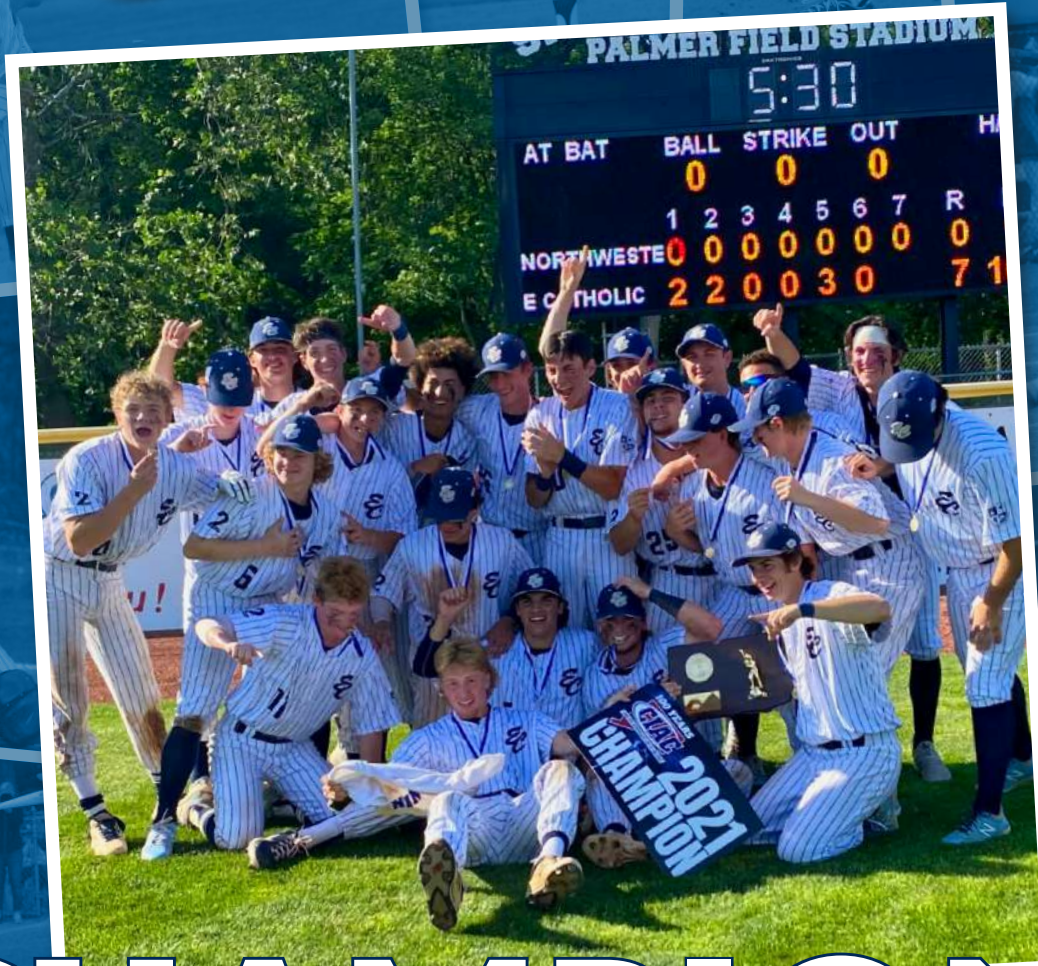


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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear East Catholic Family,

I hope you are all safe and well as we welcome in 2022! We are glad to share the Spring & Fall 2021 edition of *The Eagle* magazine with you. In this issue you will see that East Catholic continues to thrive in many ways, even as we continue to battle a pandemic daily. Featured stories include Graduation 2021 (spoiler alert, we were back in the Cathedral of St. Joseph), the 2021 Class M State Champion East Catholic Baseball team, our newest Hall of Fame class, and a recap of Convocation for the 2021-22 school year.

## GRADUATION 2021:

It was a bit surreal to be back in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford for the first time since I graduated in June of 1985; however, the beauty of the Cathedral, coupled with the ability to have graduates and their families together during a pandemic, made for a wonderful occasion. Many thanks to our alumni speaker, Mr. Brian Bolduc '06, for his thoughtful and inspiring words. Thank you also to our student speakers for their reflections on their time at East Catholic. We look forward to being back in the Cathedral of St. Joseph for the Class of 2022 graduation on June 2nd!

## A DREAM SEASON:

The 2021 East Catholic Baseball team completed a perfect season (25-0) en route to winning the Class M State Championship. A great group of seniors, who utilized the months of COVID shutdown to train alone and together, were the heart of the team. Their leadership was instrumental in their successful season. That makes 62 State Championships for East Catholic since 1961!

## A NEW HALL OF FAME CLASS INDUCTED:

We were blessed to once again gather for a Hall of Fame Induction Celebration on November 14th, 2021. This year's class was packed with impressive alumni, staff, and friends. With over 200 guests in attendance, the recipients were warmly welcomed into our East Catholic Hall of Fame. We will have another induction in 2023; please feel to nominate someone based on the criteria on page 15!



Pictured on cover:  
2021 Class M Baseball State Champions,  
ranked #1 in the State of CT.

Former Teachers Welcome Sean Brennan '85 back to East Catholic from l-r, Valerie Romano (math), Joan Penders (English and Spanish), Jan Reilly, current Dean of Students, and Maria Colangelo (English) with Sean Brennan



**CONVOCATION 2021:**

The theme for this school year is "selflessness." After months of isolation and taking care of ourselves physically, I felt it was important to think about positive ways in which we can help others. Selflessness can be as simple as holding the door for someone or offering to clear someone's mess in the cafeteria. More heroic acts of selflessness are more well known, like the heroism shown by Welles Crowther in the book The Red Bandanna, by Tom Rinaldi. It was our school-wide summer read, and as we recognized the infamous day of September 11th 20 years later, Welles' story resonated with our theme.

**STAY CONNECTED:**

Admissions numbers are tracking well as enrollments come in daily. Please refer friends and family who are considering a phenomenal education with great athletics, arts, and extracurriculars. You can contact Chad Malone '08 in our Admissions Office through the main school number, 860-649-5336 or at malonec@echhs.com.

Additionally, our Advancement Office is busy identifying Class Agents for each class. We are looking for 2-6 members from each class to rally their classmates to stay involved. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Sarah Lomazzo '14 or email lomazzos@echhs.com in our Advancement Office.

As we head into spring, please know that we continue to do great work here at East Catholic. I remain incredibly proud of our students and the entire ECHS family. Please reach out by phone, email, or in person with any thoughts, questions, or concerns you have. I look forward to hearing from you!

Peace,



Sean P. Brennan, President

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# Familiar Faces, New Roles

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86

The phrase “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle” holds particular relevance this year, as East Catholic educators, coaches and alumni fulfill new roles. Former Math teacher and department chair Gina Burby now serves as Dean of Academics, former Assistant Athletic Director and current Girls Basketball Coach Chad Malone '08 now serves as Director of Admissions, Girls Volleyball Coach Sarah Lomazzo '14 now serves as Assistant Director of External Relations, and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Derrick Birdsong now serves as Assistant Athletic Director. Lastly, Sister Peggy Evans, SNDdeN has shifted her professional focus from School Counseling to Advancement, bringing her gifts to her new position as Alumni Relations Associate.

Ms. Burby has dedicated her career to East Catholic in multiple capacities for almost 30 years. She earned her degree in Mathematical Educational Administration from Central Connecticut State University in 2012, which qualifies her for leadership in all areas of math and general administration in CT. “I really enjoyed teaching, especially with my three sons here,” she said, “but I felt I could make a significant difference in the academic running of the school” at this time, with sharper focus on maintaining “the academic excellence aspect of our mission,” and using “my expertise in new ways to serve the school on a whole

**L-R Back Row:** Chad Malone '08, director of admissions; Derrick Birdsong, assistant athletic director; Sarah Lomazzo '14, assistant director for external relations; Mary Suter, executive assistant to the president; Gina Burby, dean of academics; Kristen Reilly, Spanish teacher

**L-R Front Row:** Sister Peggy Evans SND, alumni relations associate; Rebecca Rumley, advancement assistant; Jamie Howe '14, administrative assistant to the dean of academics; Denise Schneider, math and science teacher

new level.” Honored with the Light of Christ Award by the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2021, Ms. Burby continues to oversee digital book orders and coach Cheerleading, which “lets me keep the contact with parents and students that I love,” she explained. She is thankful to join up with Dean of Student Life Jan Reilly and President Sean Brennan; “We complement each other very well,” she said, “and I’m proud to be part of this strong administration.” She also has a clear vision for the school’s future “as we keep growing.”

Just as committed to East Catholic’s future, Mr. Malone, Ms. Lomazzo and Mr. Birdsong have immersed themselves in their new responsibilities, at great benefit to the school. Mr. Brennan noted, “Chad radiates commitment to the school,” making him “an ideal fit” in Admissions. “I love talking to families about all the wonderful opportunities we have here,” Mr. Malone said. “I’m excited to explore new and different avenues to spread the good word about East Catholic.” In October, both Mr. Malone and Ms. Lomazzo brought their enthusiasm and skills to “the most successful Open House in years,” as Mr. Brennan observed. Ms. Lomazzo’s professional strengths inspired the

creation of her new position, serving both the Admissions and Advancement departments: “We saw her gifts in the interview process and couldn’t miss out,” Mr. Brennan stated. Ms. Lomazzo has found it “great being back at East. I really get a hand in making sure we’re out there, that we’re here to stay. I’m excited to share in the success we do have, and the successes we are headed for” as well. Mr. Birdsong, too, shared his gratitude and eagerness to move the school forward, underscoring Mr. Brennan’s point that “this is the role made for him.”

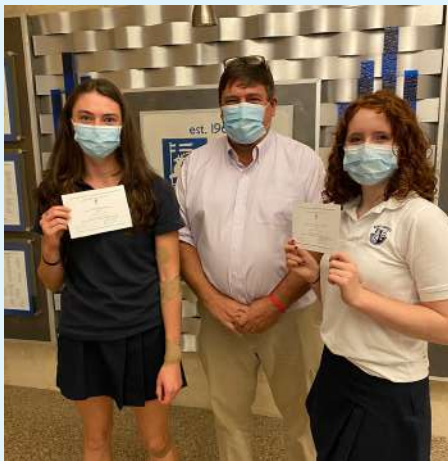
Wisely, East Catholic also created a new role “made for” our most recognizable and beloved Eagle, Sister Peggy Evans, SNDdeN. Rather than retire, she embraces this position as Alumni Relations Associate: “It’s my choice, because I’ve been here so long and known so many alumni over the years. It’s a great opportunity to connect with all of them, and I invite everyone to remember, my door is always open and my phone is always on.” Sister Peggy has already attended multiple reunions and formal gatherings, and as ever, personifies the true spirit of East Catholic.





## Constantinos Soteriou '22 Named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist

Officials from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that Constantinos Soteriou has been named one of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Constantinos now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered this spring.



## Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Katherine Green '22 and Eleanor Mund '22 on being named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who took the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

## College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars



Congratulations to Adriana Ordaya '22, Duncan Witek '23, Julia Vieira Reis '23, Karina Vasquez '23, Marcos Claudio Rivera '23 and Michael Flores '23 on being named College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. These students have excelled on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their class work.

## College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholars



Congratulations to Marcos Claudio Rivera '23 and Taylah Pickering '22 on being named College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholars. These students have excelled on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their class work.

# East Catholic Students in Service



East Catholic students continue to give back to the community by doing service at ImmaCare, a shelter in Hartford for people experiencing

homelessness. On Thursday, November 4th, a group of 12 students prepared “fiesta chicken” in the school kitchen, complete with sides, salad, and a dessert, which they then took to the shelter and served to the residents. Campus Ministry organizes shelter meals twice each month, once for ImmaCare and once for South Park Inn, both in Hartford.



On September 30th Jade Colon '23 rallied the East Catholic Community to walk around the school as part of a fundraiser for the ALS Association’s Walk to Defeat ALS. Jade is walk captain for Alby’s Warriors, in memory of her dad. Students were able to donate directly to Alby’s Warriors and earned a red and white (the colors of the ALS Association) dress down day as they walked to defeat ALS. Overall, East Catholic students raised close to \$3,000 in support of Jade and her family’s fundraising goals.

# Congratulations, Eagle Scouts!



**MATTHEW EMERSON '21** – Troop 89 in East Windsor, CT. Matthew’s Eagle Scout project was titled “East Windsor Monofilament Recycling Bins.” This project provided public fishing areas within the town of East Windsor with special recycling bins for nylon fishing lines. Five bins were built and placed in two town parks for proper fishing line disposal. High density fishing line, also called monofilament line, can hurt wildlife and negatively impact the environment if not disposed of properly. By providing easy-to-use recycling bins where people fish, the East Windsor Parks & Recreation can properly dispose of fishing line. Matthew is currently studying at the University of Connecticut.



**KEVIN HARTNETT '21** – Troop 81 in Stafford, CT. Kevin earned his Eagle Scout rank in October 2021. His project involved painting a room at St. Edward’s School in Stafford, CT. As a member of St. Edward’s parish, Kevin helped his community by enhancing this space at the K-8 school. He enjoyed giving back to his community in this way, and his work is greatly appreciated. Kevin is currently studying at Central Connecticut State University and plays on their club hockey team.

**JASON CRESSOTTI '21** – Troop 89 in East Windsor, CT. Jason’s Eagle Scout project involved the installment of two information boards on the side of a barn at the East Windsor Historical Society. One board displays the entire property of the East Windsor Historical Society, including trails and buildings. The other board shows information about the Historical Society and its upcoming events. Prior to these boards, there was no visible display depicting events, information, and maps for visitors. Jason is currently studying Engineering at the University of Connecticut.

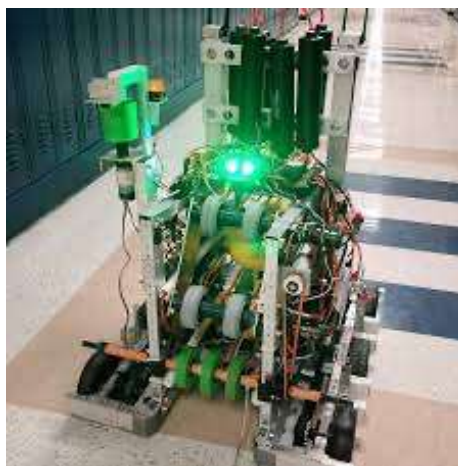


# Planned ECHS Integrated Technology Center

In a world of ever-changing technology, our new center will allow students to develop new skills that will carry them into the future to become responsible, independent, and creative users of information and technology. Through our diverse collection of resources, students will utilize project-based instruction, work-based learning, and personalized support to promote personal enrichment and academic success.



The TV & Media broadcasting room will prepare students for careers in news writing, television, radio, film production, filmmaking, graphic design and illustration, photography, and communication. The center will be equipped with modern camera equipment, a control room, and much more.



Our Robotics team (Aetos Dios FRC Team 7153) will be using the center to design and engineer robots for their build and competition seasons and for demo robots for the community.



The Computer-Aided Design (CAD) lab will be equipped with new computers which will allow our future engineers to become familiar with sketching, lettering, scale drawing, print reading, visualization, dimensioning, and problem-solving techniques used by engineers and designers around the world. State-of-the-art 3-D and laser printers will also be housed in the lab.

## East Catholic Welcomes New School Advisory Board Member, Matthew Hallisey

Matthew Hallisey grew up in Wethersfield and graduated from South Catholic High School in 1982. He graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1986 and from The University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law in 1994. Matthew was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1994 and is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court, District of Connecticut.

Matthew is an attorney and managing principal of Matthew Hallisey Government Affairs, LLC, a full-service government relations and lobbying firm in Glastonbury. The firm represents clients before the

Connecticut General Assembly and administrative agencies at the state and federal level.

"I am very excited to join the advisory board," Matthew said. "There are so many dedicated people associated with East Catholic. I am impressed with all the work they do and I'm proud to volunteer and join this fine institution. Indeed, while East reminds me of my alma mater South Catholic in so many ways, it is a unique and special place."

Matthew resides in Glastonbury with his wife Mary Kate and their three children, Maeve, Jack '21 and Colin '24.



Matthew Hallisey



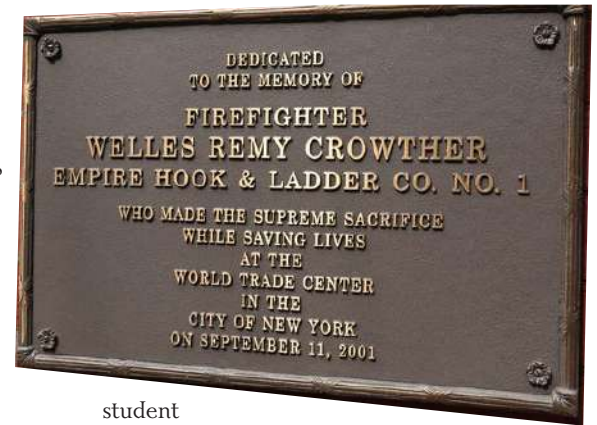
# ECHS Convocation 2021

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86

This year's Convocation brought the return of East Catholic traditions, as well as new opportunities to teach and honor together the legacy of September 11, 2001. To ground the school community in this year's theme of selflessness, bring back a school-wide summer reading experience, and deepen understanding of 9/11/01 for students who were not even born on that day, President Sean Brennan and English department chair Lisa Kirsche selected The Red Bandanna by Tom Rinaldi as this year's One Book One Community text. On September 10th, the East Catholic community gathered to explore its lessons and set the tone for the school year.

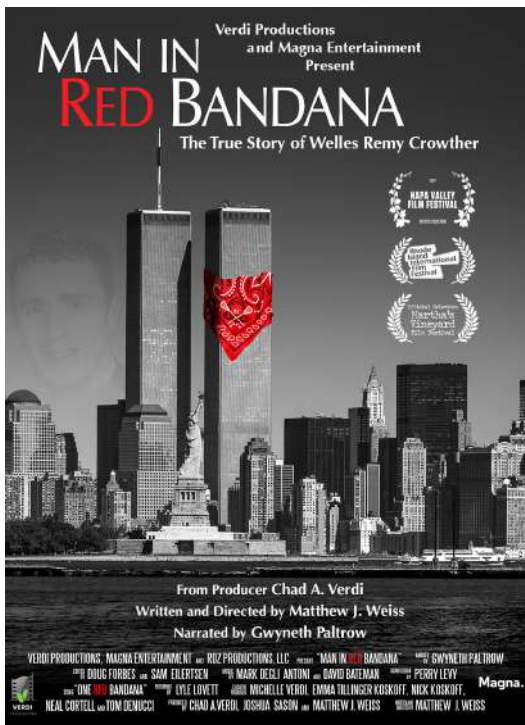
when he led shocked and wounded colleagues down 17 flights of stairs, only to turn and announce, "I'm going back up." Perhaps the details of Welles' final hour would remain lost if not for the red bandana he wore, which survivors remembered along with his steady command to "Follow me." Ultimately, over a dozen survivors pieced together that because of Welles' actions, they lived; his recovered remains showed he was conferring with first responders when the South Tower collapsed.

While Welles Crowther's story is hardly the only 9/11/01 story of loss and heroism, as Mr. Brennan explained, it exemplifies "how to be giving of mind, body and soul to others through service and kindness," making it an ideal focus for Convocation. The day began with brief advisory meetings before the entire school gathered for Mass. Next, everyone watched a short ESPN video, "The Man in the Red Bandana" and listened to Mr. Brennan's opening reflections. Following Mr. Brennan, Fine Arts department chair David Brudz shared his own 9/11/01 story, recalling his view of the towers from his own classroom in New York, and his drive to keep his composure as his young students sat facing him, unaware of such devastation nearby. Once Mr. Brudz finished, students met again in small groups; Peer Ministers and advisors launched discussions and led activities on how to foster selflessness in school, at home and in society. After this, the community reconvened in the auditorium to share new insights, and Peer Ministers officially introduced themselves to the

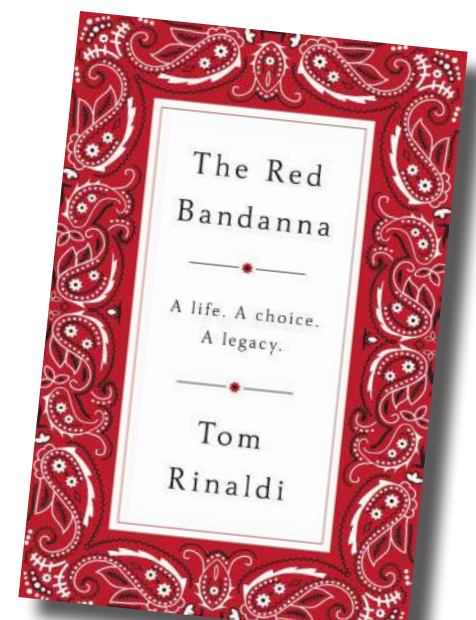


student body and clarified their role within the school.

To close, Director of Campus Ministry Patrick McLaughlin offered a final prayer, inviting us to reflect on one particular Bible verse that resonated throughout the day: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13 (NRSV). At different points in the day, both Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Brennan emphasized how selflessness does not have to be taken to literal extremes. Rather, Welles Crowther and so many others on 9/11/01 can inspire us to do our own acts of giving for the sake of others, helping all of us rise.



The Red Bandanna tells the story of Welles Crowther, the 24 year-old equities trader and trained firefighter who worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower in 2001. He changed the course of many lives, including his own,





# Stage East Returns

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHÉ '86



Just as Broadway gleefully reopened its doors this fall, Stage East celebrated its return to the stage with its first official performances since March of 2020. Director Jillian Quackenbush and Assistant Director Noah Leonard guided the Stage East Players as they brought together Ms. Quackenbush's vision of "A Tale of Two One-Acts." On October 22nd and 23rd, they performed "That's Not How I Remember It" by Don Zolidis and "The Rules of Comedy" by Peter Bloedel. The director chose each play to foster a "gentle, fun and light" experience, allowing actors to "shake off the dust" caused by the pandemic hiatus, and to "come together to reinvent the tradition" of the fall drama without "losing the essence of the positive culture of Stage East," she said. The audience applause affirmed their success with these goals.

The opening scenes in "That's Not How I Remember It" sparked the audience's enthusiasm, as its hilarious homage to 1980s high school culture and its lighthearted nod to marital memories kept the audience laughing. In excellent performances, senior Farah Suede and junior Brandon Macaluso anchored this one-act play as the

parents of a young child, played by junior Evanthea Parsons, eager to stay up late to hear their stories. Playing younger versions of these same parents, sophomores Faith Moran and David LaMonica were lively and funny, setting a tone for the remaining cast, who consistently gave winning performances as over-the-top characters vivifying 80s fashion.

Next, in "The Rules of Comedy," seniors MJ Kirsche and Eleanor Mund played the narrators with great charisma, leading the audience through ways to bring laughs into the world of Hamlet. Once again, the performers delivered in a show that called for careful attention to the timing of lines, blocking and physical movement. Senior Lucas Audette and freshman Matthew Sarkar played off each other effectively in parallel roles, and junior Nicole Barnes proved her theatrical mettle in several cream-pie-in-the-face scenes. This production fulfilled Ms. Quackenbush's goal of "getting as many people onstage as possible, teaching and learning together," and both shows "came together beautifully" as the cast "rose above and beyond" onstage.



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# Hall OF Fame INDUCTIONS

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86

East Catholic has always cherished its legacy, and on November 14th, over 200 guests gathered to celebrate those who exemplify the spirit and values of the school. After pandemic delays, the Hall of Fame Committee reconvened in 2021 to select the newest inductees and honorees, and hosted an honorary lunch catered by Highland Park Market. As Associate Director of Advancement Heidi Carlson explained, inductees are chosen in four categories, with each person listed on a Hall of Fame plaque displayed in the first floor main stairway. Honorees are listed as members of an entire team on a “perpetual plaque” displayed in the gym lobby.

East Catholic’s former Athletic Director, teacher and Hall of Famer Tom Malin '65 served as emcee after a formal welcome by President Sean Brennan '85 and an opening prayer from Sister Peggy Evans, SNDdeN, also a Hall of Fame member. In an afternoon of heartfelt tributes and speeches, the following were inducted: **THOMAS TIERNEY '67** and **ROBERTO ZACCARDELLI '83** (Alumni), **KYLE BILODEAU '03** and **ALLYSON FOURNIER '11** (Athletes), **OSMAN DUNIC** and **LESA MILAS**

(Faculty & Staff), and **LUKE REILLY** and **THE SULICK FAMILY** (Friends). Also recognized were this year’s honorees, the members of the **2001-2002 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**.

As is tradition, each inductee and the honored team were formally presented by members of the Hall of Fame Committee. First, Hall of Famer Ed Fitzgerald '71 gave his tribute to Thomas Tierney, noting how much Mr. Tierney has given to East Catholic and to the Manchester community. The retired former owner of the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, founder and first treasurer of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and incorporator of the Savings Bank of Manchester conveyed his warm memories of the school and gratitude for inclusion in the Hall of Fame. Next, Hall of Famer and retired teacher Ann Marie Ward touted the achievements of Roberto Zaccardelli, Harvard Law graduate, commercial real estate manager, restaurateur and proud father of Giuliana '11 and Alessandra '13. In his speech, he noted, “We all learned how to be good friends, good students, good people” at East, with “administrators and teachers who forged us into adults” able



Adrienne Andrews, Math Teacher,  
with Osman Dunic



Jan Reilly, Dean of Students,  
with Allyson Fournier '11



Tom Malin '65, Athletic Director Emeritus,  
with Kyle Bilodeau '03





Luke Reilly



The Sulick Family



Thomas Tierney '67 with Ed Fitzgerald '71



Lesa Milas



Roberto Zaccardelli '83 with Ann Marie Ward



2001-2002 Girls Basketball State Championship Team

“to flourish,” and shared appreciation for Mrs. Ward, Ms. Anne Mannion and Ms. Milas.

Mr. Malin spoke next, recapping the accomplishments of Kyle Bilodeau as a member of the Boys Golf State Championship teams of 2001, 2002 and 2003, as well as his impressive record as a PGA professional named as CT PGA Player of the Year in 2013 and 2019. Mr. Bilodeau, now in the accounting field, spoke warmly of his own East Catholic memories, as did Ally Fournier, who shared her thoughtful reflections after Hall of Famer and Dean of Students Jan Reilly introduced her. Ms. Fournier, a three-time state champion and two-time all-state swimmer and all-state softball player chosen as The Hartford Courant Player of

the Year in 2011, continued her athletic career at Tufts University and is pursuing an MS in Biotechnology at Johns Hopkins University and an MBA at UMASS Amherst Isenberg School of Business.

Math teacher Adrienne Andrews then presented her tribute to Osman Dunic, a dedicated member of East Catholic’s custodial staff for 24 years; enthusiastic applause extended his brief thanks. Following this, Mrs. Reilly presented the extensive accomplishments of Biology teacher, coach and moderator Lesa Milas, who retired this year after 36 years at East. Ms. Milas noted the “deepest satisfaction of her career” is not the accolades or awards, but “watching the Eagles I’ve taught soar beyond the classroom into their own successes in life,” emphasizing

all “my East Catholic family” has meant over the years. Luke Reilly, introduced by Hall of Famer Joan Penders, echoed Ms. Milas’ sentiments, saying East Catholic “is not only what we do, it’s who we are,” and he is “forever grateful to be a part of this community.” Next, the Sulick family, introduced by Hall of Fame family member Molly Devanney ’96, conveyed their humor as well as their appreciation as they gathered together at the podium. In the final presentation of the ceremony, Mr. Malin detailed the remarkable accomplishments of the 2001-2002 Girls Basketball Class M state champions, most of whom were present and thankful to attend.

**The East Catholic Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations of worthy candidates for induction. See page 15 for details.**



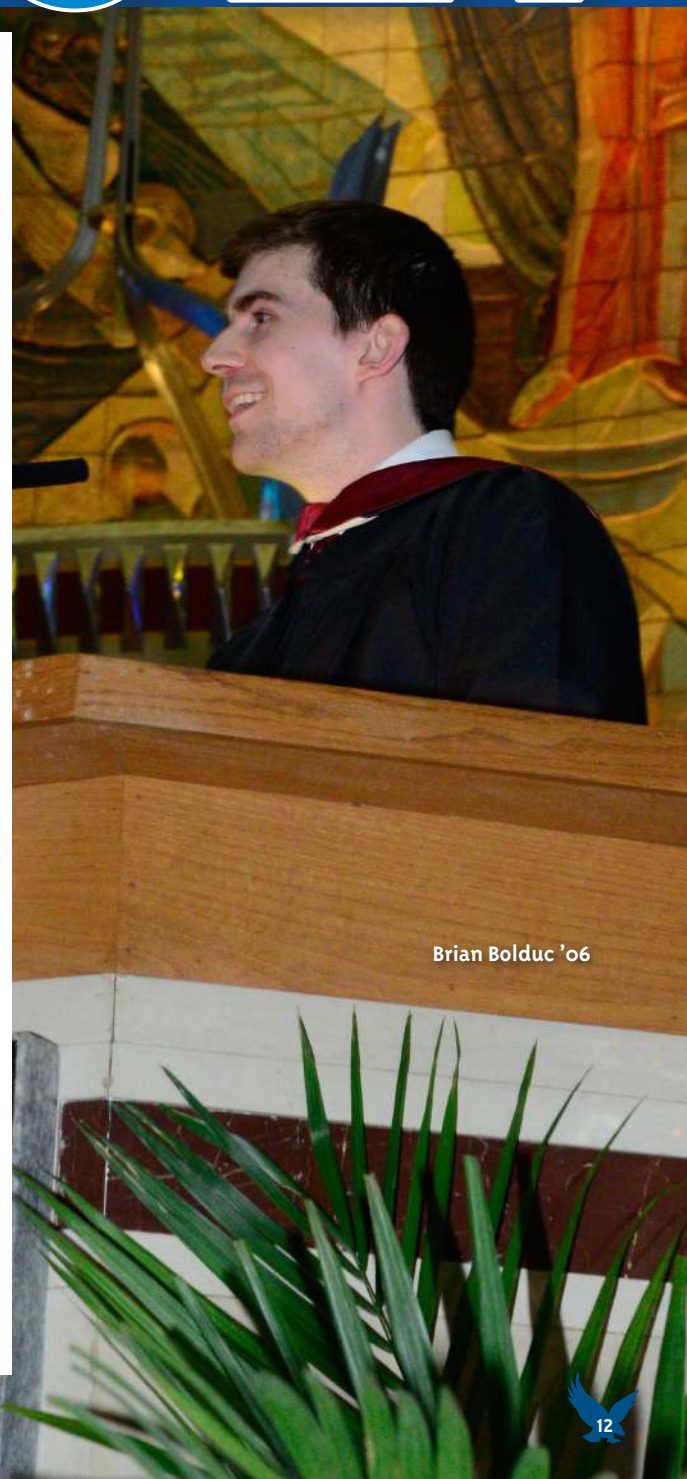
# GRADUATION 2021

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCH '86

As a community that prizes tradition, East Catholic exuded a spirit of gratitude on the night of Thursday, June 3, 2021, as graduation ceremonies were held once again in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. For the members of the class of 2021, the pandemic served as a catalyst for resilience, and commencement affirmed how far the graduates' resilience has brought them. With adjustments made for Covid-19 protocols, seniors sat in reserved rows surrounded by family members, and this year's commencement speaker underscored the importance of family as well. With Brian Bolduc '06 addressing his niece Maddie and her peers in the class of 2021, the power of coming home to celebrate together resonated the entire evening.

To open the ceremony, East Catholic Chaplain Rev. Jaime Maldonado-Aviles offered a blessing, and Interim Superintendent Valerie Mara followed, praising the graduating class in her welcoming remarks. Next, senior class vice president Mallory Moriarty addressed her peers in a thoughtful speech, and class treasurer John Paul Oei read from the Gospel of St. John. Mr. Brennan followed with his own reflective address before participating in the distribution of diplomas with Dean of Student Life Mrs. Jan Reilly, Dean of Academics Ms. Susan Perillo, senior class advisor Sister Peggy Evans, SND and Mrs. Mara.

All-School vice president Maddie Bolduc delighted in introducing her uncle Brian, who extended his stellar speechwriting career in his address. Tracing his path from East Catholic student journalist to director of speechwriting for Vice-President Mike Pence, he emphasized the call to "be different," to immerse oneself in passions and in faith. He invited graduates to see their lives as "an open canvas," with "no color scheme to follow" except that which they create for themselves, until "what you see staring back at you is a masterpiece." After ECCE gave a beautiful performance, senior class president Lucia Spielman shared her final reflections. As seniors celebrated for one last time together in the evening's closing moments, the class lived up to Mr. Bolduc's call to "be grateful for one another," a sentiment clearly felt by the entire East Catholic family that night.

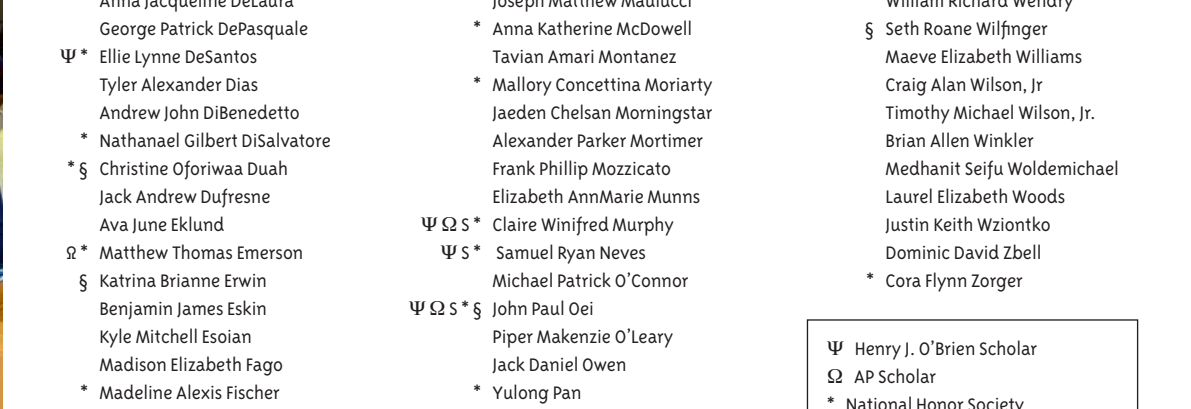


Brian Bolduc '06

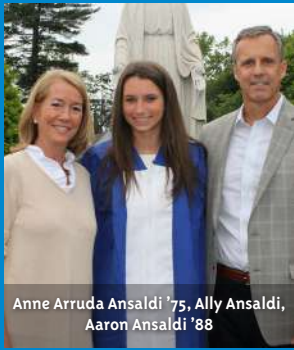
# East Catholic 2021 Graduates

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- Rayshawn Jerome - Alvin Adams, Jr.
- Michael Thomas Alaimo
- \* Pheobe Rose Allyn
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- Jack Matthew Barry
- Kathleen Kay Batman
- Sean Michael Begley
- Ψ Christian Gavin Bergeron
- Leah Anne Bieu
- \* Madeline Paige Bolduc
- Cory Edward Bradley
- Alyssa Marie Branon
- \* Gina Michelle Brooks
- Daniel Wolcott Buck
- Ψ \* Ethan Gregory Canna
- Alayna Leeanne Capen
- Erin Kelley Carbonell
- Caroline Charlene Carlson
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- Abel Arnaldo Collado
- Brianna Marie Collazo
- Christopher James Connelly
- \* § Jason Joseph Cressotti
- Joseph Kevin Crickmore
- \* Hannah Lynn Czapiga
- Khang Dang
- § Johanna Joyti Datta
- Anna Jacqueline DeLaura
- George Patrick DePasquale
- Ψ \* Ellie Lynne DeSantos
- Tyler Alexander Dias
- Andrew John DiBenedetto
- \* Nathanael Gilbert DiSalvatore
- \* § Christine Oforiwa Duah
- Jack Andrew Dufresne
- Ava June Eklund
- Ω \* Matthew Thomas Emerson
- § Katrina Brianna Erwin
- Benjamin James Eskin
- Kyle Mitchell Esoian
- Madison Elizabeth Fago
- \* Madeline Alexis Fischer
- Isabella Marie Flavell
- \* Elyse Danielle Fritsch
- \* Morgan Lynn Frye
- Edisha Shadae Galan
- \* Angela Mary Gerard
- Emily Marie Given
- Ψ S \* Alexandra Grace Goodin
- Matthew Thomas Gregory
- Jack Matthew Hallisey
- Jailyn Marie Harrigan
- Kevin Michael Hartnett
- Jack Robert Hemenway
- Ryan Stephen Heslin
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- \* Asrar Hossain
- \* Matthew Stephen Houde
- Kendall Demae Hunter
- \* Alison Elizabeth Jarmoszko
- Savannah McKenzie Jeffrey
- § Sabrina Nicole Jones
- Trevor James Juan
- Shannon Grace Kelly
- Nathan David Kincheloe
- Ψ \* § Abigail Rose Kiser
- Ava Katherine Marciel Kriak
- Ψ S \* Cuong Manh La
- Taylor Rae Lane
- Matthew Ryan Levin
- Brody Sargent Limric
- \* Max Ralph Limric
- \* Christian Richard Luca
- \* Jencih Candice Manhertz
- Joseph Matthew Maulucci
- \* Anna Katherine McDowell
- Tavian Amari Montanez
- \* Mallory Concettina Moriarty
- Jaeden Chelsan Morningstar
- Alexander Parker Mortimer
- Frank Phillip Mozzicato
- Elizabeth AnnMarie Munns
- Ψ Ω S \* Claire Winifred Murphy
- Ψ S \* Samuel Ryan Neves
- Michael Patrick O'Connor
- Ψ Ω S \* § John Paul Oei
- Piper Makenzie O'Leary
- Jack Daniel Owen
- \* Yulong Pan
- Ω \* § Alexandra Katerina Parsons
- Jacob Michael Paulhus
- Ψ \* Ethan Charles Peck
- James Henry Penders
- Jaron Chondan Joseph Pereira
- \* Christopher Patrick Phelan
- † Ω \* Jake Christopher Phelan
- Tamera Kayla Price
- Kelly Fitzgerald Queen
- Izabella Bernice Ray
- \* Evan Paul Redo
- Morgan Elizabeth Rhoades
- Michael Alessandro Robbins
- Gregory Michael Sadlak
- McKenzie Lee Savage
- Brett Kenneth Schofield
- Nathan Alexander Segar
- Ryan Kenneth Shaw
- Kaden Reign Sheff
- Richard Daniel Simek
- Jazmyn Eneida Soto-Alston
- Lucia Teresa Spielman
- Ryan John St. Jean
- Luke Thomas Strole
- Mackenzie Angelina Talavera
- \* Laura Grace Tickey
- \* Aiden Alexander Toomey
- Colleen Ann Truman
- \* Lauren Marie Trymbulak
- Ethan John Utermarck
- Joshua Paul Vaughan
- \* Michael Allen Wearne, Jr
- Christopher Nicholas Webster
- William Richard Wendry
- § Seth Roane Wilfnger
- Maeve Elizabeth Williams
- Craig Alan Wilson, Jr
- Timothy Michael Wilson, Jr.
- Brian Allen Winkler
- Medhanit Seifu Woldemichael
- Laurel Elizabeth Woods
- Justin Keith Wzontko
- Dominic David Zbell
- \* Cora Flynn Zorger

- Ψ Henry J. O'Brien Scholar
- Ω AP Scholar
- \* National Honor Society
- S Summa Scholar
- † National Merit Commended
- § Tri-M National Music Honor Society



# GRADUATES & ALUMNI FAMILY



Anne Arruda Ansaldi '75, Ally Ansaldi,  
Aaron Ansaldi '88



Caroline Carlson, Gary Carlson '77



Ron Goodin '84, Alexandra Goodin



Elizabeth O'Connor Tickey '88,  
Laura Tickey



Mark Allyn '84, Pheobe Allyn



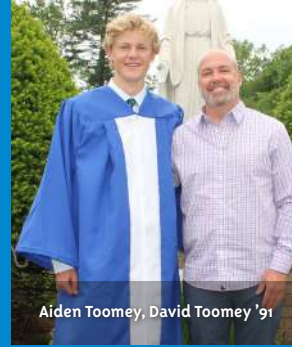
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Alex Ansaldi '91



Michael Chomick,  
Jonathan Jake Chomick '96



Trace Doremus Maulucci '85, Joseph  
Maulucci, Matthew Maulucci '86



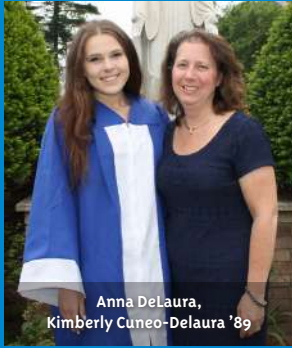
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Janet Lombardo Moriarty '89



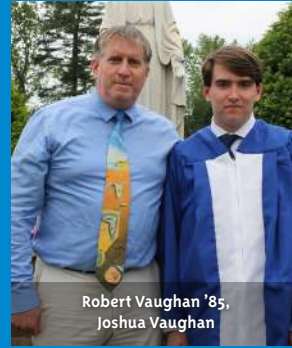
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Colleen Truman



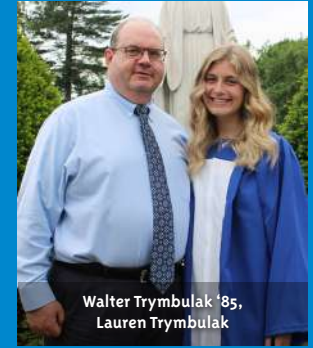
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Kimberly Cuneo-DeLaura '89



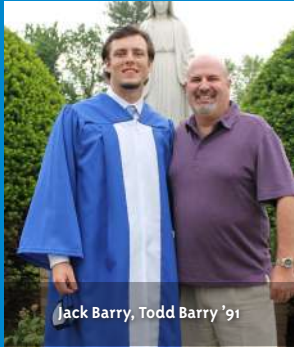
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Frank Mozzicato



Robert Vaughan '85,  
Joshua Vaughan



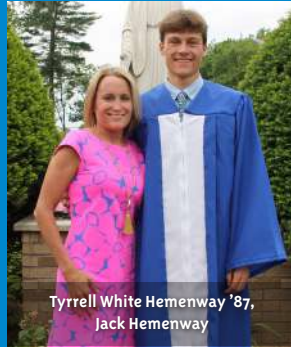
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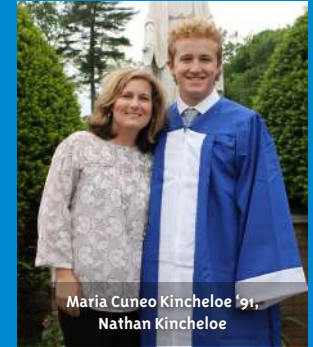
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Donna Thibodeau Frye '87



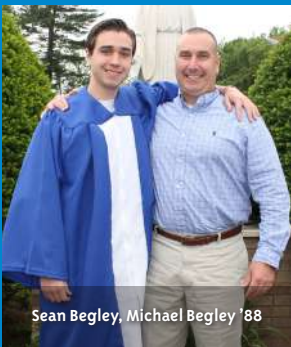
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Jack Hemenway



Dominic Zbell,  
Melissa Couture Zbell '90



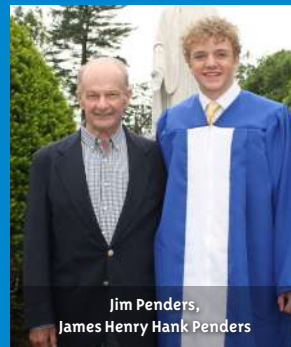
Maria Cuneo Kincheloe '91,  
Nathan Kincheloe



Sean Begley, Michael Begley '88



Emily Given,  
Andrea Olinyk-Given '83



Jim Penders,  
James Henry Hank Penders



Madeline Bolduc,  
Christopher Bolduc '89

# East Catholic High School Students Honored as 2021 Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Scholars



Pictured with East Catholic President Sean P. Brennan '85 are the O'Brien Scholars from East Catholic High School (left to right): Christian Bergeron, Ethan Canna, Alexandra Goodin, Maeve Horan-Portelance, Abigail Kiser, Claire Murphy, and John Paul Oei. Not pictured: Ellie DeSantos, Cuong La, Samuel Neves, and Ethan Peck.

Eleven East Catholic High School seniors were recently honored as the 2021 Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Scholars. It is the highest honor East Catholic can bestow upon a graduating student.

"We recognize the O'Brien Scholars not only for their stellar academic achievement but also for their character and integrity. These 11 seniors stand at the fore of the Class of 2021," said East Catholic High School President Sean P. Brennan '85.

Presented annually by East Catholic, the honor aims to recognize a group of top graduating students rather than one or two. The O'Brien Scholars represent the highest in academic achievement and exemplify outstanding qualities of leadership and integrity. The Reverend Charles E. Shaw, East Catholic's first principal, named the award after the then Hartford archbishop, who established the high school in 1961.

The East Catholic Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations of worthy candidates for induction. The next ceremony will be held in the Fall of 2023. Please consider nominating someone in one of the following categories and submit a short narrative about your nominee. Then send your submission confidentially to Heidi Carlson in the ECHS Advancement Office, 115 New State Road, Manchester, CT 06042 or at [carlsonh@ech.com](mailto:carlsonh@ech.com).

## Categories and Criteria For Induction

### Alumni

Graduates whose achievements have brought honor to themselves and to East Catholic High School. Alumni become eligible for induction ten years after graduation.

### Staff

Past and present faculty and staff members who, through their service, have made a significant contribution to the students, the school, and the East Catholic community.

### Friends

Individuals who have served East Catholic in a special way through their loyalty and dedication.

### Athletes

Alumni whose athletic achievements brought honor to themselves and to East Catholic High School. Alumni athletes become eligible for induction ten years after graduation.



# Reunions Receptions





## ALUMNI NEWS



1965

**JUDY WILSON** now serves as Board Chair of the Professional Child Development Association, located in Pasadena, CA. The organization offers a range of screening, evaluation and therapy services to assist families with the diagnosis and treatment of a range of developmental and behavioral issues. Serving over 1,100 clients, it's one of the largest organizations dealing with children and young adults on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges.

1970

**JACQUELINE M. FITZGERALD GRYPHON**'s poetry was recently published in the annual issue of Oberon Poetry magazine. Through juried selection, the poetry magazine seeks to publish the literary work of emerging, as well as experienced, poets and writers. Jackie has been writing and publishing for more than 40 years.



1970 & 1971

Celebrating 50 years since their graduation, members of the classes of 1970 and 1971 processed with the class of 2021 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph during the graduation ceremony in June. (l-r) **DEBERAH COOKE BOWEN '71**, **BARBARA CASSEL '71**, **CHRISTINE MATHEWSON NODINE '70** and **NOREEN DICKINSON WOLLENBEN '71**



1978

**MATT BANNON** recently became involved as the Chief Operating Officer for the startup, New England Hemp Farm. The New England Hemp Farm, located at "The Barn" in Groton, CT, is committed to providing "the finest quality CBD products that are always tested and always guaranteed." "The Barn" can also be used to host a range of events, with live music and refreshments. For more information, you can visit [barnct.com](http://barnct.com).



## ALUMNI NEWS



1994

**SARAH ROWE** held an art exhibition entitled “Women’s Order of Alchemy and Mysticism.” The exhibition re-imagines more traditional artwork and focuses on the freedom of women in exploring mystical mysticism and alchemy, including elixirs and talismans. Rowe credits her Catholic school upbringing as inspiration for these artworks. The exhibition included a digital animation as well as an installation, with music created by percussionist and composer, Rohin Khemani.



2001

**MATTHEW RYBA**, a Marine Corps veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, was recently featured on [Good Morning America](#) to talk about his work in helping veterans and his community with mental health issues. He is the Director of Community Outreach and Education at the New-York Presbyterian Military Family Wellness Center. Beginning in 2019, he co-authored a study, known as the Man O’ War Project, which sought to determine the effectiveness of equine therapy in treating veterans with PTSD. The findings showed the value of using horses for treatment to help with stress and fear. Many of the study’s participants sought additional talk and exposure therapy to help with their PTSD.



2005

**BRETTON HUNCHAK** serves as President of RMS Titanic Inc. which oversees the Titanic’s wreck site. Three years ago, Hunchak took over the company that owned RMS Titanic, Premier Exhibitions, and saved it out of bankruptcy by taking it private and making financial adjustments. Though originally scheduled for Summer 2021, Hunchak is currently planning an expedition to the shipwreck with the top priority of retrieving the radio equipment from inside the bow section. In addition to traveling expeditions, Hunchak also oversees an educational outreach program that offers a five-week course related to the Titanic and underwater exploration in line with STEM curriculum standards. (Retrieved from article in Fairfield University Alumni Magazine, Spring 2021)



2007

Naval Officer **THOMAS SMITH** is studying for a Master’s Degree at Vanderbilt’s Owen Graduate School of Management and walked on to their Division I football team. After graduating from East, Smith earned a Navy ROTC scholarship and attended Notre Dame for two years, where he walked on to their football team. Upon graduating, he went to dive school in Florida and worked as an explosive ordinance disposal officer before his deployments. Now at Vanderbilt, he was welcomed with enthusiastic support from his team and coaches and is viewed as a leader and mentor. Both he and his wife, Allison, are still on active duty.



The **NOLAN RYDER '01** Memorial Golf Tournament 2021



## 2010

**MADELINE GROSSMAN GRINNELL** married husband Matt, surrounded by East Catholic friends. Pictured here are **MATT KIM '08**, **RYAN SULLIVAN '10**, **REED KOCHANNEK '10**, **MADDIE GRINNELL '10**, **MATT GRINNELL**, **JOHN LOFTUS '08**, **LIVY GROSSMAN '08**, **ALEX FEARNLEY '10**, **JOHN GIARD '99**, **EILEEN GUNN '10**, **SARA KURKER '10**, and **JENN MCKENNA SHERIDAN '10**.



## 2014

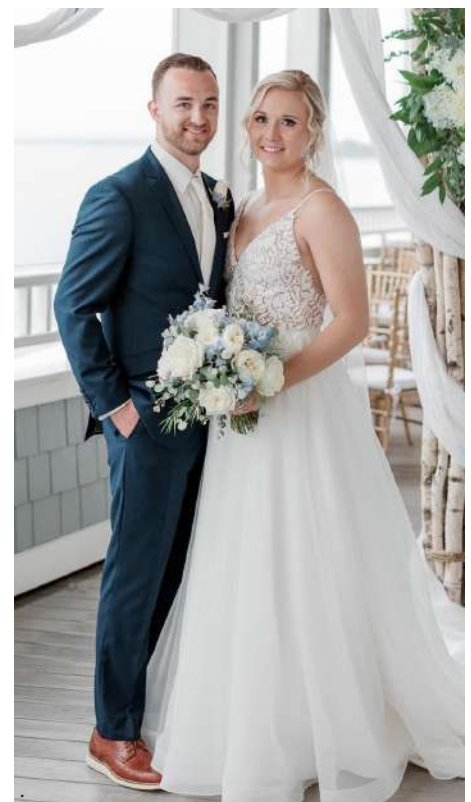
**THOMAS** and **MEGAN STEVENSON FAN** welcomed their daughter, Sadie Violet Fan, in October 2021. After attending East Catholic together, Tommy and Megan both went on to graduate from the University of Connecticut.

Let us know what you've been up to! Submit your stories to [news@ech.s.com](mailto:news@ech.s.com) and we'll be happy to feature you in our next edition of the Eagle Magazine.



## 2012

In January 2021, Lieutenant **TIM DION**, became the first Coast Guardsman to complete Air Force Special Warfare Assessment and Selection, graduating with 19 candidates from a field of 94. Tim transferred to the US Air Force to begin Air Force Special Warfare pipeline training to become a Combat Rescue Officer. He will spend the next two years training, after which he will be deployed around the world in support of search and rescue missions.



**MEGAN MURPHY PARMALEE** married husband Tyler at the Madison Beach Hotel in Madison, CT in September 2021. The couple met while attending Suffolk University in Boston, MA.



# ECHS Baseball

BY JOAN PENDERS

The often-quoted Yogi Berra once said, “Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too.” The 2021 East Catholic baseball team was, indeed, “pretty good”!

The Eagles won the Class M state championship while securing a 25-0 season record, making them the first undefeated baseball team in school history. The team was anchored by the battery of pitcher Frankie Mozzicato '21 (9-0) and catcher Hank Penders '21, both of whom were all-state selections. Mozzicato, Penders and second baseman Ryan Shaw '21 were chosen as CHSCA Senior All-Stars, while shortstop Alex Irizarry '22 was selected a CHSCA Junior All-Star.

Frankie Mozzicato, a first round/seventh overall draft choice of the Kansas City Royals, was deemed CHSCA Player-of-the-Year, and the team was crowned CHSCA Team-of-the-Year. The Eagles were ranked #1 in the GameTime CT and the HARTFORD COURANT Polls and #25 nationally by USA TODAY .

Besides the team’s effective pitching – only 14 earned runs were relinquished by the top three pitchers (Mozzicato, Ethan Utermarck '21, and TJ Winn '23) - the offense was extremely strong. Seven team members batted over .400, and the team had a .396 batting average.

Nine members of the team will be playing collegiate baseball throughout New England in the spring of 2022.

Tenth year coach, Martin Fiori '90, added to the team’s accolades by being chosen as an ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) Sports High School Division III Regional Coach-of-the-Year. Coach Fiori calls the championship season “a Team Effort with many moving parts.” The players, coaches, and parents were a very tight group, with alumni adding much support to the team’s effort. One alum, Mark McMahon '76, a member of East’s first state baseball championship team in 1975, left his retirement life in Florida to resume his position as longtime assistant coach.

Frankie Mozzicato spent the summer and early fall in Arizona where he will start spring training in February 2022. He says the transition to this next level of baseball was hard, but it was made easier by his teachers and coaches at East Catholic who made sure he was pushed to the limit of his abilities. Now, he just naturally pushes himself. He is very happy with the Royals organization and the many friends he has already made in his new baseball world.

Looking back on his senior season, Frankie says, “Working hard, always having a goal, and my teammates made it so much fun. Those guys will be my family forever!”

Coach Fiori echoes those sentiments, “There’s nothing like celebrating with those you love. I’ll cherish the memories of our 2021 group and look forward to being a part of their lives for the rest of time.”

Everyone loves how the 2021 Baseball Eagles owned the diamond last spring and took our school and their many fans on a thrilling ride. Yes, Yogi, “love” and “baseball” can certainly appear in the same sentence!



*Coach Martin Fiori '90, Former Coach Jim Penders, Assistant Coach Mark McMahon '76*



2021-21 CIAC Scholar Athletes of the Year, Nathaniel DiSalvatore '21 and Lauren Trymbulak '21, were awarded this honor for their exceptional achievements in both athletics and academics.

## Frank Mozzicato Drafted by Kansas City Royals



Frank Mozzicato '21 signing with the Kansas City Royals after being drafted 7th overall in the 2021 MLB draft.



Anthony Mozzicato '19, Anthony Mozzicato, Frank Mozzicato '21, Suzanne Ingersoll Mozzicato '87



Class of 2021 students continuing to participate in athletics at the collegiate level.

## Continuing to College

2021 seniors who will be continuing athletics at the next level.

**CAROLINE CARLSON** will be playing Lacrosse at Endicott College

**ABEL COLLADO** will be playing Baseball at UConn Avery Point

**CHRIS CONNELLY** will be playing Baseball/Football at Framingham State

**AVA EKLUND** will be playing Lacrosse at Endicott College

**JAILYN HARRIGAN** will be playing Softball at Bay Path

**TREVOR JUAN** will be playing Baseball at Johnson & Wales

**NATHAN KINCHELOE** will be playing Football at Assumption

**ANNA MCDOWELL** will be playing Soccer at Endicott

**MALLORY MORIARTY** will be Diving at Providence

**ELIZABETH MUNNS** will be playing Soccer at Western New England

**SAM NEVES** will be playing Baseball at WPI

**JACOB PAULHUS** will be playing Baseball at Clarkson

**ETHAN PECK** will be participating in Track at Stonehill

**HANK PENDERS** will be playing Baseball at Eastern CT

**MORGAN RHOADES** will be playing Field Hockey & Lacrosse at University of St. Joseph

**RYAN SHAW** will be playing Baseball at UMass Boston

**RYAN ST. JEAN** will be playing Baseball at Western New England

**LUKE STROLE** will be playing Basketball at Bentley

**ETHAN UTERMARCK** will be playing Ice Hockey at Niagara

**MICHAEL WEARNE** will be playing Baseball at St. Joseph's College

**MAEVE WILLIAMS** will be Rowing at UConn

**JUSTIN WZIONTKO** will be playing Football at Bryant

Inadvertently omitted from the 2020 list of graduates continuing athletics in college was Nicholas Campagnone '20 who is playing lacrosse at Western New England University.



# 2021 ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

## SPRING OVERVIEW:

- Class M State Champions – Baseball
- 11 CIAC All-State Honorees
- 17 CCC All-Conference Honorees

## CCC ALL-CONFERENCE:

- Baseball - Frank Mozzicato '21, Hank Penders '21, Trevor Juan '21, Alex Irizarry '22, TJ Winn '23
- Boys Golf - Shane Luca '23
- Girls Golf - Olivia Agnelli '22
- Boys Lacrosse - Ryan Heslin '21, Trent Sargent '22
- Girls Lacrosse - Ava Eklund '21, Caroline Carlson '21, Morgan Rhoades '21, Mallory Bartlett '22
- Softball - Madelyn Ellis '22, Rachel Shaw '22
- Boys Tennis - Max Limric '21, Jack Green '22

## ALL-STATE HONOREES:

- Baseball - Frank Mozzicato '21, Hank Penders '21
- Boys Lacrosse - Ryan Heslin '21, Ben Carso '22, Trent Sargent '22, Colin Heslin '23
- Girls Lacrosse - Caroline Carlson '21, Ava Eklund '21, Mallory Bartlett '22
- Boys Tennis - Max Limric '21, Jack Green '22

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- ABCA Division III Regional Coach of the Year – Martin Fiori
- Ryan Heslin '21 named an academic All-American by US Lacrosse/CT High School Lacrosse Coaches
- Boys' Lacrosse competed in their first state championship game ever, falling to St. Joseph's 13-9

## FALL OVERVIEW:

- 5 CIAC All-State Honorees
- 20 CCC All-Conference Honorees

## CCC ALL-CONFERENCE:

- Boys Cross Country - Israel Caro '22
- Girls Cross Country - Isabella Jensen '24
- Field Hockey - Meghan Croyle '22
- Football - Ben Carso '22, Mathieu Zazzaro '22, Aiden Liptrap '23, Colin Heslin '23, Thomas Stanley '24
- Boys Soccer - Quinton Potter '22, Trent Sargent '22, Jeremiah Jackson-Sherman '24
- Girls Soccer - Lindsey Barfield '22, Zoe Latina '23
- Girls Swimming & Diving - Emma Wojnarowski '22, Julianna Weir '22, Tahlia Crowley '22, Anna Tevelde '25, Audrey Plourde '25
- Volleyball - Alexandra Long '22, Annabelle Stabach '22

## ALL-STATE HONOREES:

- Girls Cross Country - Isabella Jensen '24
- Boys Cross Country - Israel Caro '22
- Girls Swimming - Tahlia Crowley '22, Julianna Weir '22
- Boys Soccer - Trent Sargent '22

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 5 teams represented East Catholic in the state tournament: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming & Diving, and Girls Volleyball

Not previously announced athletic highlights from the winter 2020-2021 season which was abbreviated due to the pandemic:

## CCC ALL-CONFERENCE:

- Boys Basketball - Brody Limric '21, Luke Strole '21, Matt Houde '21, Craig Wilson '21
- Boys Hockey - Ethan Utermarck '21, Kevin Hartnett '21, Kevin Kolodziejczyk '22, Nathaniel DiSalvatore '21

- Girls Hockey - Meghan Croyle '22, Maren Riley '22
- Boys Swimming - Sean Leary '23

## ALL-STATE HONOREES:

- Boys Basketball - Brody Limric '21



**ALUMNI**

**SHEILA WING '65**, sister of Stuart Wing '67; died 12/21/19

**JAMES GOLDEN, JR. '70**; died 6/12/20

**SARAH ADAMS PETRUSZ '68**, sister of Michael Adams '67; died 7/2/20

**RICHARD BELANGER '68**, brother of Linda Belanger Chenard '69, Lori Belanger-Mantuano '77 and father of Jennifer Belanger Carrier '90; died 11/5/20

**LISA MICHAUD SULLIVAN '87**, wife of Patrick Sullivan '87 and sister of Karen Michaud Hunt '88; died 1/6/21

**TINA GEORGIADES '81**, sister of Mary Georgiades Bollash '80, Nancy Georgiades Danyliw '84 and Andrew Georgiades '86; died 1/29/21

**CHRISTOPHER SHEA '88**, brother of David Shea '93; died 2/11/21

**PAUL ARRUDA '83**, brother of Linda Arruda Wilkinson '66, Susan Arruda Riddel '70 and Anne Arruda Ansaldi '75; died 2/15/21

**MICHAEL RINI '65**; died 3/13/21

**WILLIAM MOFFETT SR. '76**, brother of Daniel Moffett '69 and Lorraine Moffett Sather '70; died 3/18/21

**JAMES KOZLOWSKI '67**; died 5/2/21

**MICHAEL BUCCINO '74**, brother of Michele Buccino Flum '70, Barbara Buccino '72 and Mary Buccino '76; died 5/7/21

**DANIEL DALY '69**, brother of Michael Daly '75 and Lawrence Daly '65 (deceased); died 5/22/21

**MICHAEL RIOS '08**, twin brother of Jonathan Rios '08; died 5/27/21

**JEFFREY FLYNN '87**, brother of Kathleen Flynn Patel '84; died 6/6/21

**FRED LEONE II '67**, father of Fred Leone III '92 and Dawn Leone Benson '94; died 6/11/21

**DEBRA PERRONE '79**, sister of Vito Perrone '83 and Ann Marie Perrone '84; died 6/13/21

**LLOYD BOUTILIER '65**, brother of Denise Boutilier Perri '81; died 6/14/21

**BERNADETTE THIBODEAU TEIXEIRA '66**; died 6/27/21

**RICHARD J. WHALEN, JR. '71**, brother of Kathleen Whalen Dyer '68; died 7/1/21

**BRIAN KING '96**, son of Mary Ann Sprinkle and brother of Michael King '93; died 7/29/21

**LEON SCHWEIR '70**, brother of Barbara Schweir Gallaher '74; died 8/13/21

**FRANK KOVACOFSKY '04**; died 8/27/21

**DENNIS O'CONNOR '67**, father of Kiera O'Connor '09, Neil O'Connor '03 and Mary-Pat O'Connor '07; died 9/8/21

**STEPHEN WHITHMAN '76**; died 9/19/21

**ROBERT BURNEY '71**, husband of Ann Ladyga Burney '71; died 10/24/21

**ANN JUNE ROMANOWSKI '70**; died 10/26/21

**FACULTY & STAFF**

**SISTER PATRICIA GALLAHUE, SNDEN**, former math teacher; died 4/30/21

**DOLORES ALLEN**, former Spanish teacher; died 8/10/21

**PHILIP PUTNAM**, Former staff, father of Lisa Kirhse '86, grandfather of Genevieve Kirshe '20 and Marielle Kirsche '22; died 9/4/21

**MARIANNE JACKSON HUELSMANN**, former social studies teacher; died 9/27/21

**PATRICIA BROWN**, former English teacher; died 10/19/21

**LISA HEANEY**, mother of William Heaney '14 and Natalie Heaney '17; died 11/23/21

**FAMILY OF ALUMNI & CURRENT STUDENTS**

**LEONARD BELANGER**, father of Richard Belanger '68 (deceased), Linda Belanger Chenard '69, Lori Belanger Mantuano '77 and grandfather of Jennifer Belanger Carrier '90; died 6/11/19

**YVONNE BELANGER**, mother of Richard Belanger '68 (deceased), Linda Belanger Chenard '69, Lori Belanger Mantuano '77 and grandmother of Jennifer Belanger Carrier '90; died 4/10/20

**MARY MILES**, mother of Patricia Miles Slozak '69, Michael Miles '71, Geraldine Miles '73, Thomas Miles '75 and Mary-Teresa Miles Ray '81; died 7/2/20

**ROSE GEMME YOUNG**, mother of Donna Gemme Brooten '67, Emmet Gemme '71 and Lynette Gemme Braunhardt '72; died 1/6/21

**DAVID KITTREDGE**, father of David Kittredge '80, Kathleen Kittredge Vinciullo '81, Stephen Kittredge '83 and Teresa Kittredge Bendtsen '84; died 1/26/21

**RITA KALOS**, mother of Donna Kalos Hickey '74 and Stephen Kalos '77; died 1/29/21

**WILLIAM R. SEEGER**, father of Christopher Seeger '85, Michael Seeger '86, Andrew Seeger '88 and Timothy Seeger '90; died 2/1/21

**MARY PALMER**, mother of Liz Palmer '84; died 2/3/21

**JOHN CISZEWSKI** died 12/31/20 and his wife **ANN MARIE CISZEWSKI** died four weeks later on 2/2/21, parents of Michael Ciszewski '80, Christopher Ciszewski '82, Julie Ciszewski Rooney '84 and Joel Ciszewski '86.

**GERALDINE LEMELIN**, mother of Jane Lemelin Ryan '76, Julie Lemelin Hess '78, Jon Lemelin '80 and Joy Lemelin Henault '83; died 2/15/21

**EDWIN ZAZZARO**, grandfather of Corinne Zazzaro '15, Marc Zazzaro '17, Mathieu Zazzaro '22 and Emma Kindl '23; died 2/19/21

**MILDRED ARRUDA SCARPACE**, mother of Linda Arruda Wilkinson '66, Susan Arruda Riddel '70, Anne Arruda Ansaldi '75 and Paul Arruda '83 (deceased); died 2/23/21

**ELVIRA PORCO**, grandmother of Taylor Porco '14 and Jordan Porco '10 (deceased); died 3/5/21

**JACK G. LINER**, father of Debbie Liner Werner '81, Jack Liner II '82 and grandfather of Kristina Liner Valle '09; died 3/22/21

**KENNETH BRAITHWAITE**, father of Kate Braithwaite Coughlin '89; died 3/29/21

**ROSE MARANDINO**, grandmother of Christina Marandino Yester '04, Andrea Marandino Royce '06, Dominic Marandino III '09 and Lauren Marandino '13; died 3/31/21

**JASON KLEIN**, husband of Sarah Beharry Klein '01; died 4/13/21

**THOMAS REDDY**, father of Michael Reddy '77, Diane Reddy '75 and Linda Reddy '82; died 4/21/21

**ALFRED DEGEMMIS JR.**, grandfather of Robert DeGemmis '95; died 4/23/21

**MICHAEL LOMBARDO**, father of Eileen Lombardo Moynihan '88, Kathleen Lombardo Stein '90 and Lauren Lombardo Kasperowski '94; died 4/26/21

**WILLIAM JAGEL**, grandfather of Christopher Jagel '15, Carley Jagel '16 and Chase Jagel '19; died 4/27/21

**KATHLEEN PRICE**, mother of John Price '85, David Price '88, Matthew Price '89 and Damien Price '96; died 4/30/21

**JOHN RUSCZYK**, father of David Rusczyk '88, Paul Rusczyk '89, John Rusczyk '92 and Jennifer Rusczyk Bidwell '94; died 5/1/21

**GEORGE VARTANIAN**, father of Melanie Vartanian St. Germain '81 and Gregory Vartanian '84; died 5/1/21

**RUTH SMICHENKO**, mother of Sharon Smichenko Keegan '76 (deceased); died 5/8/21

**ANTHONY I. MOZZICATO JR.**, grandfather of Anthony Mozzicato IV '19 and Frank Mozzicato '21; died 5/12/21

**SEAN EVANS**, father of Hannah Evans '15; died 5/13/21

**ARLENE HALLISEY**, grandmother of Taylor Hallisey '14, Victoria Hallisey '14, Samantha Hallisey '14, Adelbert Hallisey III '16, Margaret Hallisey '16, Julia Hallisey '18 and Kayley Hallisey '19; died 5/17/21

**WILLIAM F. THURSTON SR.**, father of William Thurston '72; died 5/17/21

**JOHN WHEELER M.D.**, father of Cecilia Wheeler '85 and Susan Wheeler '86; died 5/21/21

**PAULINE BILODEAU**, mother of Leslie Bilodeau Placzek '83; died 6/19/21

**SANTO ALLEANO JR.**, father of Lisa Alleano Bell '86; died 6/22/21

**WILLIAM MOUNTFORD**, grandfather of Jillian Mountford '19 and Alivia Mountford '19; died 6/26/21

**CATHERINE MCGUINNESS**, grandmother of Jack Hallisey '21 and Colin Hallisey '24; died 7/9/21

**ANNE HELIN**, grandmother of Stephanie Helin '16 and Christina Helin '19; died 7/18/21

**EVA POST**, mother of Douglas Post '84; died 7/29/21

**JAMES N. DESAUTELS**, father of James M. Desautels '80, Michael Desautels '84 and Michele Desautels Weiner '85; died 8/1/21

**DORIS CURLEY**, mother of James Curley '71, Margaret Curley Appel '76 and grandmother of Lauren Appel Wellner '06, Ashley Appel Rudnik '08 and Jennifer Appel '11; died 8/4/21

**STANLEY TULLER JR.**, father of Ellen Tuller Hastings '77, Maureen Tuller Peruccio '79, Anne Tuller Dlubac '81, Carolyn Tuller O'Connor '83 and Richard Tuller '75 (deceased), grandfather of Michaela O'Connor '14, Patrick O'Connor '12; died 8/5/21

**ANTHONY KRAWCZYK**, father of Michael Krawczyk '82, Susan Krawczyk Sweat '83, David Krawczyk '85 and Lynn Krawczyk Hanvey '90; died 8/16/21

**BARBARA GILL**, grandmother of Ryan Gill '16; died 8/23/21

**MICHAEL MELESKO**, father-in-law of David Toomey '91 and grandfather of Lauren Toomey '23, Aiden Toomey '21; died 8/27/21

**VINNY BURNS**, father of Judith Burns Miller '87 and Joseph Burns '90; died 8/28/21

**MICHAEL PETER FERRANTE**, grandfather of Kelsey Kowal '23 and Delaney Kowal '24; died 8/31/21

**ELISABETH HEALY**, mother of Margaret Healy Hoey '74, Ellery Healy Leary '72 (deceased), Thomas Healy '69 (deceased), James Healy '78 and John Healy '73; died 9/3/21

**PATRICIA D'AMATO**, mother of Suzanne D'Amato '91; died 9/16/21

**BARBARA VARRICK**, mother of Jill Varrick Fletcher '81, Tracy Varrick Kennedy '84 and Sharon Varrick Kinney '79; Died 9/16/21

**NORMA PAJOT**, mother of Denise Pajot DeMello '75, Donna Pajot Fitzpatrick '75 and Francis Pajot '79; died 10/7/21

**RAFFAELE GRAMUGLIA**, father of Rosanna Gramuglia '79, Anna Gramuglia Pelletier '81, Linda Gramuglia Engley '82, Patricia Gramuglia '83 and Frank Gramuglia '94; died 10/11/21

**NANCY PETERSON**, mother of Laurie Peterson von Schmidt '79, Kurtis Peterson '81 and grandmother of Matthew Peterson '17; died 10/30/21

**ANN RANDAZZO**, grandmother of Margaret Randazzo '07; died 11/1/21

**ROBERT KEATING**, father of Maura Keating '93; died 11/2/21

**JUDITH RIVERA**, mother of Marcos Claudio '23; died 11/8/21

**LENORE DRUZOLOWSKI**, mother of Joseph Druzolowski '72; died 11/15/21

**LOREN J. ANDREO**, father of John Andreo '78, Michael Andreo '72, Loren Andreo '72, Mary Andreo Randazzo '73, Ann Andreo Brazel '79 and Karen Andreo Marandino '75. Grandfather of Jacalyn Andreo '14, Lauren Marandino '13, Andrea Marandino '06, Christina Marandino Yester '04, Katherine Brazel DuBaldo '06, Margaret Randazzo '07, Christie Andreo '09, Dana Andreo '06, Jennifer Andreo '07, Dominic Marandino '09, John Andreo, Jr. '05, Nicholas Andreo '08 and Patrick Brazel '10; died 11/23/21

**LYN ELLO**, mother of Greg Ello '85, Julie Ello Yepes '87 and grandmother of Brandon Ello '19; died 12/1/21





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## EAGLE UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

### 4/2 – Denim & Diamonds Spring Event

May 13, 2022

**Celebration  
of Service  
Retirement Party  
for Ann Marie Ward  
and Lesa Milas**



### 6/2 – Graduation for the Class of 2022, including the Class of 1972 in honor of their 50th anniversary

June 10, 2022

**Tom Malin '65  
Eagle Invitational  
Golf Tournament**

Honoring  
**Kathleen O'Neill Reilly '83**  
Retiring ECHS Cross Country Coach



For a complete calendar listing, including times and locations of events, visit [www.echs.com/calendar](http://www.echs.com/calendar) or email Heidi Carlson at [carlsonh@echs.com](mailto:carlsonh@echs.com)



DENIM & DIAMONDS SPRING  
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*Celebrating 60 Years of  
East Catholic High School*

Saturday, April 2nd

7-10 p.m.

at East Catholic High School

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments to be served

Hosted by

Renee DiNino

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Sean P. Brennan '85

East Catholic President

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Courtesy of Highland Park Market (\$5,200 value)

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