago, and asked friends to participate in “Parker’s Party,” a challenge to jump into a snow bank or pile. They initially thought only their personal friends would do it, but soon, nearly 250 friends and students from other local high schools made the frigid leap and posted their jumps on social media. Parker is Nolan’s younger brother and the two are always there to support one another. 📌



▲ Nolan ’23 (left) and his brother Parker pose after jumping in the snow.

Congrats, champs!



The girls' varsity (pictured) and sophomore basketball teams were the ESCC champs this season!

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Jake Phillips goes the distance

MARIST JUNIOR JAKE PHILLIPS qualified for the state cross country final by finishing fourth overall at the IHSA Sectional Championships. Though the state race was not held by the IHSA this year due to coronavirus restrictions, Phillips had an exceptional season, and, according to *The Daily Southtown*, would have been the only competitor from the southland. He ran the challenging sectional course in 15:08.30. Earlier in the season, he won individually the Thomas Leonard Invitational, the Matt Wagner Invitational, the Benet Academy Invitational, the Johnny Guldán Invitational, and the Dan Cole Invitational. He posted a season-best time of 14:48.50 for three miles this season. Phillips was also invited to a post-season state meet sponsored by Shazam timing company where he finished 17th in Illinois. +



Honor Glory Fame



Thomas Kavanaugh '21

Thomas Kavanaugh '21 was one of only 26 seniors in Illinois named to the IHSA All-Academic Team. Team members are nominated by their school and must possess a minimum 3.5 grade point average on 4.0 scale after their seventh semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored sports or activities during each of the last two years, and demonstrated outstanding citizenship. Thomas served as the captain of the Marist cross country team and also competes in track and field in the spring. He is a National Merit Finalist too.



Sydney Affolter '21

Sydney Affolter '21 was a nominee for the 44th annual McDonald's All American game. The University of Iowa-bound player also surpassed the 1,500-career point milestone during the 2021 season. She is only the second player in the girls' program history to do so. She also surpassed 800 career rebounds during her senior season. She was named the 2020-21 *Daily Southtown* Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.



Nyherowo Omene '21

Nyherowo Omene '21 was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American Watch List for the 2021 boys' season. Omene helped lead the RedHawks to their 2019 state championship and is excited to be back on the court this season. 📌

NEXT LEVEL

Congratulations to the members of the class of 2021 who are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. *More commitments are expected before the end of the school year.*

SYDNEY AFFOLTER,
University of Iowa—Basketball

DEANDRE ARCHER,
Grand Valley State University—Football

SOPHIA BOUCK,
Illinois Wesleyan University—Lacrosse

CIARA BRIDGES,
Spring Hill College—Soccer

JACK CARNEY,
Loras College—Baseball

KALI CASE,
Boston College—Softball

CHAZZ CLARK,
Xavier University of Louisiana—Baseball

PATRICK COOGAN,
University of Notre Dame—Football

JONNY CROWELL,
Flagler College—Baseball

ABBY DUNNING,
Boston College—Softball

SANTONEN FLOWERS,
University of Indianapolis—Football

EWELINA GACEK,
George Mason University—Volleyball

ROBERT GAYLORD,
Ohio University—Wrestling

JACK HARMON,
John Carroll University—Baseball

ELISE HETZEL,
University of Wisconsin at La Crosse—Lacrosse

JALEN HILL,
Tufts University—Football

SEDONA HOLLAND,
Lewis University—Lacrosse

NICOLE JONES,
Purdue University at Fort Wayne—Volleyball

SEAMUS KELLY,
University of Chicago—Football

QUINTIN KNIGHT,
Upper Iowa University—Football

ELLIE KURPEIKIS,
University of Wisconsin at Green Bay—Volleyball

CECILIA LIGHT,
Spring Hill College—Soccer

EASTON LOTUS,
University of Louisville—Softball

JOVAN MARSH,
University of Wyoming—Football

MAGGIE O'BRIEN,
University of Nebraska at Omaha—Softball

KYLE PIETRZAK,
Cardinal Stritch University—Volleyball

LUKE SEFCIK,
Central Michigan University—Baseball

NOAH SMITH,
University of Louisville—Baseball

PATRICK STREETER,
Monmouth College—Lacrosse

SARA WABI,
Illinois State University—Gymnastics



FALL SPORTS RECAPS

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY placed second at the ESCC championship and had a record of 8-1 on the day. The RedHawks had a record six athletes earn all-conference honors by placing in the top 23 at Arlington Race Track. During the season, varsity won the Thomas Leonard Invitational and the Johnny Guldán Invitational as a team and finished in second place at the St. Patrick Invitational and the Jonathan Berning Invitational. The RedHawks upset Sandburg High School to place fourth in the state regional to advance as a team to the IHSA sectional championship. Junior Jake Phillips qualified for state. (See p. 15 for details.)

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY finished second in the ESCC. Nora McClorey '22, Emma Karczewski '22, and Lilly Roche '21 advanced to the IHSA sectional. The team won four dual/tri meets. This fall, the girls' and boys' teams returned to running and racing in the cemetery like many alumni have done in the past.

BOYS' GOLF finished first at the Marian Catholic Invite. The team finished fifth at the ESCC conference tournament. The team took second place at the regional and advanced as a team to the sectional.

GIRLS' GOLF had a record of four wins and two losses in conference play. The team finished in first place in the Caroline Griffin Tournament. In addition, the RedHawks finished third at the ESCC conference tournament. The team finished third in the regional and advanced juniors Mallorie Clifton and Skylar Flynn to the state sectional.

GIRLS' SWIMMING was able to have a safe season, scheduling meets against some of the best programs in the area. Despite keeping distance from each other, the RedHawks grew as a team and improved individual and relay times throughout the season. The team advanced to the state sectional.

GIRLS' TENNIS notched wins over conference and non-conference foes, including a first-ever win against St. Ignatius. The team finished fourth in the conference championship. The team was the runner-up for the fourth straight year at sectionals. Sonya Dremak '21, Molly Malloy '22, Kali Case '21, and Bridget Danaher '22 qualified for state though the tournament was not held due to COVID. ⓘ

2020-21 CONFERENCE HONORS

Boys' Cross Country

Kevin Bugos '21
Tommy Kavanaugh '21
Andrew Kerlin '22
Danny Olsen '23
Jake Phillips '22
Jonathan Rivera '21

Boys' Golf

Nick Cocco '21
Ben Reidy '21

Girls' Golf

Mallorie Clifton '22
Devin Guest '22

Boys' Basketball

Alex Knight '21

Girls' Basketball

Sydney Affolter '21,
Most Valuable Player
Kira Chivers '22
Mary Pat Connolly,
Co-Coach of the Year

Boys' Bowling

Dan Gillerlain '21

Girls' Bowling

Alexis Dunaway '23

Brains and Braun

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR athletic teams on earning the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award. This award recognizes those teams that maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their season.

FALL 2019 SPORTS: boys' cross country, girls' cross country, football, boys' golf, girls' golf, boys' soccer, girls' swimming, girls' tennis, girls' volleyball

WINTER 2019-2020 SPORTS:

cheerleading, poms, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, wrestling, boys' bowling

SPRING 2020 SPORTS:

boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse, softball, boys' volleyball, baseball, boys' track and field, girls' track and field

FALL 2020 SPORTS: boys' cross country, girls' cross country, girls' swimming, girls' tennis, boys' golf, girls' golf

Note that this award only reflects IHSA-sponsored sports and teams that met a member requirement. ⓘ



WINTER SPORTS RECAPS

BOYS' BASKETBALL had some great conference and non-conference wins through the stretch of the season. A young team, the RedHawks continue to make strides on the court. A state series was not held this year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL was crowned the ESCC champs and ended the season with a 15-1 record. With several players returning next year, the program continues to succeed. A state series was not held this year.

BOYS' BOWLING thought it was great to be together this year after being away for so long. The boys came with an upbeat, positive attitude every day and gave everything they had day in and day out. They made the most of every opportunity to compete.

GIRLS' BOWLING was grateful to be able to have a season and be together. Although it was an unusual season, the girls handled it well and made the very best of it. They came in confident and prepared to do their absolute best every single day. The team finished fourth in conference.

POMS had a short but great season, advancing to the state sectional competition. The girls were undeterred by the restrictions and worked hard to produce beautiful performances.

Hockey was still underway at the time of publication. †

Alumni Coaches



WE GIVE THANKS to all of our coaches for their dedication and passion and recognize the alumni among our coaching staff. Thanks to those who have served in the past and to those listed here serving this school year.

Claire Badke '06, Softball

Mark Bandzi '86, Head Hockey Coach

Ashley Barry '07, Softball

Mike Brennan '99, Head Boys' Bowling Coach and Football*

Brian Brennan '12, Boys' Basketball*

Kevin Butler '05, Boys' & Girls' Soccer*

Ricky Cave '88, Boys' & Girls' Soccer

Heather Caddick '12, Girls' Cross Country and Track

Katie Caulfield '13, Softball

Ron Dawczak '93, Head Football Coach*

Ryan Doidge '09, Head Girls' Golf Coach*

Jim Droucias '98, Head Rugby Coach

Paige Egan '16, Softball

Ryan Egan '97, Wrestling

Kate Grunauer Ferguson '06, Girls' Basketball

Pat Fleming '98, Football

Brendan Heffernan '99, Head Wrestling Coach and Football*

Dan Higgins '05, Boys' Basketball and Baseball *

Matt Jedrey '03, Wrestling and Football*

Matt Jones '04, Wrestling and Football

Ryan Kairis '15, Baseball

Rich Karnia '03, Girls' Track Head Coach and Girls' Cross Country*

Alex Karr '10, Head Boys' Tennis Coach*

Madison Koss '16, Girls' Lacrosse

Ashley Sifuentez Kosciolk '06, Poms

Michael Landstrom '08, Girls' Lacrosse and Girls' Basketball

Mario Leveille '15, Wrestling

Jim Looney '98, Football

Chris Lynch '98, Rugby

Moira McDermott '12, Girls' Cross Country and Track

Kara McGrath '14, Girls' Swimming

Adam Menendez '14, Boys' Lacrosse

Patrick Meyer '10, Boys' Volleyball*

Tim Moore '90, Football

Tom Murphy '03, Boys' and Girls' Volleyball*

Joe O'Brien '08, Girls' Golf and Boys' Bowling*

Stephanie Perretta '10, Boys' & Girls' Soccer*

Colleen Biebel Phelan '07, Head Softball Coach and Girls' Cross Country*

Kelly Phelan '10, Girls' Volleyball

Dave Pirkle '10, Boys' Basketball, Football, and Baseball

Sean Prendergast '15, Boys' Lacrosse

Joe Prkut '17, Hockey

Drew Quick '12, Football

Mike Reid '10, Boys' Volleyball*

Marybeth Reynolds '11, Girls' Basketball

Don Richardson '77, Boys' Golf

Rich Robin '88, Baseball

Chris Roe '97, Head Girls' Soccer Coach and Boys' Soccer

Rita Rushton '14, Girls' Basketball

Ryan Schneider '09, Boys' Soccer

Matt Sears '13, Wrestling

Nicole Selvaggio '11, Girls' Tennis Head Coach

Ashley Smialek '17, Girls' Soccer

John Stefanos '87, Football

Caitlin Strubin '10, Girls' Lacrosse

Lauren Surin '15, Poms

Lindsey Surin '12, Poms

Tony Turek '97, Football

Rich Watson '94, Wrestling and Football

Brooke Wyderski '14, Softball

Andrew Youpel '00, Rugby

*Current faculty member



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Cheerleading program shines at state again

MARIST'S VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM finished sixth in Illinois at the IHSA state competition on March 13, 2021. The event was held virtually this year. The team took second at the highly competitive sectional hosted by Oak Forest High School on March 6, which qualified them for state.

Marist's program has the second highest number of state trophies in the school's history.

In 2013, 2018, and 2019 the team took home the state runner-up trophy. They also earned a third place finish in 2014 and 2020. Marist has qualified for the state tournament 15 of the 16 years that cheer has been an IHSA sport. The program also won a state title in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) before it was an IHSA sport. [+](#)

Catch the RedHawks live!

With capacity restrictions in place, Marist is going live with additional athletic events so everyone can cheer on the RedHawks.

Indoor varsity home events are streamed on YouTube

while outdoor games can be seen on the **NHFS Network**

This year, Marist paid a licensing fee so that NFHS home events are free to view, but viewers must set up an account.

Away games are posted on Marist's Athletic Department Twitter

while lower-level coaches communicate information about streaming for those games.

In-person attendance updates and athletic schedules are posted at www.marist.net. [+](#)



Celebrating life: Marist honors the Diamond family

Marist President Larry Tucker '79 presented Dr. Eugene (pictured) and the late Rosemary Diamond and their family with the Time and Eternity Award during a prayer service held at the school on October 10, 2020 in honor of their commitment to the Catholic faith, pro-life advocacy, and support of Catholic education.

A prominent Chicago area pediatrician and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine professor, Dr. Diamond selflessly cared and comforted the sick and the scared. He helped prepare new generations of medical professionals too. In all the demands of his work, his devotion to faith and family guided him.

Rosemary, his wife of nearly 69 years, was the president of Birthright of Chicago in the Morgan Park neighborhood where the family lived. She, too, comforted the scared and helped young women find needed resources when they were pregnant. The pair were pro-life leaders and instilled those values in their children.

Along with their commitment to the pro-life cause, they were supporters of Catholic education not only for their 13 children but as a meaningful



▲ Marist President **Larry Tucker '79** and Dr. Eugene Diamond

“Our long, satisfying relationship with Marist is one of which all of us are proud and grateful.”

— Dr. Eugene Diamond

► Dr. Diamond and his son **Dr. Gene '70** arrive at Marist for the ceremony greeted by members of the pro-life club and student council.





experience for all. “We were born during the depths of the Great Depression,” Dr. Diamond said. “We came from dire poverty and realized the intrinsic value of a good, Catholic education early in life.” When selecting a high school for their eldest son Gene, they felt Marist had a promising future and “so we decided to join forces with the Marist Brothers,” Diamond explained. “Our confidence was immediately rewarded. We never looked back.”

The Diamond legacy at Marist includes 25 alumni and four current students. Their clan includes scholars,

“Theirs is one anchored in their devout Catholic faith and woven together by the generations of their loving family.”

— Larry Tucker '79

star athletes, and more who have gone on to higher education and impressive careers.

“Our long, satisfying relationship with Marist is one of which all of us are proud and grateful,” Diamond explained.

“We’re pleasantly surprised to be honored

with the Time and Eternity Award, and we look forward to continuing our family’s productive relationship with Marist for many years to come.”

The award is typically given to an alum who exemplifies the Marist tradition of excellence either professionally or in service, but as President Tucker pointed out, the description of the award does not do justice to the legacy of the Diamonds. “Theirs is one anchored in their devout Catholic faith and woven together by the generations of their loving family,” Tucker said. “They came from very little material means and accumulated wealth in the form of faith, grace, family, and love.” †



Marist graduates and current students from the family include:

Gene Diamond '70, Peter Diamond '71, Terry Diamond '74, Brian Diamond '75, Sean Diamond '76, Tim Diamond '82, Mark Diamond '84, Gene Diamond '03, Kevin Diamond '05, Hannah Diamond '06, Sean Diamond '06, Brian Enright '08, Peter Diamond '10, Sheila Enright '10, Bridget Enright '12, Seamus Diamond '12, Mike Hansen '12, Fiona Diamond '13, Lucy Enright '13, Mary Hansen '14, Maeve Diamond '15, Grace Enright '15, Mary Clare Enright '16, Rose Enright '19, Sean Hansen '20, Kitty Enright '21, Maggie Hansen '21, Jack Enright '22, and Jim Hansen '23.

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◀ Members of the Diamond family gathered to celebrate their family legacy. Many others viewed the ceremony live online from places around the world.



Planned giving opportunities expand at Marist

OVER THE PAST YEAR, the Advancement Office has organized a planned giving program, which gives Marist supporters a unique way to invest in the future of the school. Planned giving includes several methods to remember Marist in estate plans, such as bequests, IRA rollovers, trusts, and more. Later this spring, the program will officially launch on the school website with information and resources for our alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends. Marist will also honor planned giving donors in our newly established Legacy Society. If you would like to discuss planned giving options now, contact **Tom Inzinga '84**. [+](#)

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Get to know the School Board

MARIST IS THANKFUL for the leadership of the School Advisory Board which meets regularly throughout the year to help steer strategic planning for the school, including in the areas

of finance, facilities, marketing, advancement, and Catholic identity.



Toni Hill

One of the newest members of the board is **Toni Hill**. She and husband Darrick are the proud parents of Nile '19 and daughter Darian. A seasoned marketing and human resources profes-

sional, she owns the PR Store, a marketing and promotions firm in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. While Nile attended Marist, she was an active member in the Parents Club, serving as president in 2018-2019. Hill is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., an international charity organization. [+](#)

New affinity group to host golf outing on July 15

THE MARIST CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

(MCA) is a new affinity group that provides tradespeople in the Marist community an opportunity to gather, network, and fundraise to provide qualified students with financial assistance through the Blue Collar Scholars Program. The signature event for the MCA is the members-only golf outing, which will be held on Thursday, July 15 at Ridge Country Club. Full membership is required to have a foursome at the event, which is expected to sell out quickly. For more information, please visit the [event page](#) or contact Marist Advancement Director **Tom Inzinga '84** at 773.881.5379. [+](#)

Football, band initiatives raise nearly \$15,000 for financial assistance

THE MARIST COMMUNITY answered the call to “bring honor, glory, and fame” by raising nearly \$15,000 for Marist’s financial assistance program through two unique fundraisers showcasing the school’s football and band programs. For a \$10 donation, donors were eligible to win an official regulation size Marist football helmet in a glass display case or a custom gold record with the words of the Marist fight song and images of legendary bandleader Frank Manna. Donor **Jack Boyd '09** was the lucky recipient of the football helmet while donor **Mark Siranovic '79** took home the gold record. 📌



Jack Boyd '09 recipient of the football helmet.

Mark your calendar for the Endowment Classic on September 17



MARIST HIGH SCHOOL invites you to the 16th Annual Financial Aid Endowment Classic on Friday, September 17 at Midlothian Country Club. The golf outing allows us to grow the Marist Endowment so that we may offer financial assistance to deserving young men and women, who want to experience all that Marist has to offer – academically, spiritually, and socially.

To date, the Endowment Classic has raised more than \$600,000 for the Marist Endowment – impacting nearly 650 students annually. As the number of people requesting financial aid and the level of need increases, so too must the Marist Endowment. Your support of this annual event directly impacts a student’s life and pays dividends in strengthening the Christian fabric of the Marist community for years to come. 📌

Watch for more information at www.marist.net/alumni.



Track stars reunite with legendary coach



Marist Hall of Famers **John McCabe '74** (left) and **Bill Harte '73** rang in the new year by trading stories about their days on the track with legendary coach Ray Balcarcel (center). McCabe set the school record for the 800-meter dash in 1974 with a time of 1.53.2 while Harte still holds three school records — the 100 meters with a time of 10.7 in 1972, the 200 meters with a time of 21.8, and the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1.28.3 in 1973. The track stars spent the afternoon flipping through Coach Balcarcel's extensive track and field scrapbook. ¹

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What's trending?

TWO WEEKLY SERIES ARE TRENDING ON OUR ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES: a Marist Moment offers a flashback of school life every Monday while Marist Forever shines the spotlight on our amazing alumni, parents, faculty, and staff every Friday. Follow us as we reminisce and celebrate the events, traditions, and people that make Marist High School such a special place. [+](#)



Messineo discusses growing telehealth industry with alumni in healthcare

IN OCTOBER, Laura Messineo, RN, MHA, vice president of virtual health at Highmark Health, conducted a Zoom seminar for Marist alumni in the medical field to discuss the rapidly changing environment of the telehealth industry. Messineo reviewed modalities such as virtual encounters through live video, mobile health, remote patient monitoring, and store and forward technology, which offers great promise for expanded access to coordinated, efficient, and effective healthcare.

Messineo and her husband Steven, a 1989 Marist graduate, have three sons Nicholas '16, Vincent '19 and Andrew '22. [+](#)

Marist Law Association continues to connect with members



Top Golf to post on Marist alumni social media during the outing dates. The winners selected at random were:

Dan Johnston '89 – Medinah Country Club

Brendan Winters – Olympia Fields Country Club

Rob Mulchrone '86 – Beverly Country Club

Ross Bartolotta '87 – Midlothian Country Club

Pat Enright '94 – Ridge Country Club

The Marist Law Association connected virtually with its members during the height of the pandemic by hosting a “no-golf” outing in October and a Zoom Christmas party in December. **Bob Clifford '69** and Clifford Law Offices served as the main sponsor for both events while Marist School Board Member Toni Hill, owner of the PR Store in Beverly, and attorney **Tim Enright '89** served as hole sponsors for the golf outing.

As part of the virtual golf outing, golfers had two weeks to register as an individual (one entry) or a foursome (four entries) for a chance to win a round of golf with friends at one of five premier Chicagoland courses. Participants could increase their odds with a bonus entry by sending in a photo playing golf, mini-golf, or

In December, the Law Association hosted its annual Christmas party via Zoom with special guest Chicago Cut Managing Partner David Flom, who spoke about how the wild fires in California are impacting Napa Valley, the current state of the wine industry, and the Windy City Private Reserve Napa Valley red wine that each participant received courtesy of Joan and **Bob Clifford '69**. Other highlights included remarks by Marist President **Larry Tucker '79** and a school update from Principal Dr. Kathryn Baal. 📌



SAVE THE DATE — the Marist Law Association will host its annual golf outing at Ridge Country Club on Monday, August 16. More information will be available soon at www.marist.net/alumni.

1960s

Paul Grotz '67 is a member of the Poway Cruisers Car Club.

John Mack '67 is a private attorney focusing on real estate, estate planning and probate, income tax appeal, bankruptcy, and general civil litigation.

Richard Sherman '68 is a long-time supply chain management author, researcher, consultant, and industry pundit currently serving as a senior fellow with Tata Consultancy Services. He also is author of the book *Supply Chain Transformation: Practical Roadmap to Best Practice Results*.

Ray Heilmann '69 retired as a Catholic school educator after 45 years of service.

Sam Cannarozzi '69 is an international storyteller in France.

Mark Mayo '69 retired after 33 years in ambulatory surgery center administration. He still provides consulting services in planning, development, and administration to the industry.

1970s

Tom Fowler '70 retired from Johnson & Johnson after a 38-year career. He enjoys outdoor sports, traveling, and volunteering with his wife.

David Becker '72 is looking forward to retiring soon to spend more time fishing and golfing.

John L. Flynn, PhD '72 published his 20th book entitled *The Sci-Fi Siren Who Dared Love Elvis and Other Stars*, a biography of actress and Vegas showgirl Angelique Pettyjohn.

Don Synowiec '73 and his wife Lynn recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple have six children and four grandchildren. They enjoy camping and spending time with their grandchildren.

Dr. Jim Orbon '73 received the Illinois Dental Society's 2020 Humanitarian Award for his commitment to helping the less privileged. Specifically, Orbon helped to start the El Niño Rey Dental Mission, which has provided dental care to the underserved population of Guerrero, Mexico for the last 20 years.

Dr. James Dolan '75 retired from the practice of surgical/gynecologic oncology.

Michael Michlovich '76 happily retired to the sunshine state after nearly 40 years with the DuPont Company.

Prior to the pandemic, **Michael Ryan '76** and his wife Kitty traveled to Georgia and discovered a beautiful country filled with kind people on the other side of the world.

1980s

Dave Collins '81 is a senior solution architect for OneStream Software.

Robert Roche '81 was named a CITRIS Foundry Mentor by the University of California – Berkeley. The CITRIS Foundry helps innovators and entrepreneurs from the school make a significant impact on the world by tackling problems in industries ranging from clean tech to medical devices to consumer products and software.

Mike O'Toole '83 started a construction rental company, which rents dumpsters, barricades, portable washrooms, temporary fencing, and storage containers to the construction industry.



▲ **Terry Tucker '78** published his first book entitled *Sustainable Excellence: Ten Principles to Leading Your Uncommon and Extraordinary Life*.



▲ **Bill Franz '81** and **Mike Carroll '81** have been friends for 50+ years.



▲ **Bob Zavala '83** is a member of the Fr. Nohava Council #1229 of the Knights of Columbus.

Tony Farrell '83 recently retired from the Orland Park Police Department as commander of detectives after 32 years on the force. Tony is currently working in the Dean's Office at Carl Sandburg High School.

Paul Fuesel '84 is the chief creative officer at KPG in Seattle.

Andrew Zawada '84, an assistant team leader for MABAS Division 2 HazMat, recently celebrated 20 years with the Elgin Fire Department.

Andrew Tourlas '85 is the chief financial officer at Clarence Davids & Company in Matteson, Illinois. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching his son's hockey team and watching his daughter figure skate. Andrew still plays hockey twice a week and looks forward to the Marist alumni hockey game each year.

Bishop Robert Casey '85 has been appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



John Benware '86 is senior project architect at JP Architects, Ltd. John has 25 years of experience in commercial, industrial, educational, and residential design.

Michael Dean Morgridge '87 is the morning show host on 105.9 KLAZ in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Fred Ban '87 was ordained to the Order of the Permanent Diaconate Diocese of Joliet, Illinois.

Brian Keating '88 is a senior vice president/division director for Robert Half, a management consulting company. He is celebrating 20 years with the company.

Jason Puk '88 is a swim dad and digital innovation enthusiast looking to improve people's lives and generate smiles one digital interaction at a time.

Kevin Kemper '89 is the western region claims manager for MetLife in Denver, Colorado.

1990s

Michael Villalobos '90 is the manager of life sciences licensing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. His team is responsible for patenting, valuing, and licensing the life science technologies developed at the school.



Peter Rzeminski II '90 founded Oswego Brewing Co. in Oswego, Illinois.

Chris Fusco '90 is the founding executive editor at Lookout Local, a media startup in California that aims to rejuvenate local news.

John Flynders '91 is vice president and partner of Focus Sales and Marketing, an independent broker serving the food and grocery industry in the greater Chicago area.

Robert Johnson '91 recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a police officer with the Lake Zurich Police Department.

Phil Culcasi '91 received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Teaching. One math



In Memoriam

ALUMNI

James Hudon '67
Michael O'Malley '67
John Kemper '68
Fr. Mark Andrews '70
David Okoniewski '70
Raymond Lulewicz '72
Kevin Bourke '73
Joseph Slovinc '76
Thomas Stehney '90
Sean Kurzweil '91
David Cabrera '94
Michael Holubiak '01
Daniel Kirkpatrick '01

MARIST BROTHERS

Br. Brendan Brennan, FMS
Br. Donald Nugent, FMS
Br. Eugene Trzecieski, FMS

FORMER FACULTY

Anthony T. Frigo
Jessie Hall
Chuck Schwarz

teacher and one science teacher from each state wins the award along with a trip to Washington, D.C.

Ted Andrysiak '91 is an inventory buyer for Dean's Ice Cream Midwest Distribution Center.

Mike Carter '91 is a principal of a therapeutic day school in the western suburbs. He also coaches baseball and writes for two baseball blogs.

John Stenson '91 is enjoying fatherhood and his work with Thunder Road Masonry in New Jersey.



▲ **Brian Motykowski '95** completed "The Whole Enchilada" 35-mile mountain bike trail in Moat, Utah. It's one of the most famous, grueling, and difficult trails in the world.

John Sagrati '92 is a project manager for Korellis Roofing, Inc. His most recent project, the Hard Rock Casino in Gary, Indiana, is one of the firm's largest projects to date.



Luke Cosme '92 is a senior vice president, chief sales and marketing officer at Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company.

Don Lindsey '93 owns charityflags.net, which partners with charities nationwide, including school parent and booster organizations to raise money to lessen poverty through the use of product sales, technology, and partnerships.



Michael Guzan '94 is the vice president and general manager for TCL Electrical & Lighting, Inc.

Pete Farrell '94 is a registered nurse in Los Angeles, California.

Matthew Manzke '96 is a teacher and head basketball coach at Oak Forest High School.

Bill Ryan '96 is president of Securall Technologies. He is president of the local Lions Club and is a board member of a youth diabetes camp. Bill enjoys coaching youth soccer and watching his kids play sports.

John Duggan '97 supplies industrial and infrastructure contractors with the personal protection equipment they need to continue working through the pandemic.

Bill Corley '97 owns Styles Exteriors, an exteriors construction company that focuses on roofing, siding, and gutters.

Brian Fiene '98 is a math teacher and head girls' track coach at Oak Lawn Community High School.

William Winters '98 is the 7th and 8th grade band director at Blackhawk Middle School and the fine arts coordinator for Bensenville School District 2.

Christopher Denham '98 stars as Arby, an emotionally stunted social outcast with a mysterious past in the conspiracy thriller Utopia on Amazon Prime.

Matt LeCompte '99 is a police officer with the Seattle Police Department.

Gerry Napleton '99 was appointed arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission by the Office of the Governor of Illinois.

2000s

Nick Perakis '00 and his wife Jacklyn opened Rockefeller's restaurant in Oak Lawn.

John Thompson '01 was recently promoted to vice president of sales for Impact Networking.



Ryan Brady '01, a seminarian at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, was ordained a deacon.



Jake Domina '01 started a wellness business, which focuses on CBD and other natural remedies.

Michael Squires '02 is a sergeant with the Cook County Sheriff's Department. He also served as a paratrooper in the United States Army in Iraq.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

1998

Rita and **Pat O'Flaherty** welcomed Teagan

1999

Mary and **Anthony Simulis** welcomed Josie

Sophie and **Pat Heffernan** welcomed Eli

2000

Scott and **Shannon (Everett '06) Mikkelsen** welcomed Delaney

2001

Whitney and **John Thompson** welcomed Harlow

2002

Jenny and **Michael Callahan** welcomed William

Brian and **Maura (Shanahan '07) Duhig** welcomed Grace

Jackie and **Adam Wouk** welcomed Tierney

2003

Alison and **Andrew Conlisk** welcomed Archer and Aveline

Jen and **Matthew Franzen** welcomed Aubrey

Brian and **Maggie (Hopkins '08) Hogan** welcomed Conall

Mike and **Caitlin (Clancy '08) Eisinas** welcomed Ivy

Kevin and **Courtney (Mehalek '08) McGreal** welcomed Kevin

2004

Bridget and **George Shaw** welcomed Deirdre

Sarah and **Chris Palmer** welcomed Nash

2005

Ashley and **Mick Toomey** welcomed Sienna

2006

Pat and **Alex (Davia) Jedry** welcomed Louis

Laura and **Patrick Couture** welcomed Calvin

Mike and **Alison (Chesniak) Thompson** welcomed Elle

Andy and **Lauren (Landgraf) Walsh** welcomed Cecilia

Scott and **Molly (Sheehan '07) Slubowski** welcomed Theodore

Angela and **Bill Katzenberger** welcomed Vivian

Amber and **Mike LaRocco** welcomed Stella

Nick and **Lisa (Schmidt) Ryan** welcomed Jameson

Jim Patton adopted his wife Mollie's son Lukas

Brian '07 and **Kelly (Cronin) McNicholas** welcomed Jack

2007

Warren and **Elizabeth (McGrath) Kusay** welcomed Nina

Tom and **Alexandra (Sanchez) Usher** welcomed Jack

Pat and **Ginny (Doran) Zeman** welcomed Lizzy

Matt and **Tracy (Loneragan) Gallik** welcomed Matthew

Dennis and **Mary Kate (Mulry) Marshall** welcomed Shea

Joe and **Megan (Robles) Carlson** welcomed Thorsten

BJ and **Colleen (Biebel) Phelan** welcomed Molly

Gregory and **Amanda (Lehner) Mentgen** welcomed Grayson

Ryan and **Mary Beth (Berger '08) Blake** welcomed Maeve

Emily and **Patrick Connolly** welcomed Grace

Jay and **Colleen (Foran) Clarke** welcomed Ava

Claudia and **Andrew Gardner** welcomed Daniela

Charlie and **Lauren (Garvey) Noble** welcomed Lyla

Bhanu and **Eileen (Hoggatt) Arora** welcomed Neil

Emily and **Bill Putman** welcomed Charlotte

2008

Zach and **Christina (Yach) Robinson** welcomed Juliette

Jonathen and **Lauren (Sheely) Richmond** welcomed Bennett

Dan and **Elizabeth (Downs) O'Connor** welcomed Betty



▲ **Brian '07** and **Kelly (Cronin '06) McNicholas** welcomed Jack.



▲ **Mike '03** and **Caitlin (Clancy '08) Eisinas** and siblings Eleanor and Clancy welcomed Ivy.



▲ **Jamie Mikalauski '10** and **Garrett Beavers** and big sister Makenzie welcomed Wyatt and Huntleigh.



▲ **Pat** and **Ginny (Doran '07) Zeman** welcomed Lizzy.



▲ Big sisters Emeline and Penelope welcomed Andy '06 and Lauren (Landgraf '06) Walsh's newest addition Cecilia.



▲ **Conor McHale '11** and Jessica Kaliski and big sister Charlotte welcomed Faith.



▲ Jen and Matthew Franzen '03 welcomed Aubrey.



▲ Philip and Kelly (Szwajkowski '08) Bilotta welcomed Harrison.



▲ Mike and Alison (Chesniak '06) Thompson welcomed Elle.



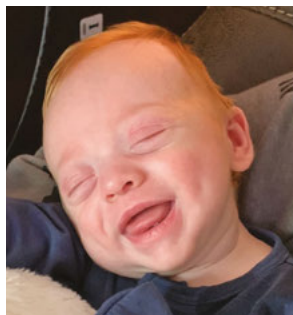
▲ Brian '02 and Maura (Shanahan '07) Duhig welcomed Grace.



▲ Gregory and Amanda (Lehner '07) Mentgen welcomed Grayson.



▲ Brian '03 and Maggie (Hopkins '03) Hogan welcomed Conall.



▲ Sarah and Chris Palmer '04 welcomed Nash.



▲ Zach and Christina (Yach '08) Robinson welcomed Juliette.



▲ Whitney and John Thompson '01 welcomed Harlow.

2008 (cont.)

Philip and **Kelly (Szwajkowski) Bilotta** welcomed Harrison

Emily and **Nick Hebein** welcomed Hazel

Clayton and **Katie (Katzenberger) Dickemann** welcomed James

Kevin and Lauren (Haberkorn) Niehoff welcomed James

2009

Patrick and Meghan (Freeman) Feltman welcomed Emma

John and Maureen (Mulchrone '08) Griffin welcomed Gwen

Elvia and **Gilbert Guajardo** welcomed Gilbert

Brian and **Jennifer (Hodorowicz) Kennedy** welcomed Monroe

2010

Christian Ferchau and **Katie Flaherty** welcomed Tessa

Jamie Mikalauski and Garrett Beavers welcomed Wyatt and Huntleigh

Colleen and **Dan Piko** welcomed Danny

Dan and Kelly (Droba) Carroll welcomed Molly

Dan and Kathleen (Conlisk '09) Abbott welcomed Connor

2011

Michael and **Tricia (Randolph) Jacobs** welcomed Edward

Kate and **Bryan Feltman** welcomed Sarah

Conor McHale and Jessica Kaliski welcomed Faith

2012

Alex and **Ailish (Rispin) Courtney** welcomed Callum

Alex Gambla and Alisha Reichling welcomed Archer

2013

Jackie Lux and Anthony Weaver welcomed Aria

Justin and Catherine (Dillon) Lapinskas welcomed Rosie

2014

Tomas House welcomed Noah

2018

Dustin and **Faith (Holubik) Bartrum** welcomed Liam

Jamaal Teague and **Kayla Rogers '17** welcomed Kali



▲ BJ and Colleen (Biebel '07) Phelan welcomed Molly.

2000s (cont.)

Scott Thompson '02, a production unit manager at Shell Chemicals, is preparing to open a multi-billion-dollar, global polyethylene plant in Monaca, Pennsylvania.

Robert Snow '04 is a Chicago firefighter.

Dan Cozzi '04 is a special agent-criminal investigator for the United States Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General.

As a journeyman low voltage electrician, **John Bailey '04** installs fiber optic cables, data cables, security systems, and life safety alarms.

Brian Guth '05 is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology with a focus on trauma and crisis intervention.

Jim Stark '05, a partner with Frame Zeller in Chicago, has been guiding clients through the pandemic and the state, national, and international restrictions that go with it by helping them find new ways to grow in their respective markets.

WEDDINGS

JUNE 2018

Caitlin Maloney '08
and **Matt Mulderink**

Kelley Lochow '10
and **Michael Ustanik**

AUGUST 2018

Katie Kupczyk '07
and **Nick Mueller**

OCTOBER 2018

Britney Zichmiller '08
and **Dan Marchan '08**

Jennifer Grant '13
and **Antonio Gutierrez**

DECEMBER 2018

Lisa Holubik '07
and **Chris Cook**

FEBRUARY 2019

Brian Guth '05
and **Tim Lavino**

MARCH 2019

Meghan Reilly '07
and **Patrick Goy**

APRIL 2019

Brianne Lenz '10
and **Brendan Mulligan**

MAY 2019

Lauren Sheely '08 and
Jonathon Richmond

JUNE 2019

Kelly Cronin '06 and
Brian McNicholas '07

JULY 2019

Amanda Garrigan '15
and **Joshua Duncan**

Elizabeth Kehoe '10
and **Christopher Mulligan**

NOVEMBER 2019

Ashley Schaffer '08
and **Jordan VanGilder**

MARCH 2020

Rachel Marciano '09
and **Niko Wojnicki**

JUNE 2020

Hailey Maddix '10
and **Tom Fleming**

JULY 2020

Christina D'Astice '11
and **Dan Brennan '11**

Mike Landstrom '03
and **Karolyn Krol**

AUGUST 2020

Ashley Sellers '10
and **Kristopher Mead**

Danielle DiCato '11
and **Richard Knapp**

SEPTEMBER 2020

Kaitlyn Hullinger '11
and **Josh Stanner**

Jennifer Ward '12
and **Michael Myren**

Ashley Kay '14
and **Jared Dillingham**

OCTOBER 2020

Ryan Frost '05
and **Maria Prysock**

Katie Paulmeyer '09
and **Jake Kusters**

Jillian Guajardo '11
and **Jeff Vail**

Haley Pochron '11
and **Michael Rybczyk**

Emily Majka '06
and **Brent Borchardt**

NOVEMBER 2020

Mary Klockowski '09
and **John Schultz '09**

FEBRUARY 2021

Amy Sexton '06
and **Brian Stanislavski**

▼ **Christina D'Astice '11** and **Dan Brennan '11** were wed in July 2020.

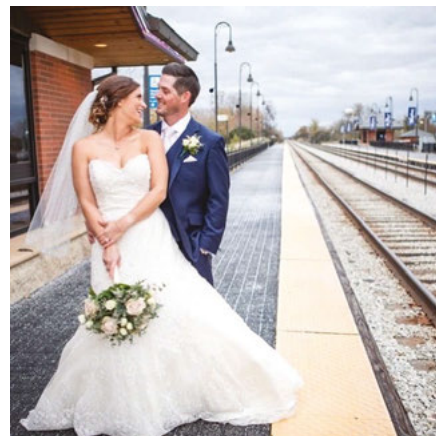




▲ **Rachel Marciano '09** and Niko Wojnicki were wed in March 2020.



▲ **Amanda Garrigan '15** and Joshua Duncan were wed in July 2019.



▲ **Ashley Sellers '10** and Kristopher Mead were wed in August 2019.



▲ **Ashley Kay '14** and Jared Dillingham were wed in September 2020.



▲ **Jillian Guajardo '11** and Jeff Vail were wed in October 2020.



▲ **Jennifer Ward '12** and Michael Myren were wed in September 2020.

2000s (cont.)

Pat Hogan '05 is the boys' basketball head coach for the junior varsity team and the assistant coach for the varsity team at Evergreen Park High School.



Elizabeth Rose Hein '06 received her doctorate in occupational therapy from Midwestern University. She is currently working in community mental health.

Amy Sexton '06 founded a consulting firm focusing on non-profit development with an emphasis on capital and endowment campaigns, strategic planning, and general resource development. She also owns and operates a small event and wedding planning organization.

Colleen (Smith) Costello '06, head of social impact at Relativity, a Chicago-based software company, recently

launched a workforce development program and a program that will offer market-leading software in-kind for litigation and research related to racial and social justice globally.

Robert O'Malley '07 is an attorney advisor for the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security. He recently received a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Lukasz Bokun '07 is a pilot for the Air National Guard.

Madeline Malabanan '07 is a mental health therapist at a private practice in Oak Lawn and Oak Brook.

Lisa Sterba '07 is a prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and an adjunct instructor for a criminal law class at Moraine Valley Community College.

Daniel Soso '07 is a corporate real estate attorney for Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP in New York City.

Kevin Collins '07 is an account manager at Salesforce.

Marissa (Gbur) Tross '07 works in advertising/media in Chicago.



Lisa (Holubik) Cook '07 was promoted to the global account lead in Oracle Data Cloud's digital media and measurement business unit.

Allison Girouard '07, a former Navy nurse, has been working in medical device sales to promote products and services to treat cardiac arrhythmias to physicians across the Chicago area.

DeAnna Cortese '07 is a marketing coordinator at an architecture firm in Chicago. She credits Marist's graphic design class for giving her the idea to pursue this type of work.



▲ **Tyler Holle '09** is a project manager at B. Braun Medical in Huntington Beach, California. Tyler leads the company's infusion device and EMR integration project at Kaiser Permanente, one of California's premier health systems.



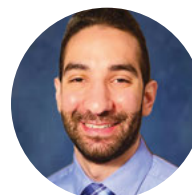
▲ **Samantha Sadecki '10** is a traveling nurse currently working at UCLA Ronald Regan Medical Center in the pediatric intensive care unit while being cross trained to do critical care transport in a helicopter.



▲ **Alyssa Bergamini '10** hosts "High School Lites" on NBC Sports Chicago and SoxTV. She also performs in-game reporting duties for the Chicago White Sox.



▲ **Bree Hughes '07** teaches second grade at North Park Elementary School. She also serves on the board at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. She completed her first marathon in October to raise money for the children at Mercy Home in Chicago.



Gino Tobar '10 is an outpatient orthopedic physical therapist at PT Solutions in La Grange, Illinois. He also is the co-host of the podcast *New PTs on the Block*, which aims to help new clinicians sidestep some of the common pitfalls encountered when starting out as a new physical therapist.

Kevin Conniff '10 is a freelance digital video producer.

Eileen (Hoggat) Arora '07 is a yoga and meditation teacher in Chicago.

Kevin Niehoff '08, a managed care pharmacist at Milliman, recently completed a yearlong residency program in Pittsburgh.

Jamelle Apolarin '08 is a graduate admissions counselor at the University of Illinois Chicago. She competes in Olympic weightlifting and hopes to one day qualify for a national competition.



Kelli Coleman '08 is an amateur powerlifter, coach, and United States Powerlifting Association judge.

Mary Couture '08 is a resident physician in emergency medicine.

Jaclyn Peterson '08 is an oncology nurse navigator at University of Chicago Hospital.

Robert Galvin '08 is a pediatric hematology/oncology fellow at the University of Minnesota.



Her work with the ALS Association inspired **Natalie Jansky '08** to become an oncology nurse. She is currently working with patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Joe Smalzer '09 is a global account representative for Amazon Web Services. He also has a podcast, *Greater Than Zero Percent*, which highlights non-profits that are changing the world.

Katie (Paulmeyer) Kusters '09 is a special education teacher with the Racine Unified School District.

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Emily (Ruthenberg) Browning '10 is a float pool nurse at Ingalls Memorial Hospital.

Sarah Rochford '10 is a sales consultant with Southern Glaziers Wine & Spirits.

Kerry Brady '10 received a master of arts in therapeutic recreation from the University of Toledo.

Kevin Mehalek '10 is a psychiatric social worker for a mobile crisis outreach team in New York City.



Melvin Taylor '10 is working in radio at 90.3FM-NY and in film production. Additionally, his YouTube channel, which features his sketch and improv comedy in New York City and Los Angeles, has more than 17,000 subscribers.

Jamie Mikalauski '10 is a social worker for the DuPage County Health Department. She conducts mobile crisis evaluations for children with mental health conditions.

Lauren (Godsel) Miorcec '10 reviews online coursework for language issues and functionality for an educational tech company.

After serving a one-year residency at a special-needs dental clinic in Chattanooga, Tennessee, **Dr. Nellie Gannon '10** is now working in a dental office with her dad **Dr. Pat Gannon '75** in Palos Heights.

Ryan Kalck '10 is a building engineer with Local 399.



Dan Durkin '10 works at an interdisciplinary sports medicine clinic.

Mary Kikilas '10 is a chiropractic physician at Aligned Modern Health, an integrated health clinic with chiropractic, functional medicine, massage therapy, and acupuncture in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Jim Kane '10 is a traffic engineer with CBB, a regional leader in traffic engineering and transportation planning.

Mike Perish '10 teaches math and coaches quarterbacks at a school in Dallas, Texas.

Amanda Finn '10 is an access clinician at the Mental Health Center of Denver. She is pursuing a master's degree in social work.

Elizabeth (Kehoe) Mulligan '10 is a dietician and an account manager at FleishmanHillard, a public relations and marketing agency.

Mary (Costello) Labedz '10 is a Chicago police officer.

Katie Geary '11 is a senior human resources analyst at Kraft Heinz Company.



▲ **Ed Galvan '15** recently celebrated five years with PepsiCo and is working on his MBA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. PepsiCo recently donated lunch to the Chicago Police district headquarters where Ed's brother **Alex Galvan '17** is a police officer.



Colleen Wade '11 is the controller for Pap's Foods, which is currently opening a beef jerky factory in Louisville, Kentucky.

Stephanie Gierman '11 received a doctorate in nursing practice as an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner. She is a nurse practitioner in the pediatric intensive care unit at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Kaylee Garvey '11 is an industrial buyer and social media coordinator for BL Duke.

Joe Ward '11 recently graduated with a masters of business administration from Benedictine University.

Clare (Gorman) Stopher '11 teaches English as a Second Language in Chicago.

After traveling the country as travel nurses for two years, **Kathryn (Lynch) Beck '11** and her husband recently settled in the San Francisco Bay area to work at Stanford Children's Hospital.

Alicia Eldridge '12 earned a master's of library and information science from the University of Wisconsin.

Maura McNicholas '12 is a nurse in the intensive care unit at Loyola University Medical Center.

Meghan Harris '12 completed nurse practitioner school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Madeline Gannon '12 is a school-based, private speech language pathologist.

Dan Loizzo '13 is in his second year at the University of Illinois College of Medicine – Chicago.

Grant Sheely '13 is a production engineer at Tate & Lyle, a global supplier of food and beverage ingredients to industrial markets.

Jill Murray '13 recently graduated from Midwestern University with a doctorate in physical therapy and passed the national board exam.



Lauren Tueth '13, a licensed physical therapist, is studying Parkinson disease and other neurological disorders as she pursues a PhD in movement science at Washington University in St. Louis.

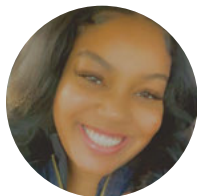


Brendan Fagan '13 is a staffing manager at Robert Half, a temporary employment agency.

Taylor Provenzano '13, who recently earned a master's in audit and analytics services from DePaul University is an internal auditor for Health Care Service Corporation.

Gianna Petan '13 is a professional resume writer at Vocamotive, Inc., who assists professionals searching for new opportunities by creating competitive resumes and LinkedIn profiles that capture the attention of recruiters/employers and pass online submission system scrutiny.

Andres Nealis '13 is in the United States Coast Guard stationed in Louisiana.



Cara Harris '14 graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with degrees in neuroscience and psychology.

Connor Falls '14 is the operations manager for 8 Hospitality.

Stephanie Cerveny '14 is a physician assistant in the neurosurgery department at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Kara McGrath '14 is a fan service representative with the Chicago Bears and an assistant swim coach at Marist High School.

Jack Hynes '14 is attending Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Stephanie Cerveny '14 is a physician assistant in the neurosurgery department at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Annie Hanigan '14 is an account manager at Entercom Communications, a radio and media broadcasting company.

Hannah Goldstein '14 is a Chicago police officer.

Leah Gbur '14 is a nurse on Advocate Christ Medical Center's surgical trauma floor.

Molly Everett '14 is a pharmacist at Jewel-Osco.

William Garetto-Balmer '14 is the head varsity esports coach at Northern Michigan University.

Bridget Barker '14 is a lab tech in the molecular genetics department at Hematogenix, a global cancer-focused life science company serving the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry as well as community physicians. Bridget extracts and analyzes DNA from patient samples to help diagnose blood disorders/cancers and uses samples for clinical trials and studies. In addition, she is training in their COVID testing lab.

Erin Fabry '14 is a speech language pathologist.

Jim Bendoraitis '14 is a senior cloud development operations engineer for United Airlines.

Fiona Byrne '14 recently graduated from Lewis University with a master's in chemistry.

Ryan Tucker '14 is an admissions recruiter at Marist High School.

Nic Weishar '14 is a financial analyst with the Kraft Heinz Company. He is also working to grow his business Yoke Gaming, which allows users to play video games with their favorite athletes.

Samantha Lombardo '15 is a registered nurse in Chicago.

Maximo Medina '15 is a ninth-grade special education teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools.

Megan Karas '15 is the growth and development division leader at Bryan & Bryan Inspections in Texas. She works with fellow Marist grads **Christopher Enright '95** and **Matthew Enright '03**.



▲ **Fiona Hehir '16** is a fifth-grade teacher at St. Bernard Catholic School in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



▲ **Bridget Lawler '16** is a special education teacher at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School.



▲ **Elizabeth Travnik '17** is a drum major for the University of Notre Dame Marching Band.



Alyssa Bueschel '15 is an environmental health and safety engineer at Stryker Medical Manufacturing.



Ariel Ridley '15 is a customer support specialist with Copado.

Nick Reid '15 was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Laith Abad '16 is a software development engineer at Amazon.

Rafello Ibrado '16 is a first-year medical student at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Claire Kelly '16 is an English teacher at Quincy Senior High School in Quincy, Ill.

Micah Awodiran '17, a junior linebacker for the Yale Bulldogs, devised the Bulldog Ballot Challenge to get 100 percent of eligible Yale student-athletes and coaches registered to vote in the November presidential election.

Daniel Babier '17 is a fourth-year student at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He currently works as an EMT and teaches EMT classes at the university. He plans to go to medical school after graduation.

David Muñoz, Jr. '17 is in his senior year at Western Illinois University where he is majoring in law enforcement and justice administration with a minor in homeland security. David is a part of the Centennial Honors College and is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and Delta Upsilon.

Mackenzie Lim '17 is a senior admissions counselor at Northwestern University.



Ciara Johnson '17 is a senior at the University of Illinois studying integrative biology, chemistry, and journalism.

Matt Jones '17 is studying marketing, finance, and criminology at Marquette University.

Conor Sweeney '18 is a union mechanic at Westfield Ford.



Jason Park '18 is studying computer engineering at Purdue University. He plays the mellophone in the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band.



Patrick Sise '18 is a junior at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where he is the director of operations for the school's hockey team. He also is organizing a special recreation event with the Champaign Park District.

Gianna Miritello '18 is in the honors program at Illinois State University where she is majoring in junior special education. She is also a student ambassador, vice president of programming for the school's chapter of College Mentors for Kids, and a day camp counselor at the local park.

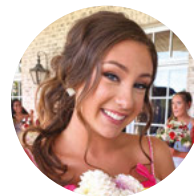
Molly Sullivan '19, who is in the occupational therapy program at St. Ambrose University made nationals for the school's swim team.



Bridget Radz '19 is attending Arrupe College of Loyola University.



Lauren Stapleton '19 attends online classes at Moraine Valley Community College and hopes to become a veterinarian technician.



Sydney Hurley '20 is studying journalism and mass communication at the University of Iowa.

Gabriella Colón '20 was accepted into Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University. She is also a member of the Sports Business Association and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Zachary Stack '20 is working at Citadel during his gap year from Harvard University.

Michael Fischer '20 plays hockey for Lewis University and is pursuing his private pilot license.

Mikayla Flanagan '20 was elected to the student senate and joined the ultimate frisbee team at Valparaiso University. She also participates in intramural volleyball, a social action leadership team, and the Alliance Club for the LGBTQ+ community.



Connie Krupa '20 is studying biology and psychology at Augustana College.

Patrick Collevy '20 is studying aviation technical operations at Western Michigan University. 📍

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Moriah Stevens '20 is attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Joshua Morris '20 is a member of the men's basketball team at Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois.

Myah Gillespie '20 is a member of the cheerleading team at Lindenwood University in Missouri.



▲ **Andrew John Beluso '20** plays on the men's rugby team at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

ECHOING THE MISSION:

How Nicholas Cozzi, M.D. '08 lives out what he learned at Marist

Dr. Nicholas Cozzi '08 says the lessons he learned in the classroom and on the Marist baseball field continue to serve him, especially in understanding how to meet challenges, rebounding from failure, and being a great teammate. He's carried that into his medical career, today serving as the chief resident physician of emergency medicine at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich., a Level I trauma center that sees more than 170,000 patients per year.



He also serves as the chair of Spectrum Health House Staff Council, and it is in that role that he has further developed a passion for welcoming the next generation of medical professionals. While a medical student, Cozzi developed the Health Careers Pipeline Program (HCPP). The program pairs ninth and tenth graders from underserved communities with pre-medical and health science undergraduate students who serve as mentors exposing several health career paths and offering hands-on programming during the nine-week course. The program has exceptional outcomes, with 100% of previous participants moving on to college and health careers. Over the course of the program, more than 100 high school students have participated. The program expanded to Spectrum Health in February 2021 with a seven-week program. HCPP aims to bring first-generation, urban, and minority students into the medical world through college readiness, health career exposure, and leadership development.

He describes his work with the program as an "incredible opportunity to serve and put into practice what I learned as a kid, and send the elevator back down." Dr. Cozzi credits his parents for the values he carries and is grateful for the sacrifices they made to provide him with a Catholic education and credits older brother Dan '04 for carving out the path to follow.

In June 2021, Dr. Cozzi heads to New York City to complete a one-year fellowship in Emergency Medical Services with the New York City Fire Department and Northwell Health. Upon completion, he hopes to return to the Chicagoland area with the goal of expanding the HCPP to his hometown and including interested Marist students. [➔](#)

Match Day

SEVERAL MARIST ALUMS celebrated Match Day, when the National Resident Matching Program or NRMP releases results to applicants seeking residency and fellowship training positions in the United States.



Dr. Alexandra Feldner '13,
Vanderbilt University
Medical Center,
Anesthesiology



Dr. Robert Hall '13,
University of Massachusetts,
Orthopedic Surgery



Dr. Taylor Holder '13,
University of Pittsburgh
Medical Center, Pharmacy



Dr. Kevin Karlic '11,
University of Michigan,
Internal Medicine



Dr. Chris Lewis '10,
Atlantic Health System,
General Surgery



Dr. Michael Trevino '13,
University of Illinois at
Chicago, Internal Medicine

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Tom Inzinga '84

Marist High School
DIRECTOR OF
ADVANCEMENT

HOME. Over the past year, many have spent much of their time there adjusting to remote work, while others, thankfully, continued to head out to complete the jobs that can only be done in person. I commend the school's administration, faculty, Advancement Department, and everyone that played a role in keeping Marist open during these challenging times.

Throughout that time, Marist has continued to be home to our 1,600 students because of the belief and support of our parents, alumni, grandparents, and friends. Your confidence in the worth of the mission as a Catholic

high school has made Marist a reliable constant in the lives of young people despite the many changes the pandemic caused.

Because of you, we continue to thrive and provide challenging and timeless academic lessons, myriad student activities, and robust athletics in a setting that places faith and family at the center of its work.

As I look out my window today and see football, lacrosse, and other practices taking place, I am reminded of the things we once took for granted. What a welcome sight!

On behalf of our entire community, I thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to the time—very soon—when we can welcome all of you home to our campus.

With prayers of thanksgiving,

Tom Inzinga '84
Director of Advancement



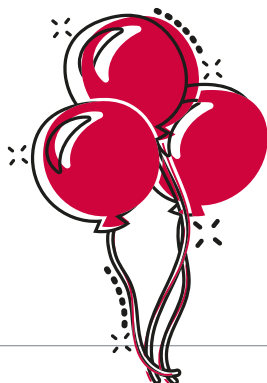
A Night Under the Lights



THE ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATING the classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 will be held on Saturday, August 21 at Red & White Stadium at Marist High School.

The outdoor event will kick-off with a Mass honoring the class of 1971. The evening also will include carving stations, heavy appetizers, open bar, and tours of the school. Accommodations will be made in case of inclement weather.

Additional information will be available soon at www.marist.net/alumni.



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