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Alex Nemeth ’19, Christian Cugno ’19, Jonathan Evans ’18, and Justin Gill ’19 are thankful for the opportunity to attend Canisius High School. This issue of CHS Today features stories of gratitude and accomplishments, and it includes our annual report highlighting our gratitude for our benefactors.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Paul McGrath ’91 had the odds against him, but seized the opportunity to be a life-saving kidney donor for a St. Joe’s alum.

KICKER GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Blake Haubeil ’17 describes himself as a “quarterback at heart,” but he discovered his knack for kicking and developed into one of the top high school kickers in the nation.

ROBOTS AND NEW COURSES AT CHS

Interest in technology courses is skyrocketing at Canisius. New hands-on curriculum has students using robots to develop programming and problem-solving skills.

ANNUAL REPORT

Canisius is able to provide an excellent Jesuit education thanks to the generosity of its donors. In the annual report section of this magazine, we share our financial highlights and celebrate the people who support our school.

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It is with a grateful heart that I write to you today. St. Ignatius Loyola considered gratitude a foundational grace for it orients us toward God and one another. Sometimes we experience gratitude in the moment. At other times, we’re thankful for people and events in our lives that we did not count as blessings until we viewed them in hindsight. Either way, gratitude swells the heart.

In this issue of CHS Today, Paul McGrath ’91 shares the story of his decision to be a living organ donor to save the life of a St. Joe’s graduate. He is thankful to be able to give a gift that can never be repaid. Blake Haubeil ’17 played quarterback until he discovered his talent for perhaps a less glamorous aspect of football, and he’s grateful for the doors it’s now kicking open for him. Patrick Neureuter ’12 and Anthony Tomasello ’12 have returned to Canisius for a year of post-college service as alumni volunteers, and are finding a new appreciation for their formative experiences when they were students here.

Gratitude is also expressed in this issue of CHS Today through our annual report that recounts the generosity of our donors and the financial state of the high school. I am thankful for each of you and your continued financial support of our mission to provide an excellent Catholic and Jesuit education and formation to the young men entrusted to us.

Here are a few highlights for which we are thankful:

• The Class of 2016 earned nearly $34 million in scholarships, with many of those students now attending some of the most selective colleges and universities in the nation.

• We had a 2016 National Merit Scholarship winner in Tyler Will and have two semi-finalists this year, Max Tell and Andrew Beecher.

• We’ve introduced two new robots for hands-on learning in our computer programming classes thanks to a STEAM grant.

• Our library has become a modern library learning commons thanks to generous benefactors, the Class of 1966, and the efforts of last year’s student Walkathon. This year’s Walk raised nearly $54,000 to enhance the chapel and campus ministry area of our school.

I am grateful to have been in Rome this fall with Jesuits from around the world participating in the Society of Jesus’ General Congregation 36. We, Jesuits, now have a new Superior General, Fr. Arturo Sosa, to lead the Society as it attempts to respond to some of the pressing needs of our time.

Our Canisius community is richly talented, wildly diverse and wonderfully multicultural. These are gifts we cherish...for these are the people, the students, faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, parents, friends and alumni who are CHS today. Indeed, gratitude swells the heart and orients us toward God, the One who has so richly blessed us, and toward the gift of one another in whom God’s spirit and life so clearly dwell.

Thank you for your continued care and support for CHS.

Blessings and gratitude,

Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.
“Every day, we see students rejoice in their success in the classroom, on the field and out in their communities. We watch them overcome obstacles and face challenges. Students’ lives are changed here—sometimes radically so when they achieve or accomplish something they never dreamed possible.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

As we approach the holidays, it is hard not to reflect on how fortunate we are at Canisius High School. We are blessed in so many ways by the support and generosity of the people whose names flow across these pages. As principal, a day does not go by when I am not reminded of this. I come to work in a beautiful facility, tied to an institution that provides an outstanding Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition to hundreds of young men in Western New York.

Twenty-first century education goes far beyond the teacher simply teaching in the classroom. Though still the focus of what we do today, the scope is far wider than it was in the past. Technology, for example, has become an integral part of teaching and learning. The well-rounded student is also involved in education outside of the classroom where he learns dedication, discipline and sportsmanship on the athletic field as well as love, compassion and justice at his service site or on his immersion trip. He delves into specific interests in extracurricular activities from speech and debate to sailing to culinary club, to name just a very few.

I proudly yet humbly say that I think we do the job of educating the whole person, a hallmark of Jesuit education, exceptionally well. Most of what we do and the degree of excellence to which we educate the young men put into our care is made possible by generous benefactors—alumni parents, friends of Canisius—who know first hand what is accomplished in the four short years of a student’s high school education.

Every day, we see students rejoice in their success in the classroom, on the field and out in their communities. We watch them overcome obstacles and face challenges. Students’ lives are changed here—sometimes radically so when they achieve or accomplish something they never dreamed possible. As they stand at the threshold of adulthood, we are truly blessed to be part of these experiences to transform them and move them toward maturity. It doesn’t get much better than this! On behalf of the faculty and staff, I thank you for all you have been and all that you have given to make this wonderful enterprise a reality.

Wishing you all of God’s good graces and blessings for a happy Christmas.

Respectfully,

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres
Principal
Paul McGrath '91 and Jim Ludwig, a 1991 St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute graduate, were born in the same hospital two weeks apart. They can recall specific times and places over the years where their paths crossed, such as high school sporting events. "Parallel routes, but we had never met," says Paul. Then, Paul met Jim's sister through an online dating site. MaryBeth Ludwig became Paul's wife, and he learned that her brother might eventually need a life-saving kidney transplant. That time came in 2014 and MaryBeth assumed she'd donate her kidney since she and Jim had no other siblings or close relatives. Paul also volunteered to be tested as a potential donor.

Paul's test results came back first showing he was a "zero mismatch", meaning Jim's body was unlikely to reject the kidney. "I had a decision. No one else knows—only the doctor and me," recalls Paul. "I can say 'I'm out' and no one would ever know. But, once you are out, you are out. You are declared 'medically unfit'. No one knows why. It's sealed." The process required him to make that decision without knowing whether his wife might also be a suitable donor. "If I withdraw and MaryBeth is not a match and there are no other candidates, we are at square one."

Paul thought of his own good fortunes with health. He'd recently gotten back into shape and started running races again after having run cross country and track at CHS. Being in good shape, his recovery from surgery would be minimal. He considered the incredible odds—approximately one in 100,000—that he, a non-blood relative, would be a zero mismatch for Jim. "My number was called," explains Paul. "If I don't do this I'll look back and think I could have done something but I just stood on the sidelines."

The transplant took place December 11, 2014 at the Erie County Medical Center, and by December 29th Paul was back at work. Jim's recovery took a little longer but he says he knew immediately Paul's kidney was helping. "I still hurt from the surgery, but just getting those toxins out of my blood made me feel so much better," says Jim. The St. Joe's alum jokes that he now sometimes uncontrollably shouts "Go Canisius!" Both men are doing great and believe the circumstances that brought them together are more than just random coincidence. "There's someone up there putting people where they need to be at the right time, putting people into people's lives at the right time," Jim says.

Both hope their story underscores the need for living organ donors. Paul emphasizes he quickly resumed his normal life after the surgery and is still matching his best run times. For Jim, the outcome is even greater. "He gets back to his normal life, and I get back to even better than what I had," says Jim.
Building Bonds and Producing Champions

(Pictured: Class of 2016 wrestlers with alumni) In the 49 years of Canisius High School wrestling, the team has produced 99 All-Catholic Champions, 11 Catholic State Champions, 8 All-Catholic Most Outstanding Wrestlers, 3 Ironman Award winners, and 2 Monsignor Martin Wrestlers of the Year.

The Mazzara Years

(Pictured: Jack Turner ’00) The Mazzara brothers—Mike ’88 and Torre ’91—both won All-Catholic Most Outstanding Wrestler awards and are in the Canisius High School Hall of Fame. Mike also won a state title, and served as head coach of the program from 1995 to 2000. During that time, Dan Thrush ’99 became the first CHS wrestler to win four All-Catholic Championships and was undefeated at home all four seasons. Jack Turner ’00 won three All-Catholic Championships, All-Catholic Most Outstanding Wrestler, and a Catholic State title in 2000.

WRESTLERS IN THE CHS HALL OF FAME

- Marty Jay ’70
- Vince Amoia ’81
- Bart Simonian ’81
- Paul Falsone ’81
- Jon Lauria ’81
- Michael Mazzara ’88
- Salvatore “Torre” Mazzara ’91
- Jack Turner ’00

“I WAS A PART OF CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING, WHICH WAS A PROGRAM BUILT ON LOVE AND RESPECT – LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE SPORT, AND LOVE AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER.”
- MIKE MAZZARA ’88

The Early Years


First State Titles

(Pictured: Vince Amoia ’81) 1980 marked the beginning of a new era as Western New York wrestlers were allowed to participate in Catholic States against schools from downstate. That year, Canisius sent five wrestlers to States with Vince Amoia ’81 and Ed Conway ’80 winning state titles. Amoia is the only CHS wrestler to have won two Catholic State titles and the only wrestler to ever place in the top six at New York States.

The Canisius High School wrestling program is celebrating 50 years of competition, awards and championships. Wrestler Matt Taboni ’17 dug into the archives and interviewed other Canisius wrestlers for this spotlight on the program’s history.

“WRESTLING TEACHES YOU NEVER TO GIVE UP. IT’S NOT AN EASY THING, BUT IT’S DEFINITELY NEEDED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.”
- JOE SELLERS ’00
While this year's varsity volleyball team couldn't quite repeat its perfect 34-0 2015 season, the Crusaders still captured a 17th consecutive Monsignor Martin Athletic Association title. Pictured: Dan Kane '17 (left) and Chaz Palka '17.

Kenyatta Huston '18 runs for a touchdown against Cardinal O'Hara. Crusaders football highlights this year include a 31-14 victory over Cardinal Mooney in Youngstown, OH, a 27-6 win over league rival St. Joe's, and the Crusaders fourth Monsignor Martin title in five years.

Patrick Weir '17 will play in the State golf tournament in May along with teammates Matt Durkarm '17, Matt Jackson '19, and John Jenkins '17.

Abel Tefera '18 works through traffic during a playoff game against St. Francis. The Crusaders won the Monsignor Martin championship, but lost in the state Catholic final.

Canisius student-athletes work hard in the classroom and in their sports. The effort continues to pay off in championships, and scholarships for many student-athletes to excellent colleges including Boston College, Canisius, Colgate, Cornell, Georgetown, John Carroll, Notre Dame, and Princeton.
BLAKE HAUBEIL’S TALENT TAKES HIM DOWN A DIFFERENT PATH.

Young football players tend to dream of being the quarterback, or catching touchdown passes. They don’t usually dream of kicking field goals. “I’m a quarterback at heart,” says Blake Haubeil ’17. Blake though has a knack for kicking that his coaches noticed early on. “I accepted it and viewed it as a unique talent that I could use to better myself and to help me grow as a Man for Others.”

Blake has been an important part of the Crusaders’ success on the football field. His resume includes a 61-yard field goal in a 2015 Crusaders victory—the second longest field goal in New York State high school football history. Even before that school record-setting kick, Blake was drawing national attention and interest from major college programs, and committed to Ohio State in summer 2015. This year, the USA Today named him to its Preseason All-USA Team, and he is ranked by kohlskicking.com as the second best high school kicker in the nation.

Before he heads off to college, Blake’s goals include improving his footwork, building strength in the weight room, and serving others. He credits the Jesuit education at Canisius with opening his eyes to the experiences of others. “I went on the Navajo service immersion trip in 2016,” explains Blake, “You realize how fortunate you are, and I took away some lessons that I apply now.” The experience helped inspire him to volunteer with organizations that raise money for cancer research.

He’s also doing his part to make sure the Crusaders kicking game is in good shape next year. “I’ve been working with Tristan Vanderberg ’19. He’s on the JV team right now, and he has hit a few field goals,” says Blake, “I believe Canisius can continue to keep that strong kicking game.”

Height: 6’4”
Weight: 225
Uniform Number: 12
Wants to Study in College: Business and Communications
Little Known Fact: He’s also a good basketball player
CANISIUS ADDS ROBOTS AND NEW COURSES

“We planned for roughly 20 kids, and in a hurry we had 38.” Eric Amodeo ’94 is describing what happened last summer when Canisius added a week-long video game design and animation course for fifth, sixth, and seventh grade boys. “We added a second session so we could accommodate everyone.” Eric is the director of educational technology at Canisius High School. He taught the summer course along with digital media arts teacher Bill Blenk.

Students are showing increased interest in technology this school year, too. The Coding Club has grown to approximately 30 members, many of them freshmen or sophomores. Fourteen seniors are taking the new AP Computer Science Principles course—a large number for a new AP course. The class follows the same curriculum offered in the Harvard CS50 (introduction to computer science) course. “Typically we’ve only had one computer science class offered each year, and now we’re at four,” says Eric.

Robots may be part of the appeal of the redesigned Introduction to Computer Science through Physical Computing class. Thanks to a STEAM grant, the school now has a NAO robot and VEX Robotics. Canisius is one of only a few Western New York schools to have a NAO—an interactive and customizable humanoid robot. “Our students will learn to program the robot in Python (a high-level, general-purpose programming language),” explains Eric. VEX Robotics challenges students’ creativity and problem-solving abilities. “Once they learn some engineering and programming principals, they can build pretty much anything they want using the VEX parts,” Eric says, including cars, catapults, and forklifts.

Game Design and Animation is also a new course this year for upperclassmen. One of the goals for that class is to create an educational game, perhaps math-based, that middle school students can play.

All of these courses are designed to inspire students’ interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers. Because those are rapidly changing fields, educators at Canisius must always adapt. “We’ll obviously offer the popular one-week summer course again, but what about the kids that did it already? That’s our challenge. We’ll be ready,” says Eric.
STUDENT OPINIONS ON MODERNIZED LIBRARY

The renovated Carr Memorial Library became a popular gathering place for Crusaders immediately upon its debut in September. The library includes many features similar to those found on college campuses.

“I LOVE HOW THE NEW LIBRARY ALLOWS FOR COLLABORATION WITH FRIENDS AND FACILITATES DISCUSSION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOMS. THE NEW PRIVATE STUDY ROOMS AND SEATING AREAS MAKE FOR A MUCH MORE RELAXED SPACE WHERE WE CAN TAKE A BREAK FROM AN OTHERWISE BUSY SCHEDULE.”

– ANDREW BEECHER ’17

“The new library allows for those who prefer to study and work alone to do so at the same time as those who would rather study as a group without any interference or overlap.”

– RANDOLPH CHI ’18

“It’s nice to be able to use Airplay in the private study rooms. The charging stations are helpful, too.”

– MARCO CUCINOTTA ’18

“Now the library is more beautiful than ever. The modern, simple look combined with the old, ornate architecture makes for a really unique setting that’s great for both relaxing and working.”

– BERNARD DENT ’17

“I especially like the new taller tables where you can stand and do work.”

– ANDREW MANGAN ’18
The cross country team leads the student body out the blue doors for Walkathon on a crisp October morning. This year’s Walk raised money for campus ministry and chapel improvements.

Max Vitale ’17 strikes a pose on the runway at the CHS Parents Association fashion show.

From academics, to opportunities to serve others, to just plain fun… Autumn is an active time at Canisius High School.

Andrew Beecher ’17 (left) and Max Tell ’17 (right) are National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They will find out in the spring if they are finalists. This national competition awards scholarships based on students’ academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in college. Last year, Tyler Will ’16 won a National Merit Scholarship.

Colin Markarian ’17 (left) and Bernard Dent ’17 (right) are among the 12 seniors and two freshmen who danced and shared the joy at the HANCI (Health Association of Niagara County Inc.) Senior Citizen Prom.

Max Vitale ’17 strikes a pose on the runway at the CHS Parents Association fashion show.

The cross country team leads the student body out the blue doors for Walkathon on a crisp October morning. This year’s Walk raised money for campus ministry and chapel improvements.
Cameron Ciesielski ‘17 and children from refugee families look at different types of plants during a scavenger hunt at Beaver Island State Park.

Mass at Cradle Beach in Angola during a Kairos retreat. Josh Dachille ‘17 offers a reading.

Lucas Perez ‘19, Aidan Doyle ‘19, and Saferino Dour ‘19 won the sidewalk chalk art contest with their walking CHS logo creation. The contest theme was “Modes of Transportation: Canisius on the Move.”

Chris White ‘18 volunteered to get messy during the Spirit Week obstacle race.

Cameron Ciesielski ‘17 and children from refugee families look at different types of plants during a scavenger hunt at Beaver Island State Park.
Have you ever thought about being a Jesuit?

Meet and talk with Jesuits. If their stories resonate with you, then it’s probably something you should consider.
—Danny Gustafson, SJ

Let go and let God. If your vocation is from God, then God will lead you through it.
—Vinny Marchionni, SJ

My experience has been extraordinary; I have been blessed all the way through.
—Dan Corrou, SJ

I figured there was a common bond all Jesuits had. Now I know, it’s Jesus.
—Pat Nolan, SJ

St. Ignatius taught us to pay attention to our daydreams. So, pay attention to your daydreams. It’s a great life.
—Adam Rosinski, SJ

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MEET THE ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

As students at Canisius High School, Patrick Neureuter ’12 and Anthony Tomasello ’12 learned the joy of serving others and experienced the impact of retreats. They’ve now returned to their alma mater to give back. As Alumni Volunteer Corps (AVC) members, they’re offering service, making connections, and learning skills that will benefit them in their chosen career paths.

Anthony Tomasello ’12 (right)
College: RIT 2012-2013; Canisius College 2013-2016
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Management, minor in Supply Chain. Summa Cum Laude.
College Highlights:
• Dean’s Honor List
• President of Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society at Canisius College (Jesuit Honor Society)
• Member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society at Canisius College
• Member of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society
• Studied abroad in Strasbourg, France while studying at Canisius College
• Mock Trial at Canisius College
• Established the first St. Joseph’s Table for the Newman Catholic Community while at RIT

As an Alumni Volunteer at Canisius High School this year, Anthony’s mentor is teacher Stephen Pecori. Anthony is working in the CHS office of admission where he helped organize the fall Open House and the Crusader For The Day program for eighth grade students. Anthony will also work as a judge and coach with the debate team throughout the speech and debate season.

“I want to work at a Jesuit institution to give back all that it has given me these past seven years,” says Anthony. “I believe that Canisius High School has shaped me not only academically, but also into the man who I am today.”

Patrick Neureuter ’12 (left)
College: Nazareth (Rochester, NY)
Degree: B.A. in Inclusive Childhood Education and History
College Highlights:
• Cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track all four years.
• Captain of the cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams from 2014-2016.
• Member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) for all four years.
• Mentor for LifePrep@Naz fall 2013-spring 2016. Worked with college-aged, developmentally handicapped students to prepare them to live on their own.

As an Alumni Volunteer at Canisius this school year, Patrick is being mentored by math teacher Joe Zera ’01. Patrick is working with Mr. Zera’s Algebra classes, and with teacher Ryan Donnelly in AP World History and Global Studies classes.

“Retreats, service trips, and volunteer work at Canisius allowed me to envision the idealistic man I still strive to be,” explains Patrick. “Even the more ordinary experiences such as interactions with teachers and faculty, practices after school, and time spent with my peers turned out to be more personally formative than I immediately realized.”

Patrick is helping with Emmaus and Kairos retreats this year, and he will go on the Los Angeles service immersion trip. He’s also serving as an assistant coach for the cross-country team.
Thomas F. Myers ’54 retired from practicing law in 2014 and has been enjoying the free time.

Roy F. Schrett S.T.D., Ph.D. ’55 completed his 16th year as a Chaplain for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Detention Department in Tampa, FL after retiring with 40+ years in banking. During his banking career he studied Theology and Philosophy, earning a bachelor’s degree from DeSales University, summa cum laude, a master’s and doctorate degrees from Agape Seminary. He lives with his wife Mary Jane Brennan Schrett in Riverivew, FL. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Vincent Coppola ’56 is finishing his book “Supermetaphysics,” and teaching at UCLA. His play, “Street of Chance” with Chazz Palminteri, is in New York, and he’s working on a screenplay. Vincent is keeping busy in California and enjoys the view of the ocean from his balcony. He hopes to visit Western New York soon to “partake of an alumni luncheon and toast the town with a couple of Negroni.”

Ronald C. Wendling ’56 has an essay included in the publication “Right Here, Right Now: The Buffalo Anthology” edited by Jody Biehl, former editor for “Der Spiegel” magazine and current director of the journalism program at the University at Buffalo. Ronald’s essay is titled “The Way We Were.” It’s about growing up in the North Park section of Buffalo. The anthology is available from Belt Books.

John F. Marszalek, Ph.D. ’57 is the executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association’s Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University. He and his wife Jeanne have eight grandchildren. Their three sons are respectively a Ph.D. mental health counselor, the associate director of the Memphis Public Library System, and supervising accountant in charge of Medicaid for Pfizer and Company.

Paul Crotty ’58 and his wife Jane entertained John Bird ’57 and wife Suzanne at Paul’s University Club in New York City in late September. Paul is a Senior Federal District judge in New York. John is a retired ophthalmologist and lives in Northbrook, IL. Paul and John did lots of catching up over a three-hour dinner.

Arthur E. Chester ’59 was presented the annual Distinguished Commissioner award by the Seneca Waterways Council (SWC) of the Boy Scouts of America (Rochester, NY). He also most recently received the Commissioner Award of Excellence from the National Boy Scouts of America by recommendation from the Rochester Council. Arthur has been a Commissioner for the SWC for the past eight years.

D. Patrick Curley ’59 was honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Brian Higgins in December 2015 for his 50 years of service to the Western New York community.

David Raab ’60 retired as VP of PMI Industries, and worked for Wake Forest University in retirement. Currently, he’s a four time North Carolina Bocce champion.

Francis T. Toth ’40 retired from the General Service Administration’s Public Buildings Service as the national director for contracts. He is currently working with the George Mason University’s Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and is responsible for counseling companies on networking, marketing, and seeking contract opportunities with the federal government.

LTC Richard J. Herrmann, MS, USA (Ret) ’62 was appointed to the Amherst Town Council Veterans Committee.

Rev. Pascal Ipolito ’62 retired as pastor of St. George parish in West Falls where he oversaw the merger of St. George parish with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish in Colden. He is looking forward to continuing his priestly ministry in some form as a retiree.

Charles Abbate ’63 is a retired vice president of mortgage banking.

John Enright ’63 published his sixth novel in five years. It’s titled “Some People Talk with God” and it’s published through Skyhorse Publishing. See all of his publications at www.johnenright.us.

Lawrence M. Lester ’67 retired from the State Court of Dekalb County, GA on June 30, 2016. He had been an administrator there for ten years. He continues working actively in the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas More Parish in Decatur, GA.

Anthony D. Mancinelli ’68 was named Lawyer of the Year in the area of Litigation by “The Best Lawyers in America 2017.”

Thomas F. Knab ’76 (photo, left) was named a 2016 Legal Elite honoree by Buffalo Business First/Buffalo Law Journal, and a 2016 Super Lawyer for Upstate New York. Tom is the partner-in-charge of the Buffalo office of Underberg & Kessler LLP. He and his family live in Williamsville.

Mark Werder ’76 has left the food and beverage industry behind after 30+ years in operations leadership roles. He and his wife Sue have embarked on a “second act” in Estes Park, CO. Together they operate several vacation rental properties at the doorstep to Rocky Mountain National Park, and are enjoying life in the high country.

Joseph R. Bona, MD, MBA ’78 was recently appointed CEO of the DeKalb Community Service Board, the largest community mental health organization in Georgia. In addition, he was elected president of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, and received the 2016 Psychiatrist of the Year award. Joseph says he owes “a debt of gratitude to the CHS faculty who fostered my love of science and critical thinking (Doug Happ), dedication to service (Andrea Tyrpak-Endres), and sharpened my communication skills (Frank Tudini), I hold the Jesuit traditions dear and consider my years at CHS as foundational.”

Dr. Eric F. Spina ’79 was named president of the University of Dayton. He accepted this challenge following his distinguished 27-year career at Syracuse University.

Timothy Tryjankowski ’84 (photo, left) ran for political office for the first time. He was a candidate on the November 2016 ballot for Clarence Town Councilman. Tim is also the director of the University at Buffalo Center for Undergraduate Research and a former NYS legislative staffer.
Roy W. Bakos ’88 is a professor at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute in the English department, and at Buffalo State College in the college writing program. While building a career in the local hospitality industry as a manager and bartender at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery, Roy went back to Buffalo State College and completed his BA (2011) and MA (2015) in English. He lives in Buffalo and can often be found walking around the neighborhoods of the West Side, Elmwood Village, and Allentown.

Dr. Matthew Bartels ’88 was appointed to chief medical officer at Excellus Health.

Marty Biniasz ’90 (photo, left) authored a book that explores the history of the Erie County Fair. The book is titled “Erie County Fair” and features 163 vintage color images, many of which had never before been published. The book is available at Buffalo area bookstores and online retailers.

Tony Militello ’90 was awarded the membership grade of Fellow in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

Shawn T. Pearce ’94 moved back to Buffalo permanently in July. He is managing director and chief operating officer for FICC emerging markets trading for Merrill Lynch.

Randall Hoak ’96 is the associate state director of community outreach for AARP New York where he works to advance the agenda of an aging population.

Jeffrey T. Danahy ’98 started a new business called Magis Capital Management, LLC. It is located on Amherst Street in Buffalo.

Jason Umiker ’99 recently graduated from the University of Technology Sydney with a Master of Business and Technology. He moved to Australia in 2005 and is currently a manager with tech unicorn Atlassian.

Brandon H.M. Littles III ’02 (photo, left) has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by The Institutes, an educational organization. Brandon was named branch claims manager at the Long Island Regional Office of Amica Mutual Insurance Company in April 2016. He has been with Amica since 2006. After Canisius, Brandon obtained his bachelor’s degree in Business Management from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. He enjoys reading, traveling, and distance running and has participated in a number of races across the country.

Vincent Miranda ’04 was selected as one of six Rising Stars for Buffalo Business First’s Western New York Legal Elite. Vincent practices commercial litigation and employment law at Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP.

Nicholas A. Romano ’05 was named an associate at Connors LLP.

Stephen Dally ’06 (photo, left) was promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Marine Corps. Cpt. Dally is currently serving in Kuwait as a logistics officer. After graduating from St. Lawrence University with a B.A. in history he was commissioned in February 2011. He has served in Afghanistan in the Helmund province, and in Central America.

Luke P. Uebler II ’08 was ordained a deacon on September 17, 2016 at a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo. He has been assigned to ministry at St. Joseph Cathedral and will be ordained to the priesthood in May.

Ethan S. Notarius ’08 was hired as an associate at the law firm Feldman Kieffer, LLP.

Adam Werynski ’11 is writing articles for the website “Odyssey” and has started his own small record label called Flying Hope Records. Adam says his high school education provided him with “an opportunity to meet wonderful people and learn much about the world.”

Scott Will ’11 is pursuing his Ph.D. in Medical Optics at the University of Rochester.

Jack Curran ’12 accepted a position in the Canisius High School office of admission. He recently graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. Jack began his job at Canisius in August.

Brian Riefler ’12 helped start a chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi, a national Christian social fraternity, at UNC Chapel Hill last fall (photo, left). The chapter has already grown to 40 brothers. The fraternity spreads the gospel through social and philanthropic events.

Kyle Clarey ’14 recently completed Morgan Stanley’s Summer Analyst program and will be joining the firm next July as a full time analyst in Internal Audit.

Michael J. Torcello ’14 made the Dean’s List at the University of Pennsylvania for a second year.
MARRIAGES

Dan Hunter ’01 married Briana Alford in September 2016 in Buffalo.

Matthew Kwiatkowski ’09 (photo, below) married Jessica Moulin on July 9th, 2016 at St. Mary’s of Wormsville.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember alumni of whose passing we’ve learned since the summer of 2016.

Mr. Fred J. Buscaglia ’48
Mr. Joseph F. Koch ’48
Mr. Joseph A. Morcio ’48
Mr. Joseph H. Walz ’48
Mr. Casper M. Adelizzi ’49
Mr. Herbert V. Fink ’49
Mr. William G. Muehlbauer ’49
Mr. Thomas Shanahan ’50
Mr. Robert J. Walters ’51
Mr. Leon T. Kaminski ’52
Dr. Robert M. Barone ’53
Mr. Charles B. Fox ’53
Mr. Edward R. Logel ’53
Mr. William W. Sipowicz ’54
Mr. Thaddeus E. Tomczak ’54
Mr. Robert A. Weber ’55
Mr. John F. Bartus ’56
Dr. John D. Sippel ’59
Mr. Kevan M. Green ’60
Mr. William J. Reid, Jr. ’61
Mr. George V. Henel ’62
Rev. Patrick T. McMahon, O. Carm ’66
Mr. Christopher J. Respondek ’66
Mr. Patrick Robinson ’66
Mr. Michael J. Kukoda ’67
Mr. Stephen R. McNaughton ’67
Mr. Kevin T. McCarthy ’71
Mr. Brian G. Ragan ’92

BIRTHS

Michael Sullivan ’93 and his wife Melissa welcomed their son Jackson (photo, left) into the world on October 5, 2016.

Sean Todtenhagen ’97 and his wife Maria celebrated the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rae, on May 12, 2016. Sean married Maria Oddo on May 2, 2015.

Kyle Hejmowski ’99 has a new daughter. His wife, Artemisia Apostolopoulou, gave birth to Augusta Maria (photo, left) on June 20, 2016.

Nicholas Barone ’02 and his wife Nina welcomed their son, Matteo, in July 2015. Nicholas owns a digital design studio in Buffalo, NY.

Jim Boyack ’02 and his wife Sarah celebrated the birth of their son, James Easton Boyack, on October 18, 2016.

Justin Stevens ’05 and his wife Bethany welcomed their second child, Caden Dean Stevens (below), on September 15, 2016 in Rochester, NY.

TELL US WHAT’S NEW.

• Started a new job?
• Got married?
• Welcomed a baby?
• Retired?
• Wrote a book?
• Launched a business?
• Traveled the world?

Whatever you’ve been up to, we’d like to hear about it. Photos are encouraged!

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THE NEXT STEP

Members of the Class of 2016 are continuing their education at some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Our 2016 graduates received documented acceptances to the following colleges and universities:

Albright College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Auburn University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
California University of Pennsylvania
Catholic University
Canisius College
Case Western Reserve University
Cazenovia College
Champlain College
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of Charleston
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY Lehman College
Daemen College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
D’Youville College
Edinboro University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fairfield University
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Franciscan University
Franklin & Marshall College
Gannon University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hilbert College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Keuka College
LaGrange College
Lawrence Technological University
Lehigh University
LeMoyne College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lycoming College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Marywood University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Mount St. Mary’s University
Muskingum University
Nazareth College
New York University
Niagara University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Philadelphia University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Bonaventure University
Saint John Fisher College
Saint John’s University
Saint Joseph’s University
Saint Lawrence University
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael’s College
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Siena College
Stevens Institute of Technology  
SUNY Albany  
SUNY Fredonia  
SUNY Geneseo  
SUNY Maritime  
SUNY Monroe Community College  
SUNY Morrisville  
SUNY Oswego  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
SUNY Stony Brook  
Syracuse University  
Trocaire College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
United States Military Academy (West Point)  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Colorado, Denver  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dallas  
University of Dayton  
University of Detroit Mercy  
University of Findlay  
University of Georgia  
University of Houston  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Haven  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of San Francisco  
University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Utah State University  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Washington & Lee University  
West Virginia University  
Western Michigan University  
Western State Colorado University  
Westminster College  
Worcester Polytechnic University  
Xavier University  
Yale University
Bill Love ’61 has no doubt his education at Canisius High School helped form him into the person he is today.

“I AM A FIRM BELIEVER IN EDUCATION,” SAYS BILL, “AND, I BELIEVE THE JESUIT APPROACH TO EDUCATION IS THE BEST.”

He’s also a firm believer in paying it forward so that future generations may also receive a quality education at Canisius. “People who have the ability to support it have got to do it,” explains Bill.

Over the years he’s served on the Canisius board of trustees, and as a class agent helping to plan reunions and get-togethers. Bill and his brothers founded the Kathryn M. Love Memorial Scholarship, named for their mother, which helps afford students who need financial assistance the opportunity to attend Canisius. Bill’s wife, Mickie, also supports the school’s mission and served as a volunteer for GAMBIT when their son, Sean ’91, was at Canisius.

“CANISIUS MOLDED AND SHAPED ME FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE,” SAYS BILL, “I THINK WE HAVE TO GIVE BACK. IT’S THAT SIMPLE.”

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