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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear East Catholic Family,

It has been my distinct honor to be back on the Hill leading our wonderful school. While I had been back on campus a few times since graduating in 1985, I will admit that I had not stayed as strongly connected over the years. For those of you who have lost touch, I hope this update may get you reconnected. For those of you who have stayed close, I hope you get some reassurance that we are making substantial progress, continuing the work begun in 1961.

As we begin to see some light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, I would like to provide our students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and friends with a state of the school update.

COVID-19:

We are very proud of our school community and the way they have handled themselves during the pandemic. One way hallways and staircases, socially distant seating arrangements, hand washing, sanitizing, and most importantly mask wearing, have been the norm all year. On September 8th we opened school with a planned hybrid training period of 14 days. On September 25th we began full in-person learning, and with the exception of three short periods of fully remote learning, we have managed to remain mostly in-person. We have allowed students who need to be fully remote to make that choice.

90% of our faculty and staff are fully vaccinated, and now that the State of Connecticut has opened vaccines to those 16 years old and older, we are beginning to get some of our students vaccinated as well.

FINANCIAL SITUATION:

Last year, East Catholic put out a letter to some of our community about financial difficulties the school was having. The letter inferred that East Catholic was four million dollars in debt and appealed to alumni, parents, and friends to give to East Catholic to help bridge that deficit. Many thanks to all who came forward and continue to do so. Please allow me to provide an update on where we now stand.

We are incredibly grateful to the Archdiocese of Hartford and to the five area parishes who were able to put together four million dollars and formed the St. Thomas Aquinas Trust to assist East Catholic. Currently, we have used \$1,200,000 to pay off the bank loan that remained from the Science and Math addition completed in 2015. We have budgeted for the debt service needed, including balloon payments. We are fortunate to have emergency funds set aside if needed, but we are working hard to avoid using them.

As of April 1, 2021, we have been fiscally responsible without compromising the overall student experience. We are well under budget for the 2020-21 school year and expect to finish the year with at least a balanced budget, if not a small surplus. I am thankful to the budget holders in our academic, athletic, facilities, technology, admissions, and advancement departments for their responsible approach to spending. As we head into 2021-22, we are on much more solid footing financially.

INCLUSION

Each year, I select a theme for the year, and for the 2020-21 school year, East Catholic has focused on the theme of INCLUSION. At the beginning of the year, I had the chance to speak with each class on the topic citing the importance of kindness and respect towards all with whom we come into contact. I reminded them of the ECHS Mission Statement which closes with, "Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, East Catholic is a welcoming environment for all students." To help with this important messaging, I asked two seniors, Jencih Manhertz and Mackenzie Talavera, to speak with each class on this topic, and they did a great job speaking out against racism, implicit bias, microaggressions, and cultural appreciation. Throughout the year, their leadership has proven to be a blessing with the formation of a Students of Color Union and a robust celebration of Black History Month. We are fortunate to have such thoughtful and passionate students at our school.

ADMISSIONS:

Enrollment remains a challenge for many Catholic schools, and we are working hard to attract as many mission-appropriate students as we can for the 2021-22 school year. We have had a number of information nights and virtual Open House opportunities. The Admissions Office has worked tirelessly to ensure that we will have another strong class of freshmen, as well as transfer students who will join the rising sophomore and junior classes. Many families have noted that East Catholic’s ability to primarily remain in-person, five days per week significantly influenced their decision.

We are still accepting applications for next year; so if you know of anyone who might be a good fit, please have them contact our Admissions Office.

ADVANCEMENT:

One of the terrific benefits of being an alumnus in the position of President is that I have been able to reconnect with many alumni from my era, as well as get to know alums from before and after my time at East. The pandemic has provided many challenges for events and gatherings, but we were able to have a successful Walkathon in the fall, and we are looking forward to our spring event coming up on May 1st. Our Taste of East event will be virtual, but fun! Please see info on the back cover of this publication. Coming up on June 11th we will be having our 30th Anniversary Golf Tournament. Hope to see many of you there!

While we have strengthened our financial footing, we certainly still need a great deal of philanthropic support from our East Catholic family. Please consider a gift to our Annual Fund, Future in Focus, or other fundraising opportunities here on the Hill!

As we head into spring, please know that we continue to do great work here at East Catholic. I have never been more proud of our students and entire ECHS family. My “door” is always open, so please reach out by phone, email, or in person with any thoughts, questions, or concerns you have. I look forward to hearing from you!

Stay safe and be well!

Peace,

Sean P. Brennan '85
President

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New Administrators and Faculty Join East Catholic's Team

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCH '86

East Catholic welcomes new faces, and familiar faces in new roles, to the faculty and administration this year. With new demands emerging in education, our community is fortunate to have the following educators join the faculty: Fine Arts teacher Ms. Heather Brasche, Spanish teachers Mr. Spencer Butter and Mr. Colin Petramale, Latin teacher Mr. Kevin McGinnis, and Science teacher Mr. Noah Leonard '16. The Math department is delighted to have Ms. Kathleen Reilly '83 return this year, and to have Mr. Chad Malone '08 teach the new Integrated Technology class in the fall. The English department was equally happy to have Ms. Tammy Young '86 serve as its short-term maternity substitute teacher.

Playing a critical role in these new hires, Mrs. Jan Reilly seamlessly transitioned this summer into her new responsibilities as Dean of Student Life, a position she was appointed to fill by Interim Head of School Val Mara this past spring. Having served the school in multiple capacities since 1979, Mrs. Reilly relishes this opportunity to bring her knowledge of school culture and her passion for East Catholic to administration. First hired to teach Physical Education and coach Girls Track, she has since taught Spanish, served as World Languages department chair, and coached Cheerleading and Field Hockey as well. As Dean of Student Life, she serves on the administrative Senior Leadership Team, oversees student activities and athletics, reinforces the school's disciplin-

ary and cultural standards, and as the need arises, plays a key role in contact tracing to keep our community members as healthy and safe as possible. She prioritizes being proactive with students, eager to learn each student's name even though that is harder to do with the need for student masks. She remains grateful for the faculty, which "has come together time and again" this year, and has been "very supportive" of her as her career evolves again. With so many years dedicated to East Catholic, she still loves "going to school," which she distinguishes from "going to work," each day. "I'll know it's time to leave when it's not fun anymore," she says. In the meantime, she'll keep showing up for her "second family."

Mr. Sean Brennan '85 keeps showing up too, rising to challenges and embracing possibilities that come with his new position as East Catholic President. A former English teacher, coach and administrator, he recently served as Head of School of Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, VT from 2009-2016, and as Assistant Headmaster and Upper School Head at Austin Prep in Reading, MA from 2017-2020. Last spring, as he sought new opportunities in school leadership, fellow alumni

Kevin Carroll '94 and Mike Seeger '86 contacted him about East Catholic's open position. His initial interest expanded quickly, and "I was sold once I interviewed, meeting teachers, kids and stakeholders, and realizing I can help this place" at a critical point in the school's history. With his experience "shepherding Vermont Academy through a fiscal recovery effort of significant proportion," he knows how to manage "exactly what needs to happen here. At this point we're stabilizing and now need to grow," a goal he is ready



Sue Perillo, Sean P. Brennan '85, and Jan Reilly

to tackle "even more because my heart is in the school." No wonder, then, as Mrs. Reilly affirms, "Sean is who we need" as we move toward a promising future.

Rounding out our administrative team is Susan Perillo, who is in her sixth year of serving as East Catholic's Dean of Academics.

5 FUN FACTS

about Sean P. Brennan '85 East Catholic's New President

In terms of leadership, former presidential adviser David Gergen once said, "Personal integrity is obviously the bedrock" for building trust in those who lead us, a trait new East Catholic President Sean Brennan '85 has already demonstrated this year. Yet it's also helpful to know favorite influences, hobbies and sports teams (especially in New England!) of our leaders, and in that spirit, here are "Five Fun Facts" about Mr. Brennan that reveal his leadership style.



Fact #1: Favorite Inspirational Hashtag/Motto

Mr. Brennan has brought back the "We Are EC!" cheer that dominated the pep rallies and athletic events of our sports teams throughout East Catholic's history. Now refashioned in our social media updates and publications, #WeAreEC attests to Mr. Brennan's skill in bringing the best of who we are forward as we move toward new accomplishments.

Mr. Brennan also consistently looks to the Augustinian motto, "Unitas, Veritas, Caritas," translated as "truth, unity, charity." Not only did these words guide him in his leadership at an Augustinian school prior to his tenure at East Catholic, but they still distill, for him, the path to "Christ-like living" in our world, and represent "excellent ways to focus on religion" in our lives. Prioritizing and applying these core values underscore Mr. Brennan's commitment to faith and purpose in and beyond school.

Fact #2: Favorite East Catholic Coach/Teachers (1981-1985)

Mr. Brennan expresses gratitude for Eagles football coach Jude Kelly, who has inspired him steadily throughout his own adult life and coaching career; to honor Coach Kelly, he renamed the East Catholic hill, well known by Coach's former players, "Jude Kelly Way" this past fall, and hosted a dedication ceremony attended by many former Eagles who played alongside him for Coach.

For "the best of the best" classroom teachers, English teacher Mr. H. Allan Greer "taught me the importance of high demands in teaching." In addition, Math teacher Ms. Valerie Romano, Social Studies teacher Mr. Charlie Ryan, and English teachers Mrs. Joan Penders and Ms. Maria Colangelo continue to stand out to him for their engaging, challenging lessons. Clearly, Mr. Brennan knows to rely on excellent role models as he sets his own example.

Fact #3: Favorite "Vacation Mode" Books or Shows

When he finds time to enjoy reading or binge-watching favorite episodes, Mr. Brennan has been a "huge fan" of all versions of George R.R. Martin's Game of Thrones and has enjoyed Louise Penny's Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series of novels as well. Though he has not formally taught in many years, Mr. Brennan has not lost his English teacher-appreciation for the value of a great story and the creativity of others.

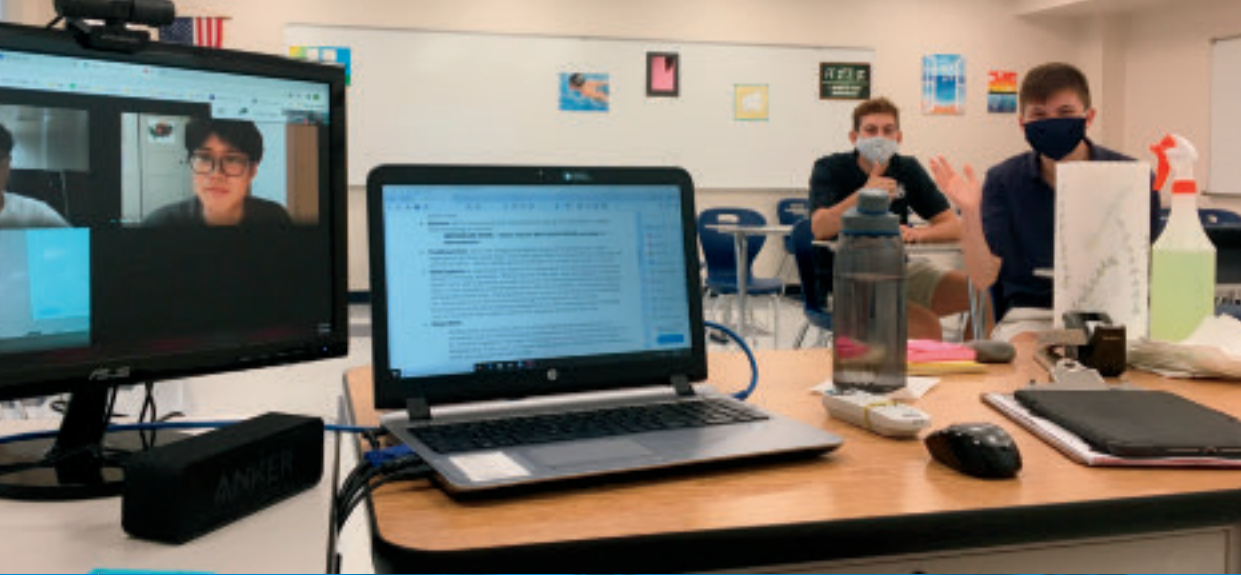
Fact #4: Favorite Hobbies and Activities

Beyond his love of reading, when time allows, Mr. Brennan loves to get outside, whether for hiking, road cycling, or Nordic and Alpine skiing. Whatever the activity, he emphasizes how much he enjoys time with his daughters Molly, Katy and Abby, and his extended family: "Any time I can get it," family time "is a great benefit to me." With so many hours dedicated to his job, Mr. Brennan still aims for balance and a chance to recharge by having fun with his favorite people.

Fact #5: Favorite Sports Team Allegiances

While few Boston Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics fans have it in them to cheer for the New York Giants as well, Mr. Brennan rises above this regional rivalry and proudly roots for all of these teams, surely a good sign in terms of his skill in conflict resolution. Of course, these days his top teams all wear East Catholic Eagles uniforms, another measure of his deep-seated loyalties.





The Chrysalis Season

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHÉ '86

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). This Biblical wisdom resonates in current times, when even the word “season” seems redefined. With traditional school and societal calendars upended, we find ourselves in a “chrysalis season” of sorts, a transformation period where necessary change unfolds out of direct view.

At East Catholic, “chrysalis season” has brought rapid metamorphosis in multiple contexts. With President Sean Brennan '85, Dean of Academics Susan Perillo and Dean of Student Life Jan Reilly leading the way, we have adapted behind the scenes to sustain our ongoing growth. Teachers have worked tirelessly to deliver and diversify lessons in completely novel ways; beyond our classes, several departments have effectively resolved new challenges.

The administration, for example, has worked in concert with faculty and staff to complete several tasks beyond the requisite duties of the job, designing multiple schedules, reconfiguring the hallways and stairwells for one-way movement, and revising seating arrangements where students gather. They have coordinated all aspects of contact tracing with School Nurse Diane DeCarlo, of daily cleaning with Head of Buildings and Grounds Rick Mozzicato, of ongoing information

updates with Director of Communications Molly Prospect. Also, they have offered vital guidance to colleagues who are using resources we have to redesign the best ways to serve students.

For the Informational Technology department, this has meant rewiring entire areas of the building, as well as repurposing and refitting many school computers, navigating bandwidth issues that came with livestreaming, and daily coaching of colleagues to keep remote learning successful. Director of IT David Shepherd and IT Assistant Mike Kravontka '03 have accomplished these tasks in a compressed window of time: “To make this work, we basically tore up everything we’d done” in the “initial scramble” to prepare for the school’s opening, Mr. Shepherd noted. They have also set up VPN access for teachers teaching from home and capacity for livestreamed events, including Mass. With the exception of grant money for new webcams installed in every classroom, they have handled these tasks without incurring new expenses. “What we’ve done has been working,” Mr. Kravontka noted, already planning with Mr. Shepherd for “reconfiguration once we’re on the other side” of this season. As School Counseling department chair and social worker Stacey Boisselle says, “Dave and Mike have been essential” in making sure “the rest of us can do our

jobs and reach our students” so well.

Ms. Boisselle herself exemplifies the collaboration across departments that has been especially important during these times. Partnering with Ms. Perillo, school counselors and teachers to help students “make the best choices for themselves,” she has also helped ensure classes are appropriately staffed and sized in accordance with mandated state guidelines. Her department has maintained its programming in person and virtually; in addition to individual Zoom conferences, counselors have facilitated contact with college representatives, pre-recorded college process information sessions, and planned future sessions on the PSAT/SAT tests as well. With a “heightened need for student support” this year, “our counselors are adamant about maintaining contact, particularly with kids who struggle” as they face uncertainty, Ms. Boisselle says. She has also worked with Dean of Wellness and Athletics Jon Dahlquist to meet with the student Captains Council, as the disruption of sports seasons has affected many student athletes. “Collectively, the adults in the school are working as a team,” she says, “so



that we have a net for our students” as they face common and atypical challenges. She and social worker Michelle Corliss steadily offer internal support and resources outside of East Catholic as well.

Similarly, Mr. Dahlquist and Assistant Athletic Director Chad Malone '08 have found ways to help students build resilience, adjusting programs and redesigning protocols while working within school resources. They have brought not only Ms. Boisselle and Mr. Brennan to Captains Council, but also “Own Your Roar” Campaign creator and gymnast Olivia Lubarsky and ESPN’s Dan Orlovsky in virtual sessions. Next, they have meticulously adhered to all guidelines issued for student athlete competition by the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference since last spring, “staying true to any mandates given” in real time, Mr. Dahlquist reports. Experts at managing schedules in flux, they spearheaded practices to protect all players, coaches, referees and fans: field stations with masks, wipes, thermometers and sanitizer were set up; practices with masks and fewer athletes in play were held; at times, dual and virtual meets were conducted and games were livestreamed, and innovative ways to honor seniors and hold banquets were created. Mr. Dahlquist emphasizes “the extraordinary dedication of our coaches,” and our athletes’ “drive to excel on the field no matter what, the joy of playing the sport” even with so many adjustments. He seeks to “give as much credit as one can give” for the grit and grace on display throughout an extended preseason and an abbreviated season.



Both qualities also characterize students and leaders in service and student government. Director of Campus Ministry Patrick McLaughlin states, “We’re very happy to maintain our relationships with ImmaCare and South Park Inn in terms of providing meals,” though students now prepare food at home and Mr. McLaughlin delivers it himself. In addition, he said, “We’ve been impressed by the creativity of students as they complete external service opportunities within healthy safety parameters,” adding that “it’s returning us to a more personal, organic spirit of service.” Teaming up with Campus Ministry’s STRETCH volunteers, student government leaders raised over \$2,000 through their candy cane sale; the funds were used to buy grocery store gift cards for local families that typically receive donated food baskets. Student government moderator Eric Cruanes, who organized five separate student elections this fall, looks forward to “working on Covid-safe activities for this spring that we can all enjoy.”

In Fine Arts, department chair David Brudz is also looking to the spring for new possibilities for displaying visual artworks and musical performances online, augmenting ECCE choir’s virtual performances to date. In December, Fine Arts teacher Heather Brasche and the Art Club transformed her office space into an “enchanted forest,” designed with “found supplies” that student artists repurposed into a Christmas display. Hoping to “bring Christmas spirit to our community,” Ms. Brasche is delighted to see “consistent joy” in response. In the performing arts, Ms. Jillian Quackenbush pivoted from a fall drama to a series of workshops teaching students “how the entire theater works,” allowing performers to discover skills “needed to become a stronger ver-

sion of themselves on stage.” Next, she has revamped a traditional spring musical to “A Night on Broadway,” a socially distanced cabaret allowing each performer to “safely shine onstage.” Such creativity and commitment drive the transformations in all extracurricular activities as “chrysalis season” continues.

These same qualities infuse engagement with past and future families, too. Associate Director of Advancement Heidi Carlson notes that our commitment to all alumni is stronger than ever. “We continue to prioritize personal contact with our graduates from every era,” she says, “and look forward to finding new ways to welcome home all East Catholic Eagles.” Director of Admissions Mary Roberts reports her department has worked with Communications and Fine Arts colleagues to shift Admissions events to digital platforms, create new promotional videos, design new webinars, add personal elements to student acceptance letters, and expand student outreach to newly accepted students. With plans for more innovations, “We’re ready to maintain and enhance our outreach to families,” she says. Echoing her colleagues, Ms. Roberts has appreciated new chances to capitalize on our resources to welcome students and help them thrive.

However we have done it, Mr. Brennan affirms, “We’re still doing great work, regardless of the medium” through which we have delivered it. He cites fellow Middlebury College graduate and Paralympian Chris Waddell’s credo, “It’s not what happens to you. It’s what you do with what happens to you,” and surely, East Catholic has done much this “chrysalis season.” Mr. Brennan pledges “to always look forward, to ask what’s going to happen next.” Whatever future seasons arrive, we are poised to fly.



Our New Chaplain

BY PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN



This year, the East Catholic family is pleased to welcome several new members, including our chaplain, Fr. Jaime Maldonado-Avilés. Following his priestly ordination on June 27, Fr. Jaime began his ministry as chaplain of East Catholic and parochial vicar of Manchester's Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta. In September, Fr. Jaime celebrated a Mass to inaugurate the school year and the ministry of our new administrative team, and also blessed the students of each of our four classes on their orientation days. His ministry at East Catholic includes the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

and availability for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and casual conversation about God and faith.

Where Fr. Jaime differs from previous chaplains, and where he hopes his ministry will bear unique fruit, is in his ability to offer insight into the dialogue between faith and science. Prior to entering the seminary, Fr. Jaime was a postdoctoral fellow at the Yale School of Medicine, where his research focused on neurobiological mechanisms underlying eating disorders. He received his Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University

of Pittsburgh, after graduating from the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras. As a priest and a neuroscientist, he looks forward to listening and encouraging conversations so as to bring light to the harmony that exists between science and religious faith. A native of Isabela, Puerto Rico, he also hopes to bring to East Catholic a greater inclusion of the riches of Puerto Rican culture and the Spanish language.

East Catholic Welcomes New School Advisory Board Member, Mike Massaro '88

Mike Massaro grew up in Manchester and is a 1988 East Catholic graduate. He is one of three generations of Massaros who graduated from East. His aunts, Janet and Maureen, attended in the 1960's while his son Nicholas graduated in 2019. Mike's mother, Nancy, was an East Catholic office administrator for many years and his brother, Mark '91, also attended ECHS.

While at East, Mike was an athlete, playing baseball and football. He was a member of consecutive state championship football teams in 1986 and 1987, his junior and senior years.

Mike is a member of Manchester's Sports

Hall of Fame and East Catholic's Hall of Fame. The honors are largely for what he has accomplished professionally.

Mike currently serves as a television reporter for NBC Connecticut News. Prior to that, his professional experience was mainly covering sports, with an emphasis on auto racing. His storytelling and reporting have appeared nationally on SportsCenter, Outside the Lines, Pardon the Interruption, Good Morning America and various ESPN, ABC and NBC Sports telecasts. He worked at ESPN from 2001 – 2014 and with NBC Sports from 2015-2016.

In 2000, Mike earned a National Mo-



torsports Press Association and Russ Catlin Motorsports Journalism Award for a feature on the late Dale Earnhardt. To date, Mike has won three Russ Catlin Motorsports Journalism Awards, and four from the National Motorsports Press Association.

Mike currently lives in Ellington with his wife Kristin and two sons, Nicholas '19 and Anthony.

East Catholic Students Accepted to Prestigious Music Programs

Congratulations to Julia Vieira Reis '23 for being selected to join the Connecticut Youth Symphony and the premier Suzuki string orchestra Opus at the Hartt School of Music's Community Division. Descriptions of both programs can be found below.

CYS: Connecticut Youth Symphony challenges motivated high-school musicians in grades 10–12 with the detailed preparation and performance of symphonic masterworks, concerti, and contemporary works. Each year CYS performs three major concerts and hosts a concerto competition for the Hartt School of Music's Community Division students.

Immersed in a history of excellence, CYS has been providing students an opportunity to study orchestral music intensively for almost 75 years. The Hartt School Training Orchestra was founded in 1938 by Rubin Segal and held its first concert in May 1939. Today, Connecticut Youth Symphony retains its focus: to provide students with a high-quality orchestral experience. Conducted by Dan D'Addio.

OPUS: In 1987, the late David Einfeldt founded the premier Suzuki string orchestra Opus '89 at the Hartt School of Music's Community Division. Today, this string orchestra is open, by audition, to advanced string players, regardless of their training method. This ensemble often collaborates with wind players and percussionists to

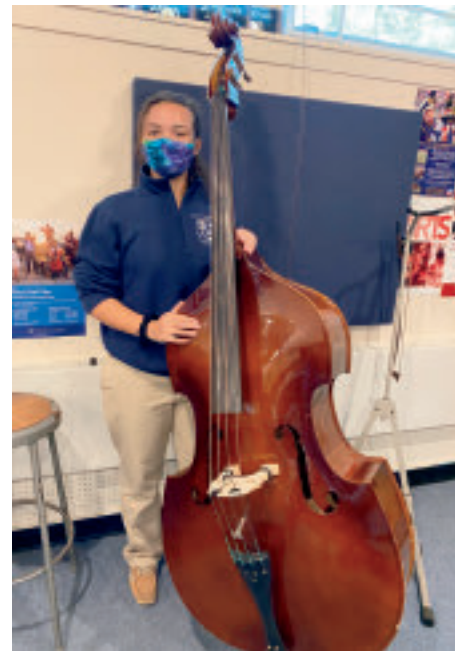
perform classical-era orchestral works. Conducted by Emmett Drake.

Congratulations to Emma Terlizzi '22 and Lindsey Wearne '22 for being accepted into the following two prestigious music programs!

The Hartt Preparatory Academy (HPA) is a two-year, comprehensive pre-college music training program for high school juniors and seniors. The program includes music theory, ear training, keyboard studies, performances, advanced ensemble, private instruction, and other classes. Students fulfill academic and musical requirements that prepare them for an accelerated undergraduate music degree at the Hartt School. This is an unprecedented curricular pathway approved by the University of Hartford.

At the completion of the program, HPA students who audition for entrance to the University of Hartford and The Hartt School may receive two semesters of credit toward completion of select undergraduate music degrees.

The Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble (GHYWE) is the top wind ensemble at the Hartt School of Music's Community Division. It is composed of



Julia Vieira Reis '23

dedicated high-school students in grades 10–12. GHYWE performs advanced wind-ensemble repertoire, including traditional, modern, and new works. GHYWE originated in the 1950s from the Hartt Youth Symphonic Band and the Connecticut Valley Youth Wind Ensemble. Conducted by Glen Adsit.



Lindsey Wearne '22 and Emma Terlizzi '22



2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Essay Contest

Alexandra Goodin '21 won first place in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Tuition Grant Essay Contest for her essay "The Reciprocation of Giving." The theme for her essay stemmed from her experience volunteering in Guatemala. Taylor Lane '21 placed second for her essay, "Giving Is Receiving," which was inspired by community service. You can read the winning essays on pages 20 and 21 of the November 2020 issue of the Catholic Transcript. <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/HART1120r.pdf>



Fall 2020 Athletics in Review

HIGHLIGHTS

- Swimming and Diving (Girls) - Mallory Moriarty '21 broke the school diving record at 229.88

CLASS OF 2020 ATHLETES COMPETING IN COLLEGE:

- Luke Boland – Norwich University (D3 Lacrosse)
- Rocco DeSimone – Western New England University (D3 Lacrosse)
- Matt Durant – Hartwick College (D3 Lacrosse)
- Jaden Fowler – UConn – Avery Point (D3 Baseball)
- Emily Jeamel – Eastern Connecticut State University (D3 Basketball)
- Chris Jones – Eastern Connecticut State University (D3 Basketball)
- Brandon Keeler – Southern Connecticut State University (D3 Baseball)
- Sean Kennedy – Plymouth State (D3 Soccer)
- Matt Knowing – Yale University (D1 Basketball)
- Zach Light – Western Connecticut State University (D3 Lacrosse)
- Logan Macaluso – Assumption University (D2 Baseball)
- CJ Moriarty – Elms College (D3 Baseball)
- Thomas Parakilas – Eastern Connecticut State University (D3 Golf)
- Julia Swanson – Assumption University (D2 Ice Hockey)
- Macy Wilcox – Merrimack (D2 Lacrosse)

Andrew Ferruolo '20, East Catholic's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2020 (Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track) was recognized for



starting a website during the pandemic to support small business. Along with several friends, Andrew developed CovidBizLink which linked small businesses struggling during the pandemic to volunteers who have specialized skills to help them. Please read the full article by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3jd4PEi>

Andrew is currently at the University of Michigan studying engineering.



Honoring Coach Kelly

Former and current East Catholic football players and friends gathered at the school for a surprise dedication event with Coach Jude Kelly on Saturday, September 26, 2020. After renewing acquaintances and reminiscing, the highlight of the day was the unveiling of a sign naming "The Hill" Jude Kelly Way. Players remember all-too-well running "The Hill" located behind the school to boost physical conditioning and mental toughness. Naming the

recently uncovered path after the legendary coach and mentor honors the legacy of Coach Kelly, still felt today among the men gathered, as well as many more around the country.

East Catholic President, Sean P. Brennan '85 who played for Coach Kelly and was

part of the 1983 State Championship Football Team presented the following

proclamation by the State of Connecticut to Coach Kelly:

Jude Kelly Proclamation Saturday, September 26, 2020 East Catholic High School

From 1979 to 1987 the East Catholic High School football teams were blessed to have Jude Kelly as their head football coach. During his tenure, the East Catholic High School football team won numerous conference titles and took home CIAC State Championships in 1983, 1986, and 1987. While success is often measured by wins and losses or by championships won or lost, anyone who played for Coach Kelly found true success in the care and compassion that he gave to each and every player. An impactful mentor to all who played for him, Coach Kelly instilled the importance of teamwork above all else. No individual was greater than the team, a life lesson that remains with many of his players to this day. Today we dedicate "the hill" and officially rename it Jude Kelly Way, for his way is unlike any other, and we are forever indebted to his love for us all.



2020 National Spanish Examinations



Congratulations to several Spanish students from East Catholic High School who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2020 National Spanish Examinations.

Students from East earned a total of two gold, three silver and two bronze medals along with 16 honorable mentions. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 140,000 students registered in 2020." Students from East Catholic High School have been taking this exam for only three years and were taught by Spanish teachers Ms. Sarah Landers and Mrs. Jan Reilly.

East Catholic's medalists include:

GOLD MEDAL:

Elizabeth Orchen-Baker '22
Meghan Raykoff '23

SILVER MEDAL:

Ashley Jeong '22
Christine Duah '21
Claire Murphy '21

BRONZE MEDAL:

Jade Colón '23
Natasha Ortega '23

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.



Light of Christ Teacher Recognition Award

Congratulations to Gina Burby for receiving the Light of Christ Teacher Recognition Award from the Archdiocese of Hartford, one of 10 outstanding educators to receive this award. Ms. Burby is Chair of the Math Department and Math teacher at East Catholic and proud mother of Dom '17, Blaise '20 and Liam '22!

Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program



East Catholic High School President Sean P. Brennan '85 announced that Jake Phelan '21 has been named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. Brennan presented a Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, to this scholastically-talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recog-

nized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for MSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."



The Manchester Permanent Memorial Day Committee plans Manchester's various activities to commemorate the holiday every year. As part of this, they invite students to submit an essay about what Memorial Day means to them. The essay of Maeve Horan Portelance '21 was selected for 2020. In typical years, the selected student would read her essay and lay a wreath during parade ceremonies. However, the 2020 parade was, unfortunately, canceled due to the pandemic. Congratulations, Maeve, on your accomplishment.





This Year's Theme

INCLUSION

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHÉ '86

Since his arrival, President Sean P. Brennan '85 has revitalized the East Catholic community in many ways, and his decision to make “inclusion” the theme for this school year has been one of his most important vehicles for doing so. As far back as his early football coaching days, he has chosen an annual theme for the teams and schools he has led; “sometimes a specific need determines the theme,” he explains, “or a motivational book or program” that serves to inspire the group. “Each year, the theme becomes something to rally around,” he elaborates, “and themes often build one upon the other from year to year.” As the East Catholic mission calls us to be “a welcoming environment for all students,” this year’s inclusion theme is an ideal fit.

In choosing it, Mr. Brennan reflected on many important conversations he has had since, as a new hire for his current position, Interim Head of School Val Mara invited him to meet current seniors Christine Duah, Jencih Manhertz and Mackenzie Talavera. In their discussion, they highlighted the need to validate the experiences of East Catholic’s students of color, and create new levels of support and advocacy as well. In the weeks that followed, Mr. Brennan has delivered in his commitment to diversity in education and inclusion in community.

First, he invited Jencih and Mackenzie, who officially founded the Student of Color (SOC) Union this summer, to speak to every class at Orientation. In their brief

speech, they encouraged their peers to be open to cultures beyond their own: “Inclusion,” said Jencih, is “just the simple idea of respecting and appreciating other people’s backgrounds and cultures that define them.” Both seniors defined and gave examples of micro-aggressions, cultural appropriation and implicit bias, and urged students to adopt anti-racist behavior. “By doing this,” Mackenzie stated, “we create an inclusive environment for all” at East Catholic. The SOC Union, moderated by teachers Lisa Putnam Kirsche '86 and Jenna Taylor-Persico '09, has met each month. “We are grateful to Jencih and Mackenzie for creating this important opportunity to expand support for our students of color, and for all who are eager to build awareness and take action to combat racism,” Ms. Taylor stated. This spring, the SOC Union will continue to discuss relevant topics and plan future events as Covid regulations permit.

Next, Mr. Brennan decided to bring back One Book, One Community to East Catholic, with new twists. Not wanting to wait until summer 2021 to reinstitute the community-wide read, Mr. Brennan asked the English department to integrate the 2017 novel *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas as the first unit of study in every English class this fall. The department welcomed the chance to do so, holding weekly August meetings to compile resources and design lessons that began in the opening days of school. “Our study of *The Hate U Give* reinforced the English department’s commit-

ment to revise curriculum to better reflect the cultural traditions and representation of our students,” Ms. Taylor stated. Careful to elicit student feedback, English teachers affirmed the value of this novel study, which validated the experiences of some East Catholic students and broadened the awareness of others.

Models of effective leadership also foster inclusion, as Mr. Brennan recognizes. At his invitation, Eric Kapitulik, founder of The Program, presented an all-school webinar on November 24th, reinforcing the importance of kindness, teamwork and lifting up those around us. The former collegiate athlete, U.S. Marine Corps Officer and Ironman Triathlete discussed the most important qualities of champions, reminding students that the strongest leaders are those who value every team member and leave no one excluded from the team’s mission.

As East Catholic recommits to fulfilling its own mission, we can remind ourselves of Rev. Jesse Jackson’s straightforward message: “When everyone is included, everyone wins.” While inclusion “does not mean you must be best friends with everyone,” as Jencih said in her Orientation speech, “We open a new [chapter]” at East Catholic, as Mackenzie said, by providing these opportunities for our students. With Mr. Brennan’s expansive experience in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) as an educator, he has the skills and drive to keep us writing new chapters.



Anthony Grant with Ryan Hinton

GRADUATION 2020

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86



Myra Mintah

The East Catholic community celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2020 by bringing together revered traditions and innovative events to honor our graduates.

On June 2, Interim Head of School Val Mara opened the live-streamed Virtual Awards Ceremony held in the school's auditorium and broadcast via the school's YouTube channel. Ms. Mara congratulated not only the award recipients, but each graduate: "Every student, indeed, has so much to celebrate and be proud of," she noted. Ms. Mara, Principal Ryan Hinton, senior class advisor Sister Peggy Evans, SNDdeN, National Honor Society moderator Laura Hicks, Fine Arts department chair David Brudz, Dean of Wellness and Athletics Jon Dahlquist, and Assistant Athletic Director Chad Malone '08 shared in the distribution of senior awards.

On June 3, Director of Campus Ministry Patrick McLaughlin welcomed the community to the live-streamed Baccalaureate Mass, held in the school's chapel and celebrated by East Catholic's chaplain, Father Carlos Castrillon.

On June 4, the Archdiocese of Hartford's Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt opened the live-streamed virtual graduation ceremony. Held, as always, in the Cathedral of

St. Joseph in Hartford, the ceremony included reflections by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and speeches by 2020 senior class officers Amber Gryzbowski (secretary), Catherine Cannamela (vice-president), Jessica Feeney (treasurer) and Angelina Spielman (president). Principal Ryan Hinton awarded the diplomas, with each graduate's picture shown on screen as names were announced. Interim Head of School Val Mara served as commencement speaker, closing her remarks with the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, and ending with her own powerful refrain: "Boundless love and hope – you've got this." East Catholic's chorale ensemble ECCE gave a beautiful virtual performance as well.

On June 6, East Catholic launched its first graduation parade, a socially distanced event where faculty and family cheered on the graduates as they circled the school's parking lot to collect their diplomas, awards and souvenirs and take cap-and-gown photos in carefully organized shifts throughout the day.

With technological and creative adjustments, and most importantly, the dedication of administrators, teachers, graduates and families, the 2020 seniors were recognized as an extraordinary class in extraordinary times.





Jenna Ptachcinski



Blaise Burby



Michael Hayle with Val Mara

East Catholic 2020 Graduates

Victoria Jayde Accorsi
 Erina Therese Aguilar
 Nour Khaled Alqaddumi
 Raina Nhyria Baah
 Brendan Maxwell Baigert
 §* Caeden John Bailey
 Timothy James Beaulieu
 Michael Simon Bierbaum
 Sarita Maria Bishop
 Ryan Patrick Blood
 Luke Charles Boland
 Eleri Faith Boudreau
 Patrick Daniel Bourne
 Blaise Anthony Burby
 *∞ Yuchen Cai
 Edward Vincent Callahan
 Nicholas Anthony Campagnone
 ♦* ‡ Ω Catherine Jamie Cannamela
 ♦ S * ‡ Ω Julia Grace Cannamela
 §* Emily Rose Carra
 Andrew Michael Cavar
 Suna (Hussein) Mohamad Cheriha
 *∞ Yeogyong Choi
 Aiden Douglas Cole
 Kevin Michael Connolly
 Joshua Ryan Cooke
 Gianna Josephina Cormier
 * Ethan Andrew Cornish
 ‡ ♦ S * † Robert Anthony Costello
 * Fiona Mary Crowley
 *∞ Emma Grace Daly
 Janelle Kissiwah Darkwah
 Kenneth John D'Attilio
 *∞ Kaleigh Ann Davis
 Rocco John DeSimone, III
 * Julia Elizabeth DiLoreto
 Steven Joseph Donnelly
 * Caroline Marie Dorman
 Matthew MacPhee Durant
 Jessica Chin Feeney
 * Erica Lynn Ferri
 §* Andrew Zulick Ferruolo
 Jaden Dean Fowler
 Brian Hammond Gallé
 * Kian Ghiaei
 ♦ S * ∞ Sophia Grace Giliberto
 ♦ S * ∞ ‡ Ω Maya Theresa Danturty Gopal
 Daron Henry Goslicki
 Anthony Frederick Grant, Jr.
 Amber Nicole Grzybowski
 Gavin James Hamrick
 Michael Brandon Hayle, Jr.

Mia Rose Healy
 Andrew Robert Hurley
 Teija Marie Jackson
 Emily Anne Jeamel
 Christopher Isaiah Jones
 Brandon Michael Keeler
 Sean Thomas Kennedy
 * Genevieve Ann Kirsche
 Sophie Nicole Kisner
 Noah Mitchell Klim
 Matthew Thomas Knowing
 Katie Alsu Lafountain
 §* Michelle Alexandra Lavoie
 Darren Michael Lebel, Jr.
 Dante Lentini
 Timothy Brenden Leyden
 * Yuncheng Li
 Zachary David Light
 Sydney Ann Logan
 Elizabeth Ann Long
 Sarah Charleen Loomer
 Logan Thomas Macaluso
 Cameron James Mahoney
 * Madison Paige McHenry
 Nathan Patrick Melia
 Raina Alexandria Mendoza
 * Amy Lynn Michaud
 Jacob Riley Miller
 Myra Dede-Oboshi Mintah
 Caroline Mary Moore
 Amanda Leigh Moran
 Jacqueline Chiyomi Morera
 Christopher Patrick Moriarty
 ♦ S * ‡ Ω Lily May Moseni
 ♦ * Ω Nathan Stein Mothes
 Matthew David Nicolo
 Kevin Akomeah Ntoni
 Julian Isaiah Nunez
 * Faith Christina O'Brien
 §* Cassidy Elizabeth O'Hara
 ♦ S * Evan John O'Neill
 Robert Patrick O'Neill
 Megan Elizabeth Orobello
 Erica Suthida Paditsoné
 Andrea Marie Pajot
 Kevin Steven Paquette
 Thomas Michael Parakilas
 Andrew John Parisi
 Ella Rose Parizeau
 Bryan Park
 Cami Mae Pasqualoni
 * ‡ Pratham Subhas Patel

Emma Mary Pensiero
 * Celine Ngoc Pham
 * Catherine Lindsey Phillips
 §* Grace Katherine Poirier
 * Vanessa Joy Polidoro
 Edward Tafari St. Peter Powell, Jr.
 Bryan William Procaccini
 * Nathaniel Stephen Protulis
 §* Jenna Lee Ptachcinski
 Gabriel Ivars Ramans
 Christopher Joseph Rivera
 Victoria Lynn Rivera
 * Ω Moon-Young Roh
 ♦ S * Patrick John Roth
 Akhil Saini
 Joshua Allen Salvas
 Alexandra Joan Salwa
 § Valentin Roberto Sandoval
 John Daniel Sargent
 * Danielle Marie Savino
 * Amanda Catherine Scé
 § Mara LeeAnne Schofield
 Matthew Steven Schwarz DiBacco
 Briana Jacqueline Seguro
 Nicholas Ryan Shepard
 * Lindsay Marie Skinner
 * Angelina Grace Spielman
 * Katelyn Isabel Splain
 * Julia Margaret Swanson
 Ω Wenhao Tang
 Lillian Margaret Thiel
 Zachary Lincoln Thomas
 § Natalie Cecilia Vargas
 * Christian Thomas Villandry
 Lauren Patricia Vitarelli
 * Ω Lauren Grace Viveiros
 Xavier Robert Voss
 ♦ * Valerie Patricia Walch
 ♦ * ∞ Yishu Wang
 Nicoletta Maria Warner
 Karma Helen Woodcock
 * Kane Francis Woods
 An Zhang



Erina Aguilar



Grace Poirier



Edward Powell

- ♦ Henry J. O'Brien Scholar
- Ω AP Scholar
- ‡ National Merit Commended
- S Summa Scholar
- * National Honor Society
- † National Merit Finalist
- ∞ National Art Honor Society
- § Tri-M National Music Honor Society



2020 GRADUATES *with* ALUMNI PARENTS



Anthony Grant Jr.,
Anthony Grant '88



Rocco DeSimone, Jr. '88,
Rocco DeSimone III



Kristina Boisoeneau Giliberto
'86, Sophia Giliberto,
John Giliberto '84



Stephanie Ogradnik
Phillips '89, Catherine Phillips



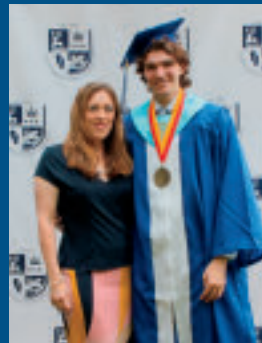
Mara Schofield,
Karen Castagna Schofield '92



Brandon Keeler,
Michael Keeler '84



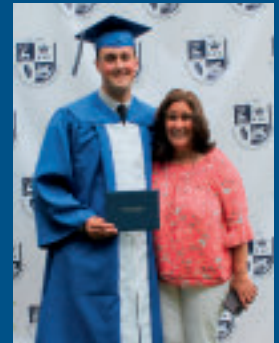
Anthony DiLoreto '85,
Julia DiLoreto



Stephanie Greenwald
Costello '83, Robert Costello



Andrea Pajot,
Francis Pagot '79



Christopher Patrick
"CJ" Moriarty,
Janet Lombardo Moriarty '89



Eleri Boudreau,
Kevin Boudreau '82



Lisa Putnam Kirsche '86,
Jenny Kirsche



Paul Michaud '86,
Amy Michaud,
Suzanne Courcy Michaud '86



Grace Poirier,
Sarah Thiery Poirier '89



Evan O'Neill,
Stephen O'Neill '86



Andrew Ferruolo,
Paul Ferruolo '82



Jenna Ptachcinski,
Thomas Ptachcinski '79

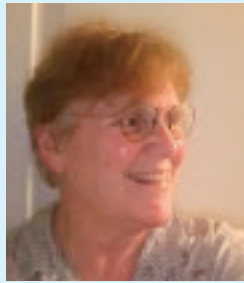


Jack Sargent,
Mary-Pat Flynn Sargent '81

ALUMNI NEWS

1970

JACQUELINE FITZGERALD GRYPHON displayed her poetry and read from selections as a culminating activity of the Writer-in-Residence/Artist-in-Residence summer program at the 168-acre Trail Wood nature preserve. Trail Wood is part of the Pomfret Center Audubon Society's nature



preserve. Jackie's work was selected by juried process, and she was awarded a week-long summer residency.

CHRISTINE MATHEWSON NODINE celebrated the 50th anniversary of 1970's graduation by cheering on the class of 2020 at their outdoor graduation event. Christine recently retired after 40 years as a respiratory therapist, a career that, in her words, was both challenging and rewarding. As a proud grandmother, Christine is happy to share that both of her grandchildren, Olivia and Bryant, will be attending St. Paul's High School in the fall as a freshman and junior respectively, continuing the Catholic high school tradition. We were so happy to include Christine in our 2020 Graduation festivities!



Upcoming Reunions!
If you are an ECHS alum from a class ending in a 0, 5, 1, or 6 and are interested in helping to plan your upcoming reunion, please reach out to Heidi Carlson at carlsonh@ech.s.com.

1985

Members of the Class of 1985 and friends gathered at Topstone Golf Course this summer:



Front Row: John Fury and Matt Mirucki
Back Row: Kevin Hutt, Chris Dickinson, Pete Perrotti, Gordon Hook, Chris Poland, Sean Brennan, guest, Herb Harvey, Rich Tavoliric, Bob Phillips, Brian Feshler

1996

MATTHEW JABS has been named the American Athletic Conference's Men's Swimming Coach of the Year (2019-2020).

Matthew has been on the coaching staffs of both the men's and women's swim and dive teams at East Carolina University since he completed his own notable swimming career at ECU in 2000. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in 2001 and his master's in 2003.

After serving as a volunteer assistant, graduate assistant, assistant coach, and associate coach, Matthew was named head coach in 2017. In his three year tenure at the helm, the men's and women's teams



have garnered many individual, team, and conference wins and records. In the 2019-2020 season, the men's team won the American Athletic Conference Championship.

Matthew and his wife Jaclyn have two sons, Evan, 12, and Jackson, 9. The family lives in Greenville, NC.



Molly Devanney '96, Highland Park Market Vice President of Public Relations and **Sean P. Brennan '85**, ECHS President

MOLLY DEVANNEY and Highland Park Market support East Catholic's Auditorium Roof Replacement Project through the Neighborhood Assistance Act whereby businesses who file as "C" corporations received tax credits for donations to approved non-profit projects. Thank you Highland Park Market and the Devanney Family!

2003

JOEY TRENHOLM and **KELLY LAURETTI TRENHOLM** welcomed their son, Myles, to their family on January 30, 2020. Joey is the ECHS Boys Hockey Coach.



Myles is pictured here with big sister, Lacey who turned 4 on February 6th.



2006

BRIAN BOLDUC (pictured second from left) had a special opportunity to meet Pope Francis last January. As Chief Speechwriter for Vice President Pence, Brian was part of the audience which also included Callista Gingrich, her husband Newt, and several members of the Vice President's

staff. Brian has recently relocated to New York and has assumed a new position at Goldman Sachs as a speechwriter to the CEO.

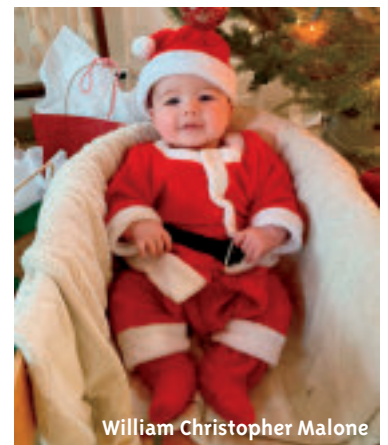
2007

MEGAN COUGHLIN OSTICK and her husband Paul welcomed their daughter, Tallulah Jane, to their family on November 26, 2020! Here the happy family is pictured.



2008

CHAD MALONE and his wife, Liz, welcomed their son, William, to their family on October 2nd, 2020. Chad is East Catholic's Assistant Athletic Director and Head Girls Basketball Coach. Welcome Will!



2011

ALLYSON FOURNIER was recently selected as Division III Softball Player of the Decade after completing a successful athletic career at Tufts University, where she majored in chemical engineering and graduated in 2015. During her time at Tufts, Allyson led her team to three national championships with a record 0.44 career ERA and 1,315 strikeouts. She



was recognized as the Connecticut Female Athlete of the Year in 2015 and the Honda DIII Athlete of the Year in 2013 and 2015, and went on to be the first NCAA Division III softball player to compete in the NPF, the American pro softball league. Today, Allyson works as a Research and Development Manager at Millipore Sigma, a leading life science firm, where she helps develop new technologies for the production of biopharmaceuticals. She is also a proud



2011 East Catholic graduate, where she was a Superintendent's Summa Scholar and a member of the Softball and Swim and Dive teams.



2014

ROB MURDOCK released his sophomore album in August. Composed and performed on the piano, “Sea View” is a cozy and inviting depiction of a beachside community where Rob spent his summers growing up. Hitting number 1 on the iTunes New Age Charts, it exudes the sounds of a timeless piano album.

2015

JONATHAN LEBLANC was elected to the Enfield Board of Education in November 2019, becoming the youngest ever elected official in Enfield’s history. The year 2020 has brought many hardships to the educational system that could not have been foreseen. Speaking about the pandemic Jon says “My hope is that once we get past this, it can be something we can all look back on and recognize how much we had to adapt and the growth that came from having to overcome these challenges.” Jon is currently finishing his degree in Criminal Justice from Norwich University in VT. He is shown here after the election with his proud grandparents Norm and Jean!



2017

BRANDON NARCISO is a Dean’s List student at the University of New England in Portland, Maine, majoring in Sports and Recreation Management and minoring in Business. When his summer internship plans with the Red Sox affiliate Portland Sea Dogs were disrupted, he had to get creative. His creativity led to an analytical study of how best to utilize social media to engage fans, specifically college



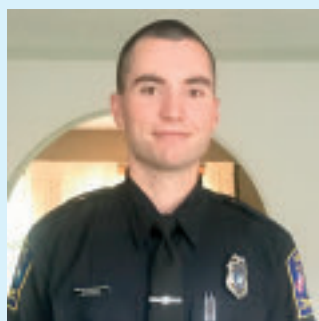
students. Not only did Brandon present his findings at the Shape of America Student Leadership Conference last fall, but the Sea Dogs will be using his work to revamp their social media platforms. “East Catholic definitely gave me a strong background to not only prepare me for college as a student athlete but also helped develop my leadership skills that will carry me forward.”

2018

ABHI GOYAL, a junior at Cornell’s SC Johnson College of Business, School of Hotel Administration, recently won first place at The Cornell Hospitality Pitch Deck Competition. Abhi and his team developed WEET, a mobile app that allows its users to make romantic connections while helping partner businesses (in particular, restaurants) acquire new customers. “Users experience a fun, safe, low-pressure dating experience, while partners theoretically see a limitless stream of new faces to convert into return customers.” Abhi and his team hope to launch the first iteration of WEET in Provo, Utah in the fall of 2021.



ABHI GOYAL '18 presented Weet, a dating app, during the fifth annual Cornell Hospitality Pitch Deck Competition, hosted virtually November 12 by the School of Hotel Administration’s Leland C. and Mary M. Pillsbury Institute for Hospitality Entrepreneurship.



JACK SANFORD began his employment with the West Hartford Police Department on December 30, 2019. Since then, Jack graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden in July and completed three months of field training in October. He’s currently assigned to the Patrol division at the West Hartford Police Department. Jack, a 2019 graduate of Endicott College with a degree in criminal justice, completed criminal justice internships with the Gloucester (MA) Police Department, Connecticut State Police Troop D, and the Coventry (CT) Police Department prior to joining the West Hartford Police Department.

IN MEMORY

Eagle Deceased November 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

ALUMNI

KRISTIN SHAW '90, died 9/15/19

ROBERT SULLIVAN '83, died 1/8/20

DANIEL CANNY '96, died 1/11/20

CATHERINE MALINOWSKI GIROUARD '69, sister of Thomas Malinowski '70, died 1/16/20

JOAN DEMONTE KELSEY '67, died 1/20/20

ANDREW NICHOLAS '84, brother of Paul Nicholas '78 and Thomas Nicholas '81, died 1/20/20

DANIEL SOCHA '75, brother of John Socha '70 and Kim Socha Bednar '80, died 1/31/20

GREGORY O'ROURKE '74, brother of Brian O'Rourke '75, Michael O'Rourke '76, Maureen O'Rourke Ives '77, Todd O'Rourke '80, Colleen O'Rourke Munzu '82, died 3/31/20

NANCY WALZ '71, sister of James Walz '66 and Mary Walz Green '68, died 5/2/20

TIMOTHY CRIMMINS '71, brother of William Crimmins '66 (deceased), died 5/7/20

LAURIE ALBERT FULTZ '77, sister of Lisa Albert Hassett '79 and Louis Albert '82, died 5/8/20

DANIEL BOURQUE '66, brother of Michael Bourque '70, died 5/16/20

SHARON CAMPBELL-DADDONA '75, sister of John Campbell, Jr. '73 and Mark Campbell '85, died 5/28/20

MICHAEL DYER '03, son of Richard '68 and Kathleen Whalen Dyer '68, husband of Cathleen Devanney Dyer '03, died 6/6/20

NANCY JACOBS LABBE '65, died 7/4/20

JANET BREEN '75, sister of Judith Breen Philbin '75 and Joseph Breen '76, died 8/3/20

KATHLEEN MCDERMOTT MURRAY '67, sister of Anne McDermott Geers '73, Eileen McDermott '74 and R. Dennis McDermott '71, died 8/6/20

JOHN "FRED" AUDETTE '65, brother of Michael Audette '70, died 8/28/20

FRANCES KLINKEVICH FOGARTY '74, died 9/26/20

SUSAN GIERAS '83, sister of Michael Gieras '78 and Pamela Gieras '80, died 10/6/20

MARGARET BANNING ZAGORSKI '69, mother of Joseph Zagorski, Jr. '93, William Zagorski '96 and Jennifer Zagorski Lapinski '98, died 10/11/20

ANN WAWER '72, sister of Susan Wawer '76 and Mary Wawer Baldyga '78, died 10/12/20

ARTHUR TISCHOFER, JR. '92, brother of Kimberly Tischofer Gott '87, died 10/14/20

LOUISE THOMAS COLTMAN '70, sister of Michael Coltmán '69, died 11/28/20

MICHAEL COBURN '69, brother of Maureen Coburn Burke '67, Patricia Coburn Rovero '71 and Dennis Coburn '72 (deceased), died 12/5/20

PETER DIMINICO '67, brother of Joseph Diminico '67 and Anthony Diminico '70, died 12/25/20

ANTHONY PETRONE '03, son of Peter '73 & Michele Wilke Petrone '73, brother of Kimberly Petrone Pulino '05, Matthew P. Petrone '08, died 12/29/20

FACULTY & STAFF

GEORGE MACDONALD, former custodian; died 12/25/19

MARY WELCH, former Spanish Teacher; died 9/5/2020

THOMAS J. MCLAUGHLIN, former Math and Science Teacher; died 9/12/20

FAMILY OF ALUMNI & CURRENT STUDENTS

BERTHA ROBACK, mother of Kenneth Roback '72 and David Roback '75; grandmother of Theresa Roback Browne '01; died 10/11/19

PATRICIA BROOKS, mother of Lawrence Brooks '94; died 10/16/19

MARILYN MASON, mother of William Bradford Krones '72 and Sharon Krones Holman '74; died 11/9/19

KATHERINE FITZGERALD, mother of Thomas Fitzgerald '67, Edward Fitzgerald '71; grandmother of Edward Fitzgerald '02 and Maggie Fitzgerald '03; died 11/16/19

SEBASTIANO GILBERTO, father of Michael Gilberto '80, Emilio Gilberto '82, John Gilberto '84; grandfather of Angela Gilberto '15 and Sophia Gilberto '20; died 11/28/19

DORIS BOURQUE, mother of Michael Bourque '69, Barbara Bourque '70, Nancy Bourque Kelley '73, Laurie Bourque Wardwell '77 and Mary Bourque Young '80; died 12/10/19

THOMAS HESKETH, brother of Paul Hesketh '70 and James Hesketh '74; died 12/13/19

RAYMOND MARTENS, father of Laurie Martens '80 and Sharon Martens '84; died 1/11/20

EDWARD TOPER, father of Catherine Toper Van Roten '76, Denise Toper Harris '78; grandfather of Patrick Harris '05, Daniel Harris '07 and Peter Harris '14; died 1/21/20

MARGARET MORIARTY, mother of Marilyn Moriarty Knox '77, Noreen Moriarty O'Sullivan '84 and Timothy Moriarty '76 (deceased); died 1/24/20

PAULINE MORAN, grandmother of Madison Moran '19 and Amanda Moran '20; died 2/6/20

IRENE KIEFER, mother of Robert Kiefer '73 and Patricia Kiefer '80; died 2/9/20

FRANCES TEBECIO, mother of Robert Tebecio '75, MaryEllen Tebecio Botticello '77 and Joseph Tebecio '80; died 2/19/20

JOHN PADEGIMAS, grandfather of Jennifer Padegimas Karcich '95, Alex Hill '05, Spencer Hill '07; died 2/28/20

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN, JR., father of Timothy Moynihan '83, Susan Moynihan Keating '84 and Patrick Moynihan '88; died 3/1/20

SHIRLEY VELTRI, grandmother of Emily Szemrelyo '16 and Kaitlin Szemrelyo '16; died 3/30/20

FREDA MITCHELL, grandmother of Hannah Mitchell '18 and Jack Mitchell '23; died 4/2/20

LAVINA CURTISS LAMONTAGNE, mother of James Curtiss '67, Stephen Curtiss '72 and Paul Curtiss '75; died 4/17/20

HENRIETTA CASS, mother of Gary Cass '65 and Paul Cass '67 and Marianne Cass '71 (deceased); died 4/18/20

ROBERT COLLITON, father of Kenneth Colliton '80, Charles Colliton '81, Carole Colliton Doar '85 and Kathleen Colliton Gozdan '86; died 4/21/20

JOSEPH BEAULIEU, father of Shirley Beaulieu LePage '70, Marilyn Beaulieu '73, Debora Beaulieu Fitzgerald '77, Donna Beaulieu Rich '79; grandfather of Michael Donofrio '01, Kathleen Fitzgerald '05, Kevin Donofrio '06, Kelly Fitzgerald '07, Carolyn Fitzgerald '08, Jason Donofrio '09; died 4/23/20

MARGARET SHUCKEROW, grandmother of Kara Paradis '05 and Kevin Paradis '08; died 4/23/20

JAMES DELEO III, father of James DeLeo IV '91; died 5/4/20

JOYCE PENDER, mother of Fred Cecchini '79, Liane Cecchini Gentile '80 and Tracey Cecchini Ciccarelli '82; died 5/4/20

ROMELIA (BAYER) BOISSEVIAN, mother of Deron Bayer '83 and Jon Bayer '86; died 5/5/20

MARY GAGNON, mother of Christine Gagnon '83; died 5/6/20

MARIE VENORA, mother of Robert Venora '80; died 5/6/20

JOSEPH F. REGAN, grandfather of Katherine Regan '13, Ryan Regan '15 and Kyle Patrick Regan '17; died 5/12/20

DENISE FLEMING, mother of James Fleming '79; grandmother of Megan Fleming Houston '08 and Nicholas Fleming '11; died 5/15/20

JULIA M. TAVANO, mother of Judith Tavano Gardner '70; grandmother of Louis Tavano Jr. '83 and Theresa Tavano Janeczek '86, died 5/23/20 at the age of 102.

MARY RUSSO, mother of George Russo Jr. '89; died 5/28/20

LEONARDO ANTHONY PARLA, father of Mary Parla McNamara '76, Leonardo Parla '78, John Parla '79, Rosemary Parla Chirico '82; grandfather of Brian McNamara '98, Colin McNamara '01, Conor McNamara '06, Megan McNamara '10, Christina Parla Lauzon '10, James Parla '13 and Cecilia Parla '15; died 5/29/20

WILLIAM EGAN, grandfather of Lindsay Gilbert '10 and Alison Gilbert '12; died 6/17/20

MARY MILES, mother of Michael Miles '71 and Thomas Miles '75; died 7/2/20

MILTON KERSHAW, father of Debra Kershaw Pietrantonio '73; grandfather of Kyle Pietrantonio '99 and Jay Pietrantonio '04; died 7/4/20

ROSE BEAULIEU, mother of Shirley Beaulieu LePage '70, Marilyn Beaulieu '73, Debora Beaulieu Fitzgerald '77, Donna Beaulieu Rich '79; grandmother of Michael Donofrio '01, Kathleen Fitzgerald '05, Kevin Donofrio '06, Kelly Fitzgerald '07, Carolyn Fitzgerald '08, Jason Donofrio '09; died 7/8/20

PRISCILLA JACQUES, mother of Denise Jacques Hammond '66 and Peter Jacques '69; died 7/26/20

BARBARA FARRAND, mother of John Farrand, Jr. '06; died 8/16/20

NEIL F. MARA M.D., father of Frank Mara '76, Timothy Mara '77, Daniel Mara '78 and Neil Mara '81; died 8/20/20

WILLIAM T. DONOHUE, grandfather of James E. Donohue '09 and William Donohue '16; died 8/25/20

DOLORES ARMSTRONG, wife of former director of maintenance, Russell Armstrong (deceased); died 8/26/20

PATRICIA BRANNICK, mother of Elizabeth "Libby" Brannick Daly '95 and Sean Brannick '98; died 9/4/20

BETTY-ANN PERLEONI, mother of Kathleen Perleoni Weissberg '73, William Perleoni '74 and John Perleoni '76; died 9/4/2020

JAMES B. DRONEY, father of James M. Droney '14 and Jack Droney '16; died 9/6/20

JOHN M. SUPINO, father of Joseph Supino '74, Eileen Supino Shea '76, Gerard Supino '80 and grandfather of Kelly Shea '08 and Emily Shea '10; died 9/21/20

LILLIANE MANGANELLO, mother of Curtis Manganello '72; died 9/23/20

MARY LOU BELLODY, mother of Mark Bellody '74; died 9/24/20

PATRICIA WALL, mother of Scott Wall '89 and Mark Wall '94; died 9/25/20

CALVIN MANSHIP, father of Rev. James Manship '82 and Maryellen Manship Hastings '83; died 9/30/20

JOHN FOLEY, father of Mary Foley Mitiguy '78, Sean Foley, '79, Joseph Foley '81, Teresa Foley '82, Peter Foley '84 and Catherine Foley Geib '88; died 10/2/20

ROBERT MEAGHER, grandfather of Alyssa Fiori '17 and Olivia Fiori '19; died 10/5/20

LUCY SHABAZIAN, grandmother of Annmarie Shabazian '08, Angela Shabazian '09 and Andrea Shabazian '12; died 10/13/20

RICHARD E. PTACHCINSKI, father of Judith Ptachcinski Jorgensen '72, Thomas Ptachcinski '79, Neil Ptachcinski '83 and Richard J. Ptachcinski '75 (deceased); grandfather of Tyler Ptachcinski '17 and Jenna Ptachcinski '20; died 10/19/20

LOUIS J. TAVANO SR., father of Louis J. Tavano, Jr. '83 and Theresa Tavano Janeczek '86; died 10/23/20

AMBROSE WILLIAM BUCKLEY JR., grandfather of Meghan Croyle '22; died 10/27/20

FRANCIS TEBECIO, father of Robert Tebecio '75, MaryEllen Tebecio Botticello '77 and Joseph Tebecio '80; died 10/28/20

JAMES AUFMAN, father of Matthew Aufman '92; died 11/6/20

BEVERLY MALONE, mother of Meg Malone Quish '69, Sean Malone '71, Jennifer Malone Healy '73, Laura Malone Luftus '75, Christopher Malone '78, Prudence Malone Lange '79; grandmother of Bailey Malone Carey '05 and Chad Malone '08; died 11/10/20

CHAUNCEY T. MITCHELL II, grandfather of Hannah Mitchell '18 and Jack Mitchell '23; died 11/28/20

NANCY O'CONNOR, grandmother of Frank Cipolla '01; died 12/6/2020

IRENE LOPATA, mother of Sharon Lopata Maciaga '71 and Deanne Lopata Champagne '72 (deceased); grandmother of Caroline Maciaga '14; died 12/15/20

CAROL HAYES LINDSAY, wife of Sean Lindsay '74 and mother of Ian '05, Aidan '08 and Evan '13 Lindsay; died 12/18/20

RICHARD HAGEARTY, father of Sean Hagearty '83, Erin Hagearty Jensen '89 and Maura Hagearty Overland '85; died 12/17/20

ALEXANDER ALEO, father of Marilyn Aleo Boccaccio '67 and Susan Aleo Quaglia '71 and grandfather of Joseph Boccaccio '96 and Nicholas Boccaccio '99; died 12/24/20

ROSE DIFIORE, grandmother of Eric DiFiore '05, Thomas "T.J." DiFiore '08 and Daniel DiFiore '11; died 12/28/20





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