



ALUMNI E-NEWS

Students Four Years
Brothers & Sisters for Life

August 2025

Dear Marist Community,

As we begin a new school year, **we are proud to share that Marist was recently ranked the #1 private school on the South Side of Chicago** by the Daily Southtown, a recognition of our community's commitment to excellence. This summer's Marist Masters Golf Outing was another great success, and we now look ahead to the Hall of Fame presentation and several upcoming reunions.

We also celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni, including those recently highlighted for their groundbreaking work in lung transplants at Loyola Medical. These stories remind us of the impact Marist graduates continue to make in the world.

Marist Advancement

Daily Southtown: Best of Chicago's Southland **ROUND 1**

Marist Voted No. 1 Private School in the Southland

Marist High School is proud to be named the No. 1 Private School in the Southland. This honor reflects our mission to prepare students for higher learning and lifelong success through faith, family, and future-focused academics.

Students from 85 zip codes and 210 places of worship make up our diverse and dynamic learning community. Academic excellence is central to the RedHawk experience, with 23 AP courses, 12 dual credit classes, and a new Academic Resource Center focused on college and career readiness. In 2024, 380 students earned a score of 3 or higher on their AP exams. Marist was recognized by the College Board with a Silver Distinction and the AP Access

Award for expanding AP opportunities for all learners.

The Class of 2025 includes 55 Illinois State Scholars, two National Merit Finalists, a perfect ACT score, College Board awardees, and certified EMT graduates. Our students will attend top universities, join trade unions, and serve in the armed forces.

RedHawk athletes continue to earn state, national, and international recognition. Recent accomplishments include state championships in boys and girls volleyball, cheer, and individual wrestling. Forty-five seniors have committed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Outside the classroom, students



serve with purpose, travel internationally, perform in acclaimed theater productions, and earn honors in media and writing, including 15 Letters About Literature winners and multiple journalism awards.

Recent facility upgrades include an Entrepreneurship Center, broadcasting studio, 10-classroom

science wing with a planetarium, and a 75,000-square-foot indoor athletic complex, reflecting our commitment to the full student experience. At Marist, students are challenged, supported, and inspired to lead in the classroom, on the field, and in life.

Learn more at marist.net.



STAFF *Spotlight*

Marist Chicago legends Brother Hank Hammer and Brother Rich Grenier recently celebrated the anniversary of making their vows to the Marist Brothers.



Brother Hank & Brother Rich

Marist welcomes 421 Freshman, Largest Class in the Area



Marist Masters 2025



Thank you to everyone who made the **2nd Annual Marist Masters Golf Outing** a success! Your support helps provide financial aid to the 60% of Marist families who rely on it. Congratulations to **Michael Fitzgibbon '73**, our 2025 Red Jacket recipient, honored for his outstanding commitment to Marist.

Alumni News



From Marist to Medicine: Alumni at the Forefront of Lung Transplants

Marist alumni are making a profound impact in medicine through Loyola University Medical Center's Advanced Lung Disease and Transplant Program. Led by Dr. Dan Dilling '90, Medical Director of Lung Transplantation, the team includes fellow alumni **Liz Schramm (Pavesic) '12**, **Kathleen Foley (Kordas) '08**, and **Brianna Burke '07**. Together, they carry forward Loyola's legacy as Illinois' leader in lung transplantation while advancing care for patients with complex lung diseases. [Click here to view the Loyola Medicine story on the transplant team.](#)

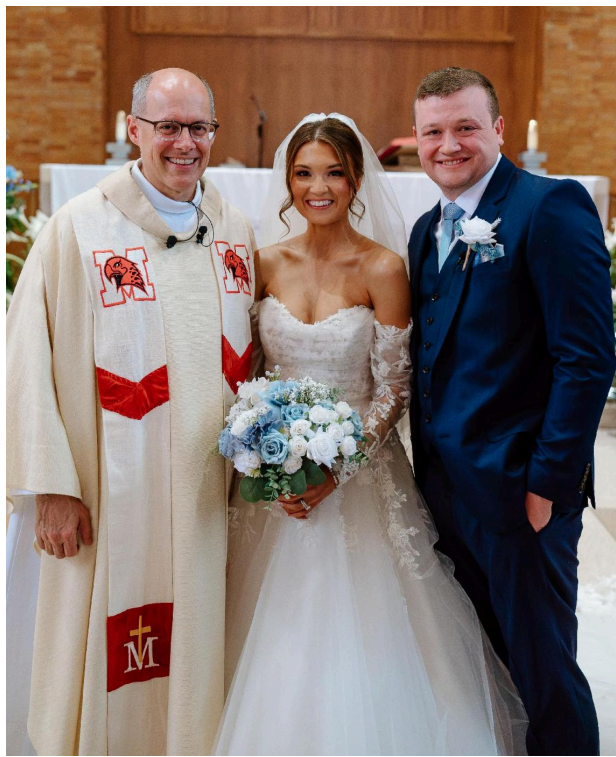


Catch **Evan Fox '23** opening for Trace Adkins on Saturday, August 30th at Centennial Park West in Orland Park, IL.



Michael McDonnell '25 begins his journey at West Point, proudly supported by his parents, **Michael '83 and Rachel McDonnell**.

Celebrations



Congratulations to **Brendan Watson '17** and **Natalie Davidson '18** on celebrating their recent wedding!

Upcoming Events

Click on the events for more information.



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GOLF OUTING**





2025



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Matt Gainer '91
Baseball/Football



Scott Farley '96
Cross Country/Track



Ryan Egan '97
Wrestling



Abby Nelson '07
Volleyball



2015 Softball Team
State Champions



Mike Perish '10
Football

Friday, September 19th

Varsity kickoff vs. JCA at 7:30pm
Ceremony during halftime



Update Us

Have you moved? Started a new job? Recently married or welcomed a new addition to your family? We'd love to hear from you and share your good news with the Marist community!

Update your information here: <https://www.marist.net/alumni/update-us/>

For questions or to share updates directly, contact:
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