



ALUMNI E-NEWS

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JULY 2024

**MARIST HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
Southside Summer Festival Edition**



Good Things!!!

Things are happening here at Marist! We are ready for our THIRD annual Southside Summer Festival, presented by Marist. **This is the night!** Tonight- at Marist Stadium, come out starting at 4pm, until 10 pm. We have the **BoDeans, the Push Stars and Soul to the Bone** performing live. It should add up to an absolutely fabulous evening under the stars, at RedHawk Stadium. Money raised from Southside Summer Festival helps to support scholarships and financial aid for current and future students of Marist High School!

So many members of our Marist family contribute to this event. *Grateful* just doesn't cover it! Alumni, parents of alumni, current parents and students pitch in to make this incredible event a success. Huge shout out to current Marist parent Maura Bruton, who for three years running, tackles challenges like Dick Butkus, and runs through red tape like Jim Brown - all to make this a seamless, safe and enjoyable event this month. We will highlight just a few of the countless alums, and how they give back to Marist, through this very special event! To those who pitch in, attend, sponsor and pray with us for nice weather...we wish you "**Good Things**" and

You have our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,
Marist High School Alumni Office

ABC Eyewitness News

Watch Father Tom Hurley '85 on ABC Chicago, talking about Southside Summer Festival!

Watch the full segment here: <https://abc7chicago.com/post/marist-high-school-hosting-southside-summer-festival-weekend/15064642/>



3rd Annual
SOUTHSIDE
SUMMER Festival
Presented by Marist

7.20.24

**FR. TOM HURLEY '85 ON
WLS890 WITH RAY STEVENS**

CLICK TO LISTEN

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Thanks ABC7 Chicago for having Marist's own Father Tom Hurley '85!
Click here to listen the great interview: <https://www.marist.net/news/in-the-news-southside-summer-festival-presented-by-marist/>

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS



Joseph Rossi '87

Shout Outdoor Media, Chief Financial Officer / Chief Operating Officer

Joseph Rossi brings close to 30 years of project management, finance, accounting and operations experience from across a wide-range of industries and business types, including commercial real estate, homebuilding, construction, wholesale/distribution, hospitality, health care, renewable energy and equipment leasing, within public and private companies ranging from \$9MM in total revenue to a \$100MM+ division. He has extensive experience in setting up, evaluating and reengineering accounting and business processes to optimize effectiveness and efficiency, manage business risk, as well as maintain compliance. Joseph's expertise also includes strategic planning, budgeting and forecasting, financial modeling and cash management. He is adept at effectively communicating with creditors and investors, and building and maintaining those relationships. Joseph is a CPA and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Joe very

generously allows Marist usage of the huge digital billboard on I-294, highlighting Champagnat Day and Summer Festival. Huge Shoutout of thanks to you, Joe!



Bob Collins '83

Bob has generously sponsored Southside Summer Festival since its inception, three years ago.

Hold my Beer!and take a listen to this.....

The link to the Podcast below is cool glimpse into the local brewing industry through the eyes of a guy who was employee #1 at Goose Island - our very own Bob Collins '83. Cheers, CHIN CHIN –and thanks Bob!

<https://www.goodbeerhunting.com/gbh-podcast/2016/3/9/ep-073>



Steven Kent '86

President of Chicago Security Professionals



Steven has 25 years of business management experience. His first experience in the security field dates back to 1987, when he was part of the Comiskey Park facility operations team. With security falling under his direct command, Steven was responsible for keeping 40,000 attendees safe on any given night. For 20 years, Steven led the security team for the Old St. Pat's World's Largest Block Party as a volunteer. This event had an estimated attendance of 17,000 patrons over 2 days. Additionally, Steven has overseen the security of private facilities and other special events. Steven provides extra security here at Marist's Summer Festivals.

Steven has a Bachelor of Science in Business from Marquette University and is certified In Organizational Behavior and Leadership from Northwestern University. He and his wife and four daughters live in the western suburbs.

We are grateful to Steve - he always has our 6! *(For those of you out there without the lingo down, that means he always has our back!)*



Mike Archer '78

Marist's own Mike Archer '78 is CEO of Lou Malnati's Pizzeria. Lou's has been a major sponsor of Marist Summer Festival for three years running. Don't get us started on the salad!

Malnati's operates 60 pizzerias—56 in the greater Chicago area, three in Phoenix and one in Wisconsin. The restaurants feature Chicago-style deep dish pizza, and the outlets sport different formats, from full-service sit-down places, to outlets offering only takeout and delivery.

Archer is a seasoned casual-dining veteran, having previously been president of Applebee's, TGI Fridays and Morton's The Steakhouse. Thanks so much for this partnership Mike— You make Marist PROUD! Buon Appetito!



Mark Eklund '92

Mark is from the class of '92- a current parent and works for Hill Fire Protection as a Sprinkler fitter. Mark has created and donated beautiful flags for raffle prizes for the Summer Festival. These are a crowd favorite and Mark is an amazing craftsman!



Current RedHawks



Current Students and recent grads- working hard here all summer and happy to pitch in and help out for the Summer Festival! Amazing what can get done with a free t-shirt and some Cane's Chicken!

Thanks RedHawks!!! Many hands make light work.

SOUTHSHORE
★ **SUMMER Festival** ★
Presented by Marist

THE BODEANS

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE
SKIP THE LINE
BUY ONLINE

TICKETS \$40

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Get Your Tickets Now!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

PREPARE FOR SOUTHSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL

- ★ No tickets yet? Don't worry - General Admission Tickets can be purchased in advance until **Friday, July 19 at 11:55pm for \$35**. Tickets will be available at the **Ticket Booth** for \$40 using either cash or credit card or Venmo.
- ★ If you purchased tickets in advance, GoFan.co will send an email/text with your ticket details on **7.20.24 at 2 p.m.** Check our website if you don't receive your tickets for details to contact GoFan.
- ★ IMPORTANT- Tickets cannot be redeemed until Gates open. **DO NOT REDEEM TICKETS UNTIL SOUTHSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL STAFF DIRECT YOU AT GATE** (Redeeming before a staff member sees it forfeits your ticket(s)).
- ★ If you received your tickets in an email/text from GoFan.co: Move directly to the **Ticket Redemption Line** at the **Gate Check-In** when you arrive.
- ★ Anyone smoking or vaping on the field turf will be asked to leave immediately. Designated smoking area is located in the Northeast corner past the bleachers.
- ★ Things to have ready for check in - your **ID and bag/purse**. All bags and personal items will be searched by security before entry. All patrons must be 21 years of age or older. Patrons 30 years old and younger- Please have your ID ready.
- ★ **No re-entry** will be allowed under any circumstance.
- ★ No chairs allowed on the field. Blankets welcome. Stadium seating will be open.
- ★ **No outside food or alcohol** can be brought into the event.
- ★ In addition to the **Marist parking lot, Worth Township Hall** will be used for overflow parking.
- ★ **Taxi/Rideshare stand** will be located outside the Hynes Gym Entrance at Marist.

*Reminder: During Southside Summer Festival, Marist High School's buildings will be completely closed to all, including faculty and staff!



Quick Request:

So many families think *they* have the most alumni - Prove It!
 Family reunion season means great photo ops with your loved ones in Marist gear! Send us a pic & you can be featured in next month's newsletter.

Email: [Jen Luzzo](mailto:Jen.Luzzo)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Get Your Foursome set for The Marist Masters:

Introducing The Marist Masters



*Join us at the inaugural
Marist Masters
in support of financial aid.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

MIDLOTHIAN COUNTRY CLUB
5000 W. 147TH STREET



Register your Foursome!

KEEP IN TOUCH

Have you moved? Do you have a new job? Did you get married? Is there a new addition to your family? Let us know! We want to hear your news!

Class notes may be used in [The Point Magazine](#), which is published twice a year. They may also be used on Marist's social media, including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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