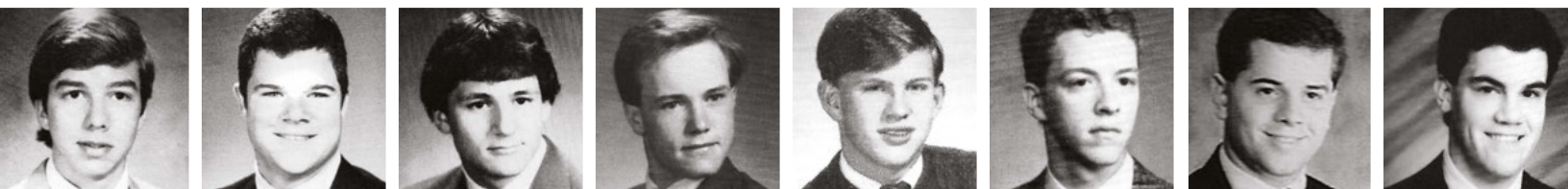
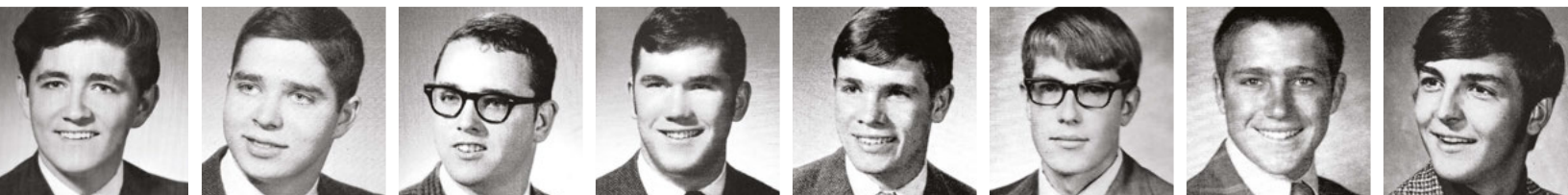


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On the Cover:

This issue's cover features 50 years of Marist graduates from 1967 to 2016.



Marist High School

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A

review of the faces on this issue of *The Point* covered all of my 42 years of association with Marist High School. Faces of then graduates are now the faces of fathers whose daughters and sons I worked with in my previous role as Academic Dean of Underclassmen.

This year, as the class of 2016 crosses the stage during graduation, we celebrate 50 years of Marist commencements where students process up one side of the stage as students and then down the other side as alumni. I love graduation because it culminates four years of laughter, hard work, tears, sacrifice and so much more for

everyone: students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni who support our efforts to get to the annual finish line.

This cover is more than just a montage of faces. It represents alumni who have made an investment in our future by saying yes to a Marist education and yes to our request to partner with us as we boldly confront the many challenges facing Catholic education in the United States. Those pictured represent all the graduation years of alumni who support our efforts. After four decades at Marist, in varying roles, I continue to be humbled by the alumni who sacrifice to make an education possible for so many of our students. You are all blessings to your alma mater.

As I enter the spring of my 2nd year as President, I am confident that Marist is poised to take on the 21st century with the same vigor and passion that has made us the premier Catholic school in Chicago for 50 commencements! I thank those that have supported us in the past and challenge others to please support our students. With your partnership,

we will continue to graduate young men and women dedicated to bringing Saint Marcellin Champagnat's vision of "making Jesus Christ known and loved."

Gratefully,

Bro. Hank Hammer

Brother Hank Hammer, fms
President

// 50 Years of Marist Graduates //

George Ferrell.....'67	James Moran '84	John Thompson '01
Patrick O'Malley.....'68	David Foley '85	Christian Tansey '02
Dennis Heywood '69	Robert Mulchrone '86	Sean O'Shea '03
John McCambridge '70	John Stefanos '87	Kevin O'Connell '04
William Frost '71	Joseph Clair '88	Kyle Matkaitis '05
John Mortimer '72	Francis Harmon '89	Bridget Bentley '06
Dr. Jay Bergamini '73	Gerald Beeson '90	Lukacz Bokun.....'07
Harry Harczak.....'74	Michael Hynes '91	Mike Shanahan '08
Brian Dolan '75	Marcus McDonald '92	Devlin Gray '09
Joseph Kent '76	Martin Owens '93	Patrick Touhy '10
Edward Haberkorn '77	Sean Reynolds '94	Amanda Garrigan '11
William Katzenberger... '78	Dean Reidy '95	Colleen Berger '12
Dan Gorsky '79	Thomas Costello '96	Alexandra Feldner '13
Thomas Maheras '80	James Bizzieri..... '97	Timothy Jackson '14
Robert Hall '81	Ryan Chmiel '98	Pat Sweeney '15
Daniel Brennan '82	Dr. Ronald Myint '99	Grace Callahan '16
Robert Collins '83	Thomas Gorzelanny... '00	



2016 Reunion & Alumni Awards *at Gaelic Park*

Friday, April 22, 2016

6119 147th St., Oak Forest, IL

6:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony (Tara Room)

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Reunion &
Alumni Gathering (Emerald Room)

\$75 per person

Reunion Classes of 1971, 1976, 1981,
1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001 will celebrate
their respective reunion years

ALL ALUMNI ARE WELCOME!

REUNION CHAIRMEN

- 1971 – Ray Marneris, Pat Skerrit
and Jim Pacini
- 1976 – Jim Bergamini, Don Dignan
and Kevin Owens
- 1981 – Bob Bullington, Chris Lawler,
and Bob Hall
- 1986 – Joe Keneipp, Gene McNulty,
John Howley, Steve Kent,
and Ken Frederking
- 1991 – Brian Bartolotta, Jim Hughes,
and Jeff Nowak
- 1996 – Mike Sorch, Tim Steinmetz,
and Bill Dunne
- 2001 – Pat Rafferty and John Thompson

HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Phil Connors '69 – Football
Lauren Haberkorn Niehoff '08
– Track & Cross Country
Walter O'Grady – Lifetime Achievement

TIME AND ETERNITY HONOREES

Paul Laughlin '71
John Lombard '71
Kevin Hynes '84
Brian Hynes '86
Michael Hynes '91
Robert Mulchrone '86

[http://www.marist.net/alumni/
alumni-dinner-registration/](http://www.marist.net/alumni/alumni-dinner-registration/)



50 Years of Giving Back

All alumni are invited to celebrate 50 years of Marist commencements at the final all-school liturgy for the 2015-2016 school year in May. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maggie McEldowney at mceldowney.maggie@marist.net.

50 Years of Commencements Liturgical Celebration

Thursday, May 5, 2016 | 9:30 a.m.

Marist Main Gymnasium

Father Thomas Hurley '85, Pastor at "Old Saint Pat's," Celebrant
Reception and tours to follow

CLASS OF 2006* TEN YEAR REUNION

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Location: Joe's Bar at 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, Illinois

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*This will be the first 10 year co-ed reunion hosted by Marist High School. We are looking forward to a well-attended event!

Any questions, please contact Maggie McEldowney at (773) 881-5334.
Registration can be found online at www.marist.net/10-year-reunion/

RIP Al Brazen, Longtime Marist Dean

THE FAMILY OF MR. AL BRAZEN informed Marist High School of his death on November 12, 2015.

Mr. Brazen retired as Marist's Dean of Discipline in 1999 after 35 years of outstanding service to the school. He was among the first lay teachers hired at Marist. He served the school in several roles including teacher, Athletic Director, Dean of Discipline, and head football coach. He was known for his strict enforcement of the rules, especially the Marist dress code. Many alums who attended during his era would instinctively straighten their ties when they saw Mr. Brazen in the hallway.

"Al was a pillar of Marist," said Marist President Br. Hank Hammer, fms. "He was instrumental in building the foundation of the school. We're indebted to him for all the time, effort, and vision he offered to the young men of Marist." For his devoted years of service to the Marist mission, Mr. Brazen was named a Province Affiliate by the Marist Brothers.

Mr. Brazen graduated from Weber High School, did his undergraduate work at Purdue University, and earned his Master's Degree at George Williams College. Among other honors he received, he was a member of the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame, the Weber High School Hall of Fame, and the Marist High School Hall of Fame.

He was initially hired at Marist to help the fledgling football team. Head Coach Larry Strimas had heard his name at coaching clinics, interviewed him

along with Brother Pius Xavier, fms, and hired him as a line coach. "He was the finest human being that I ever met or had the privilege to work with," said Mr. Strimas. "He never swore, and he never had a bad thing to say."

Mr. Brazen, of Orland Park, is survived by his wife Josephine, and his five children, Linda, Christopher '73, Nancy, Donna, and David '81, and many grandchildren. 



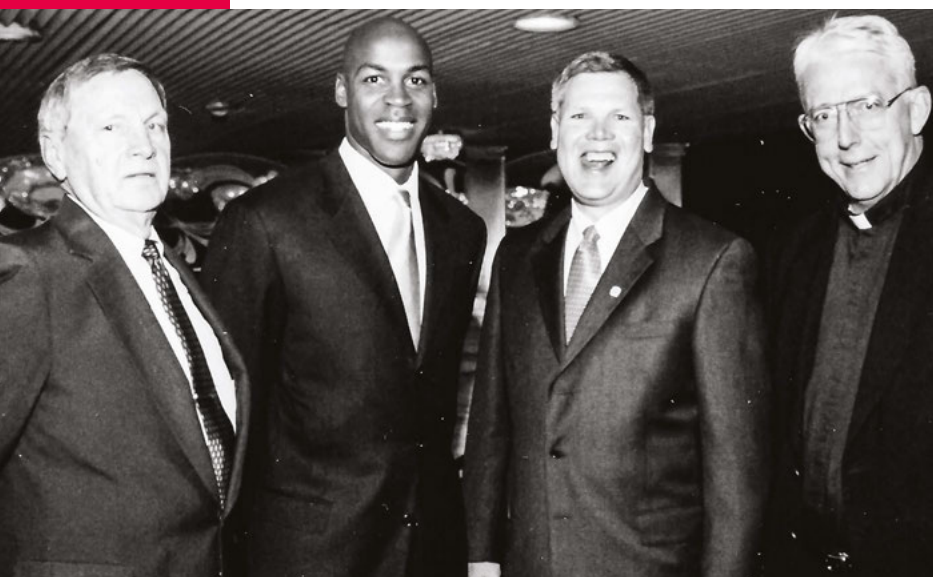
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Al was a pillar of Marist.”

– President Br. Hank Hammer, fms

▲ Mr. Al Brazen, Marist Legend, on the sidelines with the late Brother George Kopper, fms.


◀ Mr. Brazen was inducted into the Marist Hall of Fame in 1999. Here he is pictured with fellow inductees (L-R) Maurice Mitchell '89, Mike Rogowski '70, and Father Edward "Monk" Malloy C.S.C., who at that time, was Notre Dame President. Father Malloy served as our guest speaker.





Marist welcomed over 75 alumni and friends to the 2015 RedHawk Classic, formerly

known as the Dick Foy Outing. What started off as a rainy, blustery morning turned out to be a beautiful afternoon of golf at Water's Edge Golf Club. After the round of golf, raffle prizes and other giveaways were presented to the golfers, along with a delicious barbecue dinner and drinks on the patio.

This event is a great opportunity for alumni to spend quality time together, and for old friends to pick up right where they left off. The Development Office at Marist hopes to see this event continue to grow, seeing alumni from all of our class years in the future. 

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Maggie McEldowney at (773) 881-5334 or mceldowney.maggie@marist.net.

For more information, please check our website at www.marist.net/alumni/special-events/


Homecoming Tailgate Coverage

It was a spectacular Marist Homecoming Week this year, with a long list of victories and a variety of events to celebrate being Marist RedHawks! Students were invited to support the boys soccer team, girls volleyball team and the cross country programs, all leading up to the homecoming football game against St. Patrick High School. Spoiler alert ... we won!

During the school day, students were invited to partake in games and activities during lunch to win prizes. In addition, students had the opportunity to participate in a drive-in movie night, a powder-puff game, and a student tailgate.

"This school really comes alive during homecoming week. I feel it's the time where freshmen start to break out of their shell, and the entire student body really comes together to celebrate and enjoy their time at Marist. It's one of my favorite weeks during the school year," commented Principal Larry Tucker. To wrap up the week's festivities, the school hosted over 1,700 students and guests to the Marist Homecoming Dance Saturday night.

Before the football game, the Marist alumni office hosted the Alumni Tailgate in the cafeteria.

All alumni families and friends of Marist are welcome to this annual celebration. With games and entertainment for the kids, delicious barbeque food and an opportunity to catch up with Marist friends and family, it's the perfect start to the Homecoming game. We look forward to seeing all of our Marist alumni and friends out next year! 

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[Marist] really comes alive during Homecoming Week.”

– Principal Larry Tucker



A table of alumni and current faculty enjoy their time at the Alumni Tailgate before the Marist Homecoming game! From left to right: Mrs. Lauren Moroczynski, Bob Moroczynski '00, Nick Billone, Sarah Rakauskas, and Rich Karnia '04.

2016

Time & Eternity Award Honorees



Paul Laughlin '71

† The first thing that Paul Laughlin '71 does each day is read a prayer written as a wedding gift to him and his wife of 30 years, Michelle, by his mentor, Brother Paul Stokes, fms.

† The prayer was accompanied by a Penal Cross from Ireland, and the note to Paul and Michelle said: "Though the name of this gift has obviously nothing to do with your marriage, I do hope that the spirit of the people it represents is the spirit of your life together, a spirit of courage in adversity, a spirit of laughter through tears, a spirit of hope when the clouds are dark, a spirit of faith when there seems no reason to believe, in other words may you be blessed with the great Celtic mainstay — love for each other and a sense of humor! – Love, Brother Paul."

† Brother Paul reverently presented the reading at Paul and Michelle's wedding at Holy Name Cathedral and died less two months later. Paul said Br. Paul's spirit and humor is recalled every day.

† Paul chose Marist High school, because he watched his brother Dan '68, enjoy the experience of attending a new high school led by the dynamic Marist Brothers. Paul's younger brother Vince '78, and his brother-in-law Marty Wirtz '72, also graduated from Marist

† "It was an easy decision to attend Marist, and I'm forever grateful for the life-changing opportunity."

† Paul's parents were also part of the Marist family. His mother Mary Ellen served as the Mothers Club president, and his parents had life-long friendships with the Marist Brothers, including a special bond with Brother Paul Forgues, fms.



Paul Laughlin '71

“... a spirit of courage in adversity, a spirit of laughter through tears, a spirit of hope when the clouds are dark, a spirit of faith when there seems no reason to believe ...”

⊕ Paul actually hitchhiked to school every morning along 115th Street, and said it was a great way to meet other Marist students along the way.

⊕ After graduating from Marist, Paul spent seven years at the University of Notre Dame, earning a finance degree in '75, and a law degree in '78. Paul said that during his undergrad years at Notre Dame, Marist had more students there than any other high school.

⊕ Paul and Michelle have three children, all of whom graduated from Loyola Academy, and the University of Notre Dame.

⊕ Today, Paul is a managing director at Andersen Tax, and he has also served on the the Board of Trustees at Loyola Academy, Holy Cross College, and the Music Institute of Chicago. Paul served on the Marist Board from 1997-2000.

⊕ Paul and Michelle have chaired the Ramble, Loyola's annual scholarship fundraiser, and Michelle

continues to be very involved at Misericordia, a home for the developmentally disabled. She has served as the President of the Women's Board, Chairperson of the Annual Ball (Misericordia's major fundraising event) and Chair of the Annual Appeal.

⊕ Paul and Michelle have funded a Notre Dame endowment allowing Catholic minority students to attend the Notre Dame Summer Scholars program, which involves two weeks of academic and social experiences for high school students during the summer after their junior year.

⊕ “A highlight of each year is reading the letters which the scholarship students send regarding their Summer Experience opportunity,” Paul said.

⊕ “Marist provided an invaluable foundation in faith and academics — thank you, Marist!”

John Lombard '71



⊕ John Lombard '71, found Marist to be a very welcoming place, and refers to the “tremendous” education he received.

⊕ While he attended Marist, John was an Illinois State Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, played basketball for four years (and was on the first team to win a regional basketball championship in Marist history), and ran cross country for one year. He also played intramurals with his homeroom team.

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Let's pray that
Catholic education
will be available
and affordable for
future generations.”

⊕ After graduating third in his Marist class, he went on to the University of Notre Dame, and after graduation he worked as a CPA for a “Big Eight” accounting firm. In 1978, he joined The Lombard Company, a family owned business that is involved in the general contracting, architectural precast and real estate industries.

⊕ John married Janet, a Mother McAuley graduate, and the two have been together for 37 years. They have five children, and five grandchildren. Their daughters, Jennifer and Jackie, attended Mother McAuley, and graduated in '99 and '01 respectively. His sons all attended Marist: Jeff '05, Jim '06 and Joe '08. The family connection does not stop there. John also has two brothers who also attended Marist. (Mike '72 and Dan '77).

⊕ “I had a very enjoyable and positive experience at Marist,” John said. “I valued the friendships I developed with my classmates and teammates. The Marist faculty and basketball coaching staff were very supportive.”

✚ John served on the Marist School Board and Finance Committee for six years. He is also supportive of Marist's efforts to build its Endowment Fund, which provides financial assistance to students who would like to attend Marist, but need financial support to do so.

✚ "I am also very impressed with the Marist Senior Service program which each of my sons participated in. This program gives students the opportunity to work with and support people with physical and/or mental disabilities."

✚ John served on the school board at St. Alexander, his home parish in Palos Heights, with five of those years as president. He also co-chaired two Las Vegas Night fund raisers for the school and served on the All Class Reunion Committee. In addition, he coached basketball for 17 years at St. Alexander, and served on the Athletic Board as well.

✚ John also served on the Mother McAuley Development Council, St. Francis Healthcare Foundation Board, Alsip Industrial Association, Alsip Economic Development Committee and Builders Association Finance Committee. He also coached basketball in Palos Park and Palos Heights Park Districts and was an assistant coach in Palos Youth Baseball.

✚ In 2005, he was awarded Sertoma Centre's Community Leadership Award.

✚ "I am very supportive of Catholic Education. I was very fortunate and am thankful to this day, that back in 1959 my parents made the decision to send me to a Catholic grade school. Based on the experience I had with Catholic education and the quality faith-based education I received, I had very strong feelings about sending my children to Catholic schools. Fortunately, my wife, Janet, felt the same way, and each of our five children attended Catholic grade school and high schools.

✚ "Many families make sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. The Lombard Family has established scholarship funds at both Marist High School and Mother McAuley High School to provide financial assistance to students who would like to attend those two schools."

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Kevin Hynes '84

Brian Hynes '86

Mike Hynes '91

Kevin '84, Brian '86, and Mike '91 Hynes say that attending Marist left an imprint on them. And so, they have returned the favor by making an imprint on Marist.

In late November, the three brothers were joined by family, friends, Marist administrators and students as the 'new' gym became the Hynes Family Gymnasium in honor of their parents, Legoria and the late Bob.

The brothers said they wanted to thank their parents for the sacrifices they made for them, and to acknowledge the foundation Marist provided in their lives. 'Marist is a pretty special place for the Hynes family,' Mike said. 'We wanted to offer a token of our appreciation in a way that reflected the values we were taught at home and reinforced at the school.'

'We stand on the shoulders of families like yours,' Marist President Br. Hank Hammer said to the Hynes family during the dedication ceremony. He pointed out that it was first Bob and Legoria who made the sacrifices that allowed their three sons to attend Marist, and now the three men are stepping up to make a sacrifice so that others might benefit from the Marist experience.

“

My brothers and I were taught never to forget where we came from and to give back.”

— Kevin Hynes '84

The Hynes brothers have been involved at Marist in many ways over the years as committee members, event participants, and generous donors. They followed the example their parents set, as both Legoria and Bob were always devoted Marist supporters, participating in the mothers and father clubs, along with other activities at the school. In addition to the recently dedicated gym, the brothers have also created designated scholarship in their name to help students with financial need.

Beyond what the Hynes family has done collectively, it seems crucial that we recognize each brother individually for their successes

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From left to right: Kevin '84, Brian '86, their mom, Mrs. Legoria Hynes, and Michael '91.

and accomplishments both professionally and philanthropically.

➤ Kevin '84 is an equity member of the law offices of O'Keefe, Lyons & Hynes, LLC. "My brothers and I were taught never to forget where we came from and to give back. I became a lawyer because I wanted to help people." Kevin not only gives back as an attorney, but also provides for children in need in the Chicagoland area. He is a current member of the governing board of UCAN (Uhlrich Children's Advantage Network), a multi-faceted social service organization building strong youth and families through compassionate healing, education and empowerment. The meaningful programming UCAN provides meets the critical needs of Chicago's most at-risk populations. Kevin has served on countless committees at Marist, including as President of the Marist Law Association. He is also a Marist parent and loving father to his daughter Catherine '18.

➤ Beyond his successful years at the Board of Trade in the Bonds Futures pit, Brian Hynes '86 has also been on the boys basketball coaching staff for 10 years. Brian has spent countless hours over these years developing players, both on and off the court. "The values I learned when I was at Marist were the same

values I learned at home. I am passionate about carrying out my parents' legacy by providing those same life lessons and values to the current and future students in the Marist boys basketball program." It is one of the many ways Brian Hynes gives back to Marist. Brian works as a wealth management consultant at Koszut, Hynes, and Shannon, with fellow alumni Jim Shannon '87. Kevin, Michael, and Brian are also on the Board of the Andrew Weishar Foundation. Currently, Brian is Vice President of the Board. Brian and his wife, Roberta, are the parents of current Marist senior, Severiano '16, and Marist alum Enzo '13.

➤ After graduating from Marist, Mike '91 went on to earn a finance degree from the University of Notre Dame, and then a law degree as well as an MBA from Loyola University. He is now with Antares Capital, where he works as the Senior Managing Director. Mike takes enormous pride in the Legoria and Robert Hynes Scholarship, initiated by him and his brothers in honor of their parents. The generosity and loyalty shown by the Hynes family has been life-changing for dozens of current and former students at Marist High School. Mike and his wife, Isabel, have three children, Isabel, 13, Quinn, 10 and Emmett, 8.



Robert Mulchrone '86

Robert Mulchrone '86, said that when he attended Marist, he felt it was a challenging environment that he perhaps didn't fully appreciate until he went to college and discovered how easy college was after his time at Marist.

Robert's decision to attend Marist was unique in his family. He had five brothers and three sisters (he was the eighth child), and the high schools chosen by his siblings were all recognizable names. However, because he felt Marist provided a better opportunity, he chose to attend Marist, and has never regretted that decision.

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I chose Marist because it was a challenging school — academically and scholastically. Little did I realize at the time that I would continue reaping the rewards of my choice right up until today.”



Robert Mulchrone '86

“I played football for four years, and I have maintained friendships with guys I've known since high school,” Robert said. I really appreciate the endless amount of opportunities because of Marist connections along the way.”

Robert graduated with a degree in speech communication from the University of Illinois in Champaign / Urbana in 1990, and from there, he went to the Chicago Mercantile exchange, where he owned a brokerage group. As technology changed the entire brokerage industry, Robert made a career move to a financial investment firm in 2010.

Today, Robert is married to Hannah, his wife of 15 years. Together they have three children, Evelyn, 13, Will 12, and Ewan, 8. He said two of the young men who attended his oldest daughter's birthday party are sons of fathers who attended Marist. As he said, he has definitely maintained friendships he made in high school.

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Besides his commitment of “giving back” to his high school alma mater, Rob has been an integral part of the successful fund raising efforts at his parish, Old Saint Mary's, in the Chicago South Loop neighborhood.

Welcome Home Owen Glennon

Many weeks have passed since Owen Glennon, 40+ year math teacher at Marist, finished his two-week cycling adventure from New York to Chicago. As he cycled up to the final destination, Marist High School, the Marist marching band was playing the fight song, and hundreds of people were there to cheer him in under a banner, "Welcome Home Owen Glennon!" Owen was overwhelmed with the outpouring of support before, during, and after his trip. Donations, notes of encouragement, and cherished memories were shared long after he returned home. The Owen Glennon Adventure has raised over \$72,000, towards the ultimate goal of \$100,000. Each and every gift has played an important role in the outstanding amount raised, and Marist personnel were humbled and extremely grateful for the kindness and contribution to Owen's efforts. It is because of our generous students, alumni, family, and friends of Marist that this cycling journey turned out to be such a huge success in every way possible.

"The donations made to the Marist Endowment Fund and Financial Aid Program provide the opportunity for students in financial need to receive a quality education they could not otherwise afford from Marist High School. These generous contributions have become a piece of an 'answered prayer' to several students in my classes, who are some of the brightest and hardest working math students in the area. On behalf of them, thank you. Gifts like yours are crucial to so many families at Marist. Each and every charitable gift to Marist counts, and on behalf of the Marist family, we truly appreciate your continued support."

– Owen Glennon

Owen plans to do other cycling adventures in the future, and hopes to continue to incorporate Marist driven philanthropic challenges. Donations are still being gratefully accepted to the Owen Glennon Cycling Adventure. Help us reach our goal of \$100,000 for Marist students in need! 

To donate, visit www.marist.net or contact Maggie McEldowney at (773) 881-5334.



Total raised so far:
\$72,000

DONOR BREAKDOWN:

141	Alumni
124	Current Parents
23	Friends
13	Faculty
41	POA
7	Former Faculty

ALUMNI BREAKDOWN (IN ORDER)

TOP 3 CLASSES THAT
BROUGHT IN MOST \$:
'85, '90, '79

TOP 3 CLASSES
WITH MOST DONORS:
'88, '90, '07

BAND ALUM VISITS CAMPUS



MARIST HIGH SCHOOL BAND WELCOMES KEVIN SHEEHAN

'91 HOME Kevin Sheehan '91 was a four-year member of our Marist Band and Band President during his senior year. Since 1997 he has been a member of the renowned Glenn Miller Orchestra. He lives in Tinley Park but typically is on the road touring with the Orchestra forty-eight weeks a year. We're grateful he found the time to visit Marist and share with us information about his education and career in music, and also much-appreciated words of wisdom.

After graduating from Marist, Kevin attended Northern Illinois University, graduating with a degree in jazz performance. After freelance performing for a while, in 1997 he took what was supposed to be a three-month job with the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Since then he's been the lead alto saxophonist for the famed band that started in 1956 and averages 300 live shows per year. Kevin pointed out that many schools no longer offer music or arts programs, and reminded Marist students how lucky they are to have such a great Band. He also mentioned that he was impressed to see that RedHawk Band Members no longer have to march across a muddy football field, and now enjoy using a turf-covered surface for practices and performances. Sheehan said that Frank Manna, the legendary founder of our Marist Concert, Marching and Jazz Bands, demanded one hundred percent from the school's musicians, an attitude that has inspired in him a great dedication and helped him launch his exciting career, one that includes a three-month stint touring with Phil Collins. Current Marist Band Director Andrew Creagh '04 encouraged today's Band members wanting to emulate Kevin Sheehan's success in the field of music, telling them "you need to have uplifting dreams and plans and work hard now." ⓘ

The members of the Admissions Team help to create awareness of what it means to be Marist. It's about taking to heart the teachings and lessons instilled by St. Marcellin Champagnat. It's about incoming students getting to know the fantastic 21st century curriculum offered at Marist, and taking advantage of endless opportunities to get involved in the school's clubs, athletics, theatre, and countless other extracurricular activities that the school provides. Here are the people who welcome sons, daughters, brothers and sisters into the Marist tradition. They are present at the beginning of every student's Marist experience, representing the school through their actions and words. We would like you, our Alumni family and friends, to meet these outstanding individuals. ⓘ

2015 - 2016



ADMISSIONS OFFICE STATS

- » **Entrance exam January 2016:** Marist was the number one high school choice on the Southside for both young men and women
- » **'Fridays at Marist'** shadow program annually welcomes over 1,000 7th and 8th grade students
- » **Open House 2015** was well attended with close to 500 families on campus
- » **Dozens of 'Meet Marist' events**, hosted both on and off campus, allow Marist to meet with many additional families, parishes and neighborhood schools to discuss the opportunities available at Marist at the school.



Ms. Alex Brown // Director of Admissions

I came to Marist High School in August of 2001. I learned Marist would be transitioning to a co-ed school and as a strong advocate for Catholic, co-ed education, I applied for the opening in the President's office. As the assistant to President, Br. Rick Carey, I worked closely with him during the admission of the first co-ed class and subsequently began my career in the admissions office.

This is my 15th year at Marist and I am continually impressed with the welcoming environment created by all who work here and all who attend school here. I am proud to be part of a community that commits to excellence academically, athletically, spiritually and socially. I am proud to be a part of the Marist tradition and look forward to welcoming future generations to Marist.



Pat Hogan '05 // Recruitment Coordinator

My role in the Admissions Office as a Recruitment Coordinator is to represent Marist High School at all grammar school events throughout the Fall Semester. We visit over 100 grammar schools, giving presentations to the upperclassman during the day, or speaking with families at night fairs. I love being able to talk to prospective students and parents about the many options and opportunities that RedHawk High has to offer its students.



Br. Don Neary // Admissions Database Manager

I work in the Admissions office with the placement of incoming students based on the results of the entrance examination and elementary school records. This is my third assignment at Marist. Previous to working in Admissions, I taught in the World Language Department. I also worked in the Campus Ministry Department with the Senior Service program in the early 1980's.



Pat Dunne '98 // Admissions Recruiter

I am the varsity football head coach at Marist, along with working as a recruiter for the admissions office. Having graduated from Marist, it is easy for me to help out with admissions since I have so many great memories from which to work from ... from my time as a student, and now as an employee and head of the football program. I enjoy meeting the families and kids at the Marist visits, and it's really exciting to see familiar faces walk through the door on test day.





Adam Barwacz with his dad Don Barwacz.

“One of the things I will miss most is coming to school with these kids every day. **Marist students are smart, respectful and have a real desire to learn.**”

— Don Barwacz

Veteran Teacher Announces Retirement

By Kevin Corrigan '16

After 40 years of teaching at Marist, veteran teacher Mr. Bogdan (Don) Barwacz has announced his plan to retire at the end of this school year.

Barwacz, who came to Marist in 1975, has taught many subjects, including typing, accounting, general business, drafting and computer-aided design.

He also served as head soccer coach for 25 of his 40 years, and counts his team's 1981 regional soccer championship among his favorite memories.

Among his former students are a number of current teachers and administrators, including Mr. Inzinga, Mr. Pirkle, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Keane, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Creagh. “He has always had a laid-back style that is very agreeable with students,” said Marist Principal Mr. Larry Tucker, also a former student.

After four decades of watching Marist grow and develop, Barwacz decided that it is time for him to start the next chapter in his life.

“One of the things I will miss most is coming to school with these kids every day,

Barwacz said. “Marist students are smart, respectful and have a real desire to learn.”

Although Barwacz is retiring at the end of the school year, he will by no means be idle. His plans include lots of travelling, especially to Boulder, Colorado to visit with his grandson, Luke.

Additionally, he plans to take classes in photography and art, and will be spending time on his Harley Davidson.

“You can only play golf so many times,” Barwacz said.

He also looks forward to being able to spend more time with his wife of 46 years, Josephine, who has been retired herself for the past five years.

“I have many great memories of Mr. Barwacz's class and he has been a loyal member of the Marist faculty,” Tucker said. “He will be truly missed.”

ADAM BARWACZ '02

Adam was part of the Operation Iraq and Enduring Freedom campaigns. He spent 16 months (2006 - 08) engaged in urban warfare in Baghdad. Adam is currently an IT Infrastructure Administrator with Walsh Construction.



My Fondest Memory

// By Adam Barwacz '02 //

My fondest memory of my dad was riding in
our family car while on our way to school.

We took time to talk about many things some cool,
some not so cool.

My dad you see was the most positive
influence on me.

He was coach, teacher, and father
all wrapped up in one.

From this point of view there was nothing
my Dad could not get done.

Our talks would be of discipline and pursuit of
my dreams and aspirations.

Somehow I thought that maybe the military
might be my destination.

An atrocious act gave me the nudge I needed.

My quest to defend would not be impeded.

My friend Jay and I made the leap.

We made promises we knew deep inside
we could not keep.

Over there I experienced things no person should
ever endure.

I survived but, there were others
who failed to return.

Once back home I now deal with my grief.

There were those before in my life who again give
me the strength to succeed.

There are times when I just can't help but be sad.

But then I often think back to those times
in the car with my dad.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Longtime Marist wrestling coach Mark Gervais was inducted into the 2015 National Wrestling Hall of Fame - Illinois Chapter during a banquet on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Holiday Inn Countryside.

Gervais graduated from East Leyden High School, and continued his wrestling career at Northeast Missouri State, before staying on to coach three All-Americans and win an MIAA Conference championship during a three-year coaching stint at his alma mater. Gervais also worked as an assistant coach to Ronny Clinton at Eastern Illinois University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Sports Administration.

Gervais arrived at Marist in 1982 and would begin a 25-year stretch that included 511 dual meet victories as the school's head coach. Gervais' coaching career included eight individual state champions, 10 individual runners-up, 50 other place-winners and 100 state final qualifiers. His teams won 24 consecutive East Sub-urban Catholic Conference (ESCC) titles, 11 regionals and six sectionals. Marist would win the team state title under Gervais in 1987 and combine to finish second or third on four other occasions.

He is a member of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA) Hall of Fame, Marist High School Hall of Fame, and ESCC Hall of Fame. He now coaches wrestling at the freshman level, and serves the school as the curriculum coordinator of the physical education department.

Send a congratulatory note to Coach Gervais! 📧

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Photo courtesy of Marian Catholic High School.

L-R Mark Gervais with Marian Catholic AD, Mr. Dave Mattio



In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Thomas DaLuga '72
Louis J. Scatena '76
Daniel Neylon '82
Michael Raines '00

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Al Brazen
Ronald Pasquariello
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Thomas "Fran" Gallagher

1970s

John Anders '74 and **Doug Kowal '74** are members of the Houston Police Department and will retire at the end of the year.

2000s

Daniel Ironside '05 recently published an *Idiot's Guides: Homebrewing*. Daniel is a PHD Candidate in Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, TX.



Lukacz Bokun '07 after graduation went on to study Econ and Finance at the University of Chicago. During his time at U of C, Luke was always passionate about aviation, and even registered for a few courses in pilot training. Over the years, he went on to study finance at school and aviation at his leisure. Luke graduated in 2011, and has since continued in the field of finance, currently working for a firm that focuses on public finance. Last fall,

Luke took a chance and applied to the United States Air Force, and was recently accepted! Luke will begin training in March. He will graduate from the United States Air Force Academy in August of 2017, which will begin his 10 years of service. We are so grateful for Luke's commitment and service to our country and keeping the citizens of the United States safe! Marist is proud and honored to recognize alumni in the armed forces, keeping all loved ones in our thoughts and prayers during school masses, daily announcements, and in our hearts.

2010s

Al and Julie Stinites' four children all attend Marist High School — in different grades. The Stinites siblings include (from left) Nate, 16, Max, 18, Grace, 15 and Annie, 14. All of the brothers and sisters attend Marist High School in separate class years! **Max Stinites '16**, is wrapping up his senior year at Marist. He's a member of the school's renowned math team and is interested in studying engineering in college. **Nate Stinites '17**, is a junior and also has a spot on the math team beside his brother. Nate Stinites is also in Model UN and is considering a career as an actuary. **Grace Stinites '18**, is a

sophomore who runs on the cross country team with her freshman sister, **Annie Stinites '19**. The two are just one year and one month apart in age. "I shadowed here, and I shadowed a couple of those places, too," said Max Stinites, adding that his eighth-grade visits included a trip to Marist rival Brother Rice High School as well as St. Ignatius College Prep. Nate Stinites also shadowed at the all-boys Brother Rice before deciding to attend co-ed Marist with his brother. Grace Stinites shadowed at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School before choosing Marist. The final Stinites, Annie, said she was pretty convinced by the time she was ready to go to high school and chose Marist without much browsing. "You could feel the difference," Grace Stinites said about visiting other schools. "They do make you feel at home here." The siblings are quite comfortable seeing their brothers or sisters in the hallways. In fact, Max and Nate Stinites are lab partners in chemistry class. And because the Stinites kids are in honors classes, they often have the same teachers.

**A version of this article by Howard Ludwig was featured in DNAinfo Chicago.*



▲ The Stinites siblings include (L-R) Nate, 16, Max, 18, Grace, 15 and Annie, 14.



◀(L-R) Newly sworn in Worth Police Officer **Steven Daddona '11** with his father **Steven Daddona Sr. '75** formerly of the Alsip Police Department.

Why I Give to Marist ...



My name is **Tom Norgel '72**, Marty Wirtz suggested that I write a note as to why I'm making a gift to Marist in my will. With age comes wisdom and certainly perspective and I for one know now that my high school years were truly unique. I'd like to try and acknowledge how important Marist has been to me.

I maintain friendships with several of my classmates and in fact plan to return to Quetico with them this summer. This last summer, a few of us were able to get together at a cabin in Northern Wisconsin, and there it occurred to me again how important not only these relationships are but also that Marist is the place where I learned the philosophy and tenets that I live by. I chose my career partly based on that influence. I have not won the multi-million dollar lottery nor have I invested in anything resembling Google. Rather, the majority of my career has been with Public Broadcasting, specifically in the fundraising arena. The Good Brothers and lay staff have had a significant impact on my life.

Recently, I purchased a term insurance policy naming Marist High School as beneficiary. While I have often participated with an annual gift, this gift is certainly more meaningful to me. Its funny, when I'm on-air for Public Television suggesting to the viewers that that they'll get a good feeling once they make that decision to call with their support ... I do really feel good about what I'm doing. ⓘ

» Marist has established "**Hermitage Society - Foundation for our Future**" planned giving program. This program will acknowledge individuals, families and foundations that have made Marist High School, Chicago a beneficiary in their trust and will. For information, please contact Marty Wirtz '72, mwirtz@marist.net

In 1825, the Marist Brothers founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, with the help of the first group of Marist Brothers, built Notre Dame de l' Hermitage which served as the first home for the Marist Brothers. There are currently 3,500 Marist Brothers throughout the world.

BIRTHS

1989

Joe & Karina Carolan - Isabella

1998

Chris & Kerry Lynch - Brigid
Mike & Kim Ribich - Daniel
Jim & Andrea Traut - Lucas
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1999

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2001

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2002

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2003

Sean & Mary Clare Brady - Declan
Dave & Valerie DePyper - Liam
John & Melissa Francis - Brynn
Dan & Sherri Kolodziej - Jordy
Matt & Rachel Rachwalski - Makayla

2006

Colleen & Brian (Leahy) Cusack - Quinn

2007

Caitlin & Jared (DeGarmo) Cree - Olivia

If you would like the birth of your first or next child announced in *The Point*, please contact Kerry Mullaney at 773.881.5374, mullaney.kerry@marist.net.



2015 ESCC FALL ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Kyle O'Farrell
Matt Wagner
Jack Kelly (Tim Kelly '88)

The boys cross country team finished in third place in the ESCC and fourth place in the Class 2A Regional. Congratulations to Kyle O'Farrell who qualified for the 2A Boys State Championship Race in Peoria. Kyle completed his high school cross country career with a PR time of 15:48. Great job!

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Maryclare Leonard (Tom Leonard '79)
Jill Borza
Colleen Murphy
Carlin McNulty (Gene McNulty '86)
Catherine Viz (Steve Viz '85)

The girls cross country team finished in second place in the ESCC. The team won third place in the Regional and advanced through the Sectional to qualify for State Finals, making their first appearance as a team in school history. The team was led by Maryclare Leonard's 30th place finish and the team placed 16th overall. Congratulations to Maryclare Leonard, Jill Borza, Colleen Murphy, Carlin McNulty, Bridget McDermott, Catherine Viz and Nora Doyle. Great season, girls!

FOOTBALL

33 Micah Awordian 6-2 215 Jr LB
48 John Carmody 6-2 225 Sr DL
79 Brent Holder 6-5 250 Sr OL
3 Liam Keffer 6-0 180 Sr WR
2 Brendan Skalitzy 6-1 185 Sr QB
(Tom Skalitzy '82)

Marist finished the regular season with a 5-4 record and sixth place in the ESCC. The tough schedule prepared the team as they qualified for the Class 8A State playoffs. The first round rematch vs. ESCC rival and #10 seed Notre Dame was decided in the final seconds as sophomore Tom Gillen kicked the winning field goal in the final seconds. The Redhawks faced #7 seed Barrington in an offensive shootout, prevailing 59-56 on a Brendan Skalitzy TD pass to James Dunican. On the road vs. #15 seed Oswego the following week, the Redhawks raced to a big lead and hung on for a 38-35 victory. Neither an early season blizzard nor the Waubonsie Warriors could slow the Redhawks as they advanced to the State Finals with a 31-16 victory. The playoff run ended with a disappointing loss to #1 seed Loyola Academy in the Class 8A Final. Congratulations to senior Brendan Skalitzy for earning All-State honors and Liam Keffer as All-State Honorable Mention. Congratulations also to John Carmody, Brent Holder and Brendan Skalitzy for their achievements in the classroom and on the field as they were named to the Academic All-State team.

BOYS SOCCER

Christian Cunningham, Jr. Defense
Nick Messineo, Sr. Midfield
(Steve Messineo '89)
David Snooks, Sr. Midfield

The boys soccer team finished in fifth place in the ESCC and earned a #13 seed in the State Tournament. The team responded with victories over local rivals Richards, Stagg, and Oak Lawn to win the Regional Championship before falling to #1 seed Bradley in the Sectional.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Led by new coach Kelly Sullivan, the young team responded with weekly improvements. Congratulations to Meg Costello, Mackenzie Germino, Fiona Haran, Ivette Ibarra and Rachel Ulaszek for earning season best times at Sectionals.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Cameron Enright, Sr. Outside Hitter
Grace Green, So. Libero
Anne Marie Stifter, Sr. Middle Hitter

The girls volleyball team finished second in the ESCC with a 6-1 conference record. A strong showing in the Gold bracket of the national ASICS Challenge inspired the team to win the O'Fallon Autumn Classic tournament in mid-October. The team won the Regional title before falling in the Sectional. A strong nucleus of young talent bodes well for 2016 and beyond. Congratulations to Molly Murrihy and Anne Marie Stifter for being named to Daily Southtown All Area First Team and and to Cameron Enright, Second Team.

Thankyou.

THIS PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL DONOR-RECOGNITION REPORT recognizes constituents who have invested financially in non-event support of Marist High School from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **The benefactors listed in this report contributed \$1,000.00 or more**, enabling Marist to continue its mission to lead young people to know and love God in the way of Mary, in the belief that they can become good Christians and good citizens. Financial support allows Marist to welcome all qualified young people, whatever their economic circumstances, offering each one an education that draws on our Catholic faith and prepares students to meet the demands of institutions of higher learning.

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Development Office Update

BY NOW, I'M SURE YOU'VE RECOGNIZED a trending theme in this edition of *The Point*: our Class of 2016 represents 50 years of Marist Commencement tradition. From our humble beginning in 1962, when Brother Pius arrived in Chicago at the request or at the behest of Cardinal Cody, until today, Marist has been a leading institution in countless respects. To think, Brother Pius

arrived in June of 1962 and opened Marist in September of 1963 ... Incredible! Since then we have built new wings, gyms, band rooms, written the book on technology in the classroom, become renowned for academic excellence – the list goes on and on.



Tom Inzinga '84
Marist High School
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Come to a game, a school activity, a reunion, concert, play ... or just stop by and say hello!

“The key now, as it was then, is visionary planning, philanthropic support, and implementation.”

The key now, as it was then, is visionary planning, philanthropic support, and implementation. A year ago our President, Brother Hank Hammer, assembled a group of in-school personnel to gather insights

from the Marist community and help plan for tomorrow's Marist. The group was aptly called the “Burnham Group” after Daniel Burnham, the great Chicago architect, famous for saying, “Make no small plans.”

The Burnham Group, along with initiatives from a professional strategic-planning company, has been tasked with providing a vision for Marist for the next five years. Exciting conversations are taking place about what the future may look like for our students and about how we can assist them in preparing for that future. A daunting task. Particularly when we look at the growth of new technologies and an ever-evolving classroom environment. Change used to be measured in generational terms, but in today's world, it can be described in terms of a year or even months. Thankfully, Marist continues its long-standing tradition of being blessed with strong leaders, Brother Hank as President, and Mr. Larry Tucker as Principal.

Future editions of the *Point* will begin to present the vision of the strategic plan. We can make and implement plans, but we will need you, our Alumni and Friends to support our students and continue to advance the Catholic educational mission that began at Marist in 1963. We need your generous support to carry out the plans we are developing and to bring our School's future into focus. The students who will cross the stage during Marist's 50th Commencement and all its future Commencements will not only be following in your footsteps but also standing on your shoulders. On behalf of those students, we thank you for all you have done and are doing for them and for our Alma Mater. +



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10 Year Reunion**

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Joe's Bar at 940 W. Weed St.
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Friday, April 22, 2016

Reunion & Awards Dinner

6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Gaelic Park
Oak Forest, Illinois

Thursday, May 5, 2016

**50th Commencement
Liturgy Celebration**

9:30 a.m.

All School Liturgy
Main Gymnasium

Friday, June 3, 2016

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1:00 p.m. Shotgun

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Chicago, Illinois

Friday, September 23, 2016

Homecoming / Tailgate Event

5:30 p.m. Tailgate

7:30 p.m. Kick-off

Marist RedHawks vs. Marian Catholic
Red & White Stadium

Saturday, November 5, 2016

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10:00 a.m.

Marist Chapel

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