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FROM THE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

"Our view comes from the heart of the Church but always gazing out to the world. That's where we find our mission." This guiding vision from our last Jesuit general congregation is clear. While keeping grounded in the strongest of traditions, we are always to be looking outward. This vision is also true for Canisius High School today.

"Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving, and Committed to Doing Justice." Graduates of Jesuit high schools in recent decades will recognize these five characteristics that we hope each of our graduates will embody by the time of his graduation.

We expect our grads to be rooted in these characteristics, these qualities, as they leave our hallowed halls much as St. Ignatius Loyola prepared his Jesuits and sent them boldly into the world. It's a boldness tempered by humility, fidelity, integrity, and compassion, and yet marked by confidence, courage, grit, and wit.

Many of our graduates enrich our community with their talents, while others explore opportunities beyond Buffalo and our nation. In this issue of CHS Today, you will meet **Michael Wehrle '81** who founded a dental clinic in Mexico to treat children who would not otherwise have access to proper dental care. **Ed Sippel '91** manages a successful business in Hong Kong and is raising his family as global citizens, following an example set by his father, **Dr. Robert Sippel '47**. After studying and interning in Sweden, **Corey Retell '13** has joined the Peace Corps and will work in a less stable part of the world. These are just three of the alumni stories that begin on page 6.

Students also gain first-hand experiences of different parts of the world. **Alex Setteducati '20** has traveled on medical missions and assisted doctors under challenging conditions. During his Ignatian service immersion trip to Nicaragua, **Jack Manka '19** discovered that he's interested in doing more service work in that part of the world. Through Model U.N., **Jimmy Twist '19** has found a

deepening desire to learn more about international conflicts. You'll find these and other student profiles beginning on page 12.

"Many of our graduates enrich our community with their talents, while others explore opportunities beyond Buffalo and our nation."

This issue of CHS Today also serves as our annual report and we're deeply grateful to each of our supporters who have contributed to another financially successful year at Canisius. Simply put, we cannot fulfill our mission without you.

Thank you to the more than 600 members of the Canisius community who celebrated Alumni Weekend and the memories and friendships forged at Canisius. Alumni from all over the world came home to Canisius to catch up with classmates and teachers. I enjoyed being with these loyal sons and listening to countless stories that revealed warm affection and great enthusiasm for the alma mater.

The bonds that unite alumni through many decades are the principles upon which Canisius was founded and which remain in sharp focus today. As our sesquicentennial celebration approaches in 2020, we are in the process of gazing outward, and creating a bold vision for Canisius, so that generations of Crusaders to come will be prepared to serve the Church, our community, our nation, and our world.

Thank you for your continued support and care for Canisius High School.

Blessings and gratitude,


Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.

FROM THE

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

There is nothing – nothing – I have done as an educator that has been more rewarding than traveling internationally with our students. Canisius has had a solid foreign travel program since the mid 1980s. Before I became principal, I conducted a trip overseas every Easter and a few summers with our students, except for the year of the first World Trade Center bombing. We were supposed to go to Egypt that year but the U.S. State Department instituted a travel ban 28 days before our departure date.

During my time at Canisius I've been fortunate to travel with our students to Portugal, Spain, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece, the Soviet Union and China. There is no way to explain or show students in a classroom the full experience of actually going to these places and immersing themselves in the culture.

We have sailed the Adriatic and the Grand Canal in Venice, had audiences with Popes John Paul and Benedict and been announced to the entire St. Peter's Square. We watched experts make parmesan cheese, olive oil, gelato, champagne and perfume and visited the Ferrari and Lamborghini factories. We've taken cooking lessons in Tuscany and the South of France and made our own pizza from scratch, baking it in a stone oven. Our students have been to a bull fight in Seville, learned the flamenco and how to polka. They've gone on treasure hunts to all sorts of small shops in Rome, learning to communicate and putting them at ease in an intimidating city. We experienced communism firsthand. We toured salt mines a mile underground. We've done the penitents walk at Fatima and moved quietly, sadly and respectfully through Auschwitz, Dachau, Mathausen and the American cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy. We enjoyed concerts with music from the great composers alongside the folk music of individual

cultures. We've also eaten great food at its sources – pasta, chocolate, crepes, pierogi, fish and chips, shepherd's pie, schnitzel and bratwurst. We've seen the manmade beauty of St. Peter's Basilica, the Great Wall, the Parthenon, Versailles, the czar's winter palace, Big Ben, cathedrals and castles. We've also beheld the natural beauty of the Alps and the Tatras, the Rhine and the Mediterranean, the Amalfi coast, the Isle of Capri and the white cliffs of Dover.

So many of our students who have traveled have gone on to study, live and/or work in one or more of the places we've visited. Travel changes lives! You'll read some of these stories on the pages ahead from alumni whose careers have taken them to faraway lands, to current students whose interest in international travel is just beginning to blossom.

At Canisius we aim to encourage global thinking in our students whether it be through the foreign language curriculum requirement (French, Latin, Mandarin or Spanish), or our campus ministry programs which foster an ongoing desire to serve the needs of others both in Western New York and through trips to other countries. Today's technology is also providing opportunities, and as part of a worldwide network of Jesuit schools our students are able to connect with students on the other side of the world at Jesuit schools in Micronesia.

As I told the class of 2018 on graduation night, Canisius is not a place you come to, but a place you go from. A vast, amazing world awaits them.

Respectfully,



Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres



A GLOBAL FAMILY

TRAVELING THE WORLD, LIVING AND LEARNING ABROAD,
IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR MULTIPLE GENERATIONS IN THE SIPPEL FAMILY.

The Sippel family has always had an appreciation for the world beyond Canisius High School. Patriarch **Dr. Robert Sippel '47** served as a lieutenant and dentist in the U.S. Navy, traveling overseas with the United States Sixth Fleet. Based on those experiences, Dr. Sippel encouraged his six children – including **Thomas '80, Paul '81, Matthew '82 and Edward '91** – to experience other places. These Crusaders took it to heart.

Tom has lived in Mexico, Paul in Australia, and Matt in Hong Kong. And, Ed and his wife are currently raising their daughter and two sons in Asia where Ed has worked in the private equity industry for more than two decades.

“My father instilled in us an international leaning with the idea of giving kids both roots and wings – something we all carry on with our kids today,” Ed Sippel explains. “That idea was certainly influenced by the Jesuits at Canisius High School who taught us to take a broad view of the world.”

At Canisius, Ed rowed, played football and hockey, and was involved in student government. He then earned a degree from Georgetown University and started his investment career with Morgan Stanley in New York City. In 1997, he was offered an opportunity with an international private equity firm doing business throughout Asia. He has been in Hong Kong ever since.

Ed has served as a partner, managing director, and head of Asia operations for private equity firms in Hong Kong. Today, he runs the Asia operations of TA Associates, a global firm that focuses on investments in high growth companies. While Ed's wings took him to another continent, his roots have kept him connected to friends and family back home.

He met his wife, Erin, while vacationing at the Sippel family's summer home in Canada. She's also from Buffalo, but the couple chose to marry in Ireland with their wedding officiated by Canisius president Fr. David S. Ciancimino, S.J. who also baptized the couple's three children. Ed comes home to the Buffalo area often, noting that although his kids are multilingual world travelers, their sports allegiance is to the Bills and Sabres.

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Ed says that while Hong Kong is an international city and a global hub for finance throughout the world, life there is not so different from back home. An estimated 70,000 Americans work and live in Hong Kong and there is still some influence from when the territory was a British colony. “Like Western New Yorkers, people in Hong Kong are hardworking and focused on family and education,” he points out. “We feel welcomed and comfortable here.”

The family tradition started by Dr. Sippel at Canisius continues today with his grandson, Paul's son **Daniel '20**, beginning his junior year in the fall. “A common thread through much of the Sippel family's world travels is Canisius,” Ed Sippel concludes. “Being taught by the Jesuits, whose mission is borderless, certainly made us more globally minded.”

Dr. Robert Sippel '47 and Ed Sippel '91.

SMILES, SOUTH OF THE BORDER

DR. MICHAEL WEHRLE '81 PROVIDES DENTAL CARE FOR UNDERSERVED FAMILIES IN MEXICO.

More people are smiling in Puebla, Mexico thanks to **Dr. Michael Wehrle '81**. Dr. Wehrle is founder and CEO of the Wehrle Implant Immersion Center in Puebla where doctors from around the world come to learn the latest in dental implant technology.

Dr. Wehrle is a leading expert in dental implantology and shares his knowledge at the center through various courses and hands-on training. Revenues from the center fund the ministry Dr. Wehrle helped start to bring better dental health and wellness to the underserved in the Puebla area – called the Business As Mission (BAM) Center. BAM is a Christian ministry that provides needy citizens with dental care as well as help with projects such as clean water systems, orphanages and housing construction.

“As my siblings and I were growing up, my mother taught us to help others.”

Dr. Wehrle says he knew he wanted to be a dentist when he was eight years old. Raised by his single mother in a family of eight on Buffalo's west side, Dr. Wehrle also knew what it was like to endure financial hardship. He worked to pay his own tuition at Canisius. A scholarship in his fourth year at Canisius enabled him to save money to attend the University of Dallas which lead to dental school. The combined experiences drive him to this day.

“Even with all her struggles as my siblings and I were growing up, my mother taught us to help others,” Dr. Wehrle recalls. “That was reinforced at Canisius High School by my instructors through their teaching and examples of service that they lived.”

In addition to Puebla, Dr. Wehrle gives equally to people in need in Texas, where he has practiced dentistry for over 25 years. He founded and serves as the chairman of the Northeast Tarrant County Dental Clinic which helps underserved children in an area between Dallas and Fort Worth.

At Canisius, Dr. Wehrle remembers not believing in God and being challenged by the Jesuit teachers to defend his beliefs. “That challenge taught me to be very analytical which has been key to the success of my career and my ministries,”



he says. After meeting and marrying his wife, Tammy, who helped lead him to Christ, Dr. Wehrle immersed himself in the Christian faith, strengthening his belief in the importance of using one's talents to help others.

In the mid-1990s, Dr. Wehrle funded a scholarship at Canisius with the stipulation that the recipients would promise to give back in some way as he did.

“Canisius gave me a leg up in college, dental school and throughout my career and life in general,” Dr. Wehrle concludes. “I hope the Wehrle Scholarships have inspired other Crusaders to serve God and their fellow man.”



MAN OF THE WORLD

SHAWN PEARCE '94 OPENED A WINERY IN ARGENTINA AFTER TRAVELLING OR LIVING IN 34 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

Shawn Pearce '94 has international roots.

His father moved from London, England to Buffalo in the 1960s to work at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. His younger brother and sister were adopted from Bogota, Columbia as infants. Pearce – also adopted – and his family visited his grandmother and other relatives in London every year as he was growing up.

From those roots grew a life journey that has taken Pearce to dozens of countries. “I’ve been curious my whole life. I once took part in a daily yoga session in a park in India, and I would take a rickshaw to work. I sought to experience the daily life of others and have culturally enlightening experiences,” Pearce recalls.

After graduating from Canisius High School, Pearce earned a bachelor’s degree in business and economics from Wake Forest University. During his time at Wake Forest, he studied abroad in England and backpacked throughout Europe. He moved to London for his first job out of college, trading emerging market interest rate derivatives for a company that was part of AIG.

With plans to travel, Pearce saved money and left the company to see more of the world. This time he visited South Africa. He eventually joined KPMG as a consultant and lived in New Delhi, India. He again saved his money left KPMG for more travel, skiing in Argentina and Chile, and exploring Cuba and Mexico. He returned to the U.S. and earned a dual master’s degree in international economic policy and Latin American studies from Columbia University.

Upon graduating, Pearce traded Latin American derivatives at Merrill Lynch, now part of Bank of America. He met his wife – Celia Vicente Pearce, a native of Argentina who was living in New York City. They married in New York in 2005, and held a second reception for her family in Mendoza, Argentina.

“I sought to experience the daily life of others and have culturally enlightening experiences.”

The couple moved to Santiago, Chile with their 10-month old daughter. There, Pearce set up a local trading desk for Merrill Lynch. He eventually became global COO for emerging markets, overseeing 15 offices in major cities around the world. The new position enabled the family to move back to Buffalo. Meanwhile, with an interest in wine piqued on visits with his wife’s family in Mendoza, Pearce purchased a 46-acre vineyard in Argentina in 2011.

Having completed a winemaker certification in California, Pearce began producing wine under the name Familia Vicente Pearce. He and his family are spending this summer in Mendoza where he will work at the vineyard and winery. Pearce expects to import his first wine into the United States later this year and will distribute the wine with the help of fellow Crusader Matthew Vukelic '94 and Try-It Distributing. Pearce invites the Canisius community to follow his wine journey on Instagram @FVPwines.



WHEN IN ROME

FR. HENRY "HANK" LEMONCELLI, OMI '68 HAS SERVED IN THE VATICAN FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES.

Fr. Hank Lemoncelli OMI '68 works from an office overlooking the colonnade of St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

"People dream a lifetime of coming here and get to spend maybe an hour or an afternoon as tourists," Fr. Lemoncelli says. "I pass St. Peter's Square every day – I always stop to look at the beautiful surroundings and remind myself I can never take it for granted."

Growing up on the west side of Buffalo, Fr. Lemoncelli attended church and grammar school at Holy Angels parish. The school was staffed by the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart while the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) served the parish. Both orders greatly influenced the young student. In fact, Fr. Lemoncelli wrote a paper in the sixth grade about wanting to become a priest. Presciently, an Oblate in the parish predicted the young man would end up in Rome one day.

During third grade, Fr. Lemoncelli's teacher told his parents that if he kept up his schoolwork, he would be Canisius High School material. "She planted the seed in my parents' minds – I was going to Canisius," Fr. Lemoncelli recalls.

Fr. Lemoncelli worked at Holy Angels parish doing maintenance while he attended high school. He notes the experience with Jesuit teachers convinced him even more that he wanted to be a priest, and he was leaning toward the parish life he observed

through the Oblates. He says he learned how to study at Canisius, with three hours of homework after school being an easy night. He felt it prepared him for all the studying that was ahead.

After entering the Oblate Juniorate in 1968, Fr. Lemoncelli did his philosophical studies at Oblate College in Washington, D.C. and his theological studies at the Gregorian University in Rome. He took his first vows in 1971 and his perpetual vows in Rome in 1976. He later earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Lowell in Massachusetts.

After serving in numerous roles during his priesthood – including grammar school principal, high school teacher and principal, chaplain, and dean of a seminary college – Fr. Lemoncelli was called to Rome in 1999. Today, as study assistant for the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Fr. Lemoncelli's department oversees matters relating to the taking of religious vows. He has met Pope Benedict and Pope Francis during his time at the Vatican.

Fr. Lemoncelli came home to Buffalo for the first time in 21 years this past June to attend his 50 year reunion at Canisius. He served as the homilist at the Alumni Weekend Mass in the Canisius chapel. The visit marked Fr. Lemoncelli's first time back at the school in 50 years, and he says the Alumni Weekend events exceeded his expectations.

AN AMERICAN IN LONDON

DAVID CURTIN '76 CALLS ENGLAND HOME AFTER SERVING AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

David Curtin '76 is learning to play the cello during his retirement in London.

"It is something I have always wanted to do but could never find the time," Curtin says. "I have had an interest in the arts and the classics since my freshman year at Canisius High School. Now, my wife and I take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy the culture in London."

Curtin landed in the capital of the United Kingdom two decades ago when he was working as an attorney for Jones Day, one of the largest law firms in the world. After Canisius, he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Princeton University and graduated magna cum laude from Boston College Law School.

After Jones Day, Curtin headed the legal departments for a global communications company and an international insurance group of companies in London. Prior to retiring roughly three years ago, he was head of the legal department for Europe, the Middle East and Africa for a global bank in England.

In each position, Curtin says he often acted as a cultural translator, helping American and British companies navigate cultural differences and communicate more clearly. He credits a well-rounded education at Canisius for preparing him for his career abroad.

"My wife – also an attorney and a Londoner – has heard a lot about Canisius," Curtin laughs. "But, I had some hugely inspirational teachers at Canisius who sparked my interest in literature, the arts, and music which grew in college and law school. It is easy for me to feel at home in London."

Curtin notes Canisius is in his family's blood. His grandfather, **John J. Curtin 1910**, father, **Daniel '41**, and brothers **Daniel '69**, **Peter '71**, **Andrew '74** and **Paul '80** are all alumni. His uncle, renowned Federal District Judge **John T. Curtin '39**, uncles **Joseph Curtin '40**, **James Curtin '44**, and **D. Lawrence Whissel '46**, and many cousins from his large Irish Catholic family are Crusaders as well. While he says the decision to attend Canisius was pretty much made for him, he feels extremely fortunate for the opportunity.

"I had some hugely inspirational teachers at Canisius."

In addition to playing the cello, Curtin uses his time in retirement in service to others. He is chair of the board of governors for a primary school in East London that aims to overcome educational challenges in an economically deprived area of the city. He and his wife also participate in fundraising events for a number of charities in the United Kingdom.



PEACE TRAINING IN UKRAINE

COREY RETELL '13 HEADS OVERSEAS TO SERVE IN THE PEACE CORPS.

A Companions service immersion trip took **Corey Retell '13** to the Dominican Republic during his junior year at Canisius High School. While his classmates seemed immediately affected by their experiences on the trip, Corey says it took a while for the significance to sink in for him. But, sink in it did.

Retell was recently accepted into the Peace Corps and is leaving this summer to serve in Ukraine for a 27-month commitment. He will be assigned to a public school where he'll assist a Ukrainian high school teacher with students who are learning English. Retell says his parents are supportive, but not exactly thrilled with his decision. He kiddingly tells them they are partly responsible because they sent him to Canisius High School.

"Canisius taught me that it is okay to go outside of your comfort zone. That's how you learn about yourself and the world," Retell says. "The Companions trip was hard work. We spent two weeks building a road, mixing cement by hand, and we used only wheelbarrows and shovels. I am not the same person without that high school experience."

After Canisius, Retell earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy, politics and economics from University of Pennsylvania. In college, he studied abroad in Stockholm, Sweden where he helped his host family and other Swedes master the intricacies of the English language. While at Penn, he applied to the Peace Corps but was not accepted. "At that point, I found out it's not that easy to get into the Peace Corps," Retell recalls. Upon graduating, Retell entered Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, however, he found he wasn't happy there.

"While I was in Atlanta, I volunteered at an elementary school teaching English to Spanish speaking students," says Retell. "I loved it and it gave me the experience I needed to be accepted into the Peace Corps when I applied again."

Retell will begin his Peace Corps mission training in Kyiv. He says he chose Ukraine as an assignment preference because he is interested in European and Soviet history. After training, he will be assigned somewhere in Ukraine. He notes his assignment will not be near the unrest in the Crimean peninsula caused by Russian military intervention there in 2014.

"I am not writing off law school in the future" says Retell, acknowledging that life is a journey of many steps. "I think I've come a long way since that Companions trip with Canisius."

"I am not the same person without that high school experience."



Corey Retell '13 spent the summer in Sweden before heading to Ukraine.

GLOBAL LEARNING

Learning about cultural differences and the resources, expertise and conflicts that exist beyond our borders helps students prepare for their futures. On the next few pages, five current Canisius students share a bit about themselves and what they are learning about the world through service programs, traveling abroad with family, and clubs with an international focus.



JACK MANKA '19

"We experienced what Canisius teaches about not just being a 'man for others' but a 'man for and with others.'"

HOMETOWN: East Amherst

FAVORITE CLASS/TEACHER: I've always had an interest in history, and Mr. Wolf (Will Wolf '09) has been particularly helpful to me. He was my first advisor at Canisius, he welcomed me into the Canisius community, and he also led my Companions service immersion trip to Nicaragua this year.

FAVORITE ACTIVITY AT CHS: I look forward to volleyball season. My teammates are like brothers to me.

COLLEGE PLANS: Law, broadcasting and sports management are all fields of study that I've thought about, but I'm undecided at this point. Hopefully I'll attend the University of Michigan, although I'm expanding my horizons to consider other schools too.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: My Companions trip to Nicaragua in February of this year was probably one of the best experiences I've ever had. It was eye-opening for me since I'd never been exposed to that form of poverty before. The work we did was laborious and it took a lot of effort, but there was also a significant mental process the entire trip. It was adjusting to the situation we were in and understanding that the people we met don't have what we have. We experienced what Canisius teaches about not just being a "man for others" but a "man for and with others," and I formed bonds not just with the other students on the trip but also the people of Nicaragua.

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST: My family has traveled internationally for vacations to Mexico and St. Martins. Now that I've done the service trip to Nicaragua I'm interested in doing more traveling in that part of the world and doing more service with the people there. Being able to help people in need is important. I also learn a lot from them.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: Get involved in as much as you can. Your time here flies by more quickly than you can imagine.



Jack Manka talks with a new friend in Nicaragua.



AMIT KOLLI '19

"Seeing people suffering has influenced me to try to help people in our community."

HOMETOWN: Grand Island

FAVORITE CLASS/TEACHER: U.S. History – I like learning about the past and how we got to where we are today. Plus, Mr. Rizzo (**Sam Rizzo '97**) is a great teacher who finds ways to engage us.

ACTIVITIES: With Model U.N. I enjoy political debates and learning about other countries. It's given me new perspectives on how other countries view what is happening in the world.

RETREATS: I chose not to do an Emmaus retreat because I didn't want to commit the time and have to make up a lot of school work. I pushed myself in my junior year to try new experiences and made a Kairos retreat. It was enlightening. I made new friends and was able to open up without feeling like I was pressured. As a result, I'm now even more open to new experiences.

COLLEGE PLANS: The University of Michigan is my first choice, and I plan to major in biology on a pre-med track. Both my mom and dad are doctors, and my brother (**Ajay Kolli '13**) is in medical school. I'm doing an epidemiology internship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute this summer.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Traveling opens you up to new cultures and perspectives, and I may want to study abroad for a semester in college. My mom and dad are from India and moved to the U.S. to complete their residencies. We go to India almost every summer to see family, but it's also eye-opening to witness the extreme poverty in India. Seeing people suffering has influenced me to try to help people in our community. For example, two summers ago I volunteered at a Niagara Falls nursing home. I understand that I can use the privileges I have to help other people.

ALEX SETTEDUCATI '20

"When we showed up with supplies and paint every single person joined us in the work."

HOMETOWN: Clarence

ACTIVITIES: football, hockey, medical club

FAVORITE CLASSES: Chemistry and math are two of my favorites, and also Spanish. It's a good second language to know because the number of Spanish speakers is growing.

COLLEGE PLANS: Ideally, I'd like to go to Stanford. My mother is a doctor and I may want to pursue a career in medicine, but I'm also considering astrochemistry.

MEDICAL MISSIONS: I first went to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission when I was in eighth grade, and went again earlier this year. I traveled with a team of OB-GYNs, surgeons, pediatric internal medicine practitioners and other students. We were in the Puerto Plata region for five days where we cleaned and rebuilt playgrounds, painted basketball courts, and distributed school supplies. There are fewer restrictions there regarding medical care and that allowed me access I wouldn't be able to get in the U.S. For example, I scrubbed in for the surgeries. In the U.S. they won't let just anyone observe in the operating room.



INSIGHT GAINED FROM MISSION TRIPS: I've met people there who are living in bad situations, but they seem to have an attitude of making the best of their situation and trying to make the community better. When we showed up with supplies and paint, every single person joined us in the work. It was a great feeling to work together. There are opportunities to do a similar medical mission trip to Ghana which could be even more challenging, but it's something I'd like to do.

JIMMY TWIST '19

"I wanted to understand better the problems and conflicts going on outside the United States."



HOMETOWN: Buffalo

FAVORITE CLASS: My favorite part about math is you can solve problems logically.

VOLUNTEERING: Visiting the Ronald McDonald House when I was in eighth grade inspired me to start volunteering there my freshman year. I now help with their race over the summer, and I've met people affected by illnesses and injuries. It's difficult seeing and hearing about what they're going through, but I might want to work in the medical field and so it's important for me. I'm doing a research internship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute this summer to get experience with the radiation oncology laboratory. As I've learned through the Ronald McDonald House, the medical field certainly involves science but there's also the humanity aspect too which interests me. It goes with what Canisius teaches about caring for the whole person.

RETREATS: On Kairos I remember writing down as a takeaway to appreciate everything people have done to help me get where I am now. I think about how it would be if I didn't have the opportunities my parents or grandparents have provided for me.

MODEL UN: I started with Model UN in my freshman year because I wanted to understand better the problems and conflicts going on outside the United States. Model UN makes you think on your feet and consider solutions to world problems. I think it's important to consider conflicts beyond where you live. Looking at medical-related issues, there are areas of the world lacking in basic nutrition. There are many opportunities for scientific innovation that can improve people's lives.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS: Work hard and always be a Crusader. A Crusader is always fighting for something. Whether it's on a sports team or in the classroom, always have a goal. Do something for a purpose.

NASEEM HAJ-DUHMANE '19

"You can learn about cultures over the internet but being there is completely different."

HOMETOWN: Williamsville

FAVORITE CLASS: A.P. U.S. History is very relevant. Understanding history helps me understand why we are where we are today. Other classes I enjoy are A.P. Literature because we discuss good books, and A.P. Psychology because I like exploring how the mind works.

ACTIVITIES: Speech and debate, youth and government, and squash

RETREATS: I've done all the retreats offered at Canisius and I've found that the longer the retreat and the more you put into it, the more impactful it is. I've signed up to lead an Emmaus or Kairos retreat next year.

COLLEGE PLANS: I'm looking at Georgetown as a possibility. I may want to study business because business merges a number of areas such as math, strategy and information, and I think there are a lot of things I could do with that degree.



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: You can learn about cultures over the internet but being there is completely different. I've traveled to Taiwan and Tunisia because I have relatives there. Understanding your family history can give you context for your own life. My mom is Asian and my dad is Arabic and although they speak English it would be great to be able to communicate with them and my other relatives in their native languages. I learned some Arabic when I was younger, and I'm taking Chinese at Canisius. I'd also like to study abroad for a semester in college because I want to experience so much of what the world has to offer.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

LUCIANA GALANTE
SPANISH TEACHER

Luciana Galante with her sons
Faustino '16 (left) and **Stefano '19**.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT CANISIUS?

I started in 1986 as a substitute teacher and became full time in 1993. I left in 2001 after having my second son and took some time raising my boys. I've been back since 2007. Over the years at Canisius I've taught French, Spanish, Italian and English. I have a passion for languages.

WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE?

After earning my undergrad B.A. at Canisius College, I went to the University at Buffalo for my master's. What was really impactful for me was I moved to Rome when I was 23 years old and taught English as a second language through the Berlitz School of Languages.

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"Teaching and living in Italy for seven years was the best experience. I still use some of the methods I learned there."

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WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

Teaching came natural to me. My mom was a Latin teacher. Pursuing excellence for the greater glory of God was how I was raised as the first daughter of Italian immigrants. I believe in Jesuit education.

ARE TODAY'S TEACHING METHODS DIFFERENT FROM WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED AT CANISIUS?

Technology provides so many more opportunities now. Students can listen to audio in their target language and hear the accents. That's something I wish I'd had when I was learning. Technology has also made the world smaller. It's easier to maintain touch with people around the world.

WHAT LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK?

I grew up speaking Italian as my first language. I didn't speak any English when I started school but picked it up quickly and was fluent by first grade. I try to get back to Italy as often as I can. Our family has generational friends there – our grandparents were friends, our parents were friends, and now our kids are friends. I've raised my sons bilingually with Italian and English. I also speak Spanish and French and my next challenge will be to learn Mandarin. Learning another language goes beyond just speaking. It lets you enter another culture.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING MULTILINGUAL?

It opens up a world of possibilities. My students will ask "why do we need to learn another language? Everyone speaks English." That's true to a point, but there are still barriers. I've seen it with the Companions service immersion trips our students go on to Nicaragua or the Dominican Republic. The people there very much appreciate when the boys make an effort to speak their language.

HOW HAS THE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING ABROAD AFFECTED WHO YOU ARE TODAY?

Teaching and living in Italy for seven years was the best experience. I still use some of the methods I learned there such as using questions and answers to get the students speaking. I do that with my students in class almost every day. Another is teaching in threes because the brain can't remember more than three at once. I use that method when I teach vocabulary.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU GIVE STUDENTS?

I've taught languages to adults, and that's a different ball game from teaching high school students. The adults want to learn so desperately, but the older you get the harder it is. That's why I tell the freshmen that if they take advantage of the curriculum at Canisius they can leave here with a solid language base and that can lead to so many opportunities. Their brains are still young enough that they're like a sponge.

COACHING SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS STUFF
SOCCER

QUICK FACTS

COLLEGE: St. Bonaventure

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Tonawanda High School soccer, swimming, baseball and track

CANISIUS COACHING TIMELINE: Swim coach 2002-2008; Assistant soccer coach 2012-2014; Head soccer coach 2014-present

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Soccer: Monsignor Martin titles in 2015 and 2016; State runner-up 2015 and 2016; Monsignor Martin regular season co-champion in 2017
- Swimming: Six of the current streak of 16 Monsignor Martin titles happened under Coach Stuff

AWARDS: 2016 Monsignor Martin Soccer Coach of the Year

WHY DID YOU GET INTO COACHING? When I was younger I had such an obsession with sports that it was natural for me to move into coaching. I have a passion for athletics, coaching and teaching. Seeing some of your student-athletes go on to compete in college and continue to develop is rewarding.

COACHING PHILOSOPHY: It's very democratic. I'm not a my-way-or-the-highway type. I involve my assistant coaches and players in nearly every decision because I think that's best for the team. As a coach if you insist on your players doing everything your way, you're going to lose your players. I believe being open to other methods and opinions can make me a better coach.

FAVORITE MEMORY OF COACHING CAREER, SO FAR: The first Monsignor Martin soccer championship win against St. Joe's during my second year as head coach was special. We then beat Fordham Prep to advance to the state final game. Also, the first year I coached swimming was the first year we won All Catholics since the mid 1980s. It was a great feeling because it hadn't happened in so long.

FAVORITE PLAYERS COACHED: **John Uba '18** was a three-year varsity soccer player and a captain for our team. He embodies all the qualities I believe make a Canisius gentleman and athlete. He's academically strong and a humble and kind leader. **Max Montante '17** is another standout. And, although John and Max are both great soccer players, more importantly they are quality people.

2018 TEAM OUTLOOK: We return **Derek Bartlo '19** who was the 2017 All Catholic Offensive Player of this year. We also have a good group of young players who've played at the varsity level. **Alex Nemeth '19** will be a key contributor. He already has two years of varsity experience.

FAVORITE ATHLETE OF ALL TIME: Former Buffalo Sabres captain Chris Drury was a great player and very humble. He would do anything for his team and take the blame when the team wasn't doing well. He's a guy I respect, and his leadership style is what I look for in our soccer team captains.

LITTLE KNOWN FACT: I'm doing my third Ironman triathlon in Lake Placid this summer. That's a 2.4 mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a marathon. It's about a 13 hour day of exercise. I'm training for this as my wife and I just welcomed our second child and I'm in grad school for administration, so it's slightly overwhelming.





•ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Crusaders achieved success in their league as well as at the state and national levels.

Gold Medalists

The Canisius Senior 4+ boat captured gold at the New York State Scholastic Championships and the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Championship Regatta, and earned bronze at the U.S. Youth National Championships. Pictured (left to right): Coach **Joe Krakowiak '63**, **Nathaniel Sass '19**, **Ryan Walter '18**, **George Weckerle '19**, **Will Herzog '18**, **Charles Korn '19** and Coach **Tom Flaherty**.

The Canisius Junior 4+ boat also won gold at the Canadian regatta.



Standout Season

Captains (left to right) **Dan Harig '18**, **John Minogue '18** and **Ray Miranda '18** celebrated the Canisius rugby team's bronze medal at the state tournament. The third place state finish is a program best.

SPRING 2018 HIGHLIGHTS: ●

- **SIXTH CONSECUTIVE MONSIGNOR MARTIN SUPREMACY CUP** – awarded annually to the school with the most successful athletics program
- **BASEBALL** –
Jack Collins '18 – All Catholic Pitcher of the Year, and All WNY First Team
Brian Herrmann '19 – All WNY Second Team
- **CREW** – two national titles; one national runner-up
- **GOLF** – Matt Jackson '19 – top three at state Catholic tournament; top ten at state Federation tournament
- **RUGBY** – state bronze medal
- **TENNIS** – Monsignor Martin co-champions



Dan Puerner '18 (pictured) and **Andrew Mangan '18** earned Scholar Athlete honors for the spring sports season for their excellence in academics and with their athletic teams.



College Signings

Jarrett Benton '18, flanked by teammates **Will McGennis '18** and **Keenan Ollison '18**, is all smiles as he commits to continue his studies and play football for Morrisville State College. A total of 15 student-athletes from the class of 2018 made commitments to compete at the college level.

GLITZ, GLAMOUR, GAMBIT

- April 21, 2018 was a night to remember. GAMBIT XLIV attendees celebrated with a Great Gatsby themed dinner and auction. **Noah Lemoine '18** gave an impassioned keynote speech sharing with the audience the family challenges he has overcome, and his gratitude for a Canisius education. The Canisius community responded in record-breaking fashion by raising over \$600,000, including \$194,000 for the **Fr. Ronald W. Sams, S.J. '46** AMDG Scholarship. Fr. Sams started GAMBIT 44 years ago and passed away in 2017. He would have been thrilled! Thank you to all who supported this year's effort.





GAMBIT XLIV co-chairs (left to right) **Bill '81** and **Patti Lawley**, **Diane** and **T.J. Revelas p'18**, **Amy** and **Russ Brandon p'18, '21**, **Kirsten** and **Mike Lawley '88**.



John Paul Sfeir '02 adds his support to the Fr. Sams scholarship.



Noah Lemoine '18

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2018

Good Times, Great Stories!

Alumni spanning several decades enjoyed a weekend of fun reminiscing and catching up at Alumni Weekend June 15-16, 2018.

See more photos at CANISIUSHIGH.ORG/WEEKEND



Class of '73 at the All Alumni Bash

ALL ALUMNI BASH

The Bash is the party of the year on Tripi Field and the signature event of Alumni Weekend. Alumni from 1947 through 2017 attended this year's Bash, enjoying great food, beautiful weather and lots of laughs.



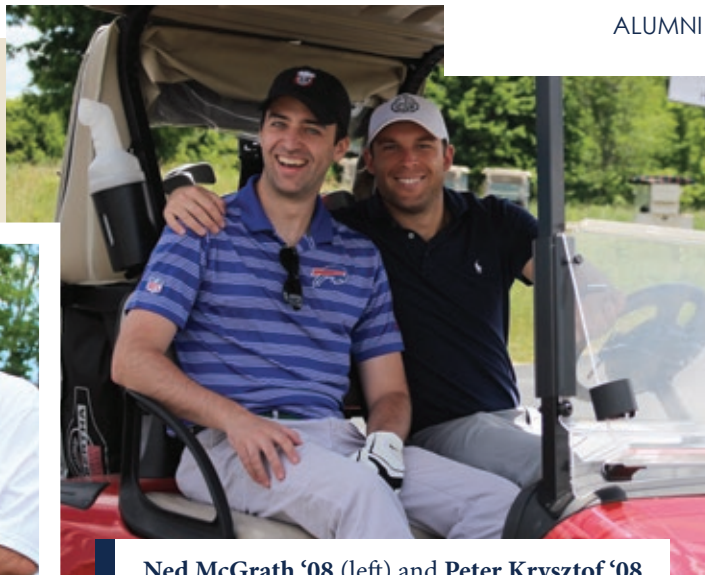
Steve Reszka '77 (left) and Karl McKinnie '77 at the All Alumni Bash.



Members of the Class of '93 with Fr. Ciancimino at the All Alumni Bash.

REV. JOHN G. STURM, S.J. '35 ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

Alumni played The Links at Ivy Ridge in two shotgun starts.



Ned McGrath '08 (left) and Peter Krysztof '08.



(Left to right) Ken Duszynski '76,
Dan Owczarak '76 and David Owczarak '79.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Class of '68 celebrated 50 years since graduating from Canisius.



(left to right) Michael Love '68, William Greeley '68 and
Arthur Pesch '68 looked through photo albums from
their high school days during the Golden Jubilee dinner.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ALUMNI WEEKEND IN JUNE 2019!

UPCOMING EVENT

FR. STURM LEGACY FUND LUNCHEON

Ph.D. candidate and retired NFL player **John Urschel '09** will be the featured speaker at this year's Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Luncheon. Make plans to be there on **Monday, September 17, 2018** at the **KeyBank Center in Buffalo.**

More information at
CANISIUSHIGH.ORG/STURM.





WELCOME HOME MATT CARVER '94

MATTHEW CARVER '94 JOINED THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE 2018 AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE.

Degrees: John Carroll University, BS, Accounting
Wilmington University, MBA

Experience: United States Air Force, 2000-2005
Medaille College, 2005-2018 – Comptroller; Vice President of Business and Finance

After serving in the Air Force where his assignments included managing base budgets, working with AWACS airplane procurement budget teams, and a deployment in Iraq, Matt Carver moved home to Western New York in 2005. He and his wife Lynn now live in Williamsville where they are raising their five children. Matt spent the last ten years as the Vice President of Business and Finance at Medaille College, and he's excited to be back at his alma mater.

"There is no place I love more than Canisius High School," says Matt. "My four years as a student were some of the most important in my formation as a young man. I think so highly of the institution that the chance to come back and serve and be a difference maker felt like an opportunity I couldn't pass up."



ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all the alumni who participated in our alumni survey!

With the assistance of Hanover Research Group we invited all Canisius High School alumni with current email addresses in our database this spring to take an alumni satisfaction survey. The participation rate was outstanding and responses were distributed fairly evenly over eras. This feedback will help inform decisions as we consider the educational and formational experience at Canisius, and plan future alumni engagement efforts.

Key Survey Findings:

- The majority of Canisius graduates indicated their transition to college was not difficult.
- Alumni emphasized the lifelong learning and character development skills learned through their Canisius tenure, which is consistent with Jesuit principles.
- Recommendations included the expansion of programs which provide exposure to diversity and global awareness and offer career exploration and experiential learning opportunities.
- School culture and atmosphere, and peer relationships were at the top of the list as most meaningful aspects of the Canisius experience.
- 85% of survey participants make a regular financial contribution to Canisius.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Share your news. Email
CHStoday@canisiushigh.org

Eugene Vukelic '48 and his wife, Carole, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2018.

David Wrotniak '55 and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22, 2018. Their children and children's spouses honored them with a surprise party.



Peter Nolan '57 (photo left) published his second nonfiction book called "News Stories." It's a memoir that chronicles his many years as a broadcast newsman from Niagara Falls to Chicago in the latter half of the twentieth century.



Michael Shurgot, Ph.D. '61 (photo left) and his wife, Gail, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2018. They will travel to France and Spain for a month in early fall to commemorate this special anniversary.



Vincent Mancuso '64 (photo left) received the Canisius College LaSalle Medal during commencement ceremonies on May 19, 2018. The LaSalle Medal is the college alumni association's most distinguished award and recognizes an individual for his/her substantial contributions in advancing the interests of Canisius. Vincent has been a member of the Canisius Fund's Leadership Society for 20 years.

Timothy Scanlon '67 and his wife, Mary Beth, are retired and living full time in Venice, Florida.

John DeNisco '69 retired from Buffalo State College after 35 years. He was an associate professor in the business department and taught in the areas of marketing and technology. He received both the President's Award for Excellence in Service (2005) and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service (2013). John served as department chair from 2007 through 2013 and was involved with faculty governance both at the department, college and SUNY level.



Vincent V. Coppola '56 is teaching philosophy as well as cinema at UCLA. He finished his novel "God's Spies" and sent it off to a literary agent. Vincent is pictured here with his Old English Sheep Dog, Zarathustra, in the California wine country. On his 80th birthday, Vincent wrote the following poem:

A Thought at Eighty

A thought at eighty while reading Plato:
We live in eternity, time is but a moving image of it.
We live with the beyond at our very core.
This is what transcendence tells us in the wee hours of the night
Or at the crack of dawn in May,
That there is more, a mysterious more,
A mystery we call the God beyond all Gods,
Giving itself,
Which is still present in the universe, in giving itself,
What we call the phenomenon of love.
This is my un-poetic poem, my living theology.
And when we die?
When we die we become aware of eternity,
Which brings with it a radiant joy,
Any melancholy in matter gone.
This is not science, this is not poetry, this is merely love speaking softly in the soul, it is the philosopher understanding the love of wisdom is where the wisdom turns out to be the love.
Who on his own birthday
Watching the early morning sea
Alone with his Old English and the birds of the air
Einstein's moon still hanging in the crisp sky
Cannot help but open his heart
And say I am and I can love
And in that know the Smiling Secret.

Charles F Griffin '69 retired to Lake Gaston, VA after practicing dentistry in Petersburg, VA for 41 years. He plans to spend time with his wife, Eileen, and five grandchildren.



Dennis McCleary '70 (photo above, third from right) and his wife took the trip of a lifetime to Italy. The trip began in Rome, continued in Florence and then Cinque Terra for the final weekend. "Best trip ever," said Dennis.

Peter Heffernan '72 was honored with the Merchants Insurance Group's 2017 President's Award. Peter is the Merchants Insurance Group's applications development manager in the information technology department. He is responsible for some of the most critical and active areas of Merchants' internal systems that run the underwriting, claims, and billing systems for the company.

Richard Taylor '75 graduated on May 21, 2018 from Yale Divinity School with a degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.).

Michelangelo Infurnari '77 returned to London, UK to begin a new job at St. Joseph's Hospice in Hackney as director of fundraising and engagement. St. Joseph's Hospice is conducted by the Religious Sisters of Charity, serving people with life-limiting illnesses. Mike leads a team of 15. He resides in Chiswick in west London. He previously lived in London and served as the director of development for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster.

Dr. Brendan Dowd '78 took office as the 138th president of the New York State Dental Association. He practiced general dentistry in the private practice setting for 28 years before retiring, and continues to teach at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

David Galbo '78 is living in Washington, DC with his wife, Kate. David is a senior architect with Jensen Hughes. Their daughter, Catherine, is a junior at American University studying economics.

David Kersten '79 left his position as Catholic Health Vice President of Development to become CEO of Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity effective July 2, 2018. Homes of Charity serves as the support for all of Our Lady of Victory Institutions.

David Ryan '79 is involved with Anglovillie – a company based in Poland which operates English immersion programs throughout eastern Europe. The company recruits English speaking volunteers to help students and adults improve their English. More information can be found at www.anglovillie.com.

Mark Jaroszewski '83 retired from the FBI in July after 20 years of service, and will start his next career with Twitter in its corporate security group. He took the summer off and spent time with his wife and two girls, coaching their softball team and taking road trips in Northern California.

Vince Moore '88 was appointed Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 500 in Depew.

TELL US WHAT'S NEW

- *Started a new job?*
- *Got married?*
- *Welcomed a baby?*
- *Retired?*
- *Wrote a book?*
- *Starred in a play?*
- *Won a championship?*
- *Launched a business?*
- *Celebrated an anniversary?*

What do you want to share with your classmates? Email CHStoday@canisiushigh.org. Photos are encouraged.

You may also mail news to:

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Tom Quatroche, Jr. '88 was appointed to the board of directors of America's Essential Hospitals which represents 325 health care facilities across the nation. Formerly known as the National Association of Public Hospitals, the organization is a prominent advocate on federal policy issues that affect safety-net hospitals. Tom is the president and CEO of the Erie County Medical Center.

Patrick Enright '89 celebrated the graduation of **William Enright '22** from Nativity of Our Lord School in Orchard Park. William was Male Athlete of the Year and Class Valedictorian – a title he held since third grade. Patrick says William is excited about starting at Canisius in the fall.

Brian Casey '93 recently founded Paramount Legacy Group, LLC, a comprehensive financial planning firm that focuses on insurance and legacy planning along with wealth preservation. The firm has offices in Buffalo's Larkin district.



Thomas MacKinnon '93 (photo left) was named the University of Scranton's vice president for university advancement in March 2018. Tom had held the same title at Wilkes University where he oversaw development, alumni and marketing communications efforts. Previously, he served as chief of staff to the president and as executive director of the capital campaign at the University of Scranton.

Matthew Carver '94 returned home to Canisius High School as the vice president for finance and chief financial officer. For the previous ten years, Matthew was the vice president for business and finance at Medaille College. He also served for five years in the U.S. Air Force. Matthew lives in Williamsville with his wife, Lynn, and their five children.

Bart Kresse '94 was promoted to market leader at the Buffalo office of M&T Insurance Agency (MTIA). In his new role, Bart manages sales of commercial property/casualty and surety for the Western New York region. In addition, he oversees value-added loss control and claims management services. Bart has over 18 years of experience in banking and insurance.

Thomas Flaherty, III '96, a U.S. Navy Commander, took over command of the USS Minnesota submarine on April 20, 2018. The USS Minnesota is a Virginia class, nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine.

Paul Cumbo '97 is the new director of Ignatian formation at Canisius High School. He will also continue to teach two classes.

Bob Dickerson '97 was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army. He is a senior army aviator and director for the Joint Test Unit, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Edgewood (APG) Maryland.

Joseph Hanna '98 was named by the Defense Research Institute (DRI) as the first ever chair of its external policy alliances committee. DRI is the nation's leading organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel. Joe is a partner at the Goldberg Segalla law firm.

Joseph Beecher '99 accepted a position with Dopkins Wealth Management as a senior investment advisor.

Mark Paradowski '99 took part in the 11 Day Power Play hockey game at the HarborCenter in downtown Buffalo on July 11 by entering two teams named the Crusaders. The two Crusaders teams played each other during a four hour shift of the 11 day game. The event raises money for cancer research.



Christopher Pitek '00 (photo left) accepted the role of middle school principal for grades 5 through 8 at Nardin Academy for the 2018-2019 school year. Chris was previously the assistant principal of Nardin's elementary school. This move is part of a new structure that divides the K-8 traditional elementary school into K-4 lower school and a 5-8 middle school.

Robert Schoellkopf '00 accepted a position with Millennium Funding. For the previous five years, Rob served as vice president for finance and chief financial officer for Canisius High School.

Michael McGravey '01 successfully defended his dissertation, "Jean-Luc Marion and Gianni Vattimo's Contributions for the Postmodern Faith," on April 5, 2018. He graduated with a Ph.D. from Duquesne University on Friday, May 11, 2018.

Erik Turner '01, founder of www.cover1.net featuring NFL analysis, is also now an NFL contributor for www.theathletic.com.



Michael Amico '03 (on right in photo) received his Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. His dissertation explored the love between two men in the Civil War. Michael and his partner Conrad Winslow, a composer, are moving to Berlin. There Michael will begin his new job as a researcher at the Center for the History of Emotions at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development.

Michael Galante '04 was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force and appointed medical director of the Emergency Department of David Grant Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, CA.

Ethan Notarius '08 joined the Buffalo law firm Colucci & Gallaher, PC as an associate. Ethan concentrates on litigation matters and primarily focuses on the defense of products liability actions. He also advises clients on matters involving healthcare law, employment law and business disputes.

Michael Reiser '08 accepted a position as an associate attorney with HoganWillig Attorneys at Law. He joined the firm's corporate and business department. Michael handles contract formation and enforcement, corporate matters, collections and property matters.

Robert Vega '08 was promoted to head chef at Savor, the restaurant at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.



Joshua Erni '09 (photo left) joined CPL (Clark Patterson Lee), a full-service design firm, as an architectural designer. Joshua assists project teams with architectural drawings, renderings, construction and design documents.



Mike Lempko '10 (photo above) is rollerblading across the country this summer from San Francisco to Brooklyn to raise money for No Kid Hungry. Follow his journey at mikeonblades.com.



Ryan Hunter '13 (photo above) signed with the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League as an undrafted rookie.



Samuel Santiago '13 (photo left) is a recent graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Management and has started his career in the financial services industry as a financial professional with McDermid Financial Group. As a licensed financial advisor, he specializes in retirement planning, investments, life and disability insurance as well as employee benefits programs.

John A. Sardinia '13 is interning in South Africa as he works on a master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University.



David D'Agostino '14 (photo left) graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University in May.

Andy Helwig '15 was named the voice of the Batavia Muckdogs, the Class A Short Season affiliate of the Miami Marlins.

William C. Quinn '15 is a candidate for his MBA/CPA at Canisius College. He is interning at Rich Products and Dansa & D'Arata, CPA LLC.



Joe Sullivan '15 (photo above, fourth from right) won silver with his St. Joseph's University teammates in the 2v8 at the Dad Vail Regatta. The Dad Vail is the largest collegiate regatta in the United States. Joe is a two-time academic All American, a double major in business analytics and finance, and he's made the Dean's List for three years.

Caleb Blodgett '17 is directing a short film titled "Last July." **Kenny Bianchi '17** is the film's executive producer. The project also includes **Tim Beltrami '17**, **Bernard Dent '17**, **Roscoe Garner '17** and **Casey Krukowiak '17**. The film is about deteriorating relationships between senior year of high school and freshman year of college.



Frank Russo '17 (photo above) earned first place in his division at the Western New York Powerlifting Championships in Niagara Falls in May. He weighed in at 141 pounds and lifted a total of 960 pounds.

Jack Wiles '17 was selected for the USA Rugby Men's Junior All-Americans (formerly known as the Under 20 team). This team is composed of the best rugby players in the United States under the age of 20. They will attempt to qualify for the World Rugby tournament. Jack also plays rugby for St. Bonaventure University.

Trevor Peca '18 was drafted by the Omaha Lancers 71st overall in the USHL draft.

WEDDINGS

John Paul Sfeir '02 married Kristen Amigone on June 30, 2018.

BIRTHS

Michael Hardy '96 and his wife Maria welcomed a baby boy, Gabriel.



Marc Petryk '01 and his wife Liz celebrated the birth of their son, Mason Anthony (photo left), on April 14. He weighed nine pounds and seven ounces.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember alumni of whose passing we've learned since the spring of 2018.

T. Paul "Ted" Weiksnar '40

Frederick N. Caughill '41

Richard J. Hacker '42

John J. O'Brien '43

Charles "Bob" Sharp '49

Mecislaus S. Wendzikowski '51

Eugene J. Carr '52

Joseph M. Rutowski '52

Jerome V. Jakubiak '53

Ronald A. Malachowski '53

James R. Falkner '56

Richard J. Linkowski '56

Donald G. Even '58

Thomas J. Pisa '59

Paul C. Sullivan '59

Anthony J. Colicchia '64

Norman S. Paolini, Jr. '65

Timothy J. Bohen '67

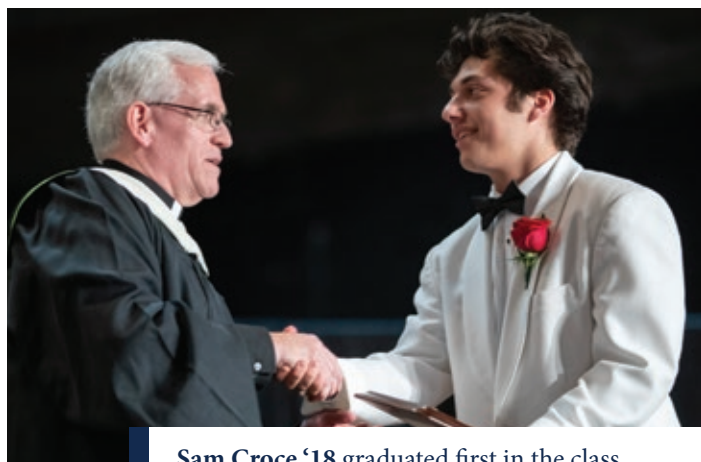
James M. Huntley '67

Jason C. Esposito '85



A NEW BEGINNING.

(Left to right) Nicolas Ciminelli '18, Elek Wittmann '18, Seraaj Fayyaz '18, Sean Butler '18 and Brandon Wood '18.



Sam Croce '18 graduated first in the class.

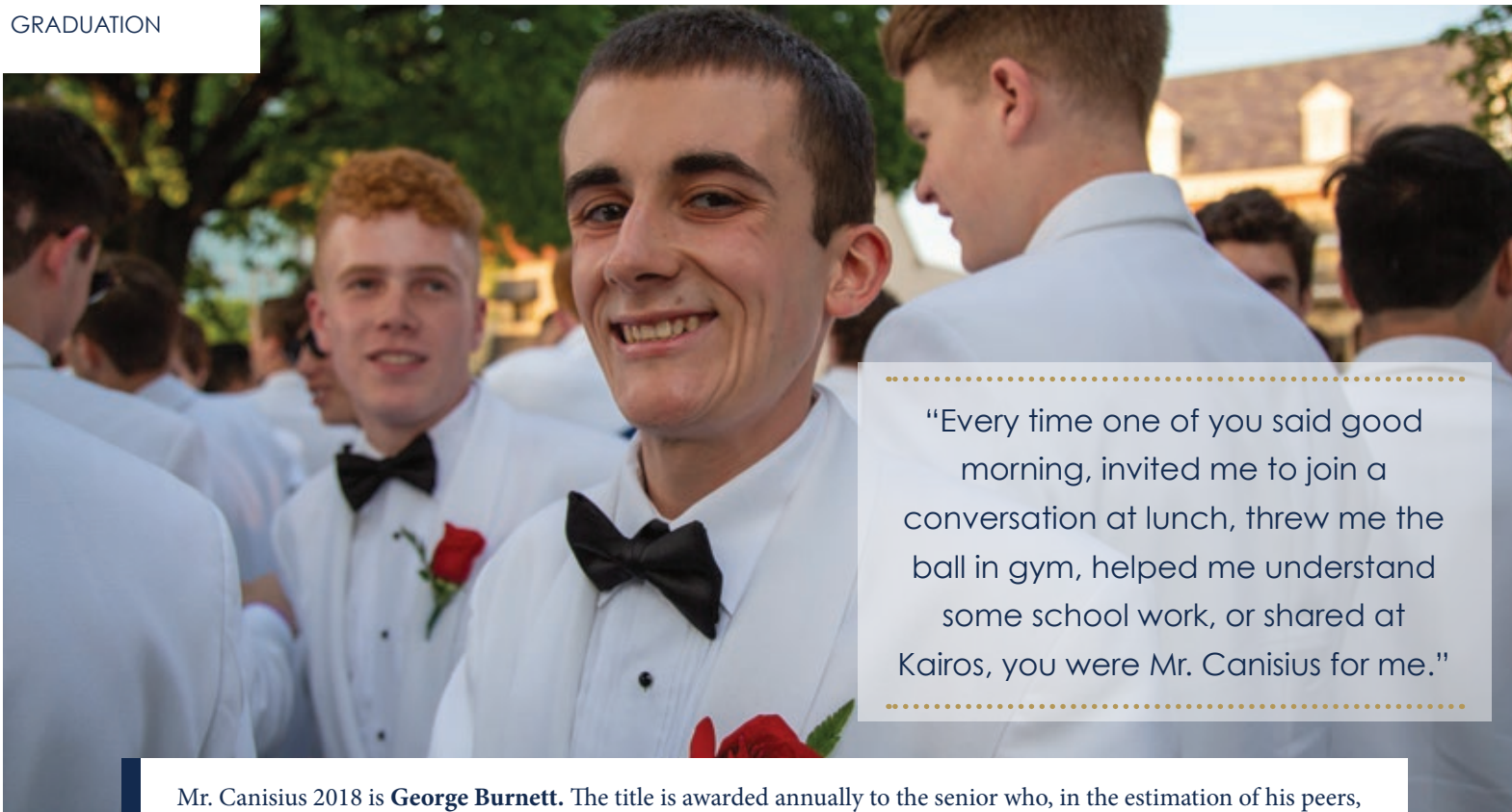


Keenan Ollison '18

Applause greeted the Class of 2018 as they walked out the front doors of 1180 Delaware Avenue on May 24, 2018 as the newest Canisius High School alumni.
Congratulations, Class of 2018!
Go, set the world on fire.

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AT GRADUATION:

- *Open to Growth*
- *Intellectually Competent*
- *Religious*
- *Loving*
- *Committed to Doing Justice*



“Every time one of you said good morning, invited me to join a conversation at lunch, threw me the ball in gym, helped me understand some school work, or shared at Kairos, you were Mr. Canisius for me.”

Mr. Canisius 2018 is **George Burnett**. The title is awarded annually to the senior who, in the estimation of his peers, epitomizes all that Canisius High School represents. The honor also includes the opportunity to speak at graduation.

COLLEGE BOUND!

The class of 2018 received over 29 million dollars in scholarships and grant offers, and will be continuing their education at some of the top institutions of higher learning. Members of this year's graduating class were accepted at the following colleges and universities:

Alfred University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Ball State University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Butler University
Cabrini University
Canisius College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Connecticut State University
Clarkson University
Cleveland State University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary

Cornell University
Daemen College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
D'Youville College
Elmira College
Elon University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Gannon University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
Harvard University
High Point University

Hilbert College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Houghton College
Howard University
Indiana University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Juniata College
Kettering University
Keuka College
King's College, London, England
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine*
La Salle University
LeMoyne College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, Maryland
Loyola University, New Orleans

Maine Maritime Academy
 Manhattan College
 Marist College
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 Medaille College
 Mercyhurst University
 Miami University, Ohio
 Michigan State University
 Nazareth College
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 New York University
 Niagara University
 Northeastern University
 Norwich University
 Ohio State University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Providence College
 Purdue University
 Purdue University, Fort Wayne
 Quinnipiac University
 Regis University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Robert Morris University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Bonaventure University
 Saint John's University
 Saint John Fisher College
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Lawrence University
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Michael's College
 Santa Clara University
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Siena College
 Slippery Rock University
 Stanford University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 SUNY Albany
 SUNY Alfred
 SUNY Binghamton
 SUNY Brockport
 SUNY Buffalo (UB)
 SUNY Buffalo State College
 SUNY Canton
 SUNY Cortland
 SUNY Erie Community College
 SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Geneseo
 SUNY Maritime
 SUNY Plattsburgh
 SUNY Polytechnic Institute
 SUNY Stony Brook
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas Wesleyan University
 Trocaire College
 Union College
 United States Merchant Marine Academy
 United States Military Academy, West Point
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Charleston
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Dayton
 University of Detroit Mercy
 University of Edinburgh, Scotland
 University of Hartford
 University of Idaho
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maine

University of Manchester, England
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of Saint Andrew's, Scotland
 University of San Diego
 University of Scranton
 University of South Carolina
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 University of the Virgin Islands
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Villanova University
 Wagner College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 West Virginia University
 Xavier University

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