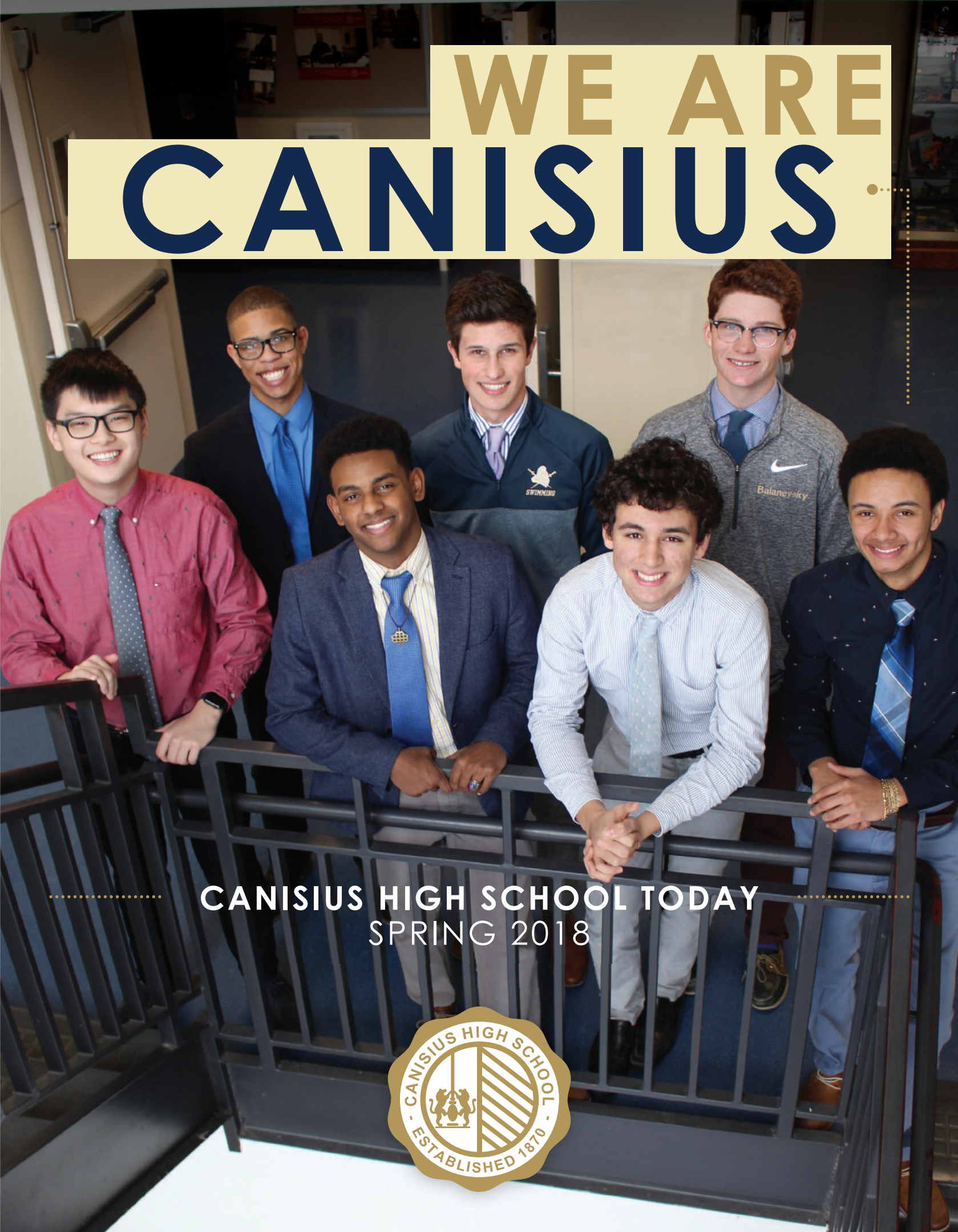


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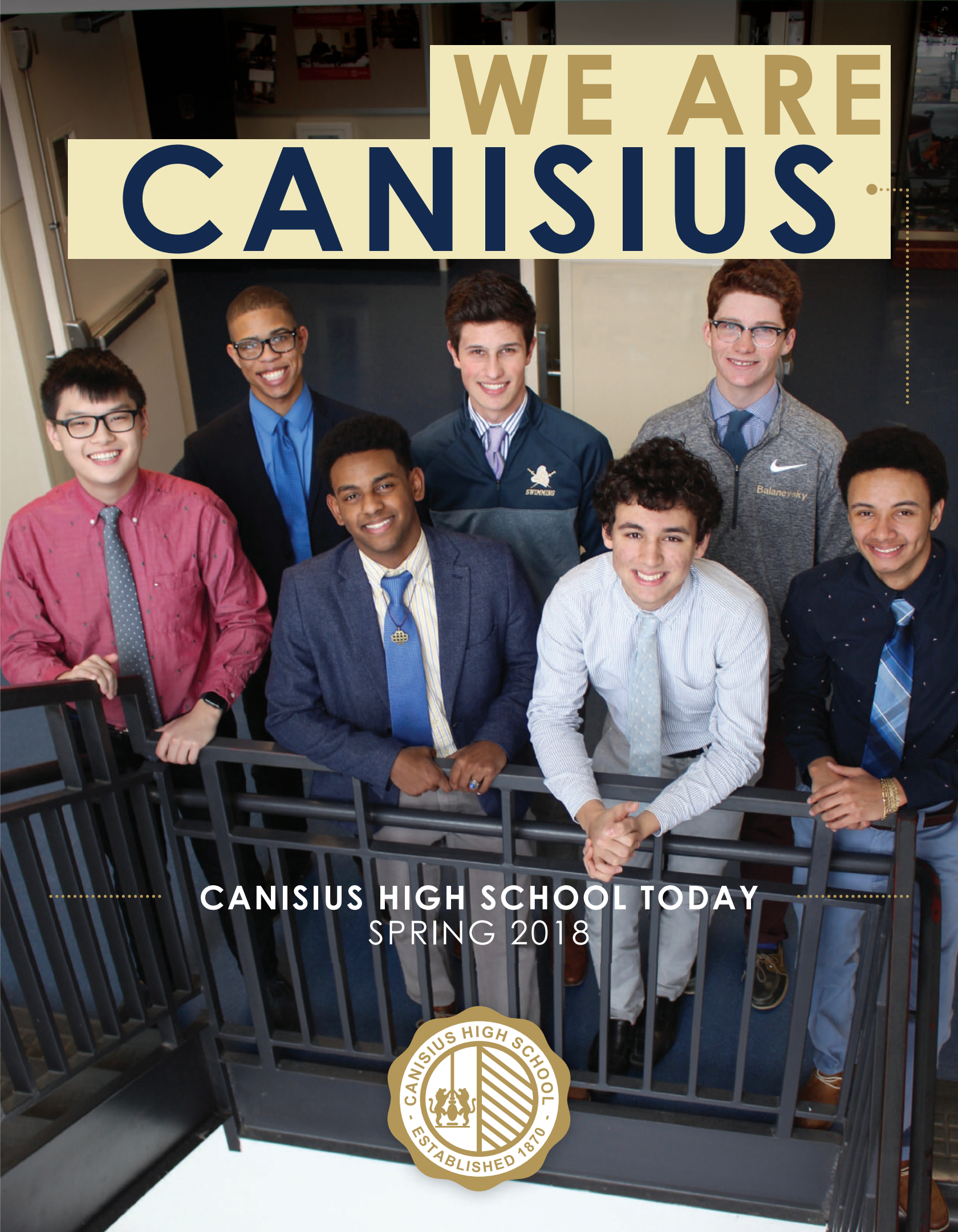


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The seal is circular with a gold border. Inside the border, the text "CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL" is written in a circle. In the center, there is a shield with a cross and a lion. Below the shield, the text "ESTABLISHED 1870" is written.







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FROM THE

## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

"Brothers Now, Brothers Forever." When **Nick Revelas '18** first heard this mantra during freshman orientation, he admits he found it corny. Reflecting back, he understands now that from those early days, we have been forming Nick and his classmates into the brothers they are today, while at the same time welcoming them into the larger Canisius community. "To come together as one is what I think it really means to be a Crusader...this is a very special place and I know why now," Nick wrote in a reflection on his experience recently.

Today's students are wildly talented and come from 140 schools and 35 school districts across Western New York as well as Canada and China, from families covering a wide variety of points on the socio-economic scale, with rich cultural and religious traditions, and blessed with many different skin tones.

This diversity of gifts, talents, and backgrounds brings different perspectives to our school, makes us better as we learn from one another, and adds to the strength of our community.

The freshmen, each year, join a community long established and yet always in the making. Still, the sacred bonds that hold our community together are not taken for granted. As teachers, counselors, coaches, staff and school leadership, we are intentional in the ways we forge these bonds. Yes, from those first steps of freshman orientation, through countless classes, clubs, teams, retreats, service trips, assemblies, Masses and conversations, a community is created that is caring, welcoming, inspiring, and focused on the growth of each student entrusted to us.


In this issue of CHS Today, you'll meet an alumnus who works with young people who are dealing with difficult

circumstances in a juvenile detention home. You'll also find the story of alumni who've founded two funds (BASIC and BISON), in two different parts of the country, with similar goals – to provide tuition assistance to low income families so their children can attend private schools. You'll meet a doctor who has traveled the world on medical missions to help people who couldn't otherwise afford treatment. And, you'll hear from current students who know firsthand that Canisius strives to be a welcoming community no matter a person's religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.

"Diversity of gifts, talents, and backgrounds brings different perspectives to our school"

Our individual distinctions enrich our community, make us better, and stronger. By God's grace, we will continue to form students like Nick Revelas, his classmates, and generations of students to come, into a community of brothers now and forever...for God's greater glory.

Blessings and gratitude,



Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.





Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres talks with **Sam Capizzi '18** (left) and **Elliot Walsh '18**, as **Andrew Nigrelli '18** looks on.

FROM THE

## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

There is a certain sameness and routine to every school year with events that happen each fall, each winter, each spring – the first day of classes, exams, breaks, graduation, etc. But, along with that sameness is constant evolution. No two school years are ever really alike. Sometimes the change is quite evident within a single school year, as is the case this year. Our art and music students began the school year attending classes on the main school campus. They returned from Christmas break to the opening of our new Center for the Arts across West Ferry Street from the main campus. The students now attend classes there on three floors of dedicated space for creating and practicing art and music. Some photos of the renovated spaces can be found on pages 18-19.

Some changes happen not over the course of months, but over decades. When I first arrived at Canisius in 1976, I was one of only three women on the faculty and there were no women in leadership positions. Today, our faculty is nearly 50% female, and women serve as department heads and on our board of trustees. You'll meet a few of our women leaders in this issue, including Director of Guidance and Counseling Annette Sugg, and Western New York Women's Hall of Fame member, Anne Gioia, who serves as a member of our board of trustees. Women can bring a fresh perspective which makes our Canisius community stronger.

One of the true joys of being an educator is witnessing the evolution of our students and continuing to watch as they go out into the world to pursue their passions. One such example is **David Karambizi '10**. My first memory of David

was watching him follow his freshman homeroom and religion teacher, Fr. Michael Guzik, S.J., around the room with question after question about comparisons between what it said in his religion book and the Bible. My first reaction was, "who is this 14-year-old!" The following year, I had the joy of teaching him and learning that the curiosity and wonder had grown. Many Fridays, we argued, discussed and dissected topics until almost 6:00 in the evening and instead of a "good-bye," I would hear: "I have to go home and learn more." My joy was in coming to know an extremely bright, inquisitive, creative, detailed and moral young man. I have the pleasure of continuing to watch David as he progresses in his professional career. You'll find his story on page 6, followed by the stories of a few other alumni with interesting backgrounds and endeavors, who are living as "Men for Others."

As we head toward graduation in May, Alumni Weekend in June, and all the other annual events that bring us joy, let us also rejoice in the inevitable changes. May we continue to work to make these positive changes to foster a better and stronger Canisius community, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

Respectfully,

*Andrea Tyrpak-Endres*

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres  
Principal



# DAVID KARAMBIZI '10

3RD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT  
BROWN UNIVERSITY



David Karambizi wears the Kairos cross he received at Canisius.

**David Karambizi '10** is very clear from the start of the conversation. We may see his story as extraordinary – his family fled genocide in Rwanda in 1994 when he was three; today he is in medical school at Brown University, studying to be a neurosurgeon. But Karambizi emphasizes that many of the challenges he faced as a black, underprivileged young man are universal for students like him, wherever they were born.

“You come from a completely different world – you almost feel like an imposter,” he explains. “But at Canisius, the teachers made a world of difference. They took notice of me and made me feel like I belonged.”

Karambizi speaks of the dark memories he harbors of Rwanda during its civil war, recalling how he and his family literally ran for their lives, around piles of bodies, with bullets flying. They had enjoyed a comfortable life, his mom a nurse and his dad a minister who was studying to become a physician's assistant. Then, they were refugees in Ivory Coast for seven years. When he was nine, Karambizi's dad died from a brain tumor. And, Ivory Coast was experiencing its own civil war.

“Canisius accepted me as a student, but I also had to accept Canisius.”

In what Karambizi describes as a miracle, the family was able to resettle in the United States, first to Atlanta, and then to Buffalo. He says it was difficult to assimilate at first, not knowing English nor understanding the American culture. He notes that a case manager at Catholic Charities made a decision for him that completely changed Karambizi's life. She had him enrolled at NativityMiguel Middle School in Buffalo. From there, Fr. Edward Durkin, S.J., the school's principal, guided him to Canisius High School.

Karambizi points to a long list of faculty and staff who encouraged him at Canisius. Principal Andrea Tyrpak-Endres was his religion teacher and they would talk about philosophy. “She used to tell me all differences among students are only superficial; be intellectually curious and the rest takes care of itself,” he says. “To this day, when I have good news or need advice, she is one of the first people I call.”

Fellow students also helped Karambizi adapt to high school. He tells one story of playing soccer wearing cleats that were falling apart, with no money to replace them. “A teammate handed me his cleats and said he was getting a new pair; I could have his old ones,” Karambizi recalls. “They were practically brand new! He handled his generosity in such a dignified way. I'll never forget it.”

After Canisius, Karambizi earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Cornell and is currently in his third year of medical school at Brown. Next year he will begin doing research in brain surgery.

“Canisius accepted me as a student, but I also had to accept Canisius, to feel part of the school community,” he concludes. “I feel I am still part of it – that is why every day I wear a cross I received as a student at a Canisius retreat.”





Robert Perez in Legazpi, Philippines with the medical mission's director of services.

## ROBERT PEREZ, MD '73

PRESIDENT, MEDICAL STAFF

CHIEF OF SURGERY

SETON MEDICAL CENTER, SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA



Dr. Perez removes a thyroid cancer, with his wife assisting him and their son observing on the left.

"Of course, my marriage, the birth of my two kids, and other personal milestones come first, but the medical mission experience absolutely changed who I am," Perez explains. "It makes me reflect on how fortunate I am to live where I do, to have been given opportunities, and to understand God blessed me with the talent to give back in this way."

Perez is talking about the eight medical missions he's undertaken with the Philippine Medical Association of Northern California, a non-profit organization that sends physicians to serve humanitarian needs in poverty-stricken areas. He has been invited on the missions by the association to perform general surgeries including removal of tumors. He says every procedure the doctors perform saves a life.

"In these areas, if you don't work, you die – there is no medical insurance or safety nets as we have in the U.S.," he points out. "If an injury or illness keeps you from working, and you don't have the money to pay a doctor, you will not survive."

Perez describes arriving in the Philippines to temperatures of 120 degrees, with 90% humidity, and seeing people toiling in the fields. Poverty was apparent all around. At the medical site – which he says was like a MASH unit – lines of people formed 500 deep, and many patients had walked hundreds of miles on the hope of receiving treatment.

On one mission, he and other surgeons performed surgery in an old church that was converted into an operating room. He has performed seven or eight major surgeries in one day, starting at 7 a.m. and often working past 9 p.m., for a total of nearly 50 surgeries

in the five or so days the medical mission lasts. Working with ten other surgeons, Perez says the mission completes nearly 600 surgeries in the time that they are there. A marathon runner, Perez notes the work is exhausting, even with the shape he is in.

"I came home a changed person. You think you gave but you really received...a lot," he says. "You begin to see things differently. Little problems don't matter, you're more mindful about not wasting resources."

Perez has been joined on missions by his wife, also a surgeon, and his son and daughter. Family has always been important to Perez. His parents both fled the Dominican Republic when a dictator declared Perez' maternal grandfather an enemy of the state. The family came to Buffalo when Perez' father joined the VA hospital as a physician. His father's death of a heart attack when Robert was 19 inspired him to enter the medical profession.

"I am forever indebted to Canisius for teaching the spirit of giving during my formative years there," he concludes. "On these missions, I have felt like the early Jesuits must have when they first came to the new world to teach and help the Indigenous people. Givers, not takers. It is what Canisius graduates are meant to be."

"I came home a changed person.  
You think you gave but you really  
received...a lot"



# ANTHONY MCLAURIN, ED.D. '00

PRINCIPAL, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION HOME SCHOOL  
CHESTERFIELD, VIRGINIA



**Anthony McLaurin '00** received JUG his very first day at Canisius High School.

"My dad, a Buffalo fireman, was driving me to school and because of traffic, I was late," McLaurin recalls. "I learned right away from JUG to hold myself accountable. I also learned it's not how you start...it's how you finish."

McLaurin finished very well, graduating from Canisius; earning a bachelor's degree from Hampton University in Virginia; and earning both his master's degree and Ed.D. from Virginia State University.

McLaurin relates his JUG story and the "it's how you finish" lesson to his students at Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Home in Virginia where he is principal. His students are middle school and high school age kids who, for various violations of the law, are in the county's juvenile detention system. McLaurin and his team of instructors work to keep the youth on track in their academics so that upon release, they can pick back up at their regular school without falling further behind.

"It's not how you start. It's how you finish."

McLaurin notes the detention home school has cared for children as young as ten years old, with the average age ranging between 13 and 17. As principal, he may oversee as many as 35 to 50 students at a time, and a typical detention home stay is around 30 days. Some students can be there for months, however, making continued teaching critical to helping them stay on track academically.

"The impact we have on these kids isn't seen immediately," McLaurin explains. "But many times I've run into a former student a few years later, and he or she will tell me how much they appreciated the help our program provided. It's a good feeling to see the results of our work."

Currently living in Virginia with his wife and three children, McLaurin has worked as a history teacher, dean of students, and assistant high school principal in the Chesterfield County Public Schools. The district educates more than 60,000 students and McLaurin's goal would be to not have any of them arrive at the detention home school. But if they do, he makes sure they have every opportunity to turn things around through the school's education programs.

The seeds of McLaurin's interest in education and helping students were planted during his senior year at Canisius. He explains he was volunteering at School 54 in Buffalo as part of his community service and working with a first grade girl on reading skills. "She really struggled at first, but we worked together week after week and she got better and better," McLaurin concludes. "I saw the big impact the extra help had on her and it was a turning point for me – I knew I wanted to be a teacher."



# JOEL PALACHUVATTIL '98

DATABASE ENGINEER

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY



**Joel Palachuvattil '98** has been on three sides at Canisius High School.

As a student, he excelled in math. As an instructor, he taught courses in algebra and trigonometry. And on the administrative staff, he helped develop and manage the school's database and recordkeeping system.

"The hardest thing when I worked as a teacher and administrator was getting used to calling former teachers by their first name," Palachuvattil laughs. "But returning to Canisius really was like receiving a second education. So much of what I learned – as a student and staff member – I carry with me in what I do today."

Palachuvattil is currently a database engineer at the University of Maryland where he works to improve health care through improved data management. His experience in bioinformatics and information technology helps doctors and researchers at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center better manage and organize data, primarily in schizophrenia research. He says the work is rewarding, knowing he is helping find answers to mental health problems.

Born in Lockport to parents who immigrated from India, Palachuvattil participated in the Niagara Frontier Math League during high school. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in computer science from Canisius College, and would later earn his master's degree in bioinformatics from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In addition to his position at the University of Maryland, Palachuvattil's career includes work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Institute of Health (NIH).

Returning to Canisius High School in 2002, Palachuvattil taught for one year and then put his data management skills to work in the admissions office. He left briefly to take graduate courses in health policy at SUNY Albany, but returned to the high school to serve as assistant to the principal. In that role, he continued his data management responsibilities while also organizing annual events such as orientation and graduations.

"My father taught me a deep appreciation for life-long learning."

"I take special pride in having helped to make the graduation experience happen for Canisius students," Palachuvattil recalls. "I remember it as a very special moment in my life and I felt a responsibility to help others appreciate the experience."

Palachuvattil became director of data operations at Canisius responsible for managing databases for virtually every department from academics to advancement to financial operations. He left Canisius in 2008 to earn his master's degree at Johns Hopkins, and credits his dad for inspiring him to further his education. "My father was a blue collar worker who went back to school at age 40 to earn a degree and work in market research," Palachuvattil explains. "He taught me a deep appreciation for life-long learning, reflecting the same values instilled at Canisius."

## BISON Scholarship Fund Founders

### Chris Jacobs '85

*New York State Senator  
Currently on the Board of the Bison  
Fund*

### Thomas Beecher '52

*Attorney, Chairman, Barrantys LLC  
Currently on the Board of the Bison  
Fund*

### Paul Bauer '61

*Chief Financial Officer, Executive  
Vice President - Retired  
Tops Markets  
Currently President of the Board at  
the Bison Fund*



(left to right) Chris Jacobs, Tom Beecher and Paul Bauer at the BISON Fund Luncheon.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

*Canisius High School alumni create scholarship programs to give parents more choices for their children's education.*

They graduated from Canisius High School in different years. They reside in cities on opposite sides of the country. Their varied careers include law, accounting, investments and government.

Yet they share a common commitment to helping underprivileged students attain a better education. And, between them, their programs have impacted thousands of children and families.

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund in Western New York and the BASIC Fund in the San Francisco Bay area of California reflect the "Men and Women for Others" mantra instilled at Canisius.

### The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund

**Paul Bauer '61** likes to say, "I hope our organization goes out of business."

That organization is the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund, co-founded by Bauer, **Thomas Beecher '52** and **Chris Jacobs '85** in 1995 to help low-income families afford private school education. BISON offers partial scholarship assistance to give parents more choices for a quality, values-based education. Bauer hopes someday there won't be a need for such a program.

Unfortunately, BISON is not going out of business any time soon.

In the first year of the program – which was then only





“Quality education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.”

offered in the City of Buffalo – more than 500 families applied for 200 available scholarships. This school year, there are 1,800 children attending 71 schools throughout Western New York thanks to BISON. Over 1,000 eligible children remain on a waiting list.

The idea for the fund came when the three alumni crossed paths and shared their desire to do something about the declining state of

public education in Buffalo.

“I read an article in the Wall Street Journal about a scholarship program in Indianapolis,” recalls Jacobs, currently the New York State Senator representing the 60th Senate District. “I have always believed in the power of education – especially having gone to Canisius High School, which I consider one of my greatest blessings. I was so intrigued by the program, I attended a conference in Indianapolis to learn how to establish a similar program in Buffalo.”

Jacobs was with Beecher and his sons when the discussion turned to a Catholic elementary school in Buffalo that was closing. Talk of trying to help the school led to how they might help more private schools and students. “It may have been a coincidence that we started the conversation, but I believe we were all driven to take action because we shared the “Men for Others” tradition of our Jesuit education at Canisius,” relates Beecher. “I knew that Paul Bauer had been helping underwrite tuition for some children on the east side of Buffalo, and when I told him about what we discussed, he immediately jumped in.”

Jacobs helped obtain a grant from CEO America, a group largely funded by John Walton, son of Walmart founder, Sam Walton, and the BISON Fund kicked into gear. In those early days, Jacobs acted as executive director, while Beecher and Bauer concentrated on fundraising. Beecher’s wife, Judy, joined in the effort, as did other Canisius alumni including **Carl J. Montante ‘60** who led the program’s first fundraising effort.

In 1999, the BISON Fund partnered with the Children’s Scholarship Fund (CSF) and became part of CSF’s national network of scholarship granting organizations. That provided a matching funds component to leverage donations and serve even more families and children. Since that partnership was formed, CSF has invested nearly \$5 million in Western New York.

As part of the BISON program, parents must contribute to the child’s education, with an average award around \$1,350 per student. This year, the BISON Fund is expanding to include scholarships to provide high school students and their families with more choices for their education.

“Quality education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty,” concludes Bauer. “We have many success stories over the years – including students who went on to law school and medical school – offering evidence that programs such as the BISON Fund work.”

For additional information, visit [www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com).

## The BASIC Fund

**James McCarthy ‘53** knows how to calculate return on investment.

A retired managing director from Merrill Lynch, McCarthy now invests in the education of children in San Francisco. And he will tell you, it is getting a great return, in the form of successful students.



McCarthy and his wife, June, had always been staunch supporters of education – McCarthy’s generosity once helped Canisius High School install a comprehensive computer system. He was also one of the earliest donors to the BISON Fund in Buffalo.

When the couple retired to San Francisco in 1995, they encountered a troubled public school system, particularly for children in low income areas. So, McCarthy and his wife June put their passion for education into founding the Bay Area Scholarships for Inner-City Children (BASIC) Fund in 1998.

The BASIC Fund in the west is similar to the BISON Fund in the east – both are scholarship programs to give underserved families a chance for private school education. There are some differences, however, McCarthy points out.

“BASIC is a larger organization because of the larger Bay Area that we serve,” he explains. “Both do a great job and it’s wonderful to think that thousands of children are getting a quality education because some Canisius High School guys had a good idea.”

BASIC Fund provides annual financial aid to approximately 4,000 kindergarten through eighth grade students at 300 private

schools throughout the nine Bay Area counties. An average scholarship is approximately \$2,000 per student. According to its executive director, the Fund has raised and distributed more than \$114 million and supported more than 22,000 students since its founding.

Similar to BISON, the BASIC Fund requires parents to make a financial investment by contributing a minimum of \$500 annually toward their child’s education. “Getting parents involved is the key to the child’s academic success,” McCarthy says.

McCarthy notes that you can calculate the return on investment by looking at some numbers related to the program. Today, approximately 98% of BASIC Fund recipients graduate from high school, compared to 70% for students in Bay Area public high schools. And 92% of BASIC Fund scholarship recipients go on to attend college. “I can’t think of a better cause to invest in than education,” McCarthy concludes.

For additional information, visit [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org).

BASIC Fund Founders James and June McCarthy with students.



## BASIC Fund Founder James McCarthy '53

*Managing Director, Merrill Lynch - Retired  
Chairman Emeritus, BASIC Fund*



# THE IMPACT

**BRENDAN LEONG '19** SPOKE AT THE 2017-18 CHS PRESIDENT'S DINNER ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE JESUIT EDUCATION HE IS RECEIVING. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM HIS SPEECH.

“Canisius has taught me the value of hard work in all aspects of my life.”

Coming from a small Catholic school, I've always been amazed by the opportunities and the sense of community here. Through my time playing volleyball, on the stage for musicals, and on retreats with my classmates and faculty, I've come to realize one thing: none of those things matter without the tight-knit community here — faculty, staff, coaches, students, and those who support us.

I remember on my first day at Canisius my classmates and I sat in the auditorium listening to a speech from our dean of students, Mr. **Tom Coppola '01**. He said “Pursue excellence. Nothing else is worth your time.” An emphasis is put on excellence, and nothing else is more worthwhile. Whether it's getting a big win on the field of play, scoring well on a difficult test, or figuring out what doesn't sound right about a song, excellence is pursued in all we do. The challenges of the academics, our successful sports teams, and our flourishing arts programs have the power to transform a boy who walks in nervous on the first day of freshmen year, into a young man who is intellectually sound, more self-aware, and ready to take on the world, a true “man for others.”

Graduates leave Canisius and become the leaders of society as doctors, lawyers, journalists, businessmen, artists, and the leaders of their fields in countless professions. This is all thanks to those who support the school. Canisius has taught me the value of hard work in all aspects of my life, helped me grow closer to my family and friends, and helped me to understand and to see God in my everyday life. The opportunities that are afforded to students here have changed my life and the lives of those around me.

## ● Brendan Leong '19

- Ignatian Scholar
- Student Senator
- Varsity Volleyball
- Chorus
- Drama
- Freshman Retreat planner
- Ethnic heritage: Chinese, Irish, Scottish
- Religion: Catholic





# WE ARE CANISIUS.

Today's Canisius students come from 140 schools and 35 school districts across Western New York as well as Canada and China. Each brings his own individual talents, and his own perspective shaped by such influences as his family's point on the socio-economic scale, cultural and religious traditions, and societal norms. On the next few pages, several Canisius students share their stories and experiences as part of the Canisius community.

Nate Weinstein '20



Max Balanevsky (left) with Jack Carminati and Ethan Stoffman.

## MAX BALANEVSKY '18

"I've learned a lot about critical thinking."



### HOMETOWN: Williamsville

**ACTIVITIES:** Sailing has been my sport since I was a freshman and the team co-captain my sophomore and junior years, and I'm captain this year. Sailing outside of school is big for me, too. I'm super excited to have been named to compete in the youth world championships in Greece this summer. I'll be sailing in Athens in July. I'm also the co-chair of the Freshman Retreat. This involves organizing different groups, planning meals, transportation and many other things. Model UN has also been a major activity for me. Over the last four years, I've gone to every conference and learned a lot about critical thinking and thinking on the fly. **Andrew Mangan '18** and I started an International Affairs club.

**SERVICE:** During my Companions service immersion trip to Cincinnati, I realized that I want to do more direct service work with people. So, I've started tutoring refugees from Somalia and Kenya. It's great that I can form relationships with and learn from the people I meet.

**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** Georgetown is my top choice. It has one of the best sailing programs in the country. I want to study international relations and their school of foreign service is unparalleled. Plus, the Jesuit sense of community is important to me – I've thrived on that here.

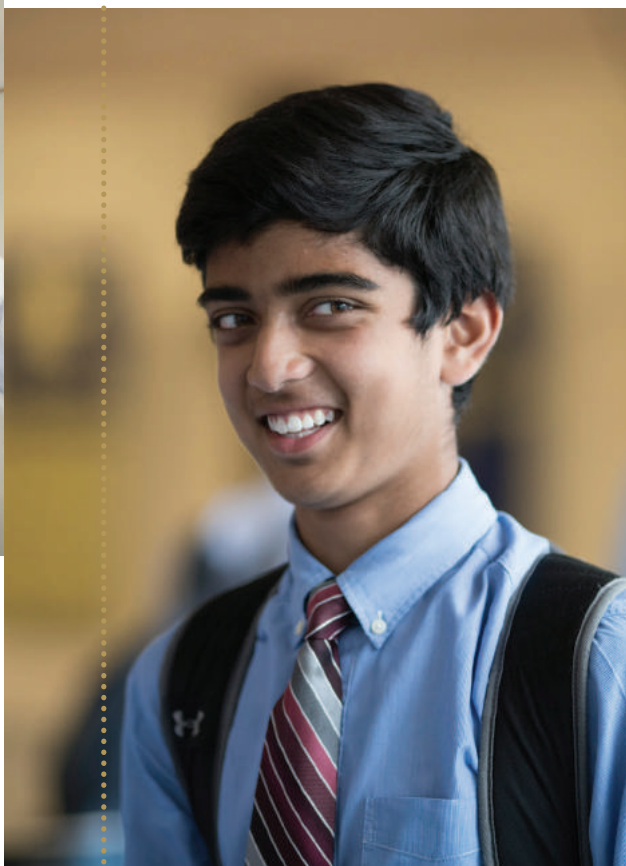
**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** One of the things I was worried about coming in as a student who happens to be Jewish was whether I would be made to feel ashamed for not being Catholic, but I've never felt that. There have been times when people made Jewish jokes and I told them it's not okay. They got the point. I don't think it was done out of malice, just immaturity. I've always felt welcomed here. My dad moved from Moscow when he was about ten years old. A lot of my faith is rooted in tradition. My dad's family's faith was very important to them, it's the reason they left Russia.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Find two or three things that you are really passionate about and fully involve yourself in them.



## LAYTH KHAN '20

"You'll get out of it what you put in."



**HOMETOWN:** Clarence

**ACTIVITIES:** Rowing, Science Olympiad, and I'm an Ignatian Scholar. In Boy Scouts, I've achieved the rank of Life Scout which is one rank away from Eagle Scout. Guitar is probably my favorite activity. It's really a fun instrument once you are adept at it. I'm in the guitar ensemble at school and also take classical guitar lessons.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** A.P. European History. It's interesting learning about that part of the world, and Mr. Beecher (**Dennis Beecher '88**) is a good teacher. He makes you want to learn the material. My other favorite class is Chinese. The National Strategic Language Initiative for Youth offered me a foreign exchange summer scholarship and I'll be spending six weeks this summer in Chengdu, China.

**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** Going for an MBA is part of my plan, although I'm not to the point yet where I've narrowed down my college choices.

**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** My mom came to the U.S. from Pakistan when she was a teenager. My dad's parents are also from Pakistan, and our religion is Islam. At Canisius, some people are curious and ask questions about my faith, but I've never been bullied or experienced anything negative because of it. I'd never been to Mass before my freshman year, so I felt clueless at the first school Mass, but it's interesting to get an inside view of Catholicism. At the mosques, everything is done in Arabic and I don't understand it. So, Mass is interesting because I can understand what's being said.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Come in with an open mind. Take advantage of the opportunities here. You'll get out of it what you put in.

## MAXWELL EVANS '18

"Be yourself and get involved."

**HOMETOWN:** East Amherst

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** I like math, biology and chemistry. Mr. Printup (**Jordan Printup '09**) in 10th and 11th grade religion was particularly helpful. He would take time and slowly explain things when I needed.

**RETREATS:** Never one to open up and talk to people about myself, I didn't go on retreats after my sophomore overnight retreat with the basketball team. Looking back, I wish I would have gone on more retreats.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** I'm going to go to the University at Buffalo where I have been accepted into the pre-med program.

**CAREER PLANS:** My mother is a nurse and we're really close. My interest right now is in radiology. I've talked with some of my mom's friends who are also in the medical field and that's been helpful. After finishing my medical degree, I would like to get a business degree and open my own practice. My Christian Service placement was at the nursing home where my mom works. I learned a lot about caring for people and the need to have patience.



**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** As a bi-racial and non-Catholic student, I've been called names before, but nothing serious. Everybody goes through that. I don't let it bother me. I just keep moving forward. My experience at Canisius has been very positive. I like all my teachers and classes, although having to dress up for school every day gets old.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Be yourself and get involved. Pay attention in your classes. Do your homework. If you do your homework, you'll be fine here.

## AARON ADAMS '18

"Put in the effort, study and don't give up."

enjoy my A.P. Psychology class and learning about how the mind works and why things happen.

**RETREATS:** These programs have made me more spiritual and more willing to help others. I've done all of the retreats – Emmaus, Kairos, Fourth Day – plus I went on a Companions service immersion trip to Washington, DC. I would definitely recommend the retreats to other students.

**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** My plan is to study business management because I have an interest in entrepreneurship. I haven't decided on a school yet, but I'm looking at Xavier, LeMoyne, Syracuse and Canisius College.

**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** In my family, I have two brothers and three sisters. I'm the oldest and have a lot of responsibility at home. We are Christian, but not Catholic. It's different coming to a school where you are a minority and most people don't look like you, but I don't feel any negativity towards me or that people are judging me. As an African-American student at Canisius, I feel valued and respected for who I am. We're all different in our own ways.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** In freshman year, adjusting to the work load can be difficult, but put in the effort, study, and don't give up.

**HOMETOWN:** Buffalo

**ACTIVITIES:** Track – sprint events. With Speech and Debate, I qualified for States this year.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** U.S. History is one of my favorites. It's interesting to learn about what has happened in this country. I also

## DAVID DOWNING '18

"Learning about the different struggles your friends have gone through can help you deal with your own."

**HOMETOWN:** Orchard Park

**ACTIVITIES:** Four-year member of the varsity swim team where I swim the backstroke and the 200 medley relay. An honor student inducted into the National Honor Society in junior year. I'm involved with Science Olympiad, the Culinary Club, and Medical Club.

**RETREATS:** I went on all the retreats. Kairos was impactful. It helped me to open up more to my peers. Learning about the different struggles your friends have gone through can help you deal with your own. My Companions service trip to Nicaragua taught me a lot about social justice, and helped me experience what the Jesuit principles being instilled at Canisius are all about.

**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** I'm interested in the medical field and have been accepted to Boston College and Fordham University. I'm waiting to hear back from Georgetown which is my top

choice. I will likely major in chemistry or biology along with fulfilling the pre-med requirements. With the Medical Club here at school, I've had the opportunity to learn from doctors who've come in and talked with us about their careers and different areas of specialty.

**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** I realized I was gay in middle school, but I pushed it away. Eventually, I came out to my family and close friends, but still held back at Canisius. Being a religious institution and all male, I didn't know how people would react. But, since telling my friends at school during sophomore year, there has been nothing but support. I have a really good network of friends and have only known welcome, care, and support at Canisius. However, although I haven't faced adversity at Canisius for being gay, I know other students have. It's especially important for underclassmen to have someone to talk to about these sensitive issues. There is a group at school speaking with the administration about how best to support us.



## GIANNI SIDDIQUI '19

"Canisius is my favorite place on earth."

**HOMETOWN:** Williamsville

**ACTIVITIES:** I'm a member of the varsity squash and cross country teams. I am in the ski club and an elected member of the Student Senate. In the summer, I volunteer at Gates Vascular Institute where I do biomedical engineering research. My dad is a neurosurgeon and I might be following in his footsteps. My first paper was recently published in a journal. In the research, I created models of vessels that correspond to human vasculature – same dynamic properties, flow properties, thickness and so on. The paper is primarily about attempting to perfect the corroboration between the models and human vessels.

**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** I would like to be in a big city such as New York, Boston or Washington, D.C. where I can pursue my career with endless opportunities around me. My dream school is Columbia University. I will also apply to Stanford, but I may not go there even if I am accepted because of the distance. My parents and I are really close and they would like me to be only a direct flight away from Buffalo.

**MY EXPERIENCE AT CANISIUS:** As a student who is also Muslim, I have experienced no antipathy toward me because of my religion. We're all family here. In terms of the students, we're brothers. Religion, socio-economic background – it really doesn't matter. That's what I've seen.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** There is endless opportunity here. Find your place. Freshman year is about trying out things. I found out I didn't really like crew, but I love squash. Be open to new experiences. Canisius is my favorite place on earth. It is so helpful to me in endless ways. There's nothing to be afraid of here.



## ABEL TEFERA '18

"Others can learn from me and I can learn from them."

**HOMETOWN:** Amherst

**ACTIVITIES:** Soccer is my favorite sport. I've played it my whole life and can't envision a time when I no longer play soccer. Also, being part of the Freshman Retreat core team this year has been a good experience. I can see how far I've come as a person from when I was a freshman to where I am now.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** A.P. Psychology – learning how people think and why they act the way they do – that's interesting. I also like U.S. History and seeing how this country has progressed, and how it's still progressing.

**RETREATS:** The retreats have probably been my favorite experiences at Canisius. I'm orthodox Christian, not Catholic, but learning about Jesuit spirituality has helped progress my faith. I went to New Orleans on my Companions trip where we worked with Habitat for Humanity and in soup kitchens. I had never experienced poverty like that before. It gave me a new awareness.



**COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS:** Canisius College has good science programs, and I'm considering going into dentistry. Plus, I'd like to stay close to my family. Case Western and Fordham are possibilities too though.

**MY CANISIUS EXPERIENCE:** Both my parents grew up in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. I'm a first generation American, and I appreciate the sacrifices my parents made to start over in a new county. My dad says "never forget your heritage," and we've gone to Ethiopia to visit relatives. Having a background that's different from other Canisius students has made my experience here better, because I bring something different to the table. Others can learn from me and I can learn from them.



"Being able to take architecture and sculpture classes in the new building is the highlight of my day."

- **Nick Revelas '18**

"It is remarkable how a simple walk down Delaware Avenue is capable of improving a student's in-class experience."

- **Daniel Sippel '20**

"It's is a great building with plenty of space to work."

- **Jaime Ciesielski '19**

"I find the glass doors cool because they are just different."

- **Henry MacDonald '20**



Ted Lee '18 holds his wire sculpture. Also pictured above: Will Lawley '18 and Eddie Anders '18



Second floor art room.







## CREATIVE SPACE

The Canisius High School Center for the Arts opened at 1140 Delaware Avenue in January 2018 following renovations to the former Conners mansion which the school purchased in May 2017. The 13,000 square foot building now features three floors of space where students can create art and practice music. It also includes a special events space on the first floor.



"One of things I like most is the huge space we have to work on projects and display final pieces. It encourages collaboration and cooperation, and supplies are neatly sorted and easy to access. Whether I'm working on a sculpture for class, a project for Art Club, or studying, the Center for the Arts is one of the best places to hang out."

**- Aidan Doyle '19**

"I like the acoustics of the building."

**- Jon Evans '18**

"It is not only spacious and clean, but the art within the architecture of the building and the elegant design of it can inspire the intricate thoughts needed to make a beautiful piece of art."

**- Matthew Margeson '19**



# LIFE AT CANISIUS

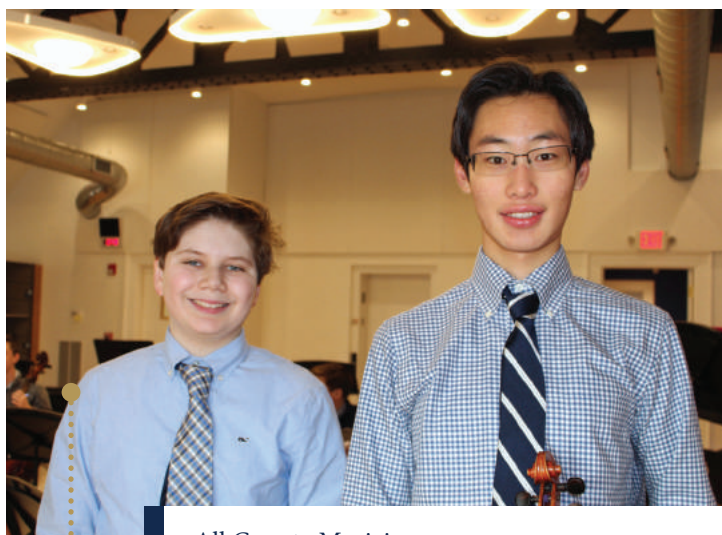
*The Canisius community is alive with opportunities to grow as individuals and to share our experiences with one another.*

Kim Suy '18



For and with Others.

(Left to right) **Ricky Pezzino '19**, **Stefano Galante '19**, and **Andrew Luisi '19** with new friends they met during their Companions trip to Nicaragua in February.



All County Musicians.

Six Canisius student-musicians were selected to participate in the Erie County Music Educator's Association All County Ensembles this year. (Left to right) **Daniel El Solh '21**, **James Oh '20**, **Morgan Mitskovski '21**, **Matthew Bradley '21**, **Ryan Adams '21** and **Logan Gare '18**.





Olympiad Competitors.  
For the third time in the last seven years, the Canisius Science Olympiad team advanced to the state tournament.



CHS Coffee House.  
**Saferino Dour '19** (left) and **Ray Miranda '18** performed card tricks at the fundraiser in February for the Companions service immersion program.

"Canisius will turn you into a young man, preparing you to take on the real world."

- **Paul Woods '18**



Benefactors' Brunch.  
**Carm Scaccia '47** (left) and **Chet Pawenska '47** with Canisius President Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. at the Benefactors' Brunch inside the field house in December.



Electric Fence.  
At an Emmaus retreat at Cradle Beach, **Jack Stube '20** gets help from his classmates to make his way over the "fence" without touching it.



# ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE.

*Crusaders achieved success in the Monsignor Martin league, qualified for competitions at the state level, and won a national championship this winter.*



## National Champions.

The Canisius squash team, in its first year as a varsity sport, captured its second national championship in the last three years.



## Sixteen Straight Titles.

The swim team won a 16th consecutive All Catholic title in February, and sent ten swimmers to the state championships where the 200 yard freestyle relay team won the state title and earned All-American status. Relay champions, left to right: Coach Ed Maynard, **Dan Bowen '19**, **Mac Granto '18**, **Christian Balkin '18**, assistant coach **Pat Collins '16** and **Jake Ruffolo '18**.



## State Qualifier.

In his first year on the Canisius bowling team, **Cameron Hall '19** earned First Team All Catholic honors, and qualified for the state tournament.



## Player of the Year.

The Crusaders won the Monsignor Martin regular season basketball title, advanced to the Manhattan Cup championship game, and **Ryan Bradley '18** (pictured) was named the league's Player of the Year.



# PAT KWIATKOWSKI '72

## COACHING SPOTLIGHT



Coach Pat Kwiatkowski '72 (front row, left) with bowlers (left to right) Joe Gogan '19, Alec Schoenle '18, Scott Zak '21, Cameron Hall '19, Simon Htoo '20, Connor Wright '19, Chris White '19 and assistant coach/Pat's son Mike Kwiatkowski '99.



Coach K from the 1972 "Arena."

## QUICK FACTS

**BOWLING EXPERIENCE:** bowling since age 7

**COLLEGE:** SUNY Fredonia

**YEARS COACHING AT CANISIUS:** 22

**TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER COACH KWIATKOWSKI:** 5 league championships; 4 All-Catholic championships

**CANISIUS ALUMNI SONS:** Scott '97, Michael '99, Matt '09

**REASON FOR BECOMING A BOWLING COACH:** "When my two oldest sons, Scott and Mike, were in school and bowling for Canisius, I was asked if I wanted to coach. Since then it's been a series of one-year contracts. My other job was running grocery stores for 40 years. I retired from that in 2016, but I'm still coaching. I don't know how many more years I will do it."

**COACHING PHILOSOPHY:** "We're more of a family-type thing in bowling with less pressure perhaps than other varsity sports. I call it the coach, teach, and train academy. My son Mike

(Canisius JV bowling coach) and I both teach the same way as far as where to stand on the lanes and how to release the ball. You teach them good habits from the beginning."

**FAVORITE MEMORY OF CANISIUS COACHING CAREER, SO FAR:** "When Nick Rallo '17 came from behind last year to win the New York State singles championship. That was special."

**COACH K'S ALL-TIME CANISIUS BOWLING TEAM:** Paul Betley '99, Ed Kasprzak '02, Sean Mattrey '13, Nick Rallo '17, Cameron Hall '19

**FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE OF ALL TIME:** "Gilbert Perrault or Bobby Orr, because of their skating ability."

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT COACH K:** "I used to be pretty much a pushover when I was in high school here. I was one of the few guys from south Buffalo at that time. My personality has changed as the years have gone on. I can be tough when I want to be, especially tough towards people who show a lack of respect. but I'm a softie at heart."

## Ignatian Service

**Companions program established:**

2007

**Trips completed:**

75

**2017-18 Companions locations:**

*Buffalo, Cincinnati, Dominican Republic, Navajo Nation, Niagara Falls, Nicaragua, South Dakota, Washington, DC*



## SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY

**James Lyon '18** shares the story of an encounter during his service immersion trip that continues to help him see others in a new light.

One year ago I went on my Companions service immersion trip to Cincinnati. There are so many stories and experiences I could share with you, but I will share one experience specifically that transformed the way I think about God.

The night before I was to get on the van for the long ride to Ohio, I was getting ready and watching TV. The show that was on was about a group of people who call themselves “Juggalos.” They self-identify as radical lovers of punk rock/hip hop. Many of them were covered in clown tattoos and symbols that clearly identified them as part of this group.

The next morning, I was on my way to Ohio and ready to serve. Most of the days we worked in a food kitchen called Our Daily Bread. We arrived in the morning to prepare food, served anybody that came in for three hours, and then cleaned up. Hundreds of people came in every day from all different kinds of backgrounds. The third day I was there I saw a man in line who had a full-face clown tattoo. We were encouraged to take some time in the day to get food and share a meal. The man with the face tattoo was sitting alone, and he looked isolated. A classmate and I decided to sit down with this man to eat and

talk a bit. I asked him if I could sit down and he nodded his head. I noticed on his hand he had a tattoo that was the same symbol as the tattoos that the Juggalos had on the TV. I asked him “Are you a Juggalo?”. As soon as I asked him, he looked up, he grinned ear to ear and nodded. He then told me all about himself. He had been a Juggalo fan for ten years and so was his girlfriend. Before I left to go back to work he said, “Stay safe, and stay smart. Have a good day, kid.”

Reflecting on this experience while leading an Emmaus retreat made me think differently about God. Seeing God in the world is hard sometimes, but seeing God in others may be easier. I don’t even know the name of the man I met in Cincinnati, but I can say for a fact that I saw God in him. Since my Companions trip, I notice more and more that I see God in people. This has changed my relationship with God and Jesus.

Companions, for me, was an unforgettable experience. My advice for other students getting ready to go on their service immersion trips is simple: Go into it with an open mind, work hard, and enjoy the experience with your brothers. No matter where you are going, you are going to make a difference.



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

ANNETTE SUGG

DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING



## WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I was born in the Philippines and came to the United States when I was five years old. We lived with my aunt in Williamsville for a few years then moved to the Town of Tonawanda. Both my parents are Filipino but I have both Chinese and Spanish ancestry.

## WHY DID YOU BECOME A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR?

I spent years working random jobs such as residential mortgage sales and management of theater productions based out of Los Angeles. I realized these jobs were not my true calling. I wanted to further my education and sought advice from my undergraduate college advisor and friends working in the field of education. They all recommended I become a school counselor.

**Years at Canisius:** 12

**Degrees:** Psychology, B.A., Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Ed.M., CAS in School Counseling, University at Buffalo

**Place of birth:** Philippines

## WHEN DID YOU COME TO CANISIUS?

While finishing my graduate degree, I was hired as a part-time counselor at Kenmore West High School. Due to budget cuts, my position was eliminated. I was fortunate that Canisius had a position available.

## WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY LIKE IN YOUR JOB?

There is no typical day for a school counselor. We meet with our students regularly but our days can quickly change for a number of reasons. Ultimately, our role is to be advocates for each of our students, supporting them within the context of our school mission and Jesuit ideals.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I am so fortunate to be working with some of the finest students in Buffalo in a supportive and educational environment. I am happy to have a role in the formation of our future leaders, researchers, doctors, engineers, artists, attorneys and athletes. The people of our school community – the counselors, faculty, staff, and leadership team – also make Canisius a very special place for me.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES?

We are a high school. We are not exempt from the challenges this young generation faces on a daily basis such as anxiety, depression, drugs, alcohol, and cyberbullying, just to name a few.

## DOES BEING A WOMAN OR BEING PART OF AN ETHNIC MINORITY AFFECT YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENTS?

Growing up, I honestly didn't see myself as a minority because I was fortunate not to have been treated differently. Instead, I embraced my culture and shared it with my friends, who were very accepting of me. I am lucky that this has continued into adulthood, including Canisius. I certainly hope that being a woman or a minority does not have any impact on my interactions with the students.

## TOP ADVICE FOR STUDENTS?

Keep an open mind. Be compassionate and kind, respect others and be inquisitive. It's okay to fail. You are human and no one is perfect.



Ryan Morrissey '18 talks with Annette Sugg.

## ANNE GIOIA

MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL



Anne Gioia began her seventh term on the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center board of directors last year. The former teacher also serves on the boards of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, which she co-founded with her sister-in-law, Donna Gioia, nearly 30 years ago. She is well-known in Western New York as a philanthropist, fundraiser and civic leader. She also finds time to serve on the board of trustees for Canisius High School.

"I love Canisius – my family is so steeped in the Jesuit tradition, we practically inhale it," she muses. "Along with Roswell, the school is a main focus in my community service efforts currently."

She notes her father **William Driscoll '27**, her husband **Richard Gioia '63**, and son **Gregory Gioia '04** are alumni. Gioia herself experienced the Jesuit tradition at Canisius College where she earned a bachelor's degree in English education. She

also holds an honorary doctorate from the college. She served her first term on the board at Canisius High School in the 1990s when Fr. James Keenan, S.J. served as president.

"I did not have a child at the school at the time and it gave me a different perspective, not being influenced on the board as a parent," she recalls. "I recognized what an honor and privilege it was for a young man to attend the school."

"It is a deep-seated dedication to giving back so that others can experience a Canisius education."

During that first term Gioia remembers learning that moms and dads were not supposed to go beyond the blue doors during the school day. They were to trust the faculty to educate their sons, and if a student had a problem, it was his responsibility to work it out with a teacher or advisor. "If a young man didn't get the lead in the play or wasn't starting on the football team, the parents didn't get involved," she explains. "The school teaches young men how to solve problems on their own – I think that is why they graduate as individuals of such strong character."

Now finishing the second year of her current term on the Canisius board of trustees, Gioia says she is surrounded by people of that same strong character, "Men and Women for Others" who share a passion for the school. "Of all the boards I have served on, I have never seen a group of more committed people, all with a willingness to help so that the school continues to succeed," she notes. "This is not a line on a resume for them – it is a deep-seated dedication to giving back so that others can experience a Canisius education."

Gioia notes that while it is an all-boys high school, the Canisius community is truly made up of "Men and Women for Others." "It is quite remarkable how inclusive the Canisius community is, with men, women, students, parents, faculty, and alumni all sharing in the Jesuit tradition," she explains.

**Co-founder:** Roswell Park Alliance Foundation

**Co-author:** "Bobo's Just Fine", book about cancer for children

**Member:** Western New York Women's Hall of Fame



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## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2018 JUNE 15-16

### FEATURING:

#### FR. STURM ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

June 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. and 12:30 shotgun starts

The Links at Ivy Ridge

#### ALL ALUMNI BASH

June 15, 2018

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Canisius High School

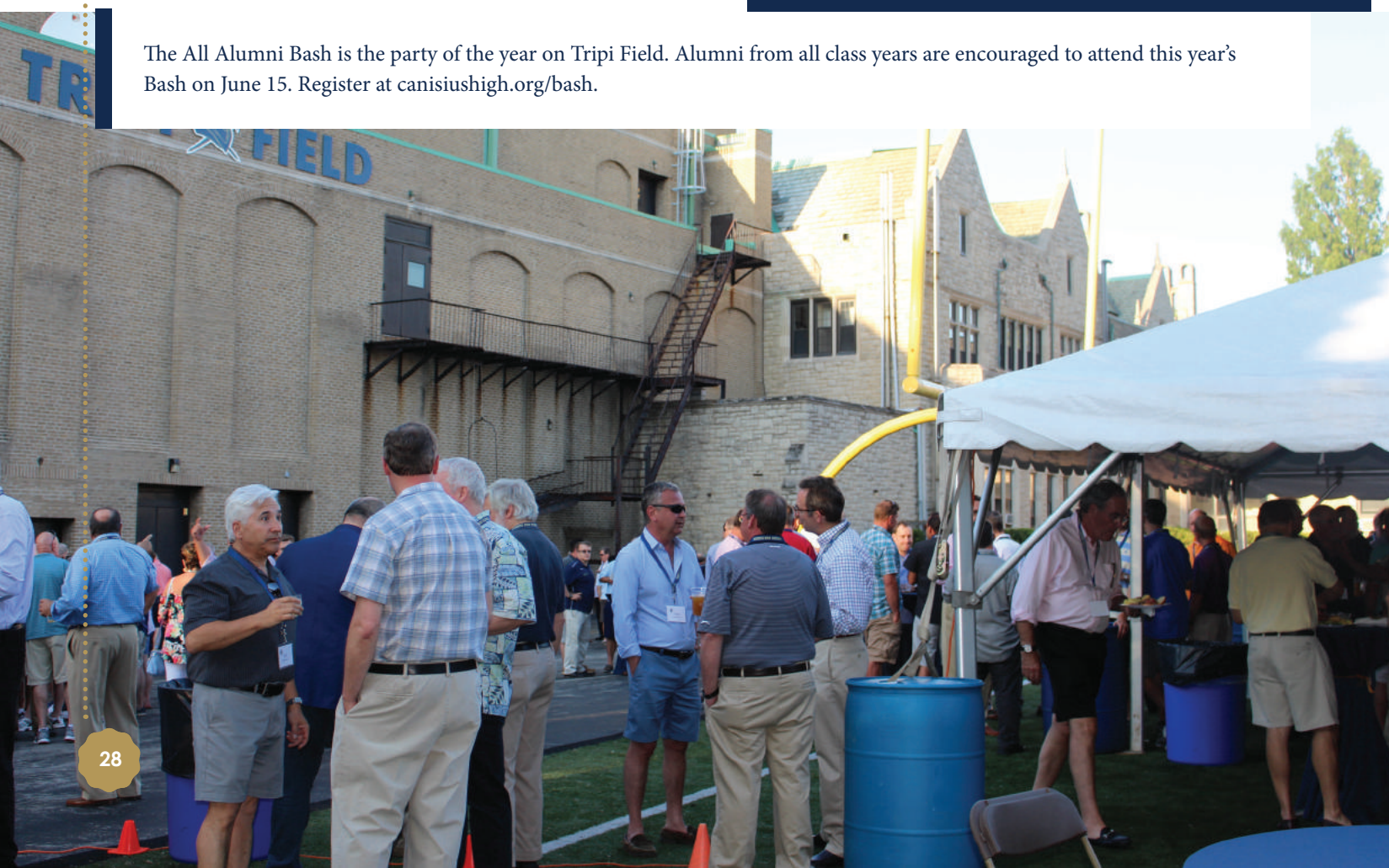
#### CLASS OF 1968 GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

June 16, 2018, time TBA

Canisius High School

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The All Alumni Bash is the party of the year on Tripi Field. Alumni from all class years are encouraged to attend this year's Bash on June 15. Register at [canisiushigh.org/bash](http://canisiushigh.org/bash).





# CHS ALUMNI



JUG was never like this.

Alumni gathered in the aud in January for an evening of good food, drinks and reminiscing during JUG Night.



Sunny travels.

Alumni in the Phoenix area visited with Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. and members of the CHS advancement office in February at the home of **Kevin Curran '75**.



Hundreds of runners competed in the CHS Chilly Challenge 5K on March 25. **Nick Taboni '17** was the top alum finisher, and second overall, with a time of 16:47.





## ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

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**Fran Riordan '93** (center) and **Dan Dallas '16** (right) joined Canisius baseball coach **Bryan Tenney '76** on Tripi Field in January for a baseball clinic for current Crusaders. Fran manages the Oakland A's Triple-A team, and Dan pitches in the San Diego Padres organization.

**Ronald Nathan '55** recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a trip to Panama and a sail through the canal. He still practices psychiatry ten hours per week. He drives from Tucson to southern California monthly to visit his two sons and their families that include three grandchildren. Last year Ronald traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico and to Hamburg, Germany. Later this year he plans to visit Argentina with his family. "Life is good," says Ronald.

**Rev. James Lackenmier, CSC '56** was named Superior of Fatima Center, a residence for retired Holy Cross priests and brothers at Notre Dame.

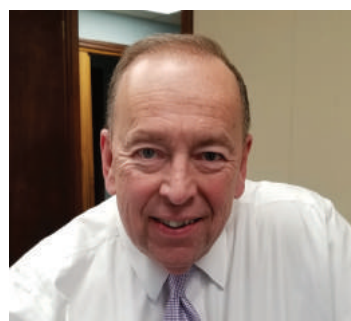
**Vince Saele '56** recently accepted an invitation to serve as senior counsel for The Catholic University Institute of Buea (CUIB) Foundation. CUIB is the Entrepreneurial University of Cameroon, West Africa. It includes three Colleges and five Schools. The mission of The CUIB Foundation is to raise vital funds in the United States and beyond for the benefit of the University. The University was founded in 2010.

**Fr. John Kuhlmann '60** will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination on May 25, 2018. He served in several capacities in the Diocese of Buffalo over the years. He is now living in retirement at Tanglewood Manor in Jamestown.

**Tony Downey '64** and his wife Jeanne are retired and living in Hilton Head, SC. Tony continues to see fellow classmates Joe Michael (Kiawah Island, SC), Bob Rocchio (Davidson, NC), Jeff Woepel (Cooperstown, NY), Dave Burke (Sebastian, FL) and Dr. Tom Walsh at golf outings.

**Robert Glaser '64** has been appointed to the board of directors for NOCO Energy Corporation. Robert is president of Glaser Consulting, LLC. He is retired from Freed Maxick CPAs.

**Joseph Shaw Jr. '67** was appointed village attorney for the village of Blasdel.



**Paul T. Clark '69** (photo left) was named West Seneca Citizen of the Year by the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce. He was presented with the award at the annual Community Awards Dinner on February 15, 2018. Paul is a CPA, a former West Seneca Town Supervisor, and is also a CHS Distinguished Alumnus.

**Dr. Mark Crawford '69** retired on April 30, 2017 after 43 years in education; 17 years in Catholic education, 26 years in public education, 13 years as superintendent of West Seneca Central School District.

**James O'Brien '69** recently celebrated his 40th year anniversary at Merrill Lynch in Buffalo.

**Michael Murray '72** was named to the board of directors for Merchants Mutual Insurance Company. Michael is a retired managing partner for the upstate New York practice of Ernst & Young, an international accounting and advisory firm.

**James Rooney '73** wrote an article on immigration that was published online by the Washington Monthly in February 2017. James also celebrated the graduation of his daughter, Vanessa Rooney, from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 2017.

**Mark Miles, MD '74** closed his private OB/GYN practice in Fairbanks, AK, moved back to Great Falls, MT and took an OB/GYN position at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, MT.

**Michael Basil '75** was nominated for the Time Dealer of the Year award. Michael is president of Basil Toyota and Basil



Volkswagen in Lockport. He was one of 47 dealers nominated nationwide for the award. All the nominees were honored at the National Automobile Dealers Association's 2018 show in Las Vegas in March. Ally Financial, the event's sponsor, will donate \$1,000 to each nominee's charity of choice.



**Kevin Curran '75** (photo left) went on a hiking trip across Patagonia in Chile and Argentina.

**William J. Maloney, Jr. '80** recently completed his eleventh year of coaching cross country at D'Youville College.

**Paul Seminara '80** was appointed to the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund's board of directors.

**Stephen J. Andrzejewski '83** was inducted into the DTC (Direct to Consumer) Hall of Fame. The DTC Hall of Fame recognizes industry members who've made significant contributions to innovate and progress DTC / consumer communications. Steve is the CEO of Spiritus Pharmaceuticals, a company he co-founded focused on respiratory medicines. He is also an adjunct professor for the health economics MBA program for the NYU Stern School of Business. He pioneered industry focus on DTC strategic brand marketing, being the first to advertise Rx products through DTC methods. He is credited for his work in launching and building the Claritin brand and its DTC advertising.



**Mark Jaroszewski '83** (photo left) is a supervisory special agent with the FBI. In November 2017, Mark received the FBI Director's Award for "Outstanding Criminal Investigation" for his work conducting a four-year organized crime RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) investigation. The investigation resulted in the arrest and conviction of 29 individuals on charges including murder, racketeering, money laundering, weapons trafficking and conspiracy.

**Gregory Siemankowski '83** was promoted from COO and general counsel to CEO and general counsel at Power Labor, LLC, in Austin, Texas. Power Labor provides skilled-trade staffing to Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma and has offices in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, and Oklahoma City.



**Richard Kralik '84** published his first children's book titled "I'm Rootin' For Ya! How a curious rabbit helped me cope with the loss of my dad." He plans to write more children's books about serious topics.

**Mike Beecher '85** (photo left) celebrated CHS Varsity Federation Hockey Senior Night with his wife and son, Mike '18. Mike '18 played hockey all four years at Canisius.

**Jed Dietrich, III '87** and Jed Dietrich, IV '21 traveled to Japan this past winter to ski at Hokkaido on the North Island.

**Christopher Gallant '88** is the divisional chair of arts and sciences at Hilbert College. In summer 2017 Chris instructed two successful summer camps at Hilbert in journalism and media.

**Michael Ball '91** was promoted to regional director of Empire State Development's Buffalo-based western New York regional economic development office. He will lead its efforts to recruit new business, as well as support existing business and community development efforts in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. In his new position, he also serves as the executive director of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council. Empire State Development is New York State's chief economic development agency.

**Thomas A. Cumbo, MD '91** was appointed to serve on the Catholic Medical Partners Independent Practice Association board. He is board certified in the subspecialty of infectious disease and is currently the vice president of medical affairs, chief of staff, and chief medical officer at Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

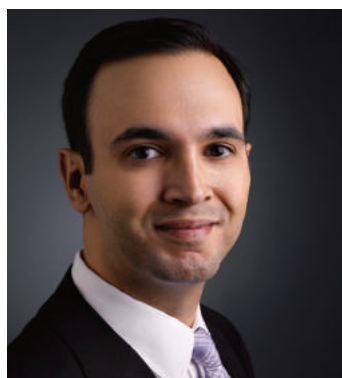
**John Czora '92** is celebrating 13 years of marriage. He and his wife have two sons, ages 9 and 12.

**Fran Riordan '93** was promoted by the Oakland A's organization to manage the team's Triple-A affiliate, the Nashville Sounds. This is Fran's first time managing at the Triple-A level. Last year he managed the A's Double-A team, the Midland RockHounds, and led the team to a Texas League title.

**Peter Savage '95** was elected chairman of the Erie County Legislature. He has represented the third district of the Erie County Legislature since 2014.



**Anthony Astran, MPA, APR '98** (photo left) earned a master's degree in public administration from SUNY Buffalo State and was inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha honor society. He also recently began a new position as public information specialist for the New York State Smokers' Quitline, based at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.



**Andrew Nason '99** (photo left) joined Harter Secrest & Emery LLP in Rochester as an associate in the intellectual property practice group. Andrew has represented clients in complex litigation in federal district and appellate courts including the Supreme Court of the United States. Nason was most recently at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC in Washington, D.C., and previously practiced at Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP, also in Washington. He

received his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Rochester, and is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center.

**Bill Vaughan '99** was named vice president for mission integration at Kenmore Mercy Hospital.



**AJ Herrmann '00** joined The Boston Consulting Group after ten years of national security work in the U.S. Federal Government. He and his wife Sarah, and daughter Emily (2), live outside Washington, DC.

**Thomas Moriarty '00** and his wife, Caitlin, opened Moriarty Meats on Buffalo's west side. The business specializes in tailored whole animal butchery with an approach that is respectful to the animal, while appealing to cooks who care about what they're eating.

**Ryan M. Francis '01** and his wife Heather are working and living in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Patrick Malacaro '02** was named play-by-play broadcaster for the Buffalo Bisons Triple-A baseball team.



**Michael Tyrpak '02** (photo left) of Tyrpak Financial in Williamsville has been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies®, the standards-setting body for FI360. The AIF designation signifies specialized knowledge of fiduciary responsibility and the ability to implement policies and procedures that meet a defined standard of care. Michael also qualified for Top of the Table, an internationally recognized mark of excellence in the financial services industry.

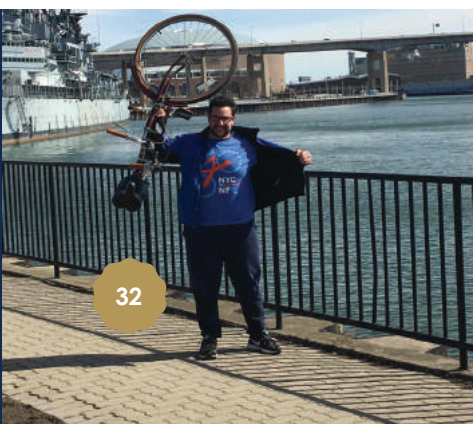


**Andrew J. Olek '04** (photo left) joined the law firm of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP as an associate in its corporate and securities practice group where he will assist clients on business formation, including companies, partnerships, and corporations and advise businesses and entrepreneurs on entity and internal organizational structure, financing options, contract negotiation and general business planning.

**Malcolm Ertha '06** was appointed chief of staff for the City of Buffalo Common Council in 2017. He is also still serving in the U.S. Army Reserve and is currently in his third year of service.

**Justin Wheeler '06** was inducted into the Xavier University Ice Hockey Hall of Fame.

**Brett Notarius '10** earned a Master of Sustainability Solutions in 2017 from the Arizona State University School of Sustainability in Tempe.



**Tony Gengo '12** (photo left) will ride across New York state this summer in the Empire State Ride to help find a cure for cancer.

**Christopher Naylor '12** is an anti-money laundering detection analyst at KeyBank.



**Michael Khan '14** (photo left) directed the 19th annual Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life at Georgetown University. This is the largest collegiate pro-life conference in the United States, named in honor of His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor, the late archbishop of New York and Georgetown University alumnus. Michael is a senior at Georgetown University.



**Andrew Heitzhaus '15** (photo left) went on a service immersion trip to Immokalee, Florida in January 2018 with a group of classmates from the University of Detroit Mercy.



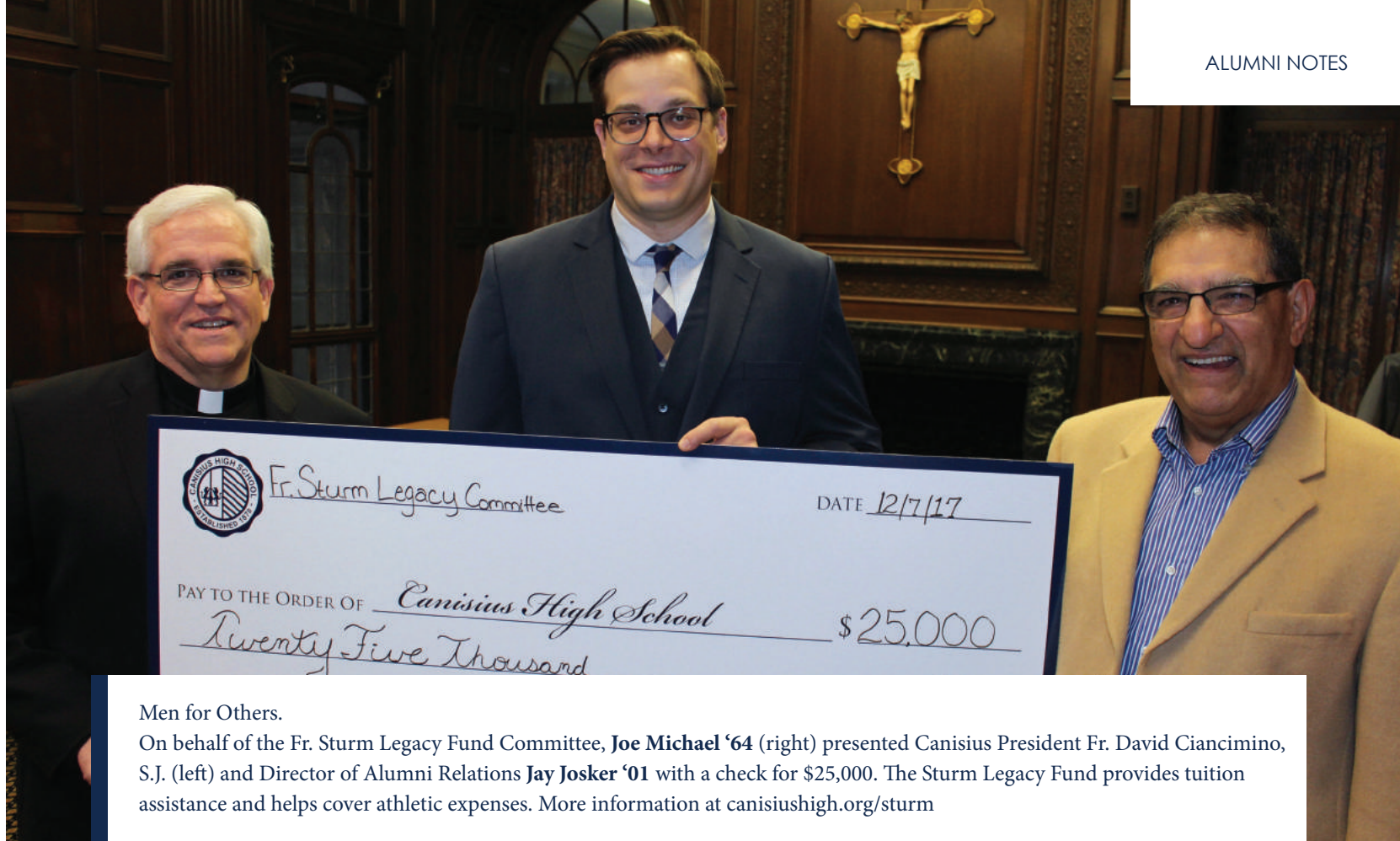
**Michael Brown '15** was named a finalist for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship for graduate studies.

**Conor Schneider '15** (photo left) is a political science major in his third year at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. From September 2016 to December 2017, he interned for Congressman Chris Collins. Conor is now studying abroad in London and taking classes at London South Bank University. In addition, he is working as an intern in Parliament for the Hon. Mike Wood MP.



Former Canisius teacher Br. Christopher Derby, S.J. recently visited with **Marquis Draper '15** (pictured) and **Tim Armstrong '17** at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Br. Derby was attending a meeting of retreat house directors in Atlanta.





### Men for Others.

On behalf of the Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Committee, **Joe Michael '64** (right) presented Canisius President Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. (left) and Director of Alumni Relations **Jay Josker '01** with a check for \$25,000. The Sturm Legacy Fund provides tuition assistance and helps cover athletic expenses. More information at [canisiushigh.org/sturm](http://canisiushigh.org/sturm)

## WEDDINGS

**Tom Oakley '03** got married on January 13, 2018. He and his wife Christina made their vows at St. Michael Church in Buffalo. Tom also started new job in March 2018 as a product engineer at Moog Inc.

## BIRTHS



**Tom Elliott '97** and his wife Mary celebrated the arrival of their first child, a son, on January 31, 2018. His name is Enzo Xavier Elliott. (photo left 1)



**Bradley Ertel '98** and his wife Amanda celebrated the birth of their first child, Camden John, on October 20, 2017. [photo left 2]



**Christopher Musialowski '04** and his wife Ellen welcomed their daughter, Genevieve Ellen, into the world on January 10, 2018. Genevieve weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. [photo left 3]

## IN MEMORIAM

*We remember alumni of whose passing we've learned since the fall of 2017.*

<i>Francis M. O'Connor '44</i>	<i>Michael L. Stahrr '55</i>
<i>Joseph B. Conboy '45</i>	<i>T. Alan Brown '56</i>
<i>Richard R. Wozniak '45</i>	<i>Anthony T. Liotti '56</i>
<i>Donald A. Walczak Sr. '46</i>	<i>Salvatore J. Calandra '57</i>
<i>Donald F. Harter '49</i>	<i>Denis W. Dzielski '58</i>
<i>Paul J. Walsh '49</i>	<i>Raymond J. Lewandowski '58</i>
<i>James G. Prem '50</i>	<i>John J. Slivka '58</i>
<i>William H. Thomas '50</i>	<i>Richard A. Neil '60</i>
<i>Robert M. Hartney '51</i>	<i>Vincent M. Gaughan '70</i>
<i>Thomas A. Hassenfratz '52</i>	<i>James R. Jakiel '74</i>
<i>George A. Muehlbauer '53</i>	<i>David M. Downing '83</i>
<i>T. Gregory Jacobs '54</i>	
<i>Joseph P. Cardinale '55</i>	



## FR. RONALD W. SAMS, S.J. '46 AMDG SCHOLARSHIP

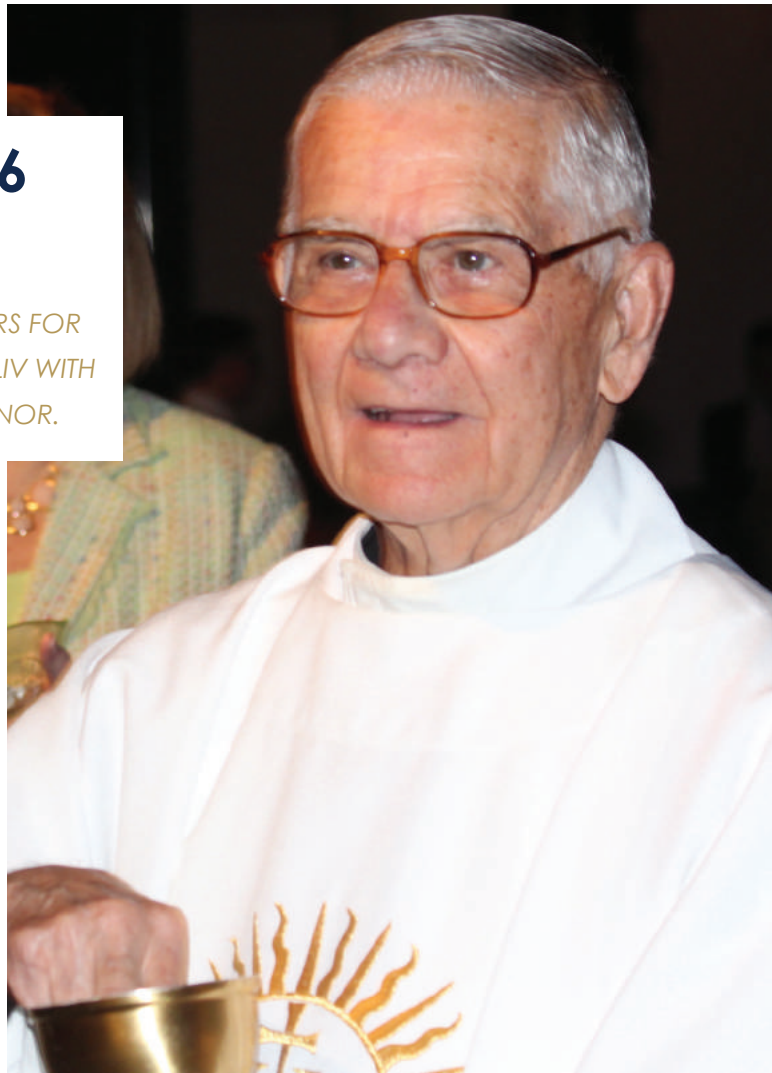
A CANISIUS ALUMNUS WHO SPENT HIS LIFE SERVING OTHERS FOR GOD'S GREATER GLORY WILL BE HONORED AT GAMBIT XLIV WITH THE FUNDING OF A NEW SCHOLARSHIP NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

Fr. Ronald W. Sams, S.J. '46 provided comfort, kindness and friendship to those he encountered over more than 70 years as a priest. His passion for serving others, from Canisius to the islands of the Pacific, was faith filled and exuberant. He believed in Jesuit education and spent years advancing the mission of Canisius High School so more young men would have opportunities to experience the transformative education.

The Fr. Ronald W. Sams, S.J. '46 AMDG Scholarship will provide tuition support for students whose financial need would otherwise prevent them from attending Canisius High School.

The initial funding of the scholarship will take place at GAMBIT, Canisius' annual dinner auction which Fr. Sams helped establish. This scholarship will keep Fr. Sams' memory alive and continue his life's work of providing for those who need our care and assistance.

If you'd like to contribute, please go to [canisiushigh.org/giving](http://canisiushigh.org/giving) and select the Fr. Sams scholarship as your "designation" choice.



## THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017

What you need to know about the impact on charitable giving

CONGRESS ENACTED THE FIRST MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAX CODE IN OVER 30 YEARS BEFORE THE END OF 2017, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018. TAX INCENTIVES FOR CHARITABLE GIVING WERE LARGELY UNCHANGED. HERE ARE SOME POINTS TO KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE LAW ON CHARITABLE GIVING.

- The charitable deduction was not reduced under the new law.
- Taxpayers who itemize deductions are still able to include their charitable contributions.
- The deduction for cash gifts increased to 60% of adjusted gross income, from 50%.
- Cash gift amounts not deductible in any given year can still be used to reduce tax liabilities for up to another five years.
- The full market value deductibility of donated securities was maintained. With no tax on capital gains and a strong market, the transfer of stocks or mutual funds continues to be attractive. This is available to all donors, whether or not you itemize deductions.
- The use of retirement fund assets for charitable gifts is unchanged, including those from traditional or Roth IRA accounts.
- The threshold for federal estate and gift taxes was increased so that fewer estates will be subject to tax. Charitable gifts from estates continue to be fully deductible.



# THANK YOU LAURIE TWIST

FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



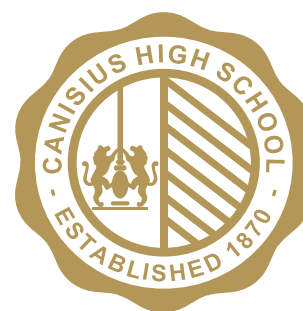
This scholarship will be for a student who wouldn't be able to come here otherwise."

Mrs. Twist had to figure out how to fund the Chris Hartnett Class of 1988 Memorial Scholarship though. Her financial advisor suggested a life insurance policy. She's also getting help from **Kurt Herrmann '88** who is leading a fundraising effort for the scholarship. Kurt and Chris were best friends ever since they

"He loved this school. I thought of all the things I could do to honor him, and this one made sense."

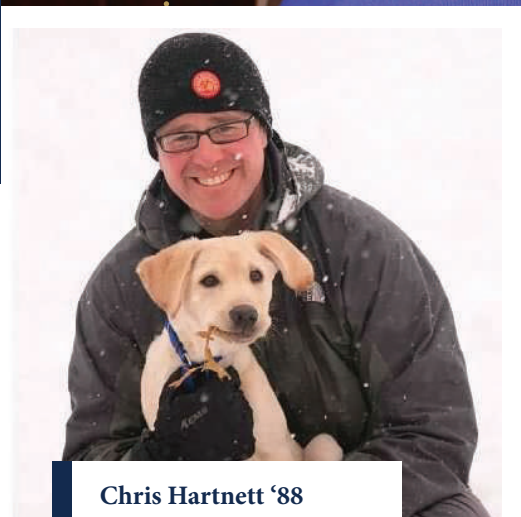
met as nervous freshmen on their first day at Canisius. "I never met a kinder, more generous guy," says Kurt. "Chris embodied the very best traits that you hope to see in the men who emerge from CHS. I'm very happy that he will be remembered with a scholarship in his name."

Also in the minivan that fateful night was Christopher's son, **Andrew '19**. Andrew survived the crash and is now living one of his father's dreams. He's playing varsity basketball for Canisius – something Christopher always wished he could've done. Mrs. Twist imagines Christopher is smiling, "He had a thousand-watt smile."



For more information on how you can support Canisius High School's mission and students, contact:

**David A. Cristantello, Ph.D.**  
**Vice President for Institutional Advancement**  
**716.200.0265**



**Chris Hartnett '88**

The world changed for Laurie Twist in January 2015. Her son, **Christopher Hartnett '88**, was killed when he lost control of his minivan on an icy road. "Everybody who met Christopher loved him," says Mrs. Twist. "He was a 'man for others.'" She

recalled when Christopher told her he would earn his masters in social work rather than pursue a more financially lucrative career. "He said, 'I want to be able to help people.'"

Christopher will continue to help people through a scholarship named for him at Canisius. "He loved this school," explains Mrs. Twist, "I thought of all the things I could do to honor him, and this one made sense. If it wasn't for financial aid, Christopher wouldn't have been able to come to Canisius."





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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **SPRING ARTS SHOW**

May 3, 2018  
5:00-7:00 p.m. at the CHS Center for the Arts

### **CLASS OF 2018 COMMENCEMENT**

May 24, 2018  
6:30 p.m. at Canisius High School

### **CANISIUS DAY OF GIVING**

May 31, 2018

### **FR. STURM ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC**

June 15, 2018  
8:00 a.m. and 12:30 shotgun starts at The Links  
at Ivy Ridge

### **ALL ALUMNI BASH**

June 15, 2018  
6:00-9:00 p.m. at Canisius High School

### **CLASS OF 1968 GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER**

June 16, 2018, time TBA  
at Canisius High School

### **HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, for boys entering grade 8**

June 25 – July 26  
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Canisius High School

### **VIDEO GAME DESIGN & ANIMATION WORKSHOP**

July 9 – July 13  
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Canisius High School

### **ROBOTICS & PHYSICS OLYMPICS WORKSHOP**

July 16 – July 20  
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Canisius High School

### **FR. STURM LEGACY FUND LUNCHEON**

Date and time TBA