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# FriarFocus

SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ALUMNI MAGAZINE

# DIVINE DYNASTY

BUILDING A LEGACY  
OF CHAMPIONS



# Cover Story

At Saint Anthony's High School, the term 'Divine Dynasty' is more than poetic license—it's a living testament to an ethos of excellence.

This haven of Catholic Franciscan education has sculpted champions not just on tracks, courts, and fields, but also in classrooms, research endeavors, and artistic stages.

Driven by faith, our students embody the epitome of balance: academic rigor met with athletic vigor—well-rounded individuals equipped for the challenges of life and inspired by the divine.

## Dates to Remember

**January 13, 2023** – National Honor Society Variety Show

**October 13, 2023** – Alumni Barbecue & Homecoming Football Game

**October 21, 2023** – Black & Gold Gala, Crest Hollow Country Club

**October 26, 27 & 28, 2023** – Fall Play

**November 4, 2023** – Mothers' Guild Craft Fair

**December 8 & 9, 2023** – Christmas Concert

**January 12, 2024** – National Honor Society Variety Show

**January 19 & 20, 2024** – Winter Art Show

**March 8, 2024** – Junior Ring Day

**March 13, 2024** – Mothers' Guild Casino Night

**March 21, 22 & 23, 2024** – Spring Musical

**April 20, 2024** – Fathers' Guild Father/Daughter Mass and Dance

**April 26 & 27, 2024** – Spring Concert

**April 26 & 27, 2024** – Spring Art Show

**May 6, 2024** – Saint Anthony's High School Tony Trombino Golf Classic

**May 4, 2024** – 52nd Annual Saint Anthony's Track & Field Invitational

**May 31, 2024** – Graduation Mass

**June 1, 2024** – Commencement Exercises

**June 13, 2024** – Feast of Saint Anthony

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# A Message from the Principal

Dear Families, Alumni, Friends, Benefactors, Students, but Most of All, the Class of 2027, Welcome to a New School Year! I am pleased to Welcome you back home and, for some, Welcome you to Your New Home and the Saint Anthony's High School Experience. An Experience that will hopefully be Life changing for all of us. It is my hope and the hope of the Faculty and Staff that this New Year will be One filled with Great New Achievements for ALL of US!

Our magazine has a great title **FRIAR FOCUS**, so as we begin a new school year we all need to **FOCUS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FRIAR.**

**A FRIAR** is someone who by word and deed proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone he/she meets. Here at Saint Anthony's there are many wonderful opportunities to help us live out our Spiritual Mission. Everyone here will benefit from our retreat programs, the sacraments, daily prayer, service opportunities and school liturgies. As Friars we put God First!!!

**A FRIAR** is someone who wants to make a Difference. With our Challenging Curriculum, each student and faculty member affords themselves the opportunities to explore, debate, and research all for the sole purpose of making the world a better place. Our state-of-the-art facilities allow our students to become good moral citizens who can make decisions employing their critical thinking skills.

**A FRIAR** is someone who cannot only relate to other people but who also cares about others. This happens here every day. Just take a walk in our halls and you will see the Saint Anthony's school community in action. Whether in class, on the field, stage or court our faculty and students build a community spirit that is second to none. That same spirit is carried home to our parents and alumni.

**FINALLY A FRIAR IS FOCUSED**, making sure that each of us not only Loves the Mission of our School but **LIVES IT OUT DAILY.**

So with all of this said, I Again welcome you all to a new school year. A Year where each and every **FRIAR WILL FOCUS on our call and Mission.**

Be certain of a place in my prayers and the prayers of the entire Saint Anthony's High School community. If you are in the area, stop by and visit us. You are always Welcome to come HOME here!

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,

Brother David Anthony Migliorino, OSF  
Principal

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## A Message from the Director of Development

Dear Friar Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, Friends, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

**Question:** What has made Saint Anthony's the extraordinary school it is?

**Answer:** You

**Question:** What is it going to take to keep Saint Anthony's in the strong position it's in today?

**Answer:** You

**Question:** How can you help?

**Answer:** You can help in a multitude of ways by...

- > sharing your Saint Anthony's experience with others
- > encouraging others to attend our extraordinary school
- > embracing Brother David's request to place God first in your life
- > living our Franciscan traditions and values every day
- > being a good person to everyone you meet
- > leading by example
- > wearing your Friar attire proudly
- > becoming a member of Friar Faithful
- > joining the Mothers' and Fathers' Guilds
- > helping us strengthen our alumni database
- > making a gift to the Padre Pio Fund for tuition assistance
- > making a gift to the Reichert Athletic Complex
- > making a gift to the Friar Nation Fund for academic excellence
- > attending the Black & Gold Gala
- > attending the Saint Anthony's Golf Classic in May
- > attending the Hall of Fame Athletic Awards Dinners
- > attending the Alumni Golf Outing in July
- > attending Homecoming
- > paying it forward

As Director of Development, the formula is quite simple:

(Alumni + Parents + Grandparents + Friends + Faculty + Staff + A thru S = SUCCESS)

Please consider how you can help in the coming academic year, and all I ask is for everyone to take a trip down memory lane and think about your time at Saint Anthony's; your teachers, classmates, teammates, and coaches and what they all mean to you in your lifetime.

Sincerely,

Don A. Corrao



## A Message from the Alumni Director

Happy 2023!

We are thrilled to welcome our incoming Freshmen - the Class of 2027! Great things lie ahead, freshmen, and I hope you are open to experiencing every single aspect of this great school. Your evening at Adventureland was only the beginning of your time with the Friar Family.

You will find that we are truly a Friar Family here and each member is valued by all. Our Family consists of the Brothers, our Faculty, our Staff, Alumni and current students. This is a phenomenal place where students are encouraged to challenge themselves, maybe going out of their comfort zone and getting involved in clubs and/or teams where they will meet new friends.

As Alumni Director, I have the privilege of working with those who have graduated from Saint Anthony's. My goal is to build a bridge between our current students and those who have come before them. This allows us to continue to grow our Friar Family.

Time to move forward now with 2023. 2021-22 taught us a lot - how much daily interaction means to us, how much we appreciate time with our loved ones, the need for occasional hugs from a friend, the simple joy of sitting and sharing a cup of coffee in a diner, the importance of a strong reliance on God. For me, I learned many lessons and will keep them at the forefront of this year. It is sure to be a fabulous year ahead.

I want to wish you all a Happy New School Year and remind you that if there's ever a need I am always available in the Alumni Office. You can always connect with me through phone (631-271-2020 ext. 310), email (dcreighton@stanthonys.org) or through social media (Friar Alumni on Facebook). I would love to hear of our Alumni's successes, marriages, job promotions and, of course, about all Future Friars who come into this world! Please keep us updated as to your current physical address and email so that we can be certain you are aware of all the good things happening here at school.

Looking forward to seeing you soon! God Bless!

Friars Forever,

Denise Creighton



# 2023 Commer



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The Class of 2023 celebrated the culmination of four extraordinary years with a blessed Mass on June 2nd followed by their Commencement Exercises the following morning. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

### Awards

Valedictorian – Thais Rody

Salutatorian – Keegan Cazalet

Brother Peter Dawson (Theology) Medal – Emelyn Baldwin

Brother De Paul Costello (Social Studies) Medal – Emelyn Baldwin

Brother Leo Quinn (Mathematics) Medal – Liana Giannuzzi

John Loughran (English) Medal – Arabelle Romain

George Duffy (Science) Medal – Miah Margiano

Brother Donan Conrad (French) Medal – Kenia Viri

Brother John Lawrence Dawson (Spanish) Medal – Sofia Legarreta

Art Medal – Olivia Ballan

Choral Music Medal – Melissa Latronica, Lauren Lynch, Ernest Kopec, Michael Terry, Jr.

Instrumental Music Medal – Orchestra: Gabrielle Carnevale, Cian Llerna

Band: Natalie Ceonzo, Christian Hirschey

Theatre Arts – Carleigh Bliss

Col. Francis X. Riggio Bagpipe Award – Christian Hirschey, Nicholas Minguillon

Physical Education Medal – Madalyn Salkowsky, Jack Speidell

Franciscan Spirit Award – Rosie Christie, Jack Ward

Brother Roger Bacon Award – Kiera Bowden, Aidan Brancaccio, Kevin Clavijo, Olivia Colquhoun, Olivia Hoffman, Isabella Kapllani, Rachel Kapllani, Chloe Keil, Mya Leidl, Cian Llerena, Grace Lopiccicolo, Miah Margiano, Alexandra Piteris, Thomas Popp, Thais Rody, Jeffrey Rosario, Jake Stateman, Vincent Tiplado

Student Council – Victoria Debenedittis

National Honor Society – Emily Hoang

Blessed Pier Georgio Frassati for Excellence in Theatrical Performance – Natalie Ceonzo, Frank Segreto

American Legion Medal for Academic Accomplishment and Outstanding Citizenship – Olivia Hollman, Megan Huether, James Grillo, Theodore Valentino

Michael Mangino Award for Outstanding Dedication & Commitment in Athletics – Bridget Darcy, Owen Duffy

Vincent C. Tenety Award for Outstanding Support of Their Teammates & Unselfish Service in Athletics – Ashley Kozlowski, Aidan Brancaccio

Louis E. Gregoire Memorial Award for Extraordinary Character & Zealous Enthusiasm in Athletics – Mary McKenna, Caleb Aurelien

Brother Shane Burke Athlete of the Year – Lindsay Yakaboski, Dante Torres

National Merit Scholarship Finalist – Christian Hirschey

The Brother Celestine McGarry Memorial Plaque for General Academic Excellence – Thais Rody



# Saint Anthony's Students Earn Coveted Spots in National Honor Society



On May 17, 2023, Saint Anthony's School celebrated a momentous occasion as Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors were formally inducted into our esteemed chapter of the National Honor Society. The ceremony featured the presentation of honorary medals by Principal Brother David Migliorino, O.S.F., and Academic Dean Paul Washington. Gaining membership in the National Honor Society is a distinguished honor that acknowledges not just academic excellence but also exemplary service, leadership, and character. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our newly inducted NHS members.

# *Milestones & Medallions*



The prestigious National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Saint Anthony's High School served as an extraordinary platform to honor six distinguished faculty members for their unparalleled service and unwavering commitment to academic excellence. The esteemed San Damiano Medallion was conferred upon Jennifer Baldwin-Schaefer, Christopher Farrell, and Gerard Spennato in celebration of their 15 years of invaluable service. Likewise, the venerable Deus Meus et Omnia Medallion was bestowed upon Deborah Fahey, Anne Ferrara, and Michael McAuliffe, recognizing their remarkable 25-year dedication to the school community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to each of these exceptional educators. Thank you for making Saint Anthony's a beacon of educational excellence!



# From *Va Pensiero* to *Sweet Caroline*: Saint Anthony's Students Shine On Stage



The Saint Anthony's High School Spring Concerts were held on April 28th and April 29th and both performances were to standing-room-only audiences.

The audiences were treated to musical selections such as *Va Pensiero*, *Sweet Caroline*, *Higher and Higher*, *Angry Birds*, *Blue Tango*, *My Heart Will Go On*, *Nessun Dorma*, and *Can't Buy Me Love*, which truly showcased the talents of our students and the caliber of our Performing Arts Program.

Special thanks and appreciation to:

Our Chorus under the direction of Brother Joshua Di Mauro, OSF, Mr. Christopher Farrell, Dr. Phoon Yu, Dr. Christina Buehler, and Mr. Nick Graci.

Our Celtic Friars Pipe Band under the direction of Brother Mark Waldmann, OSF, and Mr. Michael Saxer.



Our Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Mrs. Meaghan Avellanda.

Our Concert Band under the direction of Mrs. Meaghan Avellanded and Dr. Phoon Yu.

Our Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Bruce Engel and Mrs. Meaghan Avellanda.





On Saturday, August 5th, the Franciscan Brothers celebrated their 165th Anniversary of service to the Church and the Franciscan Family with a Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel and a dinner reception all at Saint Anthony's High School.

This year at the Portiuncula celebration we honored 3 individuals who embody joy, hope, service, respect and compassion. Each has given witness by their concern for the poor and the dignity of the human person. Mary Jane Tunny led a lifetime of nursing endeavors that included, to name a few, these positions: Associate Director of Nursing at Downstate Medical Center; Oncology Clinical Specialist at Downstate Medical Center; visiting nurse for NY Methodist Hospital; and visiting nurse for Nursing Sisters Home Care. The highlight of her nursing career, a dream come true for Mary Jane, the pinnacle began in 2003 when she accepted the position of Health Care Coordinator for the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn and Long Island. That blessed position far above all others, brought her Christian values and faithfulness into stark focus; so much so that it emblazoned her entire life's work with a profound meaningfulness she never imagined was possible.

Born in 1933 and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Deacon Bob Campbell, O.F.S., was ordained in 1985 and professed as a Secular Franciscan in 1991. He served on the Tau Cross Regional Council for twelve years and created and maintains the Regional Database. Deacon Bob has been the editor of the Fraternity newsletter for Blessed Raymond Lull and is currently the Fraternity Secretary. He also serves on the committee for Franciscans Living in Community.



# *Feast of the Portiuncula 2023*

Brother Joshua DiMauro, O.S.F., hailing from Saint Finbar's Parish in Bensonhurst, entered the Saint Francis Novitiate in Upper Brookville on July 1, 1968. He donned the Holy Habit of Saint Francis on January 5, 1969, and took his profession on July 6, 1970. Brother Joshua next entered the Brother Columba Reilly Scholasticate while attending Saint Francis College in Brooklyn Heights earning a Bachelor's Degree in Math Education while also studying Music at Hunter College. He began his teaching apostolate in the 5th-8th grade at Saint Francis Xavier Grammar School in Park Slope from 1972-1974. Brother completed his Master's Degree in Music from University of Notre Dame in 1979 and post-graduate studies in Gregorian Chant from the Abbaye Saint Pierre de Solesmes (France), Catholic University of America and Westminster Choir (Princeton). He also holds certificates in Italian Language and Culture Studies from the Centro Linguistico Dante Alighieri (Florence) and the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci (Rome). In September 1974, Brother was assigned to Saint Anthony's High School in Smithtown, in the Mathematics Department. Brother has also served as Assistant Principal, Dean of Student Activities and Prefect of Discipline for Freshman. In 1983, Brother began conducting the Chorus, which today has over 600 voices and has traveled on thirty-three International Concert Tours performing before Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. In 1999, Brother Joshua was elected to the General Council of the Franciscan Brothers and has served as Secretary General for the last 24 years. Brother continues to cherish the value of Catholic Franciscan Education each and every day at Saint Anthony's High School. Among his favorite quotes, comes from Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, "We have an eternity to rest!"



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# SIZZLING SUMMER

## Sun, Sizzle & School Spirit!

On May 24th, the Class of 2023 gathered on the athletic field for the traditional Senior BBQ. Brother Joshua and Mr. Christopher Farrell outdid themselves with great food and much fun! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, ribs, corn on the cob and even Ralph's Ices were greatly enjoyed. Ping pong tables, volleyball nets, miniature golf course and spike ball games were very popular with the Seniors. More popular were the crazy games with cash prizes that Brother Joshua and Mr. Farrell planned – pie eating contest, the pass the orange contest, the hula hoop competition and the limbo game were just a few. Always popular is the Dunking Pool. Students (and a teacher or two) took part in sitting on a bench while Seniors threw balls at a target to dunk them.

Many thanks to Brother Joshua, Mr. Farrell, Mrs. Mattutat and all the Fathers' Guild and Mothers' Guild members who helped make the day a success. Thank you, too, to DJ Conor Clark '19 and Emcee Jim Clark '87 who did an incredible job!





# A Symphony of Tradition: Celtic Friars' Annual Celebration of Irish Heritage



On Sunday, February 12th, the Celtic Friar Pipe Band hosted its Annual Afternoon of Celtic Music. This year's program began with Mrs. Ann Saxer, mother of Friar Alumni Michael and Robert, singing our National Anthem and the Irish National Anthem. This year the Celtic Friar Pipe Band was joined by another high school pipe band, the West Milford Highlanders, who they met at a West Point tattoo.

Another group, Macmillan Pipe, which was led by Pipe Major Andrew Donlon (who is

also Brother Mark's cousin), also performed. Many of our pipers and drummers belong to outside bands and Mr. Saxer and Christian Hirsche's band Rosin Dubh also performed.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was an Irish sing-along led by our very own Brother David O'Migliorino and Mrs. Ann Saxer. The crowd truly enjoyed singing such classics as When Irish Eyes are Smiling. The audience was also treated to a performance by our Saint Anthony's High School Irish Step Team. The final act was a

massed band of over 60 drummers and pipers on stage performing together.

Many thanks to our Mother's Guild who served coffee, tea and Irish soda bread at intermission. Thank you, too, to our Father's Guild who assisted with the raffles and t-shirt sales. It was a very successful afternoon for the band and a great warm up for the upcoming, nonstop St. Patrick's Day parade and festivities. Congratulations to instructors Brother Mark Waldmann and Mr. Mike Saxer and all the Celtic Friars!



# 2023-2024 Friar Nation Fund

Please Make Your Gift to  
Friar Nation Fund Today.  
Alumni & Parental Pride  
& Participation Matters.

By making your gift today, you are:

- > helping the Franciscan Brothers fulfill their commitment to academic excellence
- > demonstrating your overall satisfaction with your Saint Anthony's experience
- > advancing our Catholic and Franciscan mission
- > providing financial assistance to deserving and need worthy students
- > helping to beautify our campus

How many ways did you benefit from your time at Saint Anthony's? If you graduated from Saint Anthony's in the last fifteen years, it's a good possibility that you benefitted from the Friar Nation Fund in some way.

Now is the time to start thinking of giving back and demonstrating your support of Saint Anthony's for the role it has played in your life and that you want to be part of its bright future.

As a young alumnus, you may want to consider the following giving levels for Young Alumni:

From the classes:

- > 2019-2023 – a gift of \$25
- > 2010-2018 – a gift of \$50 to \$125





# Principal's Council

Alumni who have graduated over ten years ago, parents, grandparents, and friends of Saint Anthony's are encouraged to consider making a leadership gift

to Saint Anthony's at one of the following levels:

- > Saint Anthony's Club - a gift of \$25,000+
- > Saint Francis Club - a gift of \$10,000 - \$24,999
- > Principal's Cabinet - a gift of \$1,000 - \$9,999

By becoming a member of the Principal's Council, you will be invited as special guests to attend the following functions:

- > Christmas Concert
- > Principal's Dinner
- > Spring Concert

On the evening of June 7th at 7 pm, Mr. Paul Paino, Director of Science Research, and selected members of FriarQuest, the Saint Anthony's Science Research Program, introduced the program to approximately 60 incoming members of the Science Scholars Program and their families. The evening began with an introduction to the Science Scholars Program and the fundamental objectives of FriarQuest. This introduction was followed by a presentation by juniors Aidan Cazalet and Madalynn Bernstein who spoke about their award winning environmental research regarding the condition of the waters of New York State. They were followed by senior Kiera Bowden who presented her highly acclaimed paper on factors that affect student coping mechanisms when dealing with anxiety and stress. Finally, senior Miah Margiano spoke about her three remarkable years of cancer research, highlighted by her two invitations to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair and her recent invitation to Washington DC where she received her \$25,000 scholarship to The University of Pennsylvania for being one of only forty 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search National Finalists. Miah's presentation was followed by the presentation of awards in local science fairs and this year's National Honors Group in the Toshiba ExploraVision Competition. The evening ended with the introduction of our professional laboratory internships for the summer of 2023.

### Featured Student Presentations

#### **Aidan Cazalet and Madalynn Bernstein, Class of 2024**

SAAWA Environmental Science Grant Recipients

First Place SAAWA Science Fair

*The Impact of Nutrient and Bacterial Pollutants on the Vegetation and Microbial Life in Long Island and New York State Freshwater Lakes*

Mentor: Mr. Paul Paino

#### **Kiera Bowden, Class of 2023**

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Invited Speaker 2023

*School, Social Life, and Stress, Oh My! How Do High Schoolers Get By?*

Mentor: Mr. Paul Paino

#### **Miah Margiano, Class of 2023**

International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist 2021, 2022

Regeneron Science Talent Search National Finalist 2023

*Neuroblastoma Spontaneous Regression: Analysis of Prognostic LncRNAs*

Mentors: Amber Weiner, PhD; Sharon Diskin, PhD; John Maris, MD; Serena McCalla, PhD

### 2022-23 Award Winners

#### **Regeneron Science Talent Search National Finalist**

Miah Margiano

#### **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Invited Speakers**

Kiera Bowden, Isabella Kapllani, Rachel Kapllani, Miah Margiano, Alexandra Piteris

#### **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Finalist:**

Alexandra Piteris

#### **Kathy Belton Science Fair at Molloy University**

First Place: Daniela Parmigiani, Second Place: Aidan Cazalet and Madalynn Bernstein

#### **SAAWA Environmental Science Grant Recipients**

Aidan Cazalet, Madalynn Bernstein, Alexandra Mancusi, Christopher Jacuch, Isabella Panichella

#### **SAAWA Science Fair**

First Place: Aidan Cazalet and Madalynn Bernstein, Second Place: Kiera Bowden, Honorable Mention: Olivia Colquhoun

#### **SAAWA Presidential Community Service Medals**

First Place Award: Grace LoPiccolo

Presidential Medals: Sophia Bellini, Madalynn Bernstein, Aidan Cazalet, Grace LoPiccolo, Daniela Parmigiani

#### **SAAWA Science Essay Writing Contest**

Second Place: Chloe Keil, Third Place: David Martinez, Honorable Mention: Vincent Tiplado and Andrew Timson

#### **Long Island Science Congress**

High Honors: Miah Margiano, Aidan Cazalet, Madalynn Bernstein, Gillian Marotta, Daniela Parmigiani, Kiera Bowden and Madyson Gavilanes

Meritorious: Huang Xin, Achievement: Abby Cabrera, Honorable Mention: Alexandra Mancusi, Christopher Jacuch and Isabella Panichella

#### **Saint Anthony's Science Fair (Sponsored and funded by Miah Margiano)**

Life Science: First Place: Elyse Wos, Second Place: Kate McConnachie and Anar Thakor

Physical Science: First Place: Amelia Furnell, Second Place: Christian Vedra, Third Place: Patrick Wang

Social Science: First Place: Vidhu Kumar, Second Place: Shirley Ren, Third Place: David Heerbrandt

Best Overall Project: Vidhu Kumar

#### **Toshiba ExploraVision Honors Group representing the top 10% in the nation**

Class of 2024 (10-12 Competition)

1. "Nuclear Powered Desalination" (Michael Kennedy, Kai Senh, Brady Lessing)  
mentor: Mr. Andrew Byrne

2. "Nuclear Powered Carbon Capture" (Anar Thakor, Kristina Nitis, Ewan Hargraves), mentor: Mr. Mark Paino

Class of 2026 (7-9 Competition)

1. "bioGEN, The Future of 3d Bone and Tissue Printing" (Anna Kosciusko, Patrick Heron, Grace Durney, Ethan Colon-Valbuena), mentor: Mr. Paul Paino

# EVENING OF SCIENCE RESEARCH 2023 AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND BREAKTHROUGHS AT SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023 SUMMER RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS

### Class of 2024

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Alejandra DeJesus	Center for Neurodegenerative Disease New York Genome Center, NY
Aidan Cazalet	SUNY Stony Brook, NY
Kyra Colquhoun	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Ewan Hargraves	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Gillian Marotta	SUNY Stony Brook NY
Victoria Caroddo	Hofstra University
Alexandra Mancusi	Cornell University, NY
Daniela Parmigiani	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY
Kristina Nitis	New York University
Anar Thakor	CUBIT Laboratory, Stony Brook NY
Emma Ronai	The Feinstein Medical Institute

### Class of 2025

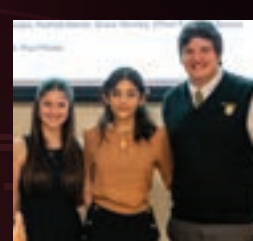
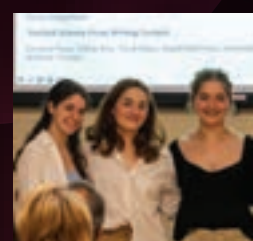
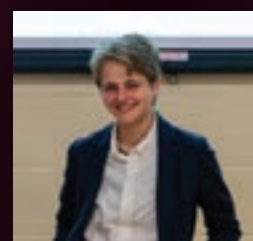
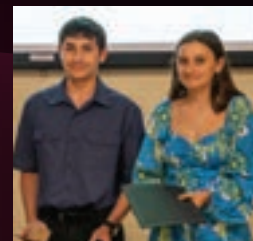
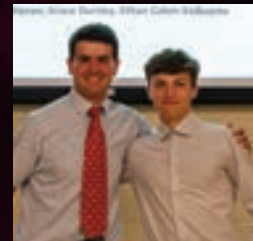
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Amelia Furnell	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Madyson Gavilanes	iResearch Institute/Crimson Research Institute
Grace Nolan	CUBIT Laboratory, Stony Brook NY
Emma Ronai	The Feinstein Medical Institute

### Class of 2026

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Sahil Patel	iResearch Institute
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# SCIENCE SUPERSTARS. LANDING AMONG THE NATION'S TOP TEN PERCENT IN SCIENCE INNOVATION.

Saint Anthony's students have once again demonstrated their scientific prowess, achieving remarkable success in prestigious competitions. Our brilliant young minds not only clinched victory at the Kathy Belton Science Fair at Molloy University but also secured a spot among the National Honors Group, representing the top ten percent of contestants in the 2023 Toshiba ExploraVision Competition



**Above:** Winners of the Kathy Belton Science Fair at Molloy University. Left to right: Daniela Parmigiani (first place in Biochemistry), Madalynn Bernstein and Aidan Cazalet (second place in Environmental Science). Farthest left: Brother David Migliorino, O.S.F. Principal. Farthest right: Mr. Paul Paino, Director of Research

**Below:** National Honors Group representing the top ten percent in the country in the 2023 Toshiba Exploravision Competition. Left to right: Kai Senh, Michael Kennedy, Christopher (Brady) Lessing, Kristina Nitis, Ewan Hargraves, Anar Thakor, Anna Kosciusko. Farthest left: Brother David Migliorino, O.S.F. Principal. Farthest right: Mr. Paul Paino, Director of Research





# Faith In Action

During February break, Saint Anthony's, under the direction of Brother Mark Waldmann, hosted the Franciscan Volunteer Program. Thirty students from Notre Dame in Cape Girardeau, MO, Saint Francis Prep and Saint Anthony's spent the week serving those less fortunate and following the teachings of Saint Francis. The experience was a wonderful one for students and chaperones alike.

The students went out to many different sites during the week. Some of the students were at Mercy Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch, Maureen's Haven (a homeless shelter in Riverhead), Pronto in Brentwood, Habitat for Humanity in Huntington Station, The Winters Brother Center for Autism in Central Islip, the Benedictine Sisters in Elwood and the Community Farm run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brentwood. We chose to work only in Suffolk County to help our students realize there is poverty and need right here on Long Island. The students were working at different sites each day, so they were able to have a varied experience and appreciate the great need for volunteerism here on Long Island.

Although the focus was on service, the students did find some time to have fun! On Monday night, Friar Alum Marc Sambach '73 arranged for all of the students to skate for free at Superior Ice Rink for 2 hours. Afterward, Marc treated the kids to pizza. On

Wednesday, the students went in to NYC for an Ash Wednesday Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. They also visited Times Square, FAO Schwartz, Rockefeller Center, Chelsea Market and the Oculus Center. After touring for the day, the Brothers hosted an incredible dinner at Grimaldi's in Brooklyn. Brothers Gabriel, Tom Barton and Joseph Bach joined us for dinner.

Throughout the week, prayer services, faith sharing and Mass was a big part of the students' daily routine. These were wonderful opportunities for the students (and sometimes the Brothers and teachers) to hear how others lived the Franciscan ideals. There was a true sense of being very comfortable with one another and caring very deeply about what was being discussed.

Many thanks to Brother David Migliorino, Brother Etienne Jaekel, Brother Mark Waldmann, and Denise Creighton for all the preparation and execution, and to Tim Garner, Sarah Strohmeier, Laura Fitzpatrick Halter, Patrick McLaughlin, Jen LoCascio, and Harrison Boyd for serving as chaperones for the week.

Most importantly, thank you to the kids who either gave up their vacation, or four days of school to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis. We look forward to the Franciscan Volunteer Program 2024 which is slated to be in Cape Girardeau, MO.





# FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS:

## GUEST SPEAKERS ILLUMINATE PATHWAYS FOR YOUNG BUSINESS ENTHUSIASTS

The Future Business Leaders club at our high school provides an unparalleled platform for students to engage with industry professionals and gain insights into the business world. Esteemed guest speakers like Leonardo Vittini from First Eagle Investments and Bianca Wesnofske from Merrill Lynch Wealth Management share their wealth of experience, offering students a firsthand look into the intricacies of investment and wealth management. Additionally, the club was honored to host Timm Chiusano from Spectrum Reach, who enlightened members about the ever-evolving landscape of production and creative services.



**Timm Chiusano** | VP of Production & Creative Services  
Spectrum Reach



**Bianca Wesnofske** | Registered Wealth Management Client Associate  
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# From Classroom to Construction Site: A Journey with Habitat for Humanity

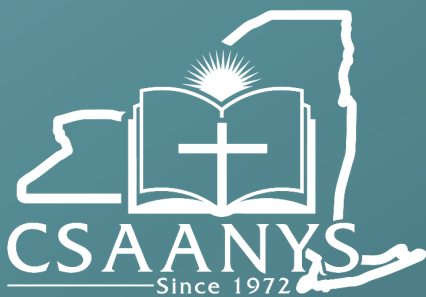
Throughout the year Mr. Brian Flanagan SA '81 and Mr. Kevin Adler brought quite a number of students to various Habitat for Humanity worksites where they have done everything from installing insulation, to putting up sheetrock to assisting with kitchen cabinet installation. Each trip was an amazing learning opportunity and a great service project for all of the students involved.

On April 19th, some of our Habitat for Humanity club members worked alongside Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Adler and their Habitat coordinator to help build a home in Riverhead. Upon completion, this home will go to a family who has also volunteered and worked on other worksites.

We are grateful to Habitat for Humanity for allowing our students to work these projects throughout the year. We look forward to working with them again next year.



## *CSAANYS Honors Our Very Own Brother David Anthony Migliorino, O.S.F. for Outstanding Contributions to Catholic Education*



The Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State (CSAANYS) is all set to make a loud and clear statement about the value of faith-based education. The organization is recognizing Brother David Anthony Migliorino, O.S.F., Principal of Saint Anthony's High School and Brother Leonard Conway, O.S.F., President of St. Francis Prep, with the distinguished "Lighting the Fire for Catholic Education Award." The ceremony will take place on September 27 during the annual conference in Westchester, New York.

Brother David Anthony Migliorino, O.S.F. and Brother Leonard Conway, O.S.F., stand as exceptional figures, setting the gold standard for commitment and innovation in Catholic education. Both lead the two largest Catholic high schools in the country and are being honored for their inspiring leadership and enduring commitment to the Catholic educational system.

CSAANYS is a representative body for all Catholic School Administrators across New York, covering the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester, Rockville Centre, and Syracuse. The organization seeks to advance and support the mission of Catholic education in the Empire State.

This recognition is a milestone for the Franciscan community and for Catholic education as a whole. It's an acknowledgement of dedication to nurturing young minds while reinforcing the core values of Catholic teaching. Whether you identify as a proud Franciscan, a Catholic educator, or simply as someone who values the important role that faith-based education plays in modern society, it promises to be a day of inspiration and jubilation. Indeed, it's a remarkable day to be a Franciscan Brother and Educator.

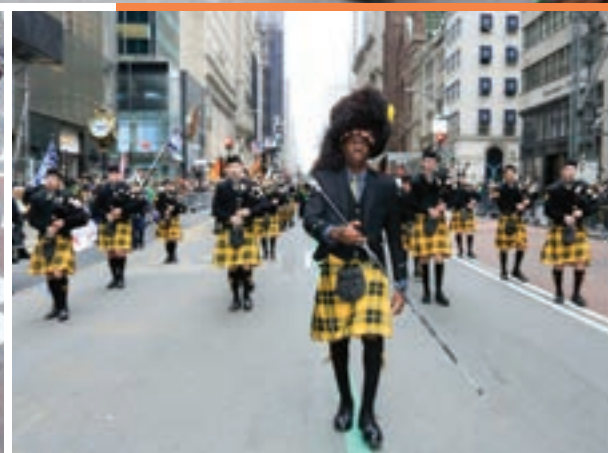
# Diocesan Youth For Life Rally



Saint Anthony's students, along with Brother David and their chaperones, marked the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion on Jan. 21 as part of a Diocese of Rockville Center Youth for Life Pilgrimage and anti-abortion demonstration. The students, from 8 Catholic high schools in the diocese had fun with our Campus Ministry Director Mr. Mike Clauberg as they went through a few of his icebreaker activities. They then listened to Keynote Speaker, our very own Mrs. Marga Regina, and marched to the train station carrying signs urging others to respect life.

Meanwhile, here at Saint Anthony's the Campus Ministry Team of Brother Vincent, Mrs. Corrao, Ms. Boyle and Mrs. Savallo, along with our Theology teachers, organized a prayerful Rosary Walk in our Student Center and a talk by Brother Joseph Bach about the dignity of life. It was a wonderful, beautiful day where our students were able to have their voices heard.

# Celtic Friars Steal the Show From Bay Shore to Fifth Avenue



The month of March is very busy for our Friar Celtic Pipe and Drum Band. Each weekend the band marched in local parades on both Saturday and Sunday. In the Bay Shore Parade, the Friars took first place as the best band in the parade. The most memorable parade was the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue. Led by our Friar Color Guard, Brother David, Brother Gabriel, Brother Joshua, Brother Owen, Brother Vincent and Brother Geoffrey, the Celtic Friars proudly marched up the avenue. Brother Mark Waldmann and Mr. Michael Saxer are the devoted instructors of the band and should be very proud of all of their performances. It was an incredible day for all!

# Saint Anthony's High School Theatre Company Triumphs with 'Footloose' Revival



This year the Saint Anthony's High School Theatre Company performed the fan favorite, 80's music sensation, Footloose. With an incredible soundtrack and loyal following of fans, this movie based musical has a feel-good script that inevitably causes audiences to sing along, dance in their seats and enjoy the nostalgia of a recent classic. The cast, crew and production staff should be extremely proud

of their three energized and skillful performances.

The cast of Footloose was a diverse group of all grade levels. It was led by two underclassmen and anchored by experienced juniors and seniors. Led by the great performances of Justin Weiner ('25) as Ren McCormack and Giuliana Bonati ('26) as Ariel Moore, this cast delivered three incredible nights of performances.

Seniors; Kailin Donnelly (Rusty), Lauren Lynch (Urleen) and Natalie Ceonzo (Wendy Jo) provided stunning vocal harmonies and led musical and dance numbers, small and large, with true professionalism and incredible talent. Meher Johar (Garvin), Brendan Bertos (Chuck) and newcomers Madison Cook (Ensemble) and Isabella Zenobio (Ensemble) rounded out the seniors in the cast and gave spirited



performances. Juniors Kate Conway (Ethel McCormack) Olivia Cox (Vi Moore), Brian Murray (Willard), Anthony Buonagurio (Wes Warnicker), Anthony Favilla (Coach), Emma Walsh (Elanor), Francesca Ciccotto (Ensemble), Liam McLoughlin (Jeter), Ava Gradischer (Ensemble) and Ashley Lorentzen (Ensemble) were all outstanding and showed immense talent in their roles. Sophomores Cooper Keil (Reverend Shaw), Kristen Choi (Betty Blast), Tatyana Poland (Principal Clark), Amelia Furnell (Lulu), Sofia Ciccotto (Bickle), Lucy Grath (Ensemble), Mia Gloria (Ensemble), AJ Matzelle (Ensemble) and Lily Castro (Ensemble) all gave tremendous performances in their respective roles. Freshmen Kieran Brown (Cowboy Bob), Thomas Fitzgerald (Lyle), Marco Grimaldi (Travis), Julia Campanella (Ensemble), Kiara Favilla (Ensemble), Riley Griffin (Ensemble), Alycia Jasmin (Ensemble), Kayla Simpson (Ensemble), and Leah Sudentas (Ensemble) all performed their parts with incredible effort and enthusiasm. The high quality of acting, singing and dancing that was on display in this show is a testament to the hard work

and dedication of each of these student actors. Their preparation, practice and delivery provided audiences with a feel good and touching experience.

This year's stage crew built an incredible set and handled many timely changes with ease, thanks to their hard work and consistent practice. The students on the stage crew, whether they were painting sets, building set pieces, working lights, tweaking sound or assisting in scene changes are an essential part of each and every production. Their tireless commitment and efforts are vital to the success of our shows. This show involved many special effects and a lot of detailed lighting and sound elements. An incredible task taken on by the lights and sound team of Frank Segreto, Kiera Brown and Andrew Reinhart. The many set changes and large scale set moves were done so well by the grips. Led by their incredible captain, Sophia Sakran, the grips team did a remarkable job in executing a difficult show. This year offered a special opportunity for original artwork and

Seoyoung Choi and Sofia Ciccotto did not disappoint as their beautiful work was featured on all show related materials. The stage crew built very impressive sets and executed three flawless shows. While they may not take bows at the end of a performance, their contributions and commitment should be recognized as just as vital to the success of such a complicated show.

The Pit Orchestra featured many talented musicians that perform within our school. Led by senior Christian Hirschey (drums) this impressive group really brought the music of the show to life. Senior Nicholas Minguillon (trumpet) along with junior Devin Aron (trumpet) and sophomore Mariano Schwartz (piano / keyboard) performed wonderfully. This year's Pit Orchestra even included alumni, Eliza Stoehrer ('20), playing lead guitar.

The show was a huge hit with audiences and was a wonderful way to complete the school's theatrical season! Bravo to the entire cast, crew and pit orchestra for all of their hard work and tremendous success.



# Saint Anthony's Unveils 700 Masterpieces in Spring Art Spectacular!



The Saint Anthony's High School Art Department held their Spring Art Show at the end of April, showcasing nearly 700 works produced by our hard-working and talented Friars in all of our Visual Arts classes from the Spring semester, under the guidance and encouragement of our Art Department faculty.

Through the expansive art education classes offered here at Saint Anthony's, students not only develop technical skills but also cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence skills. Art education increases visual literacy, encourages self-expression, boosts self-esteem and confidence, fosters cultural appreciation, and nurtures imagination — all of which are all vital aspects of a well-rounded education. With instruction focused on direct observation, practiced study, revision, and creative connection-building, students learn to analyze, interpret, and create visual works in their own individual voice.







*Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace  
Those who follow the journey of St. Francis*



**Vincent Tenety: A Legacy  
of Vision, Courage, and  
Compassion.**



**B**ack in 1980, in commemoration of the first annual Vincent C. Tenety Award, Mr. John Madden said, "...we of Saint Anthony's again thank God for the presence in our lives of Vincent Tenety: a blind man whose generous spirit taught us to see, a man in a wheelchair whose courage taught us to stand tall in the face of adversity, one of the meek who, having secretly inherited the earth, gave it back to us, renewed in meaning." The award was presented to Senior Paul DiFalco whose unwavering commitment to his team and teammates exemplified Mr. Tenety's extraordinary and moving devotion to his family and students. The award is presented each year to a Saint Anthony's student athlete.

Vincent Tenety would not have liked all of the accolades bestowed upon him. In life, Mr. Tenety wanted to be treated like any other Saint Anthony's faculty member. John Madden, Donal Buckley, Ed Vilbig and others did just that - teasing and joking with Vincent about just about everything, even his blindness. From the moment he began at Saint Anthony's in September of 1974, Mr. Tenety and his guide dog Opal felt a part of the Friar Family.

As a young boy, Vincent was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. He was relatively healthy through childhood and as a young adult. He attended Fordham Prep in The Bronx on scholarship and later attended Fordham University where he received his BS in Accounting and later earned his CPA. By age 31, Vincent was a Division Controller at a Fortune 500 company. He married Joan, who was a teacher, and everything seemed to be going incredibly well for the young couple. At 33 years of age, with three young children and one on the way, Vincent suffered his first eye hemorrhage which was the beginning of a steady decline in his eyesight and health. He endured over 20 operations in his lifetime, but was completely blind at 40 years old.

Mr. Tenety did continue to commute into the city, using a cane and, later, his guide dog Opal. At the time, his son Kevin was attending Saint Anthony's and was dating a Holy Family girl named Muriel Rogers. Muriel was taking an Accounting class at Holy Family and often discussed it with Mr. Tenety. The family would read Muriel's

textbook to Mr. Tenety and that is when he came up with a plan! Vincent met with Brother Venard, the Principal at Saint Anthony's, and proposed that he teach an accounting class. He did not need a salary because he was now disabled with a pension and able to make do with what he had. He just wanted to share his knowledge with the young men at Saint Anthony's. Vincent's sister, Carole Tenety Howard, offered to drive her brother to and from school. Carole herself later joined the Saint Anthony's staff as a secretary. His wife and children Vincent, Kevin, Anne and Eileen, along with a few neighbors spent the summer reading the textbook onto cassette tapes. Vincent would review the tape and the related overhead transparencies with the help of his daughters to prepare lessons each evening. Brother Venard could not turn the proposal down and Mr. Tenety began teaching in September 1974.

In the Fall of 1979, Mr. Tenety tried to return to work, however, his health was declining and he was now restricted to a wheelchair. Vincent Tenety passed away in November and his beloved guide dog Opal was done with her job. She had been a loyal and faithful guide and companion who gave Mr. Tenety his independence and allowed him to share his knowledge of accounting with the students at Saint Anthony's. Mr. Tenety's love for the school was passed down to the next generation that he never met. In addition to his two sons, eight of his twelve grandchildren are Saint Anthony's graduates.

The Tenety Family was eternally grateful to the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs, which are headquartered in Smithtown.

At 62 years of age, Kevin, SA '74, retired from his corporate accounting/finance position at Estee Lauder. He and his now wife Muriel decided to explore volunteer opportunities at the Guide Dog Foundation. Kevin was somewhat surprised at the variety of opportunities to help. There were those who came to the Foundation to play with or socialize the dogs. There were volunteers who worked in the office, helped transport dogs and clients and pitched in at fundraising events. There were those who fostered breeder dogs and those who provided temporary homes ("camping")

when puppy raisers needed to be away. Mr. Tenety's daughter Anne Keller, and her husband Jamie, have been breeder caretakers for the Foundation for over 25 years.

Kevin and Muriel decided to become puppy raisers. They went through raiser training and got their first puppy, named Love, in December 2019. Kevin took the lead in working with Love, a beautiful and smart yellow Labrador Retriever. Wherever Kevin went, Love was there too. She rode the subways in New York, accompanied the Tenetys to restaurants, family events and even visited libraries and museums. Kevin raised Love for 15 months and then it was time to return her to the foundation for three months of intense formal guide dog training. Love was then matched to her person and is happily living and guiding in Rochester New York.

Kevin and Muriel got their second puppy, Pearl, in August 2021. Pearl is very high energy and after completing guide dog training was eventually "career changed" and is loving her exciting life as an explosive detection dog.

Kevin and Muriel are planning on getting another puppy to raise soon but are taking a little break as they await their first two grandchildren. In the meantime, Kevin is camping puppies and has joined the Guide Dog Foundation's speakers bureau to represent the Foundation at educational, fundraising and business association events.

The Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs of Smithtown do some remarkable work. Today, the dogs are not only trained to assist people who are blind or have low vision, but they are also trained to assist veterans and first responders with disabilities. Some dogs are trained to perform many different tasks, including nightmare interruption for veterans or first responders with PTSD. With a well-trained guide or service dog by their side, individuals with disabilities get to live life on their own terms.

Kevin and Muriel Tenety will continue to work closely with the Guide Dog Foundation for people who are blind and first responders in honor of a great man - Vincent Tenety.



# 2023 Saint Anthony's High School Tony Trombino Golf Classic:

A Record-Breaking Tribute to Tony Trombino and Kevin Dernbach, Esteemed owner of Maureen's Kitchen.



This sold-out event hosted at the elite trifecta of Brookville Country Club, Pine Hollow Club, and Mill River Club honored Kevin Dernbach, Culinary Visionary of Maureen's Kitchen and proved to be the most successful to date. A pinnacle moment of the day was when Brother David Anthony Migliorino, OSF, Principal of Saint Anthony's High School, Bestows an Honorary Diploma Upon Kevin Dernbach, Welcoming Him as the Newest Friar Alumnus—A Friar Forever.

**Mark Your Calendars for an Unforgettable Experience: The 2024 Saint Anthony's Saint Anthony's Tony Trombino Golf Classic—Monday, May 6th.**





# Thanks to all of you!

Tournament	Dave Barnett '90	<i>Classic Event (cont.)</i>	Nicholas Giannuzzi DDS Giaquinto Masonry, Inc. John Grazioli Mill Brook Fire Protection M & S Mechanical Nemschick Silverman Architects New York State Laborers Tri Funds RNC Industries, LLC SERVPRO® Shore Office Systems Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaner Tarsi Restaurant Group TRITEC Brian Trombino '02 Peter Trombino '03 The Serravalli Family The Wine Guy Winters Bros.
Cocktail Hour	Bill Duffy '90 Maspeth Federal Savings		
Breakfast	UFCW Local 1500		
Lunch	The Andriano Family		
Beverage	Bancker Construction Corp. Bluesky Controls Division of Hazel & Buehler, Inc. The Bohle Family Hamlin Capital Management, LLC Joe Lavery 2024 Stephanie Sgroi Agency/ State Farm Insurance UFCW Local 1500		
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## *Saint Anthony's Quiet Maestro. Mariano Schwartz Orchestrates Community Change*



The spirit of giving fills the air of Farmingdale. Mariano's weekends are often spent at 317 Main, a restaurant where he entertains patrons with a diverse repertoire that spans Led Zeppelin, the Eagles, Ed Sheeran, and Coldplay. Already employed part-time at the restaurant, he was invited by his boss to showcase his musical talents.

But there's also Mariano Schwartz, a remarkable young pianist who has found his own unique way to give back. This year, Mariano is dedicating his efforts to raise money for Saint Anthony's High School Padre Pio Fund to help others attain a Catholic and Franciscan education.

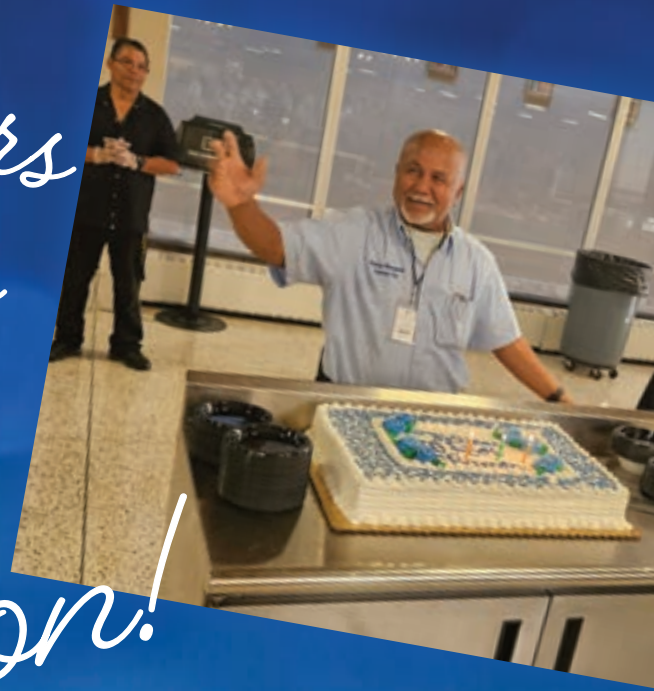
At just 15 years old and a member of several school clubs, including chess and stained-glass artistry, Mariano remains open to where his musical journey might lead him post-high school. However, one thing is certain: his commitment to making a difference. His altruistic endeavors aren't new; he has previously fundraised for hurricane victims in 2017, families affected by the Uvalde, Texas school tragedy, and the Ukrainian populace.

Brian Schwartz, Mariano's father, captures the essence of his son's selflessness succinctly: "I often tell Mariano that each of us is endowed with a unique gift from God. The cosmic joke is that God leaves it to us to discover what that gift is. Once we find it, we bear the responsibility of using it to enrich the lives of others. What other purpose, after all, could be more significant?"



# Cheers to 35 Years and 80 Candles. Happy Birthday Ramon!

If you're a Friar, then you know Ramon. Today we celebrated Ramon's 80th birthday! Ramon has given more than 35 years of service to Saint Anthony's and the Franciscan Brothers. Our building looks great every day because of him. God Bless Ramon!





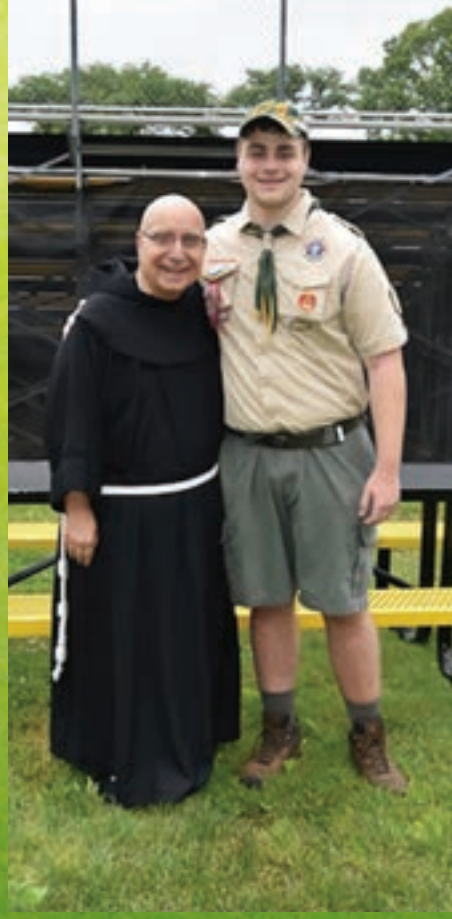
# A Junior Friar Soaring to Eagle Scout Heights



Michael Shaye Ventura is currently a junior and is following in his proud parents' (Matt Ventura '88 and Katherine Smith Ventura '88) footsteps here at Saint Anthony's High School. He is currently seeking to attain the Boy Scouts of America's highest distinction - Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project his goal was to further beautify our 9-11 Memorial by creating an information remembrance board in honor of those we lost, building two new 'prayer and reflection benches', and adding to the landscaping of this most sacred area on our campus.







# Salvatore Cascio '24 Beautifies Our Campus

Joined by his family, friends, and Boy Scout Leaders, Salvatore Cascio '24 completed his Eagle Scout Project here at Saint Anthony's. As a result, Metzger Stadium now features four beautiful black & gold tables directly behind the bleachers. The tables also provide a very welcoming addition to the front driveway of our school.

Congratulations Salvatore and thank you for all your hard work.



# Bienvenidos a

# España



Madrid



Alcala



Toledo



Granada



Sevilla



Andalucia



Montserrat



Barcelona



Narbonne



Carcassonne

Saint Anthony's High School will once again embark on a special Pilgrimage Tour to **Spain** and **France** in February 2024. The trip is open to Graduating Classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The itinerary will allow us to immerse ourselves in the religion, art, architecture, food, language, regions, and famous vistas of **La España Autentica** including: Madrid, Alcala, Toledo, Granada, Sevilla, Andalucia, Montserrat, Barcelona, Narbonne and Carcassonne, France.

For further information, please contact: **Brother Joshua DiMauro, OSF**, or **Mr. Christopher Farrell**.

For information regarding the fabulous Shadow Tour, please contact **Mr. Don Corrao**.

# Shielded in Faith



On January 29th, nearly 200 members of the Friar Family gathered to celebrate its brave service members in the Our Lady of the Angels Chapel for the Blessing of the Shields Mass. Our Alumni police, fire, EMTs and military all had their shields blessed and we prayed for their continued safety. Thank you to Father Tom Tassone for celebrating, Brother Robert for helping prepare for the Mass, the Schola and the Celtic Friars. After Mass, all of our service people enjoyed a nice breakfast where they were able to catch up with their friends and classmates.

# A Day on the Greens. A Perfect Mix of Summer, Refreshments, and Friar Spirit!



On July 28th, the Friar Alumni held their annual Black and Gold Alumni Golf Outing at The Wind Watch Golf and Country Club in Hauppauge. Despite it being the hottest day of the year, the golfers had an amazing day. Many thanks to Alumni President Keith Wieczorek, Cindy Merkler, Colleen Monaghan Cameron, Emily Mangino and Alysse LoPresti for helping to make the day perfect! Special thanks to Brian Facquet from Do Good Distillery for creating a specialty cocktail and to Kevin Sihler '96 and Bill Kiernan '94 from Sand City Brewery for providing refreshments on the course.

The repeat Championship Team was Joe Simeone '81, Keith Leoffler '81 and Chris

Schaefer '81. The Longest Drive winner was Matty LoNigro Jr. the Closest to the Pin winner was Billy Arent '81.

After the golfing, a wonderful lunch was served. It was nice to see our current District Attorney Ray Tierney '84 who took some time out from his busy day to visit with old friends, the Brothers and former Faculty.

Proceeds from the Alumni Golf Outing will go to scholarships for students in need and the Rich Reichert '70 Athletic Complex campaign. Mark your calendars for the last Friday in July of 2024 when we will once again enjoy the Alumni Golf Outing!

All event images can be attributed to Gabby Valenti '24 and Isabelle Fleurisca '24.







# A Golden Anniversary... Class of 1972 Returns to Saint Anthony's in Grand Reunion

On Saturday April 22nd, 2023, a 50 Year Class of 1972 Reunion was held here at Saint Anthony's. Many thanks to Father Brian Barr for saying Mass where we remembered all the deceased classmates and Faculty members. Thank you to Brother Richard, Brother Joshua and Brother David for welcoming these men home. We may be in a different building but the Franciscan spirit is still the same! Thank you to Bob Coates, Keith Kelly, Ed Gutleber, Tim Ingrao, John Jurich and Chuck Stapleton for all your hard work in tracking down your classmates. It was a wonderful night with some dedicated Friars!





## Shanell Blanchard's '08 Inspiring Academic Odyssey

life was Ms. AnnMarie Fabricatore, her AP Language teacher. Shanell recalls, "I was terrified prior to each AP Language class because Ms. Fabricatore would demand the best and nothing less. And, although at times I felt that I was being tortured, I have never encountered an essay, article or research paper I could not handle because of her tutelage and guidance." Shanell continues to be grateful to her teachers at Saint Anthony's for giving her a strong foundation.

Upon graduation Shanell attended a small private college in Ohio called Hondros College for her Nursing degree, and she completed her Bachelor's in Nursing with Chamberlain University. In high school, Shanell thought of becoming a physician. She did a lot of shadowing and got a great deal of exposure to the healthcare field through her mother who is also a nurse. Shanell said, "When I got to college, I realized that I preferred to have direct contact with the patients. I love interacting with patients especially when you are playing a part in helping them to get well."

Shanell has worked in long-term facilities as a nursing supervisor and as a Director of Nursing. For the last nine years she has worked for Northwell Health. Initially, Shanell worked as an Oncology Nurse with patients in all stages of their cancer journey. She currently works as a Clinical Nurse Specialist to assist patients in connecting with all specialties. Although she loved clinical nursing because she "was able to impact patients' health in a more concrete way", she said, "Clinical nursing can be tough and some days as an Oncology Nurse were heartbreaking."

In administrative nursing Shanell found the opportunity to potentially change how nursing is practiced. She gained satisfaction from working on the expanding telemedicine services that are beneficial to patients that could not access healthcare previously. Although there are pros and cons to both clinical and administrative nursing, Shanell said, "I do miss seeing my patients more often."

After getting exposure to an anti-human trafficking program which Northwell was spearheading, Shanell decided to pursue her law degree. She had recently completed her Master's in Public Health and was assisting in creating a program that would help healthcare providers identify victims of human trafficking. It was through her interactions with all the other healthcare partners such as social workers, physicians, nurses and lawyers that Shanell wanted to do more, policy-wise, to effect change in protecting such victims. Her next step on her journey began.

Deciding to go to law school brought about a major change in Shanell's routing and she needed to secure family support. "Law school is usually a full-time 3 year program which is all consuming, but I needed to continue working so I enrolled in a part-time program that could fit into my schedule. Shanell stated, "It was honestly the toughest and most trying 4 years of my life, but it made me resilient." Shanell attended classes on Sundays and would do her assignments throughout the week. She advised, "I recommend that someone who is considering law school but still has to work, that they secure all family support they can get. The law school journey does not just involve the student, but also his/her family because of time commitment involved." Having a family support system who understands your commitment to your work makes the journey easier.

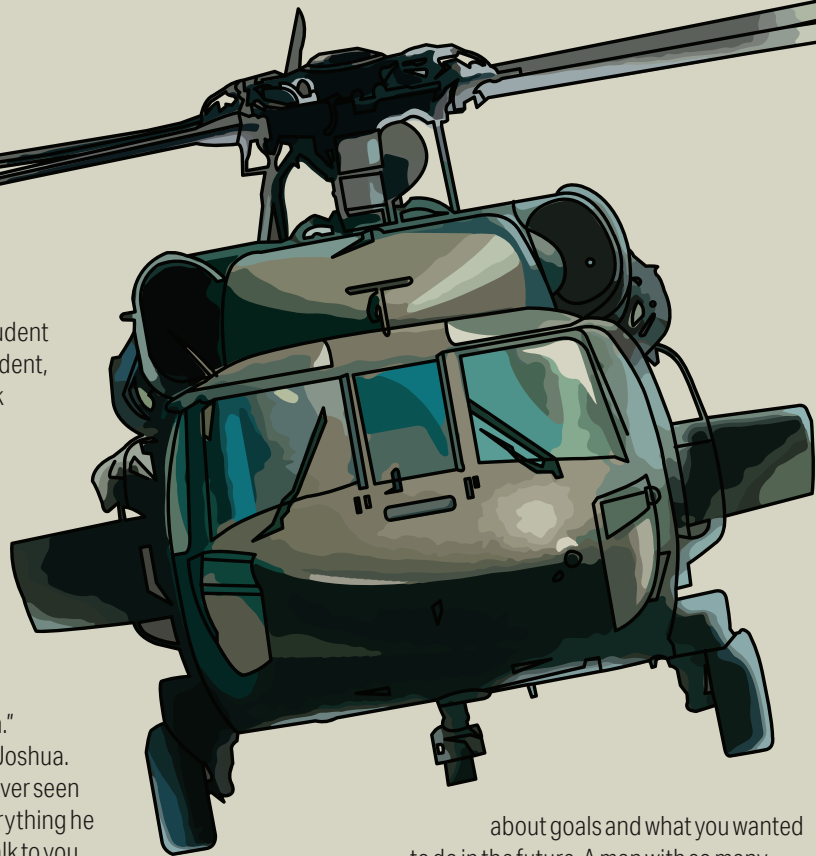
Shanell offered some good advice for current Saint Anthony's students who are considering a profession. She says, "Really expose yourselves to the industry which you are considering pursuing. It was pivotal to my decision-making to shadow my mentors because I could see the day-to-day activities of nurses and lawyers. I saw how exciting and how hard it could be at times. What we see on television is not really what it is like. And having an honest and informed view always makes for better choices. Also, don't give up if things do not work out as you planned. The right path will come to you when you least expect it."

As a student at Saint Anthony's Shanell Blanchard '08 was driven. Throughout her journey as a Friar, she developed a true love for academia. That passion has not only stayed with her, but has also flourished as an adult.

For four years Shanell studied French and Latin here at Saint Anthony's. Shanell explained that it was Dr. Christina Buehler's ability to juggle being an excellent teacher and work on her PhD in French Literature that "instilled a love of learning that drives me to pursue academia relentlessly." She also taught Shanell the valuable lesson that time management is the key to success. Another very influential teacher in Shanell's

**B**ack in 2012, Richard Blount '12 was a very busy student here at Saint Anthony's. He was Senior Class President, a Schola member, a Show Choir member and track athlete who specialized in hurdles, long jump and high jump. Although his life was a little hectic, Rich states he loved every minute of his time here.

Much of his love for Saint Anthony's is rooted in those faculty and staff who left an indelible mark on him. Rich explained, "There was Paul "P Wash" Washington (a Government teacher and Football Coach at the time) who was this handsome, big guy that you literally looked up to. He would sit and talk about anything, even if you weren't on the football team." Another man who greatly influenced Rich was Brother Joshua. He said, "Brother Joshua was a real stickler, but I had never seen a man who was so dedicated and passionate about everything he did." Rich Reichert, who was Rich's PE teacher would "talk to you



about goals and what you wanted to do in the future. A man with so many championships, so much success and a super genuine guy." Mrs. Terry Kiernan instilled in Rich a "real love of Math which is evident in my career." Senora Maritza Acosta taught Rich "to love language and to be loving." His teachers had a profound effect on him. He was also greatly impacted by his track and basketball coaches. JV Basketball Coach Tom Custance cut Rich as a sophomore. This was devastating to Rich. He had played all his life and knew he was very undersized here. He stated, "I remember Durelle Napier giving me a big hug when I found out I was cut. He told me just keep working and "when you step on the court, you have to think you are the best person out there and nobody is going to stop you". But after some discussion with Athletic Director Don Buckley, Coach Custance decided he would take me. He made me a role player a superstar. He was such a great instructor and so encouraging. His team was like family." Coach Herbert, Rich's track and field coach, was the first person to tell Rich that he was "a natural athlete." Rich added, "Tough love was the way he coached us, but he pushed us and what seemed negative at times was what propelled us to work harder. He had a heart of gold. He actually bought me my first pair of real running shoes. He was always giving us extra gear he received at meets, etc. He was just one of those men who was caring to all of us."

Upon graduation, Rich attended Hofstra University, joined ROTC and was a Mechanical Engineering major. Rich found the program very demanding and he was not earning the grades he wanted. After some discussion with his ROTC Commanding Officer, Rich made a big decision and enlisted in the Army National Guard. For eight months, Rich trained as a helicopter mechanic. In 2015, he enrolled in SUNY Farmingdale and changed his major to Visual Communication and Graphic Design. Again, the influence of a Saint Anthony's teacher played a big part in his choice of major. "Mrs. Mastrodomenico taught Art History back then. She opened my eyes to my own artistic talent

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and to look at the whole picture when studying art." This course of study led to Rich becoming a freelance graphic designer and photographer for clients in multiple facets of business and entertainment.

While studying at Farmingdale, Rich worked full-time in the National Guard and was based out of Farmingdale. Rich was assigned to be an Honor Guard at military funerals. He also was tasked with training new soldiers on properly folding the flag, standing at complete attention, properly marching to burial sites. Rich said, "I really enjoyed helping people say their last goodbyes, however, some of the younger soldiers' funerals were difficult."

In 2021, Rich was assigned to the State Covid Response Mission where he oversaw the operations of pop up test sites—tracking testing, vaccines, soldier movement and logistics. When the Army was asked to go into nursing homes, Rich assisted soldiers with getting their EMT training. It was a very different assignment than he, or any of the other soldiers, had ever experienced.

In 2021, Rich volunteered for a deployment to Iraq where he would work as a helicopter mechanic. Prior to his departure in June 2022, he was trained and reclassified as a Black Hawk mechanic. In August of 2022, he flew off to Baghdad, Iraq. There he worked side-by-side with fellow soldiers, foreign nationals and military from around the world. Mrs. Acosta's AP Spanish class came in very handy when working with the Spanish soldiers! In November of 2022, Rich was relocated to Kuwait where he again worked as a helicopter mechanic. It was in January of 2023 that Rich was stationed in Al Asad Air Base in Iraq. For Rich, this was the best part of his deployment. Although he was a Staff Sergeant, Rich said, "I humbled myself because I was new to the Black Hawk. I would step back and listen when anyone of the surrounding soldiers could teach me something. During this part of my deployment, I was surrounded by an amazing group of soldiers and felt a part of a family." His deployment ended in May 2023.

Now back at home, Rich will take a few months before he reports to The Eastern Army Aviation Training Site in Pennsylvania where he will train soldiers to reclassify helicopter mechanics. Rich said, "I often looked at my classmates who were becoming doctors and lawyers. I didn't really feel a part of. However, I am certain that the military is where I should be and I hope to continue for decades." When asked, Rich explained two tattoos on his forearms. One says "Slick Rick" which is a reference to his father Ricky Blount who he lost at age two to lung cancer. "I grew up hearing about how commanding he was. How tall and handsome he was and how he carried himself. He was endearing and loved by all." The second tattoo says PROLIFIC which is a reference to a Nipsey Hussle song that begins, "I'm prolific, so gifted. I'm the type that's goin' to go get it."

Staff Sergeant Richard Blount is truly prolific and dedicated to his life's work. He would undoubtedly make his father "Slick Rick" very proud as he, too, is commanding, handsome and loved by all.



# ALUMNI NEWS



## 1981

Erik Mineo Class of 2000, Coach Keith Wieczorek Class of 1986, Captain James Schneider Class of 1981, Sean Perrotta Class of 2000 enjoyed some early season fishing this year. Nice catch, Friars!

## 1986

David Feather '86 of Feather Law Firm, P.C. has been selected to the 2022 New York Metro Super Lawyers List. The selection process for this honor combines peer nominations, peer review and in-house independent research, and only 5% of attorneys are selected as "Super Lawyers". This was the fourth consecutive year Mr. Feather has been bestowed this honor. Feather Law Firm, P.C. is a Garden City, New York-based boutique law firm focused exclusively in the areas of employment and labor law, as well as commercial litigation".

## 1991

Friar Alum Erin Kennedy '91 was recently awarded the James Madison Memorial Fellowship for NY State. The fellowship awards \$24,000 to a teacher who is going to pursue a Masters in US American History. Erin is in her 18th year of teaching and in her 3rd year at Mamaroneck HS where she teaches AP US History and US History and Government. Erin says her inspiration who instilled a passion for History was Mr. Dan O'Neill. Way to go, Friar!

## 1992

Friar Alum and Bellport High School teacher Andrew Budris(SAHS '92) has been recognized by the New York State Council for the Social Studies with the distinguished Outstanding High School Social Studies Classroom Teacher Award. Andrew shared that he would not be the teacher he is today if it was not for Social Studies teachers Mrs. Maryellen Fleming and Mr. Rich Roche Congratulations, Andrew! We are all very proud of you!



## 1996

Congratulations to Meredith Szypot Lauricella '96 and her husband Vincent on the birth of Michael Steven born on January 12, 2023. He weighed in at 7lbs., 3oz., 19.5in. Enjoy every minute of that beautiful young man.



## 1999

Congratulations to Leia Falcone DePalo '99, a Northport-East Northport Instructional Technology Resource Teacher working at both Ocean Avenue Elementary and Norwood Avenue Elementary in Northport, who was recognized by the Association of Suffolk Supervisors for Educational Technologies (ASSET) as a "Bright Light" for her work integrating technology into the classroom! Leia works with staff and students across grades K-4, diligently training teachers in one-on-one sessions and professional development workshops, developing techniques that minimize transition time, integrating technology into the school's curriculum, and assisting staff to master new technology aligned with district initiatives. DePalo was honored during a reception hosted by ASSET to recognize the accomplishments of educators, administrators or other district personnel who help make integrating technology into the classroom a smooth process and excellent learning experience for students. Thank you Leia for all you do.



## 2003

Alicia Kennedy, a Friar Alumna from the Class of 2003, is set to launch her debut book. As an esteemed food writer, Alicia's forthcoming work has already captured the attention of the press and generated considerable buzz. To pre-order, scan the code. We are all very proud of you!

## 2005

Magdalla Ganthier '05 went back to school during Covid and graduated from the Accelerated Nursing program at Stony Brook University and can't wait to give back and cater to those in need at a different level. Go Maggie!



Friar Alumni Brett Tepe '05 was sworn in on Sunday, January 8, 2023 as the Chief of Department for the Dix Hills Fire Department. Brett is a 3rd generation Chief of the Dix Hills Fire Department as well as a Town of Huntington Fire Marshall. His grandfather and father both served as Chiefs of the Dix Hills Fire Department. Pictured with Chief Tepe is Saint Anthony's classmate Terrence "TJ" Farrell '05 who was also sworn in to serve as the 2nd Assistant Chief. May God watch over and protect these former Friars and allow them to serve and protect their community diligently and always allow them and their members to come home safely to their families. Classmates for 4 years, Friars Forever.



Congratulations to Friars Amanda Tulley '06 and Terrence Regan '05 on their recent wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Quite a few Friars were in the wedding party! Many, many years of happiness, Mr. and Mrs. Regan.



## 2006

Congratulations to Leonardo and Lindsay (Colford) Calvo, both members of the Class of 2006, on the January 6, 2023 at 6:33pm arrival of their second son Logan Miles. Big brother Landon is excited to have a younger brother! Logan is also the grandson of Mrs. Maritza Acosta, our Foreign Language Chairperson!



## 2007

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Yeager '07 who were married this June. Their reception was at Land's End and they had a wonderful time!

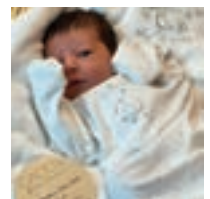


## 2008

Congratulations to Friar Alum Shanell Blanchard '08, RN who recently earned her law degree from Touro Law!



Congratulations to Friar Chris Hoey '08 and his wife Jillian on the birth of their son Caden Quinn. Born January 24th, 2023 weighing in at 8 lbs., 5 oz., Mom and Dad are looking forward to spoiling this little guy.



## 2009



Congratulations to Friar Alum James Stillwaggon and his wife Kelly on their new arrival. Patrick James Stillwaggon was born on June 2nd at 1:36pm, weighing 8lbs. 4oz. at Wellington Regional Hospital in Wellington, Florida.

## 2010



Very proud of Class of 2010 Friar Dr. Alex Snock, MD, class of 2010. Alex graduated medical school from Stony Brook University and will be staying for internal medicine residency. Great job, Dr. Snock!

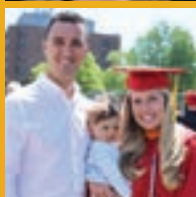
## 2011



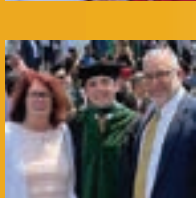
We are very proud of Dr. Andrew Ramirez '11 who completed his Residency Program at Stony Brook Hospital and has accepted a position to be an attending physician at Advent Health Altamonte in Orlando, Florida!! Andrew and his wife KC(Cerra) '11 are also expecting our first child together and he is due July 7th. Andrew and KC are very thankful to St. Anthony's for connecting their paths and allowing their friendship to blossom into such a beautiful marriage and relationship! Classmates for four years, Soulmates forever!



Congratulations to Dr Matthew Zsevc, SAHS '11 who earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia at Scranton. Way to go, Friar!

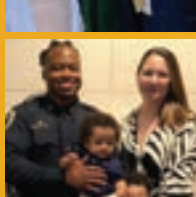


Congratulations to Friar Alum Jane Panarese '11 who was recently promoted to Director, Operations at Northwell Health. Couldn't be prouder!



Congratulations to Friar Alum Christine Della Ratta Tessar '11 on achieving her MSN RN from Stony Brook University.

## 2012



Very proud of Matthew Cabrera '12 who recently graduated from Georgetown's School of Medicine. Dr. Cabrera will begin his residency in General Surgery in California next month.

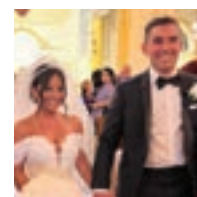
We are very proud of Friar Alum Dariyan "Cooda" Riley '12 who recently joined the Gretna Police Department in Louisiana. Pictured here with Friar Alum Cristina Buttler

'12 and their beautiful children DJ and Austin! Way to go, Friar! Staysafe!

Congratulations to two of our Friar Alumni who were married this summer - Matt Biscardi '12 and Kaitlin Tierney '13. We wish Mr. and Mrs. many years of happiness. Classmates for four years, Soulmates forever!

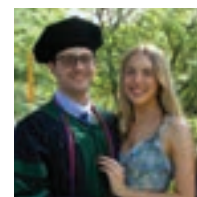
## 2013

Congratulations to Friar Alum Giovanna Bamundo '13 who was married to Dr. Anthony Pasquarella on June 3rd. Wishing this young couple much happiness!

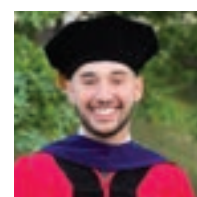


## 2014

Congratulations to Friar Alum Dr. Michael Savallo '14 who recently graduated from New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYIT-COM). Dr. Savallo will soon be doing his residency in Anesthesia in Westchester.

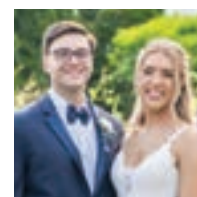


Congratulations to Nicholas Vota '14 who graduated from Saint John's Law School, Way to go, Esquire!



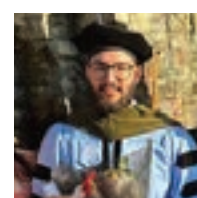
## 2015

Congratulations to Friar Alumni Allison Ritz '15 and Michael Savallo '14 who were married at Infant Jesus in Port Jefferson with a reception at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow.



## 2017

Congratulations to Dr. Yash Kakkar '17 who graduated from LIU Pharmacy this weekend! Well done, Friar!



## 2020

Friar Alum Jack Garvey '20 attended the Villanova School of Business Academic Excellence Ceremony where he was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma. Jack is 1 of 41 undergraduate students in the Class of 2024 to receive this prestigious honor. We are all proud of your accomplishment, Jack!



## 2022

Congratulations to Friar Alum Nick Lourenco '22 who was named The Big South Athlete of the Year. Nick, who attends High Point, specializes in pole-vaulting.





# ALUMNI EVENTS

## **Alumni Pre-Homecoming BBQ**

Friday, October 13, 2023 | 5pm  
Padre Pio Room

## **All Souls Alumni Memorial Mass**

Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Chapel and Dining Hall

## **Reunions**

Class of 1993 (30), 1998 (25),  
2003 (20), 2013 (10)  
Saturday, November 25, 2023  
Dining Hall

## **Alumni Breakfast with Santa**

Sunday, December 10, 2023  
Dining Hall

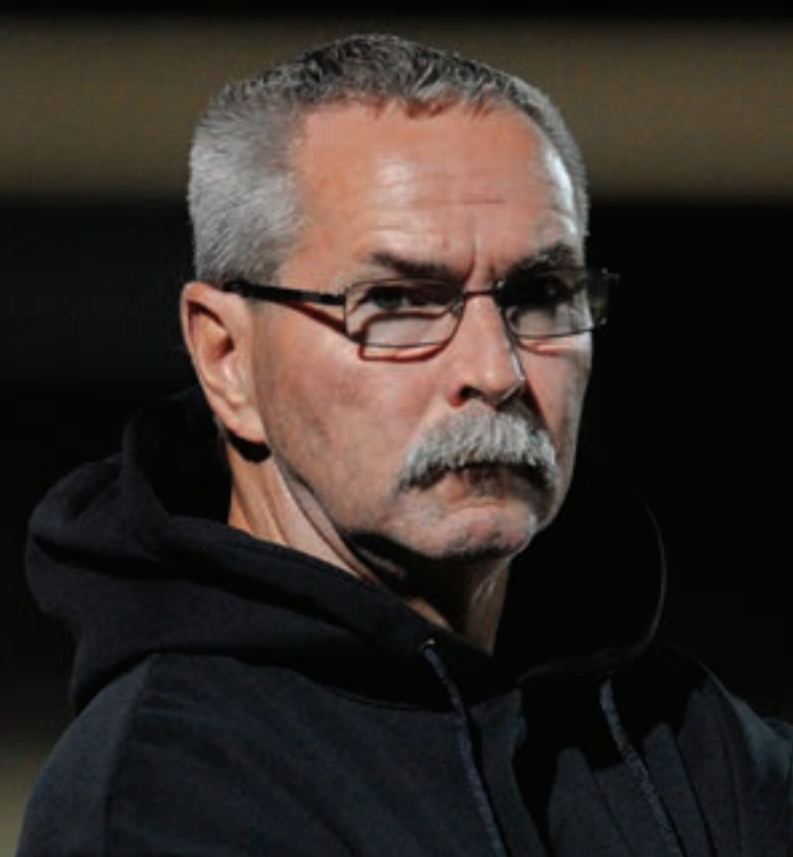
## **Friar Shield Network**

### **Blessing of the Shields Mass**

Sunday January 28, 2024 | 10am  
Chapel and Dining Hall

## **Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner**

Saturday March 1, 2024 | 7pm  
Flowerfield



# COMING SOON:

Please join us in honoring Coach Rich Reichert '70, an iconic member of Saint Anthony's High School.

The Complex is a \$5 million project that, when completed, will feature the following new facilities to the west side of the campus:

- > New Grand Entrance: 1 @ \$50,000
- > The Brother Joshua DiMauro Canteen/Concession: RESERVED
- > New Outdoor Covered Dining Area: 1 @ \$50,000
- > Dining Area Tables: 2 RESERVED 8 @ \$2,500 ea.
- > Walkway of Champions: 4 @ \$25,000
- > New All- Turf Baseball Field: 1 @ \$100,000
- > New All- Turf Softball Field: 1 @ \$100,000
- > New All-Turf Multipurpose Training Area: 1 @ \$25,000
- > New Baseball Scoreboard: 1 @ \$50,000
- > New Softball Scoreboard: 1 @ \$50,000
- > Lacrosse Shot Clock: 1 @ \$15,000
- > New Team Store: RESERVED
- > Walls of Honor (Recognition of All Saint Anthony's Championship Teams) 10 @ \$25,000 ea.
- > Dedication Benches: 5 @ \$10,000 ea.
- > New Landscaping: 1 @ \$50,000
- > Stadium American Flag; RESERVED
- > Stadium Saint Anthony's Flag: RESERVED
- > Stadium Papal Flag: 1 @ \$10,000
- > Stadium Field Center Logo \$10,000
- > Football Goal Posts: 2 @ 15,000 ea.
- > Football Endzones: RESERVED
- > Lacrosse Goals: 1 RESERVED 2 @ \$15,000 ea.
- > Soccer Goals: 2 @ \$15,000 ea.
- > Baseball Field Pitcher's Mound: RESERVED
- > Baseball Field Home Plate: RESERVED
- > Baseball Field First Base: RESERVED
- > Baseball Field Second Base: \$3,000
- > Baseball Field Third Base: \$3,000
- > Softball Dugout: \$10,000
- > Softball Field Pitcher's Mound: RESERVED
- > Softball Field Home Plate: \$3,000
- > Softball Field First Base: RESERVED
- > Softball Field Second Base: \$3,000
- > Softball Field: Third Base: \$3,000
- > Walkway of Champion Bricks: \$1,500 ea. (9x13)
- > Walkway of Champion Bricks: \$1,000 ea. (9x9)
- > Walkway of Champion Bricks: \$500 ea. (4.5x9)



**GRAND ENTRANCE**

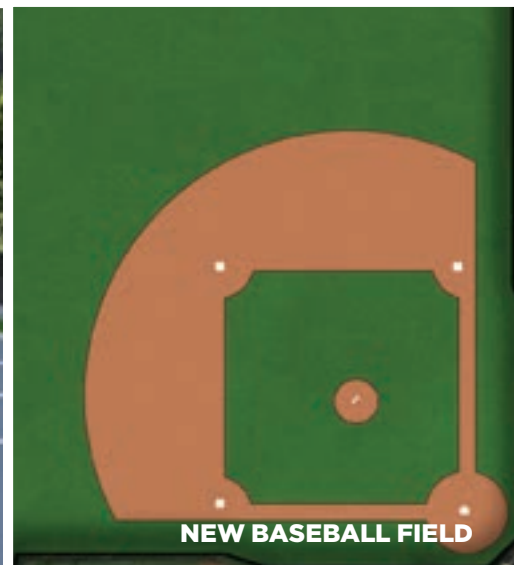


**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**

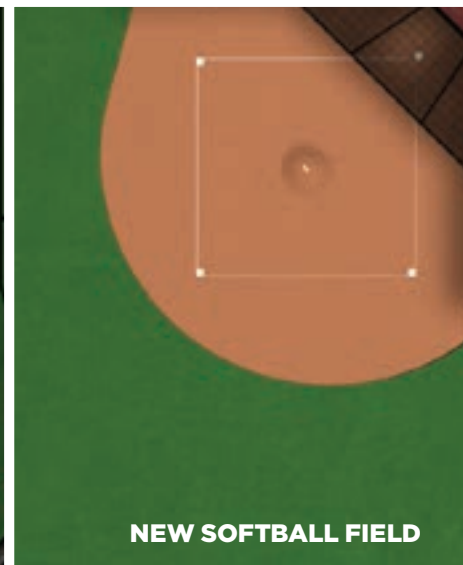


**NEW LANDSCAPING**

# THE NEW RICH REICHERT '70 ATHLETIC COMPLEX



**NEW BASEBALL FIELD**



**NEW SOFTBALL FIELD**



**WALKWAY OF CHAMPIONS**



**CONCESSION | RESTROOMS | COVERED PATIO | TEAM STORE**

## The Rich Reichert '70 Athletic Complex Table of Gifts

Necessary To Raise: \$2,500,000

Total Amount Raised To Date: \$1,301,474

Gift/Pledge Amount	# Needed	Received
\$200,000+	1	1
\$100,000+	3	4
\$50,000+	4	1
\$25,000+	6	4
\$10,000+	25	14
\$5,000+	200	26
\$3,000+	150	7
\$2,500+	120	9
\$1,500+	100	2
\$1,000+	150	47
\$500+	300	70
\$100-\$499	Many	55

Yes! We want to do our part for the completion of The Rich Reichert '70 Athletic Complex.

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Commemorative Brick(s)  \$500  \$1,000

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Development Office  
275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY 11747

Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Don Corrao at 631.271.2020 ext. 284 or email dcorrao@stanthonyshs.org

# BRIGHT FUTURES



Lilyana Baldi | Ithaca College



Elena Barry | SUNY Cortland



George Billups III | SUNY Maritime



Ryan Bothe | Salve Regina University



Aidan Brancaccio | Boston College



Victoria Bustamante | Molloy University



Maria Chiariello | Rider University



Connor Cole | University of Scranton



Kaleigh Darby | Hobart & William Smith Colleges



Bridget Darcy | Amherst College



Blair Davi | University of Chicago



Sean Dearie | Marist College



# AHEAD

Captured in this moment are some of our remarkable students as they officially pledge to the higher education institutions that will be the next stage in their journey of excellence. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements and look forward to seeing them flourish in their new academic and athletic endeavors.



Nicole DeCanio | St. Joseph's College



Kayla DeSousa | George Washington University



Amanda Dolan | University of Mary Washington



Lauren Fisher | Roanoke College



Olivia Glaser | Fairfield University



Katherine Grefski | University of Scranton



Mathew Gusmano | Lynn University



Andrew Haugen | Tufts University



Colin Johnston | Gettysburg University



Kurt Johnson | SUNY Polytechnic Institute



Mario Lilla | Hofstra University



Jillian Lopez | University of Scranton



Thomas Mackell | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



Owen Marquart | Fairfield University



Liam May | Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Joseph McGovern | Montclair State University



Michael Mugno | The Catholic University of America



Jillian Nicolosi | SUNY Cortland



Anthony Nielsen | Sacred Heart University



Sebastian Passarello | Hofstra University



Katie Powers | Manhattan College



Anthony Prisco | Manhattanville College



Frank Ruta | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



Madalyn Salkowsky | SUNY Cortland



Annabella Scolaro | Maine Maritime Academy



Daniel Scubla | Western Connecticut State University



Zachary Tanner | SUNY Oneonta



Michael Terry Jr | US Merchant Marine Academy



Christopher Thorsen | Caldwell University



Andrew Timson | Vassar College



Eamon Tonna | Fairfield University



Patrick Tonna | Loyola University Maryland



Kiera Udell | Loyola University Maryland



Jack Ward | DePaul University



Ashleigh Wetzel | University of New Haven



Hunter Wilson | Iona University

# A Friar's Legacy at the Cross Bay Swim

This year Brothers David, Vincent, Etienne and Ms. Creighton, Mrs. Regina and Mrs. Welling were spectators at the Annual Maggie Fischer Cross Bay Swim. It was great to see so many Friars participating and remembering Maggie. In 1999 the swim was dedicated to the memory of Maggie Fischer. She passed away just a few days before its' revival; she was scheduled to be a competitor.

Maggie was a seventeen year old senior at Saint Anthony's High School, born and raised in Brightwaters. In seventeen years she achieved more than what most could hope to do in a lifetime. She was one of the top students in her class, an accomplished member of the crew and swim teams, a great snow skier, a gifted flutist, and a dedicated lifeguard to the Saltaire community.

Maggie was a fourth generation Fire Islander. Both of her great-grandparents owned homes in Ocean Beach. Her fraternal grandparents summered on Fire Island since the early 1900's and were married in the Church in Ocean Beach in 1943. Maggie first visited her parent's Saltaire home when she was only 3 weeks old. Fire Island was a part of her very soul.

Maggie was the type of person who was described by friends as being "extremely generous and kind-hearted." She continually strived for perfection and most often achieved that goal. Maggie loved just having fun and the Swim is dedicated to that memory of her; the memory of the way she fully lived her life and of all the amazing things she accomplished in her seventeen years. Maggie is truly a Friar Forever!

Thanks to the generosity of family, many Saint Anthony's alumni, and family friends, a second Maggie Fischer Memorial Scholarship has been established and all of the proceeds from the 2023 Maggie Fischer Cross Bay Swim will provide the initial investment into the new scholarship. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Mr. Don Corrao, Director of Development of Saint Anthony's High School at 1-(631)-271-2020 ext. 284 or email him at: [dcorrao@stanthonyshs.org](mailto:dcorrao@stanthonyshs.org).





**Above left:** The Schreiber Family

**Above right:** Left to Right; Matt Danowski (Offensive Coordinator, Duke University), Doug Schreiber, Keith Wieczorek '86, Brennan O'Neill '20, John Danowski (Head Coach, Duke University)

**Below:** Owen Duffy '24



# Brennan O'Neill and Doug Schreiber Rack Up Top Honors in an Epic Year

We are thrilled to extend our heartiest congratulations to Brennan O'Neill on being honored as the 2023 Tewaaron Award Winner. This prestigious accolade is reserved for the most exceptional American college lacrosse players in the nation. As a junior, Brennan further distinguished himself by securing the title of the

performance as the MVP for Team USA at the Lacrosse World Championships stands as a testament to his exceptional skills. Remarkably, Brennan was the sole college athlete on the Team USA roster, yet he led the team in points.

The celebration was doubly special as Saint Anthony's Assistant Coach, Doug Schreiber, was honored with the Tewaaron Legends Award. This award celebrates extraordinary players who graced the field before 2001—the inception year of the Tewaaron Award. Doug Schreiber's illustrious career in lacrosse encompasses roles as a player, coach, and official. He boasts multiple achievements, including two-time first-team Junior College All-American and Nassau Community College Most Valuable Player honors. After transferring to the University of Maryland, he continued to shine as a two-time first-team All-American and was the captain of the 1973 NCAA championship team. He also clinched the title of the 1973 ACC Most Valuable Player.

This has indeed been an extraordinary year for Coach Keith Wieczorek '86 and the entire Saint Anthony's Lacrosse Program. The Varsity team concluded the season with an exceptional record of 12-1 and secured a distinguished #2 national ranking. Adding further acclaim to the program, the Friars won their fourth straight Catholic League and State Championship and University of North Carolina Chapel Hill bound senior, Owen Duffy '24, was named the US Lacrosse Northeast Player of the Year and US Lacrosse National Player of the Year.



2023 ACC Offensive Player of the Year. He spearheaded the Duke Blue Devils' journey to the NCAA Final, tallying an impressive career-high of 95 points—the highest in Division I this season. Moreover, his stellar

# SAINT ANTHONY'S HALL OF FAME HIGH SCHOOL



# CHAMPIONS REUNITE

By Broderick Prendergast '24

Whether on their chosen field of endeavor, in the classroom, or in their respective communities, Saint Anthony's alumni never cease to bleed black and gold, and they maintain the values their rigorous education instilled in them. A noteworthy group of alumni are the members of the dominant athletic program that Saint Anthony's has developed over time and continues to build on its tradition. It takes a team to accomplish greatness, but there are always exceptional student-athletes who make an indelible mark on their team. At the Saint Anthony's High School Hall of Fame Athletic Awards Dinner on June 13th, 2023, forty-two of these inspirational role models were inducted into the Saint Anthony's High School Hall of Fame for their accomplishments on and off the field. The saying "Classmates for four years, Friars forever!" resonates deeply with every student who attends Saint Anthony's, and the friendships made often develop into family. Both John-Kevin Dolce ('06) and Ryan Barnett ('04) corroborated that ideology about the school when they talked about how it feels to be a part of the Friar family. "Make sure to make good friendships. Sports accolades and winning is important of course, but 5, 10, 20 years after you graduate, the friendships you made and the ones that persisted are going to be what really matters" stated elite golfer Barnett. Dolce also spoke about the importance of companionship as he was honored for being an outstanding multi-sport athlete during the induction. Dolce expressed joy at the fact that even 17 years after graduating from Saint Anthony's, he still holds special connections with so many people from his class, as well as many he shared the room with that night.

What separates Saint Anthony's from other schools is its people. One such person is a former Saint Anthony's swimming prodigy. Elizabeth Darcy-Welling ('92) was another force in the pool posting impressive feats throughout her high school career. Welling came back to Saint Anthony's after college and has taught in the Theology department

for many years. As was previously mentioned, Saint Anthony's is not just a school centered around athletics.

Hall of Fame Inductee Marc Sambach ('73) of the Saint Anthony's Hockey program may have only been a student for four years and served as the hockey team's first ever captain, but he watched year by year as the hockey program as well as many other programs grew from the ground up, creating a special destination for athletes, and a unique experience that he defines as "scholarship, character, and faith". Working for more than fifty years behind the bench for the Friars, Sambach has seen many players come and go as they grew into young established adults that would go on to make big impacts in the hockey world and beyond. Sambach's influence on young hockey players across Long Island and in the community has made his name a staple for any youth hockey players looking to better themselves, whether it be for their skills, or their character.

Kaitlin Krause ('02) was an all-star caliber swimmer throughout her four years with the Friars, and when asked what advice she would give to the current and future Friar athletes that are in her former position, she shared "If you know your passion, follow it and if you don't know your passion, find it". Krause herself followed her passion for swimming through the collegiate level and beyond, bringing her to the present day where she is using her expertise to raise awareness for a rather dangerous but often forgotten issue. She recently established her non-profit Rising Tide Effect to provide water safety education and free swimming lessons to the most underserved communities in New York City, with the goal of decreasing water related injuries and deaths in these areas.

Five families were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2023 (Burke, Maue, Pomper, Sirignano, Trombino) for their athletic prowess, and the impact they had here at Saint Anthony's High School. One of these families was none other than the Trombino family - Brian ('02), Peter ('03), and Christopher ('06). The Trombino's were gifted multi-sport athletes and leaders

during their four years for the Friars. All three brothers elaborated on what got them to where they are today, and attributed the work ethic the school instilled in them to the reason for their well-rounded success. When Brian Trombino was asked his emotions when he first learned he and his two brothers would receive the honor, his mind first went to his Dad. Brian continued by describing how he had wished their Dad was able to see the accomplishments they had earned that night, and that he was and will remain deeply missed.

While there has always been a noteworthy consensus that Saint Anthony's fosters "a powerful dedication and perseverance to succeed" in the words of prestigious wrestler Stephen Russ ('07), there is one more quality that Saint Anthony's evidently nurtures and develops. There is an unwavering feeling of pride that each student feels when they step foot in the school that fuels every advancement the school has made, and brings a thunderous positivity to our athletic department as well. Chuck Sanaga ('73) was the member of four championship soccer teams during his tenure in the black and gold, and he exclaimed that pride was at the core of each and every one of those championship victories. Sanaga was repetitive with his attribution of success to his sense of pride, and he did not neglect to mention that he still carries that sense of pride with him nearly fifty years later. It is obvious that many athletes agree with him about the importance of pride to the school, as so many top student-athletes in Saint Anthony's history joined him to honor the success of the Black and Gold that night.

While walking around the event hall there was a reinvigorated sense of pride amongst the alumni as they told hundreds of stories from their competitive years, detailing not only why they were being inducted, but why Saint Anthony's is such an outstanding and one of a kind school. As the night moved along and eventually came to an end, so many friendships that were formed during their years as student-athletes were rekindled and it brought a sense of reality to the phrase "Friars Forever!".



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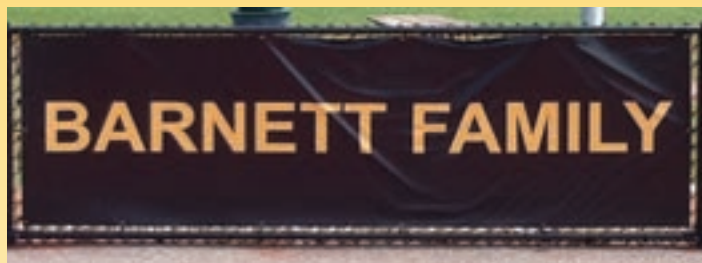
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# *Matthew LoNigro*

On May 10th, 2023, the Saint Anthony's family lost a cherished loved one – Matthew LoNigro. Matt and his family have been connected to Saint Anthony's for over 5 decades. He left behind his wife, Julia and his two incredible children. Matthew, Jr, aged 20 and Abigail, aged 16. As both a player and a coach, Matthew had a true passion for lacrosse. His greatest loves, however, were his family and giving back for all he had.

A dear friend of Matthew, Father Frank Pizzarelli gave the homily at his funeral. Father Frank said,

*"We have lost a powerful example of what community and reaching out to others is really supposed to be about. These are crazy times. We need more people with Matt's passion and commitment to helping others, with the purpose of giving back. His heart and random acts of kindness were the hallmark of his life. The world is a better place because Matt LoNigro walked among us. His power of example and his profound gratitude will live on to inspire so many others to embrace the process of change and transformation and to realize that they too can make the world a better place."*

Rest in peace, Matthew.

# Getting to Know Brother David Migliorino

**Q. Hi, Brother. Thanks for agreeing to sit down with us so that we can get to know you better. Can you tell us your given name?**

**BDM:** Yes. My name before taking my vows was John Migliorino. My parents called me Johnny.

**Q. Where were you born? Did you have any brothers or sisters?**

**BDM:** I did have an older brother who passed away before I was born. I was born in a hospital run by The Sisters of Charity of New York, Saint Vincent's Hospital in NYC.

**Q: What is your favorite childhood memory?**

**BDM:** Eating bagels and cream cheese with my parents.

**Q: What is your favorite meal?**

**BDM:** Veal Cutlet Parm with lots of Angel Hair pasta!

**Q: If you could spend a day with anyone, either dead or living, who would you choose?**

**BDM:** Absolutely Mother Seton. I would want to talk to her about Catholic education and schools and thank her for all of her work as a founder of Catholic education.



**Q: What is your favorite movie?**

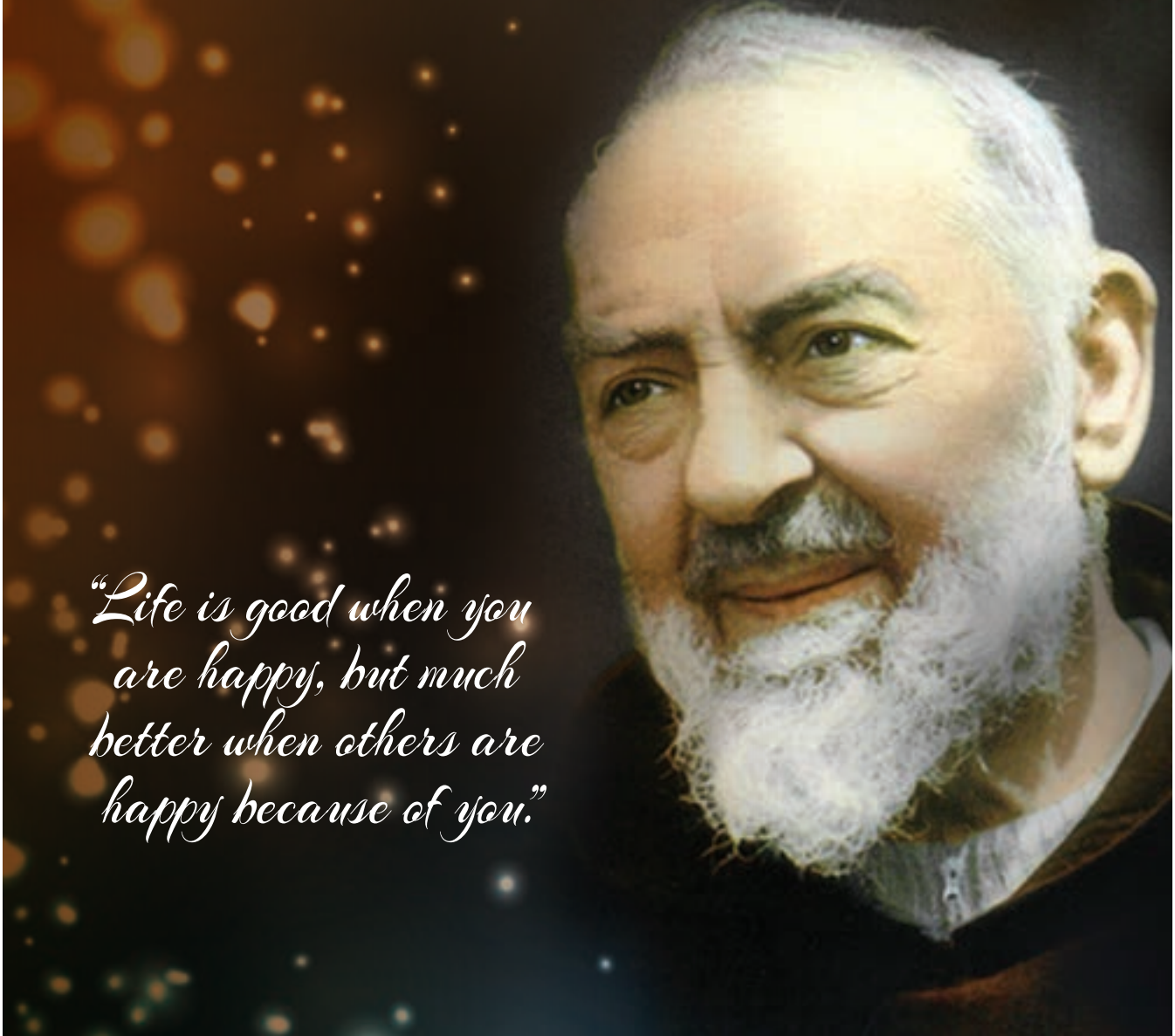
**BDM:** Well...The Bells of Saint Mary's, Ben Hur and The Good Liar

**Q: What is your favorite TV show?**

**BDM:** I Love Lucy

**Q: What is your favorite saying?**

**BDM:** Always keep God as your number one priority is, of course, a big part of my day-to-day life. I have also been known to say "Anything can be solved over a cup of coffee and a nice piece of coffee cake. And one everyone knows "Brother loves ya!"



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*“During these challenging times, I am praying every day that our world embodies the virtues of Padre Pio and that together we are able to renew the bonds of love, care, and friendship. In doing so, let us be called upon to demonstrate true love and concern for each other.”*

*—Brother David Anthony Migliorino, OSF, Principal*

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