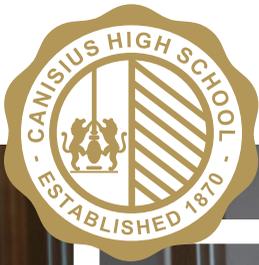




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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

A standing room only crowd filled the Brady Conference Room in the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House on a recent Wednesday morning. Students, teachers, counsellors, coaches, parents, siblings, grandparents and the media had come to witness ten of our student-athletes make their official commitments to the colleges where they will continue their academic and athletic careers. The scene is not unusual. We typically host signing events three times a year with a new group of student-athletes making commitments each time. Each one of these events offers a glimpse at the strength of the Canisius community.

Pope Francis has lauded sport as a privileged place of “unity and encounter” where “people meet without distinction of race, sex, religion or ideology.” Sport, he noted, “is a very rich source of values and virtues that helps us to become better people: training, practicing, discovering our limits without fear, struggling to improve.” In this way, “to the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world.”

Sport plays a significant role in the life of our Canisius community. Pope Francis is correct. Whether it's the Blue Crew or faculty and staff cheering on our teams; student broadcasters, cameramen and members of the Canisius press corps covering the action; hard working team managers, announcers, score keepers; or our faithful parents and loyal alumni who are ever present, sport has the ability to bring our school community together. It is, indeed “a place of unity and encounter.”

“Sport has the ability to bring our school community together.”

A parent wrote recently to her son during his retreat that she and her husband didn't encourage him to be involved in sports to become a star. Rather, their goal was to have him grow and learn the importance of teamwork, determination, hard work, how to deal with success and adversity, bumps and bruises, and yes, even experience, own, and rebound from failure. Words of wisdom.

There are many ways we learn and experience community at Canisius that do not involve athletics, but for this issue of “Canisius High School Today” we're focusing on the role of sports. Nearly 60% of our students participate in at least one sport. You will meet some of our student-athletes in this issue.



Fr. Ciancimino with Jacob Schectman '20

You'll also read in the pages ahead about alumni working in sports related-fields.

Fittingly, a new Athletic Hall of Fame display has been installed on the mezzanine level of the Kennedy Field House. Photos of the new display can be found in this magazine. More importantly, I invite you to come for a visit or to a game and see it yourself.

You know, perhaps better than I, the strength of our Canisius community. I hope you enjoy this edition of “Canisius High School Today” that highlights just one aspect of our beloved school community.

Thank you for your continued care and support for Canisius.

Blessings and gratitude,

*David Ciancimino S.J.*  
Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.



Owen Wurst '20, Prayer Munana '20 and Brian Clarey '20 with Ms. Tyrpak-Endres.

FROM THE

## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

A testament to the success of the athletics program at Canisius is the fact that roughly ten percent of our graduating seniors in recent years have gone on to compete in college sports. This percentile far surpasses the national average of two percent. This means that for 90 percent of our students, the high school level of competition is likely the highest level at which they will ever compete. This 90 percent is investing time and energy for reasons other than the opportunity to play in college. Participation may be for the camaraderie of being part of a team, the excitement of potentially winning a championship, or for the sheer love of the sport.

Playing sports builds character. Young men learn to work together for a common goal, to respond appropriately to victory and defeat, and to grow in virtues such as courage, humility, patience, and perseverance. Our students may not be immediately aware of this character building, but our coaches certainly are. Coaches can have a very significant influence in young men's lives. I've had parents lament to me, "My son won't listen to a word I say, but when the coach tells him to do something, he does it with no argument!"

"Playing sports builds character."

We've been fortunate to have many great coaches working with our student-athletes over the years. A few who immediately come to my mind are Johnny Barnes and **Bus Werder '41** for

football, **Connie McGillicuddy '39**, **Paul Smaldone '60** and **Bryan Tenney '76** for baseball and Fran Clouden for hockey. Today we are gifted to have leadership from men such as our director of athletics Jim Mauro, **Kyle Husband '96** coaching basketball along with longtime bowling coach **Pat Kwiatkowski '72** and Tom Flaherty who coaches crew. One thing these coaches have in common is an understanding of Jesuit education. The idea of *cura personalis* or "care for the whole person," a foundational element of Jesuit education, is evident in all they do when coaching our students. Athletics is certainly the "body" part of the "mind, body and spirit" approach to forming the whole person but these coaches are also concerned about the student athletes' growth as men of character.

There are numerous examples of our coaches going above and beyond in their efforts to help form students into well-rounded young men. **Joe Zera '01** takes his JV basketball team on a retreat each year which often includes a day of service at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Rich Robbins' football team gathers at school for Mass and a meal before games. Sam Belsito's hockey team runs a program at Christmas to provide toys for poor and sick children. Those are but a few examples.

I am grateful to our coaches past and present, and to everyone in our Canisius community who are giving of themselves to make a positive difference in the lives of our young men.

Respectfully,

*Andrea Tyrpak-Endres*

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres



## SPORTS MANAGEMENT: A HOCKEY LIFE

STAN BOWMAN WORKED HIS WAY UP WITH THE BLACKHAWKS,  
BUILDING A STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.

Photo courtesy: Chicago Blackhawks

**Stan Bowman '91** had many influences in his life and career, with his National Hockey League Hall of Fame father, Scotty Bowman, at the top of the list. Born in Montreal, Bowman came to Buffalo during his father's tenure as coach of the Buffalo Sabres.

"Growing up, I would listen for hours to my dad on the phone with coaches, scouts, and others as they discussed players, team development and other hockey issues," Bowman recalls. "I probably didn't realize it then, but I was soaking it all in and building on the knowledge that I use every day in my job as general manager."

Still, having a famous dad didn't mean the career path was an open net for the current general manager of the Chicago Blackhawks. At Canisius High School Bowman says the Jesuits showed no favoritism and challenged each student to do his best. Math and English were two of Bowman's favorite subjects in high school, and he played tennis, golf and hockey.

"At Canisius, I learned that if you show up, pay attention, and develop the discipline to do what is asked of you, success will follow," Bowman says. "I have carried that with me through college, my career and life."

After Canisius, Bowman attended the University of Notre Dame, where he played club hockey as a defenseman and center, and earned degrees in finance and computer applications. He started his career with Arthur Andersen in Chicago, one of the Big 5 accounting firms in the U.S. at the time. There, he built on the problem-solving skills that he first developed at Canisius, and after four or five years with the firm, he decided to look for opportunities in the hockey world.

Bowman recalls sending cold-call letters to virtually every team in the NHL and the Chicago Blackhawks were the first to respond. He started out with the team as special assistant to the GM doing statistical work and computer programming in the pre-internet days of the 1990s. Having learned in high school and college to take advantage of the opportunities as they arise, Bowman became director of hockey operations and then assistant general manager. He became the ninth general manager in Blackhawks' history in 2009. The team won the Stanley Cup in 2010, 2013 and 2015 with Bowman as GM.

"If you show up, pay attention, and develop the discipline to do what is asked of you, success will follow."

Today, Bowman continues to serve as vice president and general manager in Chicago where he lives with his wife and three children. While the Blackhawks are his team, he notes there is a part of him that remains a Sabres fan. He gets back to Western New York often where his parents still live in the summer months.

"I made a great group of friends at Canisius with whom I stay in contact to this day," Bowman concludes. "The school made a great impact on me and I will always have a special connection to Canisius and the Buffalo area."

## SPORTS MANAGEMENT: CALLING THE SHOTS

LARRY QUINN'S CAREER DEVELOPED INTO THE ROLE OF MANAGING PARTNER OF THE BUFFALO SABRES.

While **Larry Quinn '70** once put winning teams on the ice, his love of sports actually began in the water.

An All-Catholic swimmer all four years at Canisius High School, Larry did play hockey in a neighborhood league since the school had not yet developed its hockey program. He also ran the 440 on the Crusaders track team. But he notes, in addition to sports, it was the rigorous education at Canisius that laid the foundation for a career that would include going from Buffalo's commissioner of development to president and owner of the city's beloved professional hockey team.

"The Jesuits were extremely bright and their style of teaching has been an underlying factor in my success," Larry says. "I learned to question things – the 'why' of whatever we were doing – and that philosophy came into play whether I was developing a building in New York City or developing a team to compete on the ice."

Larry went to the University of Notre Dame after Canisius and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and English. He considered law school, but went into development instead, eventually becoming director and later commissioner of development for the City of Buffalo. He also worked as a developer in Manhattan and New Jersey.

His entrance into the hockey world came when Larry assisted the owners of the Buffalo Sabres – the late Knox brothers, Northrup and Seymour III – in constructing a new hockey arena in the 1990s. Beginning in 1996, he served as president and CEO of the Sabres and under his leadership the team won the division title and advanced to the conference finals in 1998. That year, Larry left the Sabres when new ownership took over.

"I learned to question things – the 'why' of whatever we were doing."

He returned to the Sabres when businessman Tom Golisano bought the team and made Larry a minority owner with the role of managing partner and CEO. During this tenure, the team won the NHL's President's Trophy in 2007 and the



Northeast Division title in 2007 and 2010. Larry left the Sabres when Terry and Kim Pegula bought the team in 2011.

Today, Larry is semi-retired, keeping busy with five grandchildren as well as traveling and skiing. He was elected to the Buffalo Board of Education in 2014 and has a few months left in his term.

Throughout his career, Larry has stayed connected to Canisius as a generous supporter and friend of the school. He notes that he became good friends with **Fr. John Sturm, S.J. '35**, the former prefect of discipline at the school, and asked the priest to serve as team chaplain for the Sabres in the 1990s.

"Any student who has a chance to attend Canisius should thank his lucky stars because it is an education and experience that will set him up for life," Larry says. "It was a great school when I was there and it is even better today with new facilities, a more diverse faculty and more opportunities to learn."

## SPORTS MANAGEMENT: TEAM BUILDING

CRAIG ZAKRZEWSKI WEARS MANY HATS AS AN ASSISTANT AD AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY.

**Craig Zakrzewski '96** notes how well-rounded his education was at Canisius High School.

“Canisius truly set the foundation for the successes I have had, from the work ethic they instill, to the ‘Men for Others’ philosophy, to the challenge to be your best whether in the classroom or on the sports field,” Craig explains.

Craig finished in the top 10 in his class at Canisius where he played basketball all four years, including on the team that upset St. Joe’s to win the Monsignor Martin league title in 1996. After Canisius, he earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

As a student at Wake Forest, Craig discovered he missed the team atmosphere he experienced through athletics at Canisius and decided to get involved in sports at the university. He served as a student manager for the men’s basketball team – he was part of the team that won the 2000 NIT Championship – and the football team. It was an experience that opened his eyes to the opportunities in collegiate athletics, although it didn’t immediately lead to a career in the field.

“I work with students in the sports program at Wake Forest and do all I can to help them succeed.”

After earning his degree, Craig worked in commercial banking for M&T Bank both in Buffalo and Philadelphia. But, the sports world was still calling him. When an assistant position with the athletics department at Wake Forest became available, he jumped at it. He joined the university’s athletics staff in 2002, serving as assistant director of equipment services for men’s and women’s basketball and the women’s soccer program. He also oversaw the student manager program that he had been a part of while studying at Wake Forest.

Well-rounded might best describe the career Craig has built at his college alma mater. Today, as assistant athletic director for internal operations, his duties include project management for new construction and renovations on campus, including a



current \$45 million project involving a new sports performance center and new basketball player development center. In addition, he coordinates student-athlete housing assignments and serves as department liaison for all athletic team sport camp programs. Craig also wears the hat of secondary sport administrator for the men’s basketball and women’s volleyball programs.

Craig points out the lifelong friendships he formed at Canisius, including with current school president Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J. who presided when Craig married his wife, and baptized their two children. And, he says he carries the “Men for Others” philosophy with him every day.

“I work with students in the sports program at Wake Forest and do all I can to help them succeed,” Craig explains. “That is something I experienced at Canisius – the memories stay with me to this day and impact the work that I do.”



## SPORTS MEDICINE

DR. JOHN ZVIJAC APPLIES LESSONS LEARNED AT CANISIUS IN HIS WORK AS A TEAM ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON.

**Dr. John Zvijac '78** has an NFL Super Bowl ring but he has never played a down of professional football. As the head team orthopedic surgeon for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for 16 years, John was on the sidelines when the Bucs beat the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003. And, that is just one moment on his career highlight film.

Growing up on Buffalo's East Side, John's parents stressed education and he followed his brother, **David Zvijac '68** to Canisius. John loved sports and competed on the Crusaders cross country and baseball teams. He knew back then he wanted to become a doctor.

"I realized early on the opportunities that Canisius presented to me, where I was challenged to do my best," John recalls. "The experience really shaped my life and, although I left Buffalo years ago, the area, and more importantly, Canisius, has never left me."

"The lesson was you cannot succeed without working together."

John relates an experience in high school that taught him the importance of teamwork. In his senior year, he was part of a college level calculus class that accepted only 24 students based on an entrance exam. A homework assignment of 100 questions led the entire class to meet at a restaurant and work together on solving the problems. They all received a 98.

"The lesson was you cannot succeed without working together," John explains. "I've carried that lesson with me through college, med school and throughout my career in sports."



After graduating from Canisius High School, John earned a bachelor's degree from Canisius College and his medical degree from State University at Buffalo. He then moved to Florida to complete his residency in orthopedics with a focus on sports medicine.

Today, he is a founding partner of UHZ Sports Medicine Institute and a team physician for the NHL Florida Panthers and Florida International University, where he is also an adjunct professor in the university's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. He is also a consultant with the NFL's Tennessee Titans. Still a Bills fan, John notes that Buffalo plays the Titans during their 2019 schedule which may cause some rooting conflict for him.

John points out what he considers a true highlight of his career, rooted in the "Men for Others" Jesuit motto. He serves as medical director of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools high school athletic program which covers all the inner city schools in Miami. The program provides free physical exams for nearly 12,000 students a year and helps to educate young athletes on important health issues.

"I am most proud of the high school programs we developed to not only help students stay healthy, but to stress the importance of academics and taking advantage of opportunities," John concludes. "These are concepts I embraced during my own formative years at Canisius – I will always have a warm place in my heart for my high school."

# SCRIBES AND BROADCASTERS

Several Canisius alumni have found success in the field of sports media. Here are the stories of a few who are at various points in their careers.



Erik Brady built a career as a national sports writer.

## THE WRITE STUFF

**Erik Brady '72** did not play sports at Canisius.

"I learned early on that all sports writers are failed athletes," Erik laughs. "But I remind my friends and classmates I'm the only guy doing the same thing today as I did when we were in high school."

Erik covered football, basketball and baseball for The Citadel in high school. At Canisius College, he wrote for the school paper, The Griffin.

Right out of college, Erik worked as a sports writer for the former Courier Express in Buffalo, covering the Summer Olympics in Montreal in 1976. He met his wife, Carol, also a writer, at the paper. When the paper closed in 1982, Erik joined USA Today, a

new national daily at the time. He retired from USA Today earlier this year after more than 36 years there.

"I always wanted to be in the newspaper business because it looked like a lot of fun," Erik says. "And I can now say it is a lot of fun."

Writing is in Erik's genes. His late father, **Charles Brady '29**, was a renowned poet, best-selling novelist and literary critic for The Buffalo News. Erik's sister was a reporter for The Buffalo News. During his sports writing career, Erik has covered Olympic Games, Super Bowls, Stanley Cup championships and college sports events. He has crossed paths with alumni in professional sports including **Phil McConkey '75**, **Stan Bowman '91**, and **John Urschel '09**.

Erik intends to keep writing in a freelance capacity. He spoke at the Canisius Father-Son Breakfast a couple of years ago about the fact that so much of what he loves in life he found through newspapers. "For me that all started at Canisius," he explained.

## SPEAKING OF BASEBALL

**Pat Malacaro '02** was a Canisius freshman when he first went to work as a bat boy for the Buffalo Bisons Triple-A team. He would take the bus or get rides from his parents to the ballpark from his home in South Buffalo. Last spring, Pat was named the voice of the Bisons – the team's primary play-by-play announcer.

During his Canisius years, Pat also ran cross country and indoor track. His schedule with the Bisons made it impractical though for Pat to play baseball for the Crusaders.

"Being around the ballpark in high school, I knew working in sports was something I wanted to do," Pat recalls. "I remember **Fr. Jim Van Dyke, S.J. '77** telling me I had talent and it would be a shame to waste it. It was a lesson in making the most of my opportunities."

After graduating from Syracuse in 2005 with a dual degree in broadcast journalism and history, Pat landed a job at WGR Sports Radio 550 in Buffalo, working nights and weekends doing on-air sports updates. In 2008, he joined the Batavia Muckdogs of the Short-Season Class-A New York Penn League as an

unpaid intern, and took over as the radio voice of the Muckdogs the following season. In 2011, he returned to the Bisons working as a part-time announcer before moving into his current role.

Pat also handles media relations for the team and continues to work with WGR primarily on Buffalo Sabres broadcasts.

"There are so many things I learned at Canisius that I draw from to this day, but perhaps the greatest is how to make the most of my time," Pat says. "Putting in the work and effort – in high school, college and career – is the only way I could have gone from bat boy to broadcaster."



Pat Malacaro went from bat boy to the voice of the Buffalo Bisons.

## JUST GETTING STARTED

**Andy Helwig '15** is still finishing his degree at Canisius College, but he has been making his voice heard in the world of sports. From Crusaders to Golden Griffins to Muckdogs, Andy has covered a lot of teams.

In high school he played four years of volleyball, including two on the league champion varsity team. On the Crusaders baseball team, he played first base and catcher. On top of playing sports, Andy called play-by-play for the Crusaders basketball and hockey games for the school's live streams, including when Canisius won the state Catholic and Federation basketball titles in 2015.

"Without a doubt, Canisius was life-changing for me," says Andy, who grew up in Alden. "You combine the sports, academics and student activities, with the Kairos retreats and immersion trips, and the total impact is so remarkable."

He considered going away for college, but Andy learned that Canisius College had an agreement with the ESPN3 streaming service. At Canisius College, Andy got involved right away as a volleyball analyst on ESPN3. His roles grew to include play-by-play announcing for soccer, volleyball, lacrosse and hockey games. He's also been the



Andy Helwig has years of sports broadcasting experience before even graduating from college.

radio voice of the Griffs men's basketball team, and interned with **Pat Malacaro '02**.

Last summer, Andy added professional baseball play-by-play to his resume, calling all 76 games for the Batavia Muckdogs. He will graduate from Canisius College this year with a dual degree in journalism and sports management.

"Canisius High School taught me the importance of being prepared for every game, be it on the field or on the air," Andy concludes. "Calling for the Crusaders was the start and I continue to build on that experience to develop my own style."

## BROADCAST VETERAN



Mark Giangreco is a mainstay on the Chicago sports scene.

**Mark Giangreco '70** has earned three Emmy Awards during 37 years as a sports broadcaster in Chicago. He has covered just about every top athlete in town from the NBA's Michael Jordan to the NFL's Jim McMahon to Buffalo's own Patrick Kane of the NHL Blackhawks.

The oldest of five growing up in Williamsville, Mark says he was a pretty decent athlete himself, only not at Canisius. "I was All-Catholic in JUG," he jokes. "But all kidding aside, I learned how to write at Canisius which has served me well."

Mark's first foray into the communications world was as a cartoonist for The Citadel at Canisius. He says he inherited his art skill from his grandmother.

At the University of Dayton, Mark got started in broadcasting as a disc jockey on a local radio station where he learned to write stories for broadcast media. He eventually earned a promotion to the morning drive slot and reported news, weather and sports. As the show's popularity grew, Mark was offered a job at WDTM, the NBC television affiliate in Dayton. A year later, he moved to Louisville to be the sports director at WLKY-TV where he earned the Louisville Journalism Award for excellence in sports reporting in 1982.

Then, an opportunity opened at WMAQ-TV in Chicago in 1982. Mark had long dreamed of working in Chicago and jumped at the opportunity. He stayed with that station for 12 years before moving to WLS ABC-7 in Chicago where he is the lead sports anchor today. He is also part of the highest rated sports talk radio show in the city on ESPN Radio.

"My buddies from Canisius are still my best friends to this day – a core group of eight or nine guys regularly play golf, go to Bills games together, and simply maintain the bonds we have as Crusaders," Mark concludes.

# INSIDE BASEBALL

*America's Pastime had become a career for several alumni, a few of whom are featured here.*

## DIAMOND LIFE:

JOE RACCUA IS THE HEAD BASEBALL COACH AT RADFORD UNIVERSITY.

**Joe Raccuia '90** says attending Canisius was a no brainer for him. His older brother, **Ron Raccuia '86**, was an All-Catholic honoree and baseball team captain at Canisius. Joe says being around Ron and his teammates and going to their games made him fall in love with the school.

"I have worked in college athletics for a long time and seldom do I see the type of students that Canisius produces," Joe says. "It is a challenging and demanding school, yet I always felt the faculty looked out for me. My story would be very different had they not."

As a Crusader, Joe played baseball and basketball, making the All-Catholic first team in baseball and All-Catholic second team in basketball. When Joe was a freshman, his father found himself in troubled times. The family didn't have the resources to pay tuition and it looked like Joe might have to transfer to a public school. But teachers, coaches and administrators found a solution that would allow Joe to stay at Canisius. He worked every day in the school's athletic office to help cover tuition.

"I am forever indebted to the people at Canisius for having my back during a difficult time," Joe says. "I would have otherwise left the school, stopped playing sports there, and who knows how things would have ended up."

Joe headed to Florida after graduation to play baseball at Miami Dade Community College. He eventually transferred to Edison College in Fort Myers where he played second base. Then came a scholarship offer from Radford University, and he became a team captain there while earning a bachelor's degree in social science in 1995.



His resume includes a number of management roles ranging from head coach at Marist College to recruiting coordinator at the University of Alabama. Joe returned to Radford in 2007 when he was named the fifth head baseball coach in the university's history. His best coaching season so far at Radford came in 2015 when the Highlanders finished with a 45-16 record, setting a school record for wins. Last year, Joe was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame for his coaching success.

"Much of my coaching philosophy has roots at Canisius," Joe says. "I treat each of my players not as a number, but as a person. That's the Jesuit education approach to everything at Canisius."



## DOUBLE PLAY:

FRAN RIORDAN RUNS A BUSINESS WHILE MANAGING A TRIPLE-A TEAM.

**Fran Riordan '93** operates The Copy Store in downtown Buffalo with his brother, **Chris Riordan '99**. The family business has offered printing and related services since their father, **Frank Riordan '58**, started the business in the early '80s. The brothers purchased the business from their father in 2003 and share responsibilities as co-owners today. The shared responsibility helps Fran pursue his other passion and profession – baseball.

Each year, Fran takes a break from The Copy Store to be a baseball manager. He is managing the Las Vegas Aviators, the Pacific Coast League Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, this year. He served as manager for Oakland's affiliate last year as well in Nashville before the affiliation moved to Las Vegas.

Fran has managed in professional baseball for 18 seasons, including the past four with the Oakland organization.

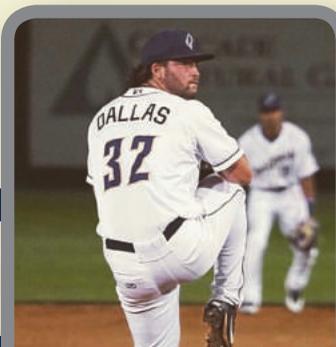
The oldest boy of seven children, Fran began his baseball journey playing shortstop and pitcher in community leagues before playing shortstop at Canisius. During high school, Fran worked in the family business to help cover the cost of tuition. Then, he headed to Allegheny College in Pennsylvania where he played all four years on the school's nationally-ranked baseball team.

Fran worked as hard as he could in college in an effort to be selected in the baseball draft, but no team drafted him. Moving on from that experience, he played in the Frontier League for the Richmond Roosters in Indiana. After a number of years at first base, he was asked to serve as a player manager. In that role, Fran led the team to back-to-back league championships in 2001 and 2002. He then managed the Kalamazoo Kings for six seasons, leading the Kings to the 2005 Frontier League title. His brother, Chris, played for him in Kalamazoo.

Fran also spent four seasons as manager of the Florence Freedom in the Frontier League and led the team to two playoff berths. He is the all-time Frontier League leader in wins with 625 and was inducted into the Frontier League Hall of Fame in 2014.

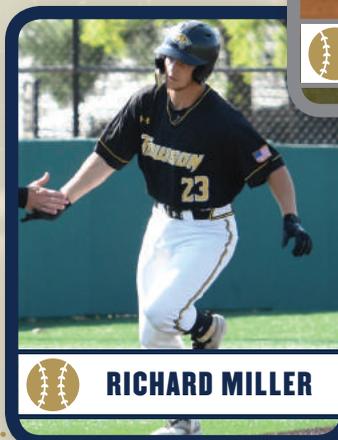
Whether in business or baseball, Fran says he uses skills such as critical thinking that he learned at Canisius. "In high school, I probably didn't think that Canisius was the best decision I would ever make in life," Fran says. "But looking back, I really think it was."

WHERE  
are they  
NOW?



DAN DALLAS

**Dan Dallas '16** is working his way up the ranks in the San Diego Padres organization. Pitching for the Tri-City Dust Devils he made the Northwest League All-Star Game, and earned a promotion to full season A-ball with the Fort Wayne TinCaps in 2018. He returned home to Buffalo to train in the offseason. "Canisius and Coach **Bryan Tenney '76** taught me about hard work and dedication, and prepared me to deal with failure in baseball and even more so in life."



RICHARD MILLER

**Richard Miller '15** had one of the most prolific offensive seasons in the history of the Prospect League playing for the Springfield Sliders in summer 2018. He was named the league's Mike Schmidt Player of the Year after leading the league with a .373 batting average, 17 home runs, 41 extra-base hits, a .811 slugging percentage and 150 total bases. He is starting at third base and designated hitter for Towson University this spring, and is draft eligible.

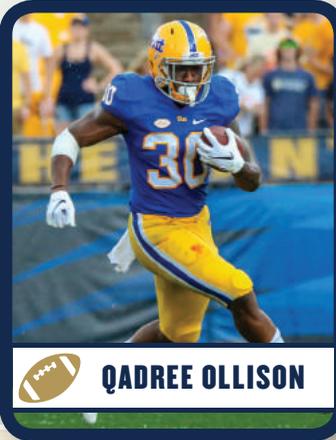
# WHERE are they NOW?

Updates on a few of the many Canisius alumni who have continued competing after high school.



**STAFFORD TRUEHEART**

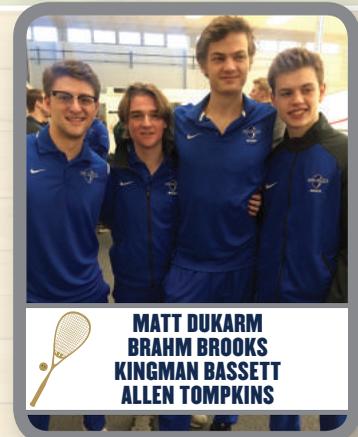
**Stafford Trueheart '16** plays forward for the Hofstra University basketball team and is averaging 3.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game. He is a junior majoring in management and plans to pursue a career in sports business. Stafford also serves as a men's basketball representative on the Hofstra Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.



**QADREE OLLISON**

**Qadree Ollison '14** rushed for 1,213-yards on 212 carries and scored 11 touchdowns in his senior season with the University of Pittsburgh. He started in all 14 games and was named All-ACC. Qadree has earned his bachelor's degree in communication. He took part in the NFL Scouting Combine in advance of the NFL Draft.

**Matt Dukarm '17, Brahm Brooks '17, Kingman Bassett '16 and Allen Tompkins '18** (left to right) are all members of the Franklin & Marshall College squash team which finished the season 14th at nationals. Matt had the best record on the team this season. His future goals include playing professional squash and becoming a financial manager. Brahm is majoring in business. Kingman and Allen are undecided.



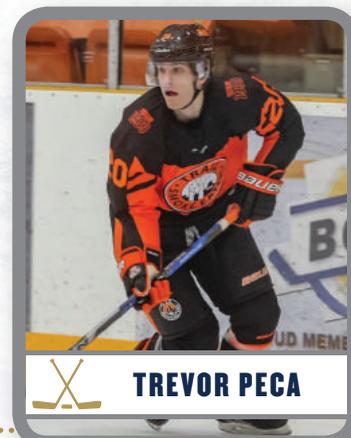
**MATT DUKARM  
BRAHM BROOKS  
KINGMAN BASSETT  
ALLEN TOMPKINS**



**KEN BIANCHI**

**Ken Bianchi '17** is swimming for Le Moyne College and was a finalist in the 100 backstroke at this year's Northeast 10 championships. Ken is currently a sophomore pursuing a triple major in business analytics, information systems and marketing and is interning at Upstate Medical University in the health information systems department.

**Trevor Peca '18** is a center for the Buffalo Junior Sabres and spent time this year in British Columbia playing for the Trail Smoke Eaters. He was selected in the USHL entry draft last season and received interest from several Division 1 schools before committing to Miami University (Ohio) where he plans to study economics or finance after possibly playing another year of junior.



**TREVOR PECA**

# WHERE are they NOW?

**Jake Ruffolo '18** is majoring in health science and swims for St. Bonaventure University. He was part of the 400-freestyle relay team that earned sixth place at the Atlantic 10 Swimming and Diving Championships this past winter.



**JAKE RUFFOLO**



**T.J. WHEATLEY**

**T.J. Wheatley '15** battled injuries at Michigan before transferring to Stony Brook last summer. He played in 11 games with eight starts at tight end as a junior for the Seawolves in 2018 and pulled down six receptions for 36 yards.



**LATERRANCE REED**

**LaTerrance Reed '15** is a junior at Northwestern State University in Louisiana where he is a guard for the Division 1 basketball team. He's averaging 10.4 points and 3.5 rebounds a game. LaTerrance played the previous two seasons at Niagara County Community College under Bill Beilein where he averaged 17.8 points, 4.2 assists and 4.7 rebounds per game.

**Jayce Johnson '18** is a guard for the Middle Tennessee State basketball team and is averaging 6.6 points, 2 assists and 4.7 rebounds a game. He is majoring in accounting and says, "Canisius prepared me for college in ways that I did not imagine. While some seem to struggle, I feel that I have almost a step ahead of some of my peers."



**JAYCE JOHNSON**



**DAN JORDAN**

**Dan Jordan '15** is a Pac-12 champion, IRA Ten Eyck champion and Henley Royal Regatta semifinalist rowing for the University of California, Berkeley. He will graduate in 2020 and plans to pursue a career in banking/finance. Dan will be working for a hedge fund in New York City this summer. "At Canisius I had lots of races and classes and club meetings and exams but what I remember most are the life lessons I got from being involved in so many ways," recalls Dan.

# INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: PLAYING FOR TEAM USA

*Two recent Canisius graduates earned roster spots on the national team for their respective sports.*

“Singing the national anthem with the crest over my heart was a moment I will never forget.”

## DEVIN JOSLYN '17

### Volleyball

#### USA Youth (2016-2017) and Junior (2018) National Teams

“At first, I didn’t think it was real,” says **Devin Joslyn '17** describing his reaction when he learned he’d made the national team in 2016.

Devin competed as an outside hitter for the U.S. at regional tournaments in Cuba in 2016 and 2018, and at the World Championships in Bahrain in 2017. The U.S. teams earned the silver medal at regionals in 2016, finished twelfth at the world games in 2017, and fourth at regionals in 2018.

“It was truly an honor to put on a jersey with the letters USA,” Devin says.

He is studying Business, Finance and Information Systems at Loyola University Chicago where he is a sophomore, and he competes for the Loyola Ramblers volleyball team.

“Canisius gave me the tools necessary to be successful both on the court and also in the classroom,” Devin says. “It allowed me to find a balance between academics and athletics.”



## JACK WILES '17

### Rugby

#### USA U20 All Americans

“This was a goal of mine since I picked up a rugby ball, and to be singing the national anthem with the crest over my heart was a moment I will never forget,” says **Jack Wiles '17**.

Jack earned a roster spot in 2018 with the U.S. team consisting of the best rugby players in the nation under the age of 20. The team trained in Houston before splitting a pair of games against Team Canada which allowed Canada to advance in the international tournament based on aggregate scores.

Now a sophomore at St. Bonaventure University, Jack is majoring in Business Management and playing flanker for the university’s rugby team. “Canisius set a higher standard for me to go above and beyond in everything I do,” Jack explains. “I would not be who I am today without Canisius.”

# KICKER HIGH

*Canisius has earned a reputation for developing excellent kickers.*

With its last three kickers – **Michael Tarbutt '15**, **Blake Haubeil '17** and **Tristian Vandenberg '19** – all earning Division 1 Football Bowl Subdivision college scholarships, Canisius is being dubbed “Kicker High” within some football circles.

“Three in a row is rare in the country; not just rare locally or in the state,” says Canisius Head Football Coach Rich Robbins. “I don’t know of any other school in the country that’s had three consecutive kickers earn full scholarships. Kickers are usually walk-ons.”

Coach Robbins points to three key factors for Canisius’ kicking success. The first is the commitment Michael, Blake

and Tristian all made to developing their craft. The second is the expectation within the Canisius football program for each student-athlete to compete at a high level. And finally – the coaching. Canisius has a dedicated special teams coach in **Bryce Hopkins '08**; plus all three kickers worked with outside kicking specialists.

Whoever takes over kicking duties next fall will be stepping into a position that, at Canisius, is not the afterthought it seems to be at some schools.

“It’s a huge weapon from scoring key points to field position,” explains Coach Robbins. “With the touchbacks, opponents have to go 80 yards against our defense every time.”



**MICHAEL TARBUTT**

**Michael Tarbutt '15** has been the starting placekicker for the University of Connecticut where he majored in communications as an undergrad. He will be transferring to the University of Minnesota with a year of athletic eligibility remaining to pursue sports management in grad school. In 2017 Michael was named the special-teams player of the year, and was ranked #9 in the nation for kickoff efficiency. He credits Canisius with helping develop the time management skills needed to balance his studies with his athletic schedule.

**His favorite Canisius memory:** “Winning the 2014 State Championship.”



**BLAKE HAUBEIL**

**Blake Haubeil '17** earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2018 while kicking for The Ohio State University. His team won the Big Ten Championship in 2018-2019, the 2018 Cotton Bowl and 2019 Rose Bowl. He is a sophomore majoring in strategic communications/business management.

**What he misses about Canisius:** “I miss the interactions with many of my coaches and teachers, as well as my classmates. I still communicate with many of them to this day, and for that I am thankful.”



**TRISTIAN VANDENBERG**

**Tristian Vandenberg '19** is an All-Western New York first team-kicker and punter. He’s committed to kicking for Ohio University and plans to study exercise physiology. Tristian used football for a higher purpose this past fall. He launched a campaign asking for donations for every point he scored which will go toward leukemia research in honor of his four-year-old cousin who is battling the disease. The campaign raised \$10,500.

**Advice he received:** “After Blake Haubeil graduated he told me, ‘Just do you. Hit your ball. Don’t worry about the kickers who came before you.’”

# STUDENTS TO WATCH

Canisius offers opportunities for each student to grow spiritually and develop his individual talents for the service of others. On the next few pages, meet five Canisius students who share their Canisius experiences.



## JOHN COLLINS '19

"Every school has sports and clubs but not every school has programs like Canisius that enable deeper connections with classmates."



**HOMETOWN:** Buffalo

**WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS:** My cousins, **Patrick Collins '16** and **Jack Collins '18**, were here. I wanted to go here and my parents were in favor of it too, so we were all on the same page. I love it here.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** AP calculus and AP government. With math I like that there is one right answer even though there may be multiple ways to get there. With government I can see what I'm learning in real life current events. When I read the news I can see how it relates to what we're studying in class.

**ATHLETICS:** In the fall I play soccer, then squash in winter and tennis in spring. Squash is my favorite sport and I've been playing it ever since my dad gave me a racket when I was 8 or 9 years old. It's been exciting to be part of the Canisius squash program. We've had success at the national level. My freshman and junior years we won our division at nationals, and this year we made it to the finals. I enjoy team squash more than simply playing singles by myself.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Haverford is an excellent liberal arts college near Philadelphia. I'll pursue a liberal arts degree and be playing squash as a member of the collegiate team there.

**RETREATS:** Every school has sports and clubs but not every school has programs like Canisius that enable deeper connections with classmates. The retreats provide opportunities to talk about things we wouldn't usually talk about at school or at practice. I had an opportunity to lead a Kairos retreat and that was eye-opening. I was able to see the retreat from a different perspective and to lead students through an experience that was so meaningful to me.

**ACTIVITIES:** I'm a Big Brother to freshmen this year. I hesitated to get involved with the program because I didn't think I would enjoy it, but it's been great to be able to help a younger student navigate through where I've been myself. I can relate to his fears and concerns.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Sports can help you get to know other students. I played freshman soccer and got to know kids before classes even began. With squash as an underclassman I got to know seniors and juniors who I wouldn't have even thought of talking to in the halls. I also suggest exploring things you don't think you will like. You might discover a new favorite thing. That happened to me with Big Brothers, and also tennis which I surprisingly really enjoyed.



## TOM FEENEY '19

"I felt a sense of community here."

**HOMETOWN:** Clarence

**WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS:** When I visited Canisius I noticed the way teachers were interacting with students, students were interacting with each other, and the way everyone interacted with me. It was more welcoming than the other schools I visited. I felt a sense of community here.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** Since I love to read, English and history are two of my favorite classes. My sophomore year English teacher Mr. Cumbo (**Paul Cumbo '97**) has been particularly helpful to me not only because he challenged and motivated me to be my best academically, but he also helped me with crew by keeping me focused on what I needed to do to reach the goals I had set.

**ATHLETICS:** My friend's brother rowed and I saw that it opened up college opportunities for him. It occurred to me that rowing could be a college avenue for me, too. That's how it started. I fell in love with the sport, so it became much more than just a way to get to college. It does take up a lot of my time. In winter, I get up around 5:00 and practice at school from 6:00-7:45 before school starts. During race season we usually practice on the water after school from about 4:00-6:30. The thing I love about rowing is being with friends and working together toward a common goal. Coming through the finish line ahead of the competition is truly an unparalleled feeling.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Although I've had college rowing in the back of my mind for quite a while, I didn't believe it was a realistic aspiration for me until this past fall. I was accepted by Colgate University with an opportunity to row in a Division I program. I also liked the sense of community I felt there when I visited. It reminded me of Canisius. I'll likely major in English or History.

**RETREATS:** Retreats are a key part of the Canisius experience. They give you a chance to meet people you've never spoken to before, and to connect with classmates in ways you otherwise wouldn't. I led an Emmaus retreat and that challenged me to reflect with a different purpose – to give a talk to the entire group as opposed to reflecting in a small group as I'd done when I was a retreatant.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Even if you're hesitant, go to games and retreats. Join a sport or club. You'll meet new people and you just might find new friends there. While I have participated more at Canisius in recent years, I advise future students to cheer on your classmates and engage in our community from the beginning.

## MATT JACKSON '19

"Challenging both sides of my brain – the intellectual side and the artistic side – creates a sense of balance."



**HOMETOWN:** I was born in Philadelphia and moved to Williamsville when I was in first grade.

**WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS:** I wanted a competitive high school that would challenge me in both academics and athletics. When I visited schools, Canisius stood out as being strong in both areas and it felt like the right place for me.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** Math and science. In science, in particular, there's so much out there where you have the potential to see the tangible effects of your work. For example, with medicine you can work on a cure that saves lives or improves the health and well-being of someone. I have a creative side too that I've enjoyed exploring in my art classes. Challenging both sides of my brain – the intellectual side and the artistic side – creates a good sense of balance for me.

**ATHLETICS:** Golf, which I've played all four years at Canisius, is my number one sport. Tennis is second. I started playing them at a young age and I love them both. With golf, I was first in the league as a sophomore and captained the team as a junior and senior. I've also been competing in national golf tournaments outside of school and have traveled everywhere from Maine to Florida and California. Much like balancing the different sides of my brain through differing types of school work, playing two styles of sports provides a nice change of scenery, as well.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** I plan to study biomedical engineering but haven't yet decided where, or whether I'll pursue golf at the collegiate level.

**SERVICE:** Going to Nicaragua on a Companions service immersion trip opened my eyes to future possibilities. There is a program for college students called "Engineers Without Borders" that would involve going to an underserved area and using my talents in engineering to make a difference for other people. That's something I'm interested in doing.

**CANISIUS' IMPACT ON ME:** Relationship building hasn't always been easy for me, but during my time here, I've grown a great deal in that area. I was a quiet shy kid coming in and stuck closely with the circle of friends I knew from St. Gregory the Great. The retreats were helpful in opening me up to new relationships beyond that circle. There are also many teachers at Canisius who are easy to talk to and they have helped me to form relationships with them as well as with my peers. Mrs. (Erika) Stuff is very easy to relate to, and although history may not be my favorite subject, Mr. Beecher (**Dennis Beecher '88**) is just a great person to talk to.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Try everything here and see where you fit. Maybe you'll like everything you try like I did and have a really full, unique experience.



## TIM NETTINA '19

"You never know who you'll become by the time you are a senior."

**HOMETOWN:** Clarence Center

**WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS:** My great-grandfather **Dan McCue '33** and his son, my grandfather, **Dan McCue, Jr. '61**, came to Canisius, but my dad went to St. Joe's and I was leaning toward going to St. Joe's myself. When I visited Canisius as a Crusader For The Day, I loved it here. Everyone was so welcoming, and I haven't looked back since. My twin brothers, **Christian '22** and **Matthew '22**, are freshmen this year and they are doing well at Canisius, too. My brother **Patrick '23** will be coming here next year.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** History fascinates me, particularly U.S. history. I feel more connected to it since it's where I live and I have grown to appreciate the history of our country. Mr. (Justin) Siuta and Mr. Wolf (**Will Wolf '09**) have been my favorite history teachers. Their teaching styles engaged us with the material and made it easy and fun to learn. Mr. (Steve) Wanzer is another teacher who stands out for me. I was in his science class as a freshman and he helped smooth the transition to a new school.

**RETREATS:** I did not take away all of what Emmaus had to offer to me and that was my own fault. I didn't go into it with an open mind. When I realized my mistake, I signed up for Kairos, went with a different attitude, and that made a huge difference. The self-reflection part of it challenged me to look inward in ways that I hadn't done before. Kairos gave me a feeling of getting a fresh start.

**ATHLETICS:** Hockey has been my sport at Canisius. I played on the JV Gold team as a freshman, JV Blue as a sophomore and Varsity Federation for the last two seasons. Hockey has helped me grow on so many levels. Initially, it helped me get to know other kids at a new school. It has also challenged me to discover and develop leadership skills that I might not have known were within me. I've always been a quiet person unless I'm really comfortable with a group. This year, as an assistant captain, I was pushed out of my comfort zone. I felt compelled to serve as a role model and leader for my teammates. I've now reached a point where I'm more comfortable saying what's on my mind and engaging with others.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** I want to stay local for sure, and will major in Business since it will provide a good foundation for me with a number of career opportunities. I don't expect to continue playing hockey in college, but I'll still be around the game. Maybe I'll get into coaching or helping little kids learn the game.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** So many possibilities are available to you. Be open to them. You never know who you'll become by the time you are a senior.



## DAN NEWTON '19

"Learning to be a more responsible person has been one of the important lessons."

**HOMETOWN:** Hamburg

**WHY I CAME TO CANISIUS:** Canisius has a reputation for being the best school for academics and it has great sports teams. I knew I wanted a school that would challenge me. I knew Canisius could provide lots of opportunities and connections, and that's what appealed to me. It's been a good fit. I've enjoyed my experience here.

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** A couple of science classes have been my favorites – physics with Mr. (Scott) Walters because I enjoy challenging myself to find solutions to problems, and psychology with Mr. (Brian) Spurlock because it's interesting to learn how the mind works.

**BEING A "MAN FOR OTHERS":** To me, it means going out of your way for someone, or just being there for each other. At the Journey's End Refugee Services camp where I volunteered in the summer, each of the Canisius students was paired with a buddy – a child from a refugee family – and just being there and spending time with my buddy was incredibly meaningful.

**ATHLETICS:** The speed and physical aspects of lacrosse are some of the things I like about the sport. I first got into lacrosse because my friends were playing, and that's still one of the reasons I love it – the connection with friends. These days I spend around 20 hours a week with lacrosse. That includes after school and weekend practices. It's a sport that came naturally to me and I'm fortunate that I'll have the opportunity to play at the college level.

**COLLEGE PLANS:** I've committed to Manhattan College to play Division I lacrosse. The coach was in contact with me after seeing me play last summer and invited me to visit the school. I like the city, the campus, the academics and the lacrosse program so I think it will be a good fit for me. I plan to study finance or economics.

**CANISIUS' IMPACT ON ME:** Learning to be a more responsible person has been one of the important lessons. There is a considerable workload for Canisius students and I have to be responsible for managing the expectations, including keeping track of assignments and due dates.

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE CRUSADERS:** Get involved. Find clubs that interest you. If I could go back and do it over I would probably join clubs earlier in my time at Canisius.



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## WE CHANGE LIVES: *Why I Support Canisius*

BY MICHAEL C. MAZZARA '88

**Michael Mazzara '88** is the owner/president of MC Mazzara Agency, Inc., a full service agency in Williamsville.

Canisius High School means a great deal to me, and I'm forever grateful that my parents had the foresight to see the value in self-sacrificing so as to afford my brothers (**Marty '84** and **Torre '91**) and me the opportunity to attend. I come from a hard-working family. My father was a laborer and my mother was just entering the work force after years of being a stay at home mom with four children. So, needless to say, my parents made tremendous sacrifices.

“‘Men for Others’ is not just a slogan.  
It’s a reality.”

As much as I enjoyed my four years at Canisius, it took several more years for me to fully appreciate the breadth of the affect that Canisius has on young men, me included. In addition to a few seasons coaching JV and freshman football, I was on the wrestling coaching staff for almost all of the 1990s, and that’s when it started coming to light. It was astounding to witness the growth in the young men from freshmen to senior year. As I watched these students from different ethnicities, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds working together on the same path to become “Men for Others,” it sank in: We change lives. Make no mistake about it; it is “we” because it certainly takes a village – teachers, administrators, coaches, classmates, and alumni all working in conjunction with families. It is a magnificent group effort!

In 2013, my oldest son, **Michael '17**, was about to embark on his Canisius journey along with a classmate from his grammar school. His classmate’s mother though was stricken ill, and being a single mom, her serious illness was making her son’s dream all but impossible. She confided in me that she would no longer be able to send her son to Canisius. I reached out to some former classmates to explain the situation, and in a matter of minutes the Canisius community started rallying. Our efforts led us to a 1950s alumnus who faced a similar obstacle when he was at Canisius. In his case, a generous alumnus had paid his tuition so he could stay enrolled and graduate. Because of the extreme generosity shown to him in the ‘50s, he wanted to do the same for another young man. Low and behold, that angel of an alumnus paid the tuition for my son’s friend for all four years! “Men for Others” is not just a slogan. It’s a reality, and that is why we change lives.

I’m lucky to have experienced Canisius on many levels: student, athlete, alumnus, coach, and parent of an alumnus and a current student (**Victor '22**). I also have Canisius to thank for meeting my wife – we started dating during my sophomore year when she was a cheerleader for our football team. I only wish I could have convinced the school to enroll our daughter, Ella, too. Not only has Canisius had a remarkable impact on our lives, but my vast experiences have allowed me to appreciate countless other lives being changed too. For that I am forever grateful, and that is why I support Canisius. Keep changing lives.

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

A newly installed display on the mezzanine level of the Kennedy Field House honors members of the Canisius High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Hall members achieved excellence during their athletic careers at Canisius, and also demonstrated sportsmanship, character and leadership. See the list of Hall members at [canisiushigh.org/athlethichall](http://canisiushigh.org/athlethichall). We will announce a new class of inductees later this year.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Canisius has won six consecutive Monsignor Martin Supremacy Cups, and 12 Supremacy Cups in the past 13 years.

Nearly 60% of Canisius students participate in at least one sport.

Approximately ten percent of Canisius graduates go on to compete in college sports.

Canisius sponsors varsity teams in 19 SPORTS:

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| BASKETBALL    | SAILING    |
| BOWLING       | SOCCER     |
| CREW          | SQUASH     |
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| GOLF          | VOLLEYBALL |
| FOOTBALL      | TENNIS     |
| INDOOR TRACK  | TRACK      |
| HOCKEY        | WRESTLING  |
| LACROSSE      |            |

There are 33 TOTAL CANISIUS TEAMS in the above 19 sports.

Alumni are pursuing their academic and athletic careers at many excellent schools including Princeton, Harvard, Penn State, Bowling Green, Navy, Cornell, Boston College, MIT, Williams College and Cal-Berkeley.

# ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

*Crusaders achieved success in the league, reached individual milestones, and competed at the national level this winter.*



### Basketball Milestone

The Crusaders finished the season as runners-up for the Monsignor Martin Manhattan Cup. During the season, head coach **Kyle Husband '96** reached his 300th career win.



### National Competitors

Playing against some of the top teams in the country at the U.S. High School Team Squash Championships in Connecticut, Canisius finished second overall in its division.



### The Next Level

**Henry Popko '19** smiles after signing a National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse and continue his studies at Colby College. A total of ten Canisius student-athletes took part in the February signing event with more commitments to come at the spring signing ceremony.



### Bowling Champions

The Canisius bowling team won the All Catholic championship, and **Cameron Hall '19** was named All Catholic MVP. Cameron also advanced to the state singles tournament where he finished sixth.



**17 Straight**

Canisius swimmers earned a 17th consecutive All Catholic team championship by dominating nearly every event. **Maxim Kruglov '21** and **Matt Woyksnar '22** qualified to compete at the state championships in the 200 IM and 200 free respectively.



**On the Mat**

Five Canisius wrestlers earned places on the podium at the Catholic State Championships – **Matt Baldwin '19**, **Tom Blackwell '19**, **Luke Brydges '22**, **Barry Colby '20** and **Josh Kracker '19**. Also during the season, Matt and Tom each reached the milestone of 100 career victories. Pictured: Matt Baldwin.



**On the Ice**

Playing for the championship in KeyBank Center, the Canisius varsity club hockey team fell just short. The Canisius varsity federation team finished second in its division before St. Mary's ended the Crusaders season in the playoffs. Pictured: **Mark Narby '19** of the varsity club team.



**Fast Track**

At the indoor track state Catholic championships **Joel Nicholas '19** qualified for the state federation meet in the 55 meter dash with a personal record time of 6.58 seconds.



# LIFE AT CANISIUS

*Canisius offers many opportunities to develop and share individual talents, and to grow in faith and love.*

### Singers Selected

**Eamonn Dwyer '20, Austin Marshall '20, and Santino Panzica '20** (pictured left to right) were chosen for the 2019 All County Chorus. They performed alongside students from other area schools at a concert in March at the University at Buffalo.



“Canisius has taught me how to grow by pushing myself out of my comfort zone.”

– Josh Kracker '19

### Community of Faith

The school community celebrated Mass together on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent. Pictured: **Richard Pezzino '19**.



### Men for Others

During February break, students on a Companions service immersion trip to Belize helped build a house. Pictured: **Jack Stube '20**.



### Crusaders Perform

Students showcased their talents at the Canisius Coffee House in the aud in February. The event raises money for the Companions service immersion program. Pictured are **James Oh '20** on piano with **Aidan Wood '19**.

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

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**Jerry Washington '48** (photo left) says, "I am pleased to announce that I still exist." He lives in Woodstock, NY and encourages any of his classmates living near him to get in touch.

**George Constantine '49** reports that he is "lucky enough to be healthy enough" to assist as a coach with a local high school varsity basketball team.

**Thomas Friedman '49** is anticipating the birth of his 20th great-grandchild in April.

**Ken Schwarz '50** has been retired for 19 years. He sings in the church choir and the Barbershop Harmony Society. He and his wife Linda enjoy traveling and have been to Germany, Alaska, the Rockies, and California. They plan to go on a cruise to New England soon and Oberammergau next year. "Thank you, Canisius, for adequately preparing me for college and jobs so as to afford my retirement!" says Ken.

**Dick Breitwieser '52** is studying Latin as a hobby. He and his wife Gail visited the French and Italian Rivas and took a Mediterranean trip in 2017, cruised on the five Great Lakes in 2018, and visited Australia and New Zealand in January 2019. Dick retired from practicing law in January 2018.

**Larry Pignataro '52** was re-appointed to another five-year term on the Lancaster Town Zoning Board of Experts.

**Paul Young '52** has written a book titled "Niagara Falls, Survivor of the Ice Age: The Natural History of the Niagara River and its Gorge" which is now in print. The book recounts the 12,000-year formation of the five sections of the gorge, retreating glaciers, vanishing lakes, a forty-acre reversing whirlpool, and the impact of changes in the volume of water.

**James Manak '53** is still teaching law school and writing two monthly legal columns on criminal law.



**Ed Manning '53** is a retired neurologist living in Arizona. He fathered sleep medicine in Buffalo, trained many of the physicians practicing the specialty, and has the honor of having a major sleep lab in Buffalo named for him. He is pictured on the left with his family (photo above).



**Ronald Nathan '55** (photo left) says semi-retirement has suited him well for the past ten years. "Life in Tucson is relaxed and my 10-hour work week as a psychiatric consultant has kept me stimulated," he says. Last year he traveled to Panama, Argentina and Mexico City. This year he will head to Israel. Roger will also soon become a great-grandfather.



**Vincent Virom Coppola '56** (photo left) is teaching philosophy and cinema at UCLA and brings his Old English to all his lectures. "The Triumph Of Humpty Dumpty" and "The Street Of Chance" are two screenplays he has sent to his agent, while beginning a new book called "The Forgotten Jesus (A Radical New Approach)." He is planning a trip to Sicily and hopes to also take in Jerusalem. He has put a piece on YouTube he would like his fellow alumni to check out; it is called "Supermetaphysics." Vincent says, "Life in California is good, especially by the sea writing poems about quantum mechanics."



**Ron Wendling '56** (photo left) and his wife Mary recently took a cruise of the Baltic countries from Denmark to St. Petersburg. Ron has a blog at [keepingupwithron.social](http://keepingupwithron.social) where he periodically posts his reflections.

**Don Fortunato '57** serves on the board of directors of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Sacred Heart Conference, in Punta Gorda, Florida. The Sacred Heart Conference is considered the largest in the country with over 400 members. Don serves as board secretary, interviews clients needing assistance, and works in the food pantry. He and his wife Linda retired to Florida in 2004 after his 41-year career as a television and radio sportscaster in Kansas City, Mo. They have two daughters and six grandchildren living in the Kansas City area.

**G. Murray Mintz '57** recently retired as the executive director of the Florida Association for Theatre Education, the state organization of Florida Theatre Teachers K-16.



**Peter Nolan '57** (photo left) recently received a nice write up in the Chicago Tribune about his new book, "News Stories," a memoir which chronicles his career as a broadcast journalist from Niagara Falls to Chicago.

**Pete Darata '58** is retired. After graduating from Canisius College he worked for Occidental Chemical in sales/management. He also owned a commercial real estate appraisal business for 25 years. Pete says his marriage of 55 years is still going strong.

**Hon. Timothy Drury '58** retired from service as a justice of the Erie County Supreme Court, but is working part-time for New York State as a Judicial Hearing Officer.

**Dr. Robert L. Infantino '58** wrote a textbook in 2009 titled "Tough Choices for Teachers: Ethical Challenges in Today's Schools and Classrooms." The second edition is scheduled to be published in spring 2019.

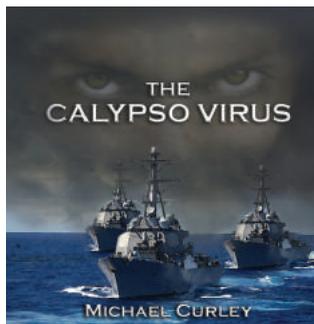
**John McCully '58** was pleased to meet up with three classmates – the Honorable Paul Crotty, the Honorable Tim Drury and Dr. Richard Saab – at the 2018 Alumni Weekend at Canisius. They shared many memories and laughs.

**Aloysius F. Stanton '59** is retired and enjoying Florida sunshine year round.

**Bill Hamilton '60** is pleased to announce that his grandson **Nicholas Kerwin '23** has been accepted into next fall's freshman class at Canisius High School. Nicholas will be joining his brothers **Luke '20** and **Andrew '21**.

**James Strozewski '60** and Shirley are now proud great grandparents. Kate, their oldest grandchild, gave birth to Benedict Ambrose in July last year.

**Joseph Sammarco '63** now has four grandchildren.



**Michael Curley '65** published a novel in November 2018 titled "The Calypso Virus." It is a thriller like his first novel, "Yellowstone." The plot of the new book involves a virus that is killing American sailors. Michael is a lawyer who has travelled to 70+ countries and worked in 40 of them. His books are available through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

## 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?**
- **Traveled the world?**

Whatever you've been up to, your fellow Crusaders would like to hear about it. To share your news, email [CHStoday@canisiushigh.org](mailto:CHStoday@canisiushigh.org). Photos are encouraged.

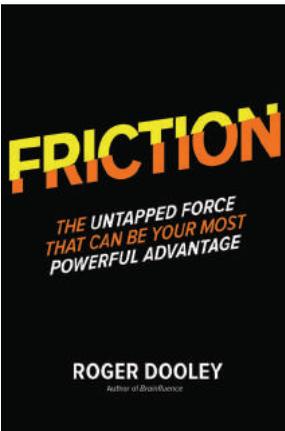
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**Charles Weschler '65** (photo left) was recognized in May 2018 by the Technical University of Denmark which conferred upon him an honorary doctorate for his "sustained, seminal contributions advancing knowledge of the chemistry of indoor environments, especially in relation to human occupants."

Charles conducts research on chemicals that are found in indoor environments and how they interact with humans. He is affiliated with the Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences Institute at Rutgers. Since 2001, Charles has been spending about three months a year as a visiting professor at the Technical University of Denmark. Since 2010, he has also been spending two months a year at Tsinghua University in Beijing. His wife of 47 years, Lulu, joins him on these visits while pursuing her own research interests.

**Paul O'Bara '66** is still working full time in his private practice as a physical therapist. He says this is "in no small part due to the exceptional education and formation received at Canisius."



**Roger Dooley '67** has written a new book titled "Friction" which will be released by McGraw Hill on May 17, 2019. The book explains how to create a friction-free corporate culture that minimizes customer effort and maximizes employee engagement. Roger is an international keynote speaker, and the creator of Neuromarketing, a blog for marketing professionals. He co-founded College Confidential, a web-based business serving millions of college-bound students and their parents every month.

**Bill Fisher '68** traveled through parts of Europe last fall on a riverboat cruise with fellow Crusaders **Pat Hurley '68**, **Bill Coppola '68**, **Bill Tatu '70** and **Pat Devine '70**. They visited Hungary, Bratislava, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. They saw cathedrals with amazing architecture, a concert in Vienna and found a sports bar in Prague to watch a Buffalo Bills game.

**Jack Gawronski '69** shared his memories of a couple of alumni who recently passed away. "**Ralph Coppola '66**...taught me a great deal, and **Steve Creahan '69** was one of the best teammates a player could have and a terrific athlete."

**Ned McGrath '69** was honored by Pope Francis who awarded Ned the Benemerenti Medal for his years of selfless service as the director of communications for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

**Tom Pepe '70** is serving as vice chairman of the board of trustees for the County College of Morris in Morris County, New Jersey. He is also the board chair for the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program, Inc. covering five counties in northwestern New Jersey.

**Tom Urban '70** retired after 42+ years as a health care executive including the last 25 years with Mercy Health in Cincinnati. Tom says he is following the example of his two retired brothers, **Stan '62** and **Stuart '78**.

**Hon. Lawrence J. Vilardo '73** will serve as the graduate speaker at the Canisius College commencement exercises this spring.

**Jerry Hooven '74** retired from AAA Western and Central New York on December 31, 2018. Jerry had served the organization as vice president for automotive services.



**Charles "Chip" Jones, Jr. '74** (photo left) was appointed to a three-year term on the Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Homes of Charity board of directors. OLV Homes of Charity is the fundraising and support services segment of Our Lady of Victory Institutions. Chip is the president of Wittburn Enterprises, Inc., a commercial electrical construction firm. Chip previously served as chairman of the Canisius High School board of trustees.



**Fr. Jim Van Dyke, S.J. '77** was awarded the John Carroll Society Medal at the John Carroll Society Mass and Brunch on January 13, 2019. He also served as the keynote speaker at the brunch. Fr. Van Dyke is the president of Georgetown Prep in Bethesda, MD. He's pictured here with a Georgetown Prep student.

**Jim Dunn '78** and his wife Denice are the executive directors of Camp Merrie-Woode, a camp for girls in Sapphire, North Carolina, that recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Jim and Denice have been the camp directors since 2002.

**Stuart Urban '78** retired after 32 years in the corporate arena with stints at Exxon USA, McKinsey & Company, and for the past 20 years as an executive director with JPMorgan Chase in Wilmington, Delaware. With two sons attending school in New York state, plus with many connections in Western New York, Stuart and his wife Lisa decided to move back to the Buffalo area. He is looking forward to reintegrating into the community.

**Jerry Burch '79** announced that he retired in April 2018.

**John Knab '81** was awarded the 2018 General MacArthur Prize for the scholarly treatise "Ralph Phillips and the Use of Anthropomorphic Numbers in Elementary Math Education."



**Tom Kane '82** (photo left) started a new position with Community Action Organization of WNY as vice president of development.

**William Quinn '84** recently launched the first Insurance and Risk Management curriculum at Canisius College. He is currently teaching the inaugural course.



**Ted Haley '86** (far right in photo) celebrated 25 years coaching the rowing team at St. Albans School in Washington, DC. Over the course of this time he has won The Washington Post

All-Met Coach of the Year award four times, won numerous local championships and several Statesbury Cup medals. Ted got his start rowing at Canisius High School with coach **Joe Krakowiak '63** and credits this experience as a foundation for his coaching success.

**Jonathan Clark '88** is a retired Milwaukee police sergeant and U.S. federal agent. He served overseas in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan with the United States Marine Corps. He is a brother, Oblate of Saint Benedict, and post chaplain for Veterans of Foreign Wars 3376 in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. He is also a single father of four.

**Jeremy Burke '90** is celebrating three years since his craft brewery, Tuned Up Brewing Co., opened its doors in southeastern Pennsylvania. He is currently working with other military veterans who are brewers on launching the first ever veteran beer in Pennsylvania. Proceeds from the beer will benefit a veterans charity. Jeremy is also launching a mentoring and coaching business called "Follow Me" which aims to help people develop leadership skills for the workplace and for life. His daughters, Erin and Fiona, are freshmen in high school. Erin is involved in speech & debate, quiz bowl and is in several honors classes. Fiona plays field hockey and runs track.

**Paul Cumbo '97**, a faculty member at Canisius High School, will offer the keynote address at the All-College Honors banquet hosted by Canisius College. The address is entitled "Rock, Sand, and Cura Personalis: Self-Care as a Foundation for Service."

**Daniel Amigone '00** makes documentary films focusing primarily on sports and politics. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three-year-old twins, Isabella and Joseph.

**A.J. Herrmann '00** was recently named Manager, HR Business Optimization at Nestle.

**Daniel O'Connor '00** is serving in his fifth year as chair of the Bellarmine Prep English department in Tacoma, Washington.

**Dan Hunter '01** was elevated to partner at the Goldberg Segalla law firm.

**Glenn Olejniczak '01** was named principal of St. Benedict School in Amherst, NY in June 2018.



# Our Mission Continues



If you, or someone you know, has an interest in a consecrated life of service to others as a Jesuit, please visit [BeAJesuit.org](http://BeAJesuit.org).

**Kevin Crehan '02** graduated from the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control Academy in October 2018. He is currently going through on the job training at the New York Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility on Long Island. The New York TRACON manages aircraft flying to, from and over the New York metropolitan area including the three major airports – John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty International – as well as Teterboro and Long Island MacArthur.

**Zach Romal '04** is living in Austin, TX where he is the new CFO for The Range at Austin.

**Tyler Dunn '05** and his wife operate a charter boat in the Caribbean. Tyler is the chef on the boat and he won a culinary award at the U.S. Virgin Islands' yacht show competition in 2015.

**Malcolm Ertha '06** was appointed to the board of directors for Crisis Services and WNY Veteran's Housing Coalition. He continues to work for the city of Buffalo as council chief of staff, and continues to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve.

**Christopher Pokornowski '08** was promoted to marketing associate of Allsafe Technologies. Christopher is responsible for all web-based marketing efforts. Chris received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Syracuse University.

**David Szczur '09** has been serving as head chemist since 2017 for Nuclear Research and Development LLC in Grand Island. He graduated from Canisius College in 2013 with a bachelor's in chemistry. David then earned his master's in analytical chemistry in 2016 at the University at Buffalo.

**Jonathan Jager '11** is starting his second year as a pharmacist at ECMC after receiving his PharmD degree at the University at Buffalo in May 2017.

**Mike Loffredo '11** has returned home to Western New York to work as a producer at channel 4. Mike started his career at CN2 News in Rockhill, South Carolina as a reporter, anchor and producer. He has also served as a producer and reporter at WWNYTV in Watertown. Mike has started a podcast called "Why So Serious?" with former Buffalo Bills Stevie Johnson and Donald Jones, and former UB quarterback Joe Licata.

**John Quinn '13** is working at Northtown Lexus in the sales department.

**Patrick Bohan '15** will be graduating from Loyola Maryland this spring as a Sellinger Scholar with four consecutive years on the Dean's List. Patrick has accepted a position with KPMG, a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services, and will intern this summer before he starts his fifth year of college.



**Nick Rallo '17** is a biomedical engineering/pre-med student at Duquesne University where he has made the Dean's List and held a research position in a biomedical engineering lab at the university. He is involved with the NASA Micro-g NEXT challenge and has led a team of fellow engineering students in designing an original prototype for NASA. In his freshman year the group built a zip tie cutter that can cut and retain a zip tie in microgravity. The team was selected to go to NASA in Houston (photo left; Nick in blue shirt) to present and test the design in NASA's neutral buoyancy laboratory. Nick is also involved with community service projects.



**Marco Cucinotta '18** (photo left) was appointed EMS Lieutenant at Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Co. in Clarence.



**Elias Utz '18** (photo left) is currently a plebe (freshman) at the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduating from Canisius he spent six weeks in cadet basic training. These weeks consisted of marksmanship, Combat Life Saving (CLS) training, land navigation, and many other fields of training. He attended the Army vs. Navy football game in the fall. "It is mandatory that all cadets and midshipmen attend and it is one of the most memorable moments

of this first year here," says Elias. This coming summer Elias will go to air assault school and do another four weeks of military training. "Canisius has prepared me well for all the experiences I am going through because it has taught me to work extremely hard for everything and rely on the brothers by your side to help you through it."



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## ALUMNI VOLUNTEER CORPS

Interested in opportunities  
at Canisius following your  
college graduation?

We are accepting applications for the Alumni Volunteer Corps for the 2019-2020 school year. Alumni volunteers work alongside faculty and staff to mentor, coach, and teach students, lead retreats and service projects, or work with the business or communications offices.

To learn more, please visit [canisiushigh.org/avc](http://canisiushigh.org/avc) or contact **Will Wolf '09** at [wolf@canisiushigh.org](mailto:wolf@canisiushigh.org).

## WEDDINGS

**Evan Lewis, Jr. '06** married Christie Adamczak on February 16, 2019 at SS. Peter Paul Church in Hamburg. They enjoyed a reception at Ilio DiPaolo's restaurant.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Salvatore Termini '42** and his wife Sandy celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on November 14. They have three children and 2 grandchildren.



**Mark Genovese '78** and his wife Andrea recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a 10-day family trip to London. The photo (left) shows Mark, Andrea, and their daughter Adrienne in London's financial district. Mark and Andrea are both graduates of Canisius College. They live in Albany where Mark is a public information officer for the New York State Office of Mental Health. Their daughter is finishing her senior year at

LeMoyné College, and she has earned her certification as a registered nurse.

## IN MEMORIAM

*We remember alumni of whose passing we've learned since December 2018.*

Richard J. Hoar, S.J. '43	Steven J. Takach '53
William G. Knorr '45	Donald J. McCarthy '54
Chester J. Pawenska '47	Thomas J. Gaffney '59
Henry A. Raczka '49	David J. Sarata '59
Elmer J. Doyle, Jr. '50	John L. Kuhlmann '60
Charles "Dan" Webster '50	Ralph A. Coppola '66
Henry J. Buczkowski '51	Stephen J. Creahan '69
Elmer W. Naber '51	Charles Modica '75
William E. Sweeney '51	Brian P. Connelly '77
Fred W. Price '53	Stephen J. Reen '84

*We also mourn the passing of former Canisius faculty member Rev. James D. French, S.J.*

## BIRTHS

**Chris Jacobs '85** and his wife Martina recently welcomed a daughter, Anna Ryan.



**Sean Todtenhagen '97** and his wife Maria welcomed their son, Carson Michael (photo right), on October 31, 2018.



**Nick Hughes '01** and Bethany Chaplin welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Taylor (photo right), on December 10, 2018.



**Glenn Olejniczak '01** and his wife Kate welcomed their first child, Wyatt Glenn (photo right), August 31, 2018.

**Thomas Bender '03** and his wife Colleen had their third child, Cooper William Bender (photo right), on July 31, 2018.



**Devon McDonald '03** and his wife Catherine welcomed their first child, George Barrick, on January 1, 2019.

**Phil Frandina '07** and his wife Jessica celebrated the birth of their second child, Matthew Avery (photo right), on January 9, 2019.



**Peter Krysztof '08** and his wife Bianca welcome baby boy, Leo Michael (photo right), on February 24, 2019.



# ALUMNI EVENTS

The alumni network is one of Canisius' strengths. The school offers several events throughout the year for alumni.



Alumni spanning several decades came back to Canisius to enjoy JUG Night in January 2019. The gathering featured an all-you-can-eat beefsteak dinner, beer, cocktails, cigars and lots of good stories.



On behalf of the Fr. Sturm Legacy Fund Committee, **Joe Michael '64** presented the school with a check for \$25,000 to support athletic programs and provide tuition assistance. Save the date for this year's Fr. Sturm Luncheon: September 16.



## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2019

Reunite with your fellow alumni June 14-15 for a weekend of fun activities and reminiscing.

- EVENTS INCLUDE:**
- FR. JOHN G. STURM, S.J. '35 ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC
  - ALL ALUMNI BASH (*All class years encouraged to attend*)
  - SCHOOL TOURS
  - CLASS OF 1969 GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION DINNER
  - INDIVIDUAL CLASS GATHERINGS

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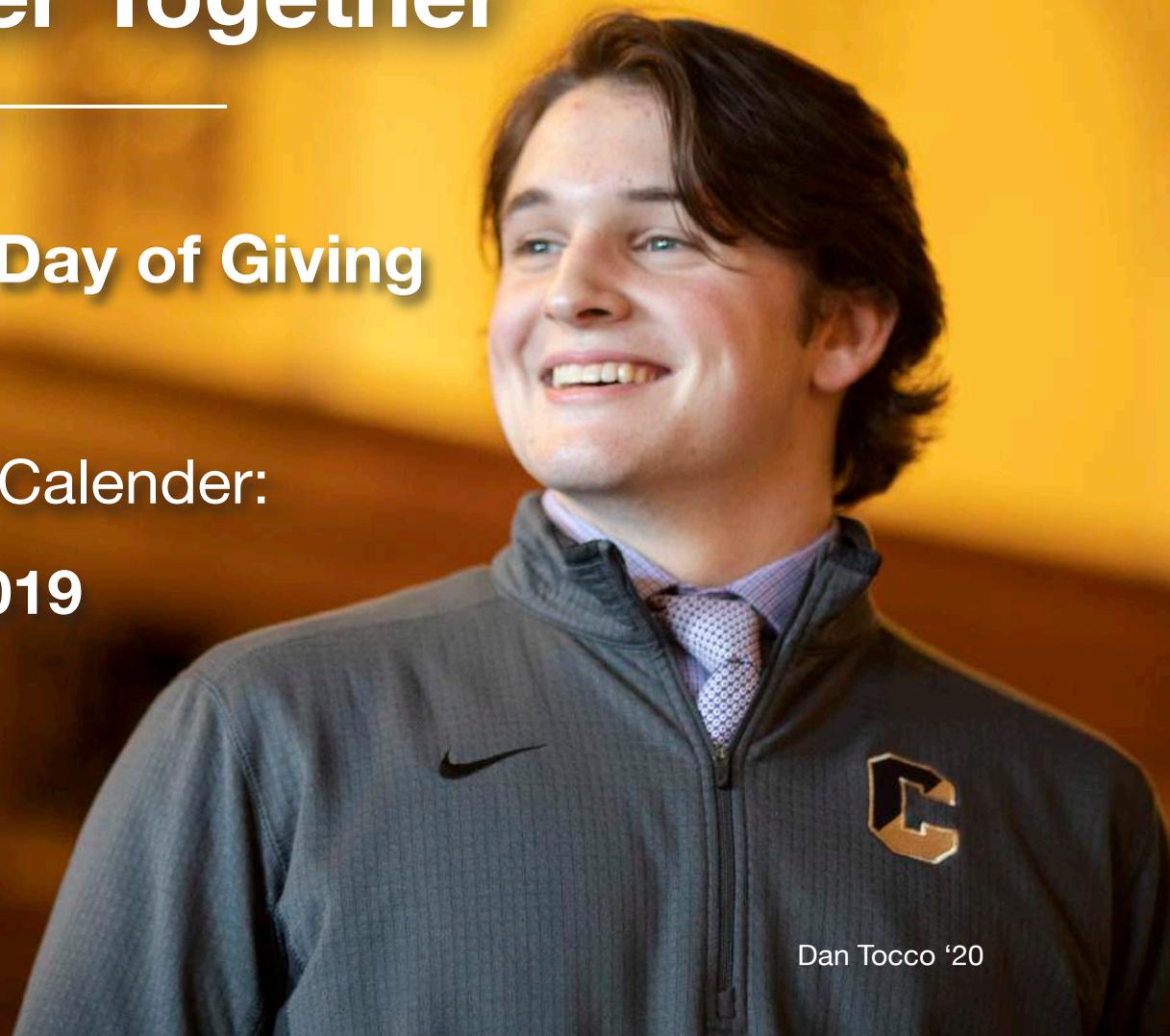
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## Canisius Day of Giving

Mark Your Calender:

**May 30, 2019**



Dan Tocco '20