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## **WELCOME LETTER**

**JULY 2022** 

# DEAR FELLOW VIKINGS AND FRIENDS OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC,

It is tough to imagine that when I first came to the hallowed halls of 4720 Fifth Avenue in 1982, my eventual return would entail the principal's role at Central Catholic. It is an honor and, at the same time, humbling to stand on the shoulders of many Christian Brothers and Lay Lasallians who have contributed to our school's legacy and tradition for the last 95 years!

Many of you already know that great things are happening at Central, from the physical facility's improvement to enhancing our academic and athletic programs. Times are different in the 21st Century, but many core values hold us together in addition to the "Mystique" of a Central Catholic education.

IN THE FUTURE, IT IS CRUCIAL TO EMPHASIZE OUR CORE VALUES SO THAT THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO US LEAVE THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE READY TO FACE A WORLD THAT SO DESPERATELY NEEDS GENUINE AND HIGHLY EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO OTHERS.

We do this at Central by intentionally emphasizing our fraternity which encompasses forming relationships that exemplify how we relate to the world outside of the walls of 4720. First, our young men must understand that they are valued, have human dignity, and have God-given talents. It is only by treating everyone as a child of God and meeting the needs of each student where they are that we can be united in a common bond and actualize each young person's vocational calling in life.

Second, we must be deliberate in directing our young men to take responsibility, for being one human family, by taking their gifts and talents and sharing them with their fellow brothers and sisters to build our typical home. It doesn't take much time to figure out, in our world today, that men of integrity and character are needed and essential.

Third, we can always point to our many graduates, who have taken up the call of being men for others, as examples of persons who have gone through Central and are making the world a better place.

I firmly believe that these values must be our true center so that we may live out our calling as a Catholic, Lasallian school with our optic centered on our God. If we continue to achieve our center, Central Catholic will be a quality, Christ-centered school for all who pass through its doors. One that does not exist for itself but for the love of humankind.

I encourage you today, as always, to continue to support Central Catholic in any way that you can. It takes a community of persons to continue to ensure the tradition of Central Catholic!

I look forward to being with you during this time and encourage you to reach out and come by anytime to see the great things happening at Central!

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

In the Founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle,

Brother Mike Andrejko, FSC Principal, Central Catholic High School



Please join us in Welcoming our new Principal,

BROTHER
MIKE ANDREJKO, FSC, '86



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## 2022-2023 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the students elected to the Student Council for the 2022-2023 school year! After a hard-fought campaign season, our future student leaders have officially been announced. Their roles include but are not limited to: helping to foster school spirit for athletics, planning social events, dances, pep rallies, and coordinating all Spirit Week events.



BACK ROW, (L-R): MARC PIETO, '24, TREVOR POPECK, '24, SAM BRACKNEY, '25, CONNOR LUDWIG, '24
MIDDLE ROW, , (L-R): PETER ELDER, '23, TOMMY KRISTIAN, '23, MAIT BEST, '23, GRADY PAPA, '25, RYAN JAMESON, '25
FRONT ROW, (L-R): BOBBY ELDER, '24, JACK MARCELLO, '25, NOAH MASON, '23, KAM CHAN, '23, COLE NIX, '23
MODERATOR: MR. KURT RETENAUER, '08 (FAR LEFT)

"CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022-2023 STUDENT COUNCIL," said Moderator Kurt Retenauer, '08. "I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING THE EVENTS AND SERVICE OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR FUN AND FULL OF SCHOOL SPIRIT."

## STUDENT'S CREATION FOR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COMMUNITY

Senior Alex Serenka '22, working under the guidance of Brother Eric Henderson, FSC, and Mr. Adam Kronebusch, Chair of the Engineering and Computer Science Department, welded a beautiful aluminum cross for the Brothers' Retirement Community of LaSalle Hall in Beltsville, Md. "With professional experience and skill in welding, Alex was able to craft a unique and beautiful cross that will last for years," Kronebush said. "His generosity in the time and commitment it took to complete this project displays the sense of brotherhood and service we strive to develop in our students."

The cross was mounted on the front entrance portico of LaSalle Hall.







## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent, members of the Central Catholic community are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross, a group of prayers broken up into 14 stations that retrace Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Members of the varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen baseball teams are photographed and led by Mr. Kyle Goldcamp, '04, Director of Lasallian Ministry. Brother Raymond F. Bronowicz, '47, engaged in prayer alongside students and coaches.



## THE GREAT DEBATERS

The Central Catholic Forensics Society was victorious in the 2022 Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Tournament! They claimed 1st place prize, as a team, for medium-sized high schools in the Championship round.

#### **INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Luka DePasquale, '24 (1st Place; Poetry Interp.)
- Oscar Heller, '22 and Parker Osth, '22 (1st Place; Policy Debate)
- Liam Carnahan, '22 (1st Place; Extemp. Debate)
- Dominic Passafiume, '22 (2nd Place; Prose Interp.)
- Amari Smith, '23 (2nd Place; Dramatic Interp.)
- Declan Reilly, '22 (6th Place; Commentary)
- Xavier Ramirez, '23
   (7th Place Semi-Finals Extemp.)
- Fiorente Pampena, '22 (8th Place / Semi-Finals - Informative)
- Peter Elder, '23
   (11th Place / Semi-Finals Impromptu)
- Eric Fredette, '22 (Octofinalist - Lincoln-Douglas Debate)

## Finals - Extemp.)

- Evan O'Toole, '22 6th place in Future Business Leader
- Jimmy Kent, '23, Sebastian Sora, '23, and Neil Pomper, '23 - 3rd place in Business Ethics

**RESULTS FROM THE COMPETITION:** 

FBLA HAD STRONG

**STATE CONFERENCE** 

Hershey, PA, was the setting for the 2022

Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders

of America (FBLA) State Conference.

Central Catholic Principal Brother Tony Baginski, FSC, (2016-2022) received the

conference's inaugural Administrator-of-the-

**SHOWING AT** 

Year honors at the event.

- Jack Sabo, '23 1st place in Organizational Leadership (State Champion)
- Joe Rees, '22 and Michael Huwar, '22 3rd place in Sports and Entertainment Management
- Ethan Dlugos, '22 1st place in Word Processing (State Champion)
- Jack Sabo, '23 and Jackson Farrell, '23 4th place in Local Chapter Annual Business Report

Central Catholic also captured 3rd largest local chapter (124 members) and 6th largest local market share (13.87%).



During the 2-day event, Central Catholic's Jack Sabo, '23, was elected state president to represent Pennsylvania for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **SENIOR RECEIVES SIZEABLE SCHOLARSHIP!**

First Lieutenant Chuka
Ufomadu, Associate
Professor of Military
Science and recruiting
officer at Three Rivers
Battalion, the Army ROTC
unit at the University of
Pittsburgh, visited our
campus to make a special
presentation. Christopher



Aluise, '22, received an Army ROTC scholarship on behalf of the United States Army's Cadet Command. The scholarship is worth \$122,000, covering his tuition, room, board, and books to attend Ohio State University. "STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS HERE AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALWAYS MAKE ME PROUD," said Mrs. Brandy Gershon, Central Catholic's Director of College Counseling. "CHRIS IS ON A PATH TO DO GREAT THINGS!"

## **DIGNITY & RESPECT**

An art exhibit titled "Perspectives on African American History" was a series of images and summarized text highlighting Black history throughout several generations.



The images included work depicting: "Black Wall Street," a thriving business district in Tulsa, OK that was bombed and destroyed in 1921, "Freedom Riders," a group of young people who challenged the oppressing system designed to enforce segregation during the Jim Crow

era, "Strange Fruit," depicting the lynching of enslaved people (also a song made famous by singer Billie Holiday), and more. Every single Central Catholic student was encouraged to be educated on Black history, and the display was visible for months in the De La Salle Counseling Center.

ACH Clear Pathways, an organization committed to providing enriching and new experiences to youth and families through visual and performing arts, donated the exhibit to Central Catholic in memory of Steven Eason, a freshman at the time of his death.

Mr. Kevin Joy, '85, returned to Central and participated in the Dignity & Respect speaker series. "Lunch with Kevin Joy," was arranged for students to receive professional knowledge on myriad topics, including money management, forensics, and music to the film and entertainment industries. Overall, the "power lunch" sessions were enjoyed by all.

Throughout the school year, several Black alumni were invited back to Central Catholic to have lunch with selected students to discuss their profession(s) and give advice. It served as an informal roundtable discussion on current events and topics of the day.





The Robotics team worked hard in January and February designing, prototyping, and building a 125-pound robot that could shoot basketball-sized spheres into a hoop. The robot could also move autonomously, and at the end of each match, it extended an arm to grasp a bar to hang off the ground.

In March, our team competed in two regionals. The Greater Pittsburgh Regional featured almost 50 schools from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The season's highlight was at the South Florida Regional in Winter Haven, FL, where the team made the final round, eventually losing to an international team from the Netherlands.

Kudos to a successful year with strong leadership from senior captain Peter Szalay, '22 and coaches Christian Romano, '17 and Mr. Kevin Heid who said, "THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM #2641 HAD A GREAT SEASON! THE TEAM LOOKS FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE OFF-SEASON HELPING TO DESIGN AND BUILD ROBOTS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY WHILE RECRUITING YOUNG STUDENTS TO BECOME FUTURE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ROBOTICS FIELD!"

## **GENEROSITY GOES A LONG WAY**

The Central Catholic Lenten Mission Drive raises funds annually for The Child Discovery Centre-our Lasallian twin school located in Nakuru, Kenya. Monies are generated from students' fundraising efforts within their homerooms and benefactors from the Central Catholic community.

In 2022, we donated \$10,000 to help pay for students' necessities (i.e., books, clothes, food, etc.) and have been instrumental in doing our part in these efforts for years. Brother Frank Byrne, FSC, Auxiliary Provincial, was on hand to receive the check on behalf of The Child Discovery Centre.

Central Catholic donated another \$10,000 in efforts to curtail the overabundance of negativity, bloodshed, and



destruction in Ukraine by contributing to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Father Jason Charron, Pastor at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, oversees the Ukrainian Relief Fund and visited our campus and expressed his admiration for the generous donation, "IN THE CASE OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC, THE RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT CRISIS WAS TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND MAKE A VERY LARGE DONATION, WHICH WILL HELP WITH THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS."

COLLEGE OF THE WEEK

During an impromptu discussion, Fr. Charron said multiple times, "I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART."

#### **GRIM REAPER EXPERIMENT**

The counseling department conducted the Grim Reaper Experiment to bring awareness to the fatalities associated with distracted driving. In efforts to curtail such irresponsible actions while behind the wheel, students were selected by faculty members to wear black t-shirts with "R.I.P." written on the front. It was mandatory for those students to remain silent throughout the school day (in class, during lunch period, and in the hallways) to symbolize an unfortunate tragedy. "STUDENT VICTIMS WERE TOLD NOT TO ENGAGE WITH ANYONE AS WE WANT TO MAKE THIS EXPERIENCE AS REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE," said Philip DiRenzo, '04 Director of the Counseling Department. "AT THE START OF EACH PERIOD, THE SOUND OF BELL TOLLS OVER THE PA SYSTEM RANG FOR A FEW SECONDS AS A REMINDER THAT MORE VICTIMS HAVE PASSED AWAY."

It was a successful event and highlighted the importance of remaining attentive on the road.





## RED CARPET TREATMENT

Tuxedos, gowns, music and fun! After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the 2022 junior/senior prom was one for the ages! The Westin Pittsburgh was the venue for Central's formal after months of planning, organizing, and stressful days filled with uncertainty due to the pandemic.

"WATCHING THE KIDS DANCE, LAUGH, AND SMILE FROM **EAR-TO-EAR WAS** THE BEST THANKS I COULD RECEIVE," said Mrs. Cassie Sirockman-Bell, math teacher and prom organizer. "IT WAS SPECIAL TO SEE THE BOYS, MANY I HAVE TAUGHT, DRESSED TO THE NINES AND DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY!"











## **PERFORMING ARTS**

## **SPRING CONCERT**

In May, The Central Catholic Performing Arts department eloquently displayed their talents to family and friends via their voices and instruments!

The Chamber Singers, Concert Band (in conjunction with Oakland Catholic High School), Concert Choir, Blue Knights Jazz Band, and String Ensemble put the icing on the cake to end the 2021-2022 school year.

Under the direction of music teachers Mr. Joseph Wilson and Dr. Michael Mackey, our students' musical expression and pleasing sounds didn't disappoint. The lyricism that is needed to work in tandem with fellow musicians can be difficult. However, harmonic precision was evident, and the crowd was wholly entertained.





## "ME AND MY GIRL" MUSICAL

From March 25-27, the Central Catholic High School Masque, in conjunction with Oakland Catholic, performed "Me and My Girl" in the McGonigle Theater. The original play hit the stage in 1937, had several runs on Broadway, and won a Tony award within the production's professional history. Our students' flawless execution of the lines, stage presence, musical score, lighting, and direction was a treat for family, friends, and the general public to enjoy!







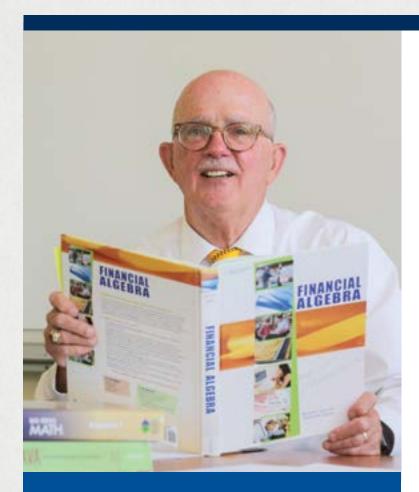


## **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

## RETIREMENT OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEGENDS

Central Catholic has a reputation for exhibiting educational excellence and instilling Christian values for its students to be well-rounded, intelligent, and prepared for their future endeavors. As an institution, we have been blessed to have the finest educators in the country. This year, we celebrate some who have kept Central's tradition alive! Over 200 combined years of wisdom, academic excellence, and mentorship exhibited by the five teachers who officially entered into retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. A. Russell Brown, Mr. Glenn Campbell, '71, Mr. Vincent Ciaramella, '71, Mr. Tim McVeagh, '73, and Mr. Joseph Roche, have been staples of Central Catholic's fabric and are cherished by students and fellow faculty members. They now enter the extensive list of educators who stopped at nothing to ensure their students graduated, ready to tackle the world.



"I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME. THE FACULTY I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF AND THE LIFETIME FRIENDSHIP WITH MY FELLOW TEACHERS AND STUDENTS."

## MR. A. RUSSELL BROWN

A. Russell Brown began his day-to-day teaching regimen at Central in 1982 and spent his time educating pupils as a computer and then a business teacher. He demanded (and received) a great deal of respect from his students, and throughout his 40-year tenure, his ability to commandeer the room was second to none.

Some of his fondest memories as a part of the faculty are "WORKING WITH THE FOOTBALL TEAM IN MY EARLY YEARS, BEING STUDENT COUNCIL MODERATOR, AND WORKING WITH THE FINEST GROUP OF TEACHERS," Brown said. "THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING! WHEN YOU MEET YOUR FORMER STUDENTS, AND THEY TELL YOU THE POSITIVE EFFECT YOU'VE HAD ON THEM."

Brown's presence in the hallways and knowledge within his subjects in the field of computers and then teaching business algebra was challenging. However, within his teaching style and overall lesson indoctrination, an overabundance of students took heed to the lesson plan.

Brown, who plans to stay connected, says, "I MAY BE RETIRING FROM TEACHING, BUT I'LL NEVER RETIRE FROM CENTRAL."

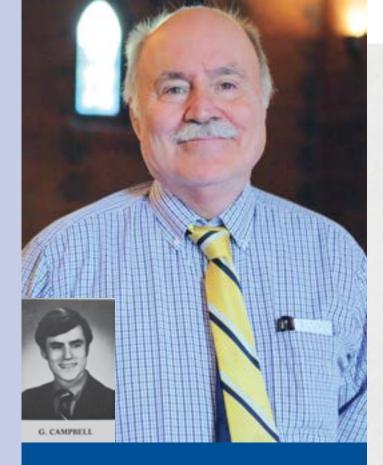
## MR. GLENN CAMPBELL, '71

From The Declaration of Independence to the Revolutionary War, the Civil Rights Movement and the lineage of U.S. Presidents, 1971 graduate Glenn Campbell, started teaching at Central in 1979. His love for informing others about the essence of American history is one of his passions. Being an integral part of the illustrious Central Catholic community tops the list of his passions. "WHEN I WAS A STUDENT, WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT BECOMING LASALLIAN. WE ABSORBED THIS BY WATCHING THE ROLE MODELS OF OUR TEACHERS, ESPECIALLY THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS," said Campbell. "I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SCIENCE, BUT THE BEST WORD WOULD BE OSMOSIS."

Campbell took tremendous pride in informing students daily, ensuring they were brighter upon leaving his classroom than when they walked in. He often stressed that learning is a journey, for students to refrain from obsessing over grades in an effort to reduce stress and anxiety he often said, "A SENSE OF HUMOR IS ALWAYS WELCOMED."

As the moderator of Central Catholic's Masque for 12 years, he was instrumental in overseeing the creative flow of theater

performances, "THAT WAS A PART OF ONE OF MY FONDEST MEMORIES." He had significant input as it related to how Central and Oakland Catholic students took to the stage and said, "I WATCHED SO MANY GREAT PERFORMANCES OVER THE YEARS!"



He leaves Central with the following paraphrased quote from Henry James,

"THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN ARE: 'BE KIND, BE KIND, BE KIND.'"



# MR. VINCE CIARAMELLA, '71

Only eight years after graduating from Central Catholic, Vince Ciaramella, '71, accepted his calling to return to the place instrumental to his personal and professional growth. He modeled part of his work based on his own Central experience. "THE TEACHERS CARED ABOUT ME AND MY LEARNING. I HOPE THAT IS ALSO WHAT I HAVE BROUGHT TO MY CAREER HERE AT CENTRAL."

As an educator, he began as a German teacher. Throughout his tenure, he became the head coach of the baseball team, head freshmen football coach, served as a long-time guidance counselor and taught various guidance classes before becoming the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

"I HAVE ENJOYED SEEING THE STUDENTS ARRIVE AS YOUNG BOYS AND GRADUATING AS YOUNG MEN. THE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES AS THEY GET MARRIED AND GROW THROUGH LIFE," CIARAMELLA SAID. "I ENJOYED BEING ON THE COACHING STAFF OF THE FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM! BEING THE HEAD BASEBALL COACH OF A GAME THAT I LOVED, IS SECOND TO NONE."

Ciaramella's message to future students and teachers:
"ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING."



To teachers, he leaves the following,
"THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN THE
MATERIAL THAT YOU TEACH. IT IS
YOUR KINDNESS, CARING, AND
UNDERSTANDING THAT STUDENTS
LEARN FROM YOU AND REMEMBER."

# MR. TIM MCVEAGH, '73

For Tim McVeagh, '73, his high school experience was one of his life's milestones, mainly due to it being an integral part of his overall existence. "CENTRAL CATHOLIC PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN MY LIFE FROM THE MOMENT I WALKED IN THE DOOR AT AGE 14, TO MY LAST DAYS HERE AS TEACHER AND COACH."

McVeagh's initial return to Central came in 1984 when he started as an assistant coach on the Track-and-Field and Cross Country teams. In 1988, he became the head coach and spent over 30 years grooming runners to achieve faster times efficiently.

In 1996, he became the Art Appreciation teacher. The many aspects of creative visual expression that McVeagh taught in class: line texture, value, color, proportion, and balance.

McVeagh won't be leaving the Central brethren any time soon. He will be joining the 2023 graduating class for Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises to commemorate his 50th class reunion.

About his former educatees,
McVeagh said, "MANY OF MY
STUDENTS HAVE LEFT CENTRAL
AND HAVE SUCCESSFUL
CAREERS IN ARCHITECTURE
AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

HONESTLY, I APPRECIATE STUDENTS
THAT COME BACK AND TELL ME
THAT I HELPED THEM GET TO THAT POINT.
THAT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD."



## MR. JOSEPH ROCHE

The dichotomy of mild mannerisms juxtaposed to a dynamic interactive demeanor made Mr. Joseph Roche a teacher to remember! His math classes were filled with back-to-back equations, extreme number-crunching scenarios, and problem-solving assignments that would have most students cowering in the corner. However, Roche had a knack for building a curriculum for all students to understand the nuances of any and all arithmetical progressions.

Donning the chalkboard (now whiteboard) with SOH CAH TOA ("SOH" standing for Sine which equals opposite/hypotenuse, "CAH" is for cosine equaling adjacent/hypotenuse, and "TOA" for Tangent, finishing out the anagram, and means opposite/adjacent) and breaking

down trigonometry in an informative and entertaining way is what he sought out to do. "I JUST TRIED TO MAKE MATH FUN," Roche said. "IF STUDENTS WALK AWAY FROM MY CLASSES HAVING LEARNED SOMETHING, I DID MY JOB."

No Roche story is complete without mentioning one of his catchphrases. After math exams, he would say, with extreme emphasis, "TIME'S UP. PUT DOWN YOUR PENS AND PENCILS; IF I CATCH YOU WRITING, IT'S A MINUS TENTHOOOOUSAND POINTS." This was a stern order to cease test-taking activities. This taught the importance of meeting your deadlines and that there are no extensions when one is given an assignment in the "real world."

One of his proudest moments was when his son attended Central. "WATCHING MY SON WALK THE HALLS OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC MADE ME THE PROUDEST DAD EVER. AND WHEN HE GRADUATED, I KNEW THAT HE WAS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS BECAUSE THIS IS A SPECIAL PLACE."

"SEE YOU TOMORROW IF YOU'RE LUCKY,
AND YOU WILL BE."



Faculty spotlight Athletics

## INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

# MR. BRIAN A. COOK SR. '98 CENTRAL CATHOLIC WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Mr. Brian A. Cook Sr., '98, is an Emmy-nominated, TELLY GOLD-winning international journalist and filmmaker whose work has appeared in and on WQED, 90.5 WESA, New Pittsburgh Courier, NBCNews.com, USA Today, American Urban Radio Networks, and more. A 20-year media veteran, Cook is also a National Football League sideline photographer who plans to share his broadcast (both on-air and behind-the-scenes) and photography knowledge with students who aspire to create compelling content and become credible storytellers.

"BRIAN COOK HAS A GENUINE INTEREST IN PEOPLE AND THEIR STORIES, AND IT IS EVIDENT TO EVERYONE HE MEETS," said Brother Tony Baginski, FSC., Central Catholic principal (2017-2022), in a statement to the New Pittsburgh Courier, March 22. "THAT INTEREST COMBINED WITH VARIED AND WIDE-RANGING EXPERIENCES IN THE INDUSTRY AS WELL AS BEING A CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALUM MAKES BRIAN THE IDEAL PERSON TO COMMUNICATE THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC STORY TO OUR PARENTS, STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND THE WIDER AUDIENCE."

"IT IS A TREMENDOUS PLEASURE TO
RETURN TO MY ALMA MATER AS AN
EMPLOYEE," COOK SAID, "CENTRAL
CATHOLIC IS WHERE MY GROWTH AND
MATURATION BEGAN AS A TEENAGER,
AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
BACK, AND SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE I'VE
GAINED FROM TRAVELING THE WORLD,
IS SECOND TO NONE."

A Point Breeze native, and Clarion University of PA graduate, Cook says he believes in the robust education students receive at Central, "I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE LEGACY FAMILIES WHERE GENERATIONS OF MEN HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON, A DIPLOMA FROM CENTRAL CATHOLIC!" Cook says, "IT WOULD WARM MY HEART IF MY SON [BRIAN COOK JR.] ALSO BECOMES A CENTRAL ALUM."







# MRS. KAREN KOLENIK CENTRAL CATHOLIC WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMICS

A native of Johnstown, PA, Mrs. Karen Kolenik graduated from Bishop McCort High School and

Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a BSED in Social Studies education. She most recently earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Duquesne University.

A veteran in the area of Catholic education, Kolenik worked in the Dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Pittsburgh, and Greensburg. "I AM VERY EXCITED TO SERVE THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY BY WORKING WITH FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS," KOLENIK SAID. "IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND A BLESSING TO CONTINUE ENRICHING YOUNG MEN IN THEIR INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT."

Kolenik's areas of Excellence include student achievement, policies/procedures, professional development, creating a collaborative environment, and data-driven decision making to name a few. "KAREN BRINGS TO CENTRAL CATHOLIC OVER 25 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION EXPERIENCE - AS A MATH AND HISTORY TEACHER IN BOTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, A MODERATOR AND COACH, AND MOST RECENTLY AS THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL."

- Brother Anthony Baginski, FSC, Central Catholic principal (2017-2022)

Throughout her career, she has been a dedicated, resourceful, and educational professional with a proven ability to create and monitor policies and practices that promote a safe learning environment. Demonstrated success in the development of key support services and instructional programs focused on academic improvement, strategic reform, and student achievement.

She and her husband live in Plum and have two daughters (ages 23 and 25).

## **ATHLETICS**

# LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations, and thank you to all our current and former student-athletes who are competing currently or have gone on to further their academic and athletic careers. We are incredibly proud, appreciative, and thankful for the hard work, dedication, and commitment you gave to Central Catholic athletics. Our mission is fulfilled when our student-athletes compete at a high level, give back to the community, and excel in all areas of life, on and off the fields. Thank you for the excitement and memories you have provided us over the past few exciting years.



#### PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A VIKING FOREVER!

We hope and pray that when you return to your alma mater, we can continue to make you proud of our successful young men and highly competitive teams. We hope Central Catholic will always remain an exceptional part of your life because you're an extraordinary part of our community.

We wish you all the very best life can provide for you, and please know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, FOREVER.

#### NOW, ON TO VICTORY!

- RICK CAPRETTA, '82, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





## **TRACK AND FIELD**

Pictured: Maurice Lucas, '89, head coach, Morris Turner, '23, Brandon Jackson, 22, Gannon Carothers, '22, Maceo Marshall, '23, Antonio Pitts, '22, John Stone, '99, assistant coach.

The 4x100 relay team finished 3rd overall in the State of Pennsylvania. They finished with a time of 42.10 and beat the previously set Central Catholic school record (set in 2021) of 42.39.

Brandon Jackson, '22, came in 1st in WPIAL competition and tied the school record in the 100m race with a time of 10.79. The record was previously set by Jahmaine Hatten, '20.





## FRESHMEN CREW

In the USR Rowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, FL, the freshmen crew team had a fantastic showing and finished in 9th overall in the country in the U17 8+ B final division. The team is comprised of (in alphabetical order) Matthew Aluise, '25, Louis Bonasso, '25, Jacob Harvey, '25, Liam McAndrews, '25, John C. McGinley, '25, John P. McGinley, '25, Will Palko, '25, Oliver Rivers, '25, and Everett Sargent, '25.



#### **TENNIS**

The tennis team finished the regular season with a 9-4 record, 5-2 in the conference. It was our most successful team in the last four years.



This year the Central Catholic Inline
Hockey team was victorious in the
Pittsburgh Interscholastic Roller Hockey
League, winning the championship
over Baldwin High School!





## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

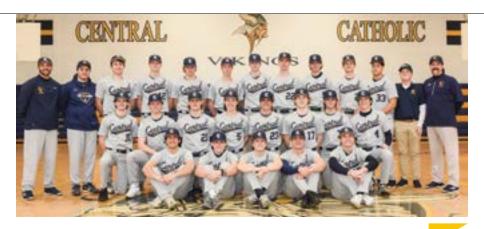
Giving back to the community in positive ways is essential as it relates to our ministry as Christians. We applaud our sports teams for doing their part in this area!

The Central Catholic Hockey team participated in the annual Disabled Hockey Festival as on-ice as sled hockey pushers.

RICKY CASTRACANI, '23, PUSHES SLEDDER RANGER NUNES, AN ANNUAL PARTICIPANT



In conjunction with the Miracle League of Southwestern PA, an organization that gives people with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball, the varsity baseball team participated in a charity whiffle ball tournamant. Money was raised and equipment was donated for the cause.



## **BASEBALL**

The baseball team finished 11-9, and went 1-1 in the playoffs. The team won its first playoff game since 2018, including a trip to the WPIAL Semi-finals.



#### **ALL SECTION TEAM MEMBERS:**

- 1st team Brendan Koroly, '22
- 2nd Team Cade Clister, '23, Nick Robertson, '23 and Gavin Kelly, '24,
- Honorable Mention Antonio Cordiero, '23 and Mario Misit, '22.

## **LACROSSE**

The lacrosse team had a historic run, finishing with a regular-season, program-best record of 11-5. The team went on to win its first WPIAL playoff game in program history in the spring.



## **RUGBY**

The team grew into a physically aggressive squad that competed at a very high level against very experienced opponents. Finishing 3-5, the team grew as a whole and became a close-knit group, building experience and chemistry.

## **COLLEGE SIGNINGS**

CLASS OF 2022

The following students have committed to play sports and compete on the collegiate level.

Josh Altsman
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Jon Amodeo JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

> Matt Aulicino ALBANY - SUNY

Jaden Bailey ST. VINCENT COLLEGE

Devin Barren INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

> Jaden Brown UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION

> > Gannon Carothers
> > CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Cole Feldstein
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Donovan Hinish
NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

Brandon Jackson
ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

Liam Kiernan UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

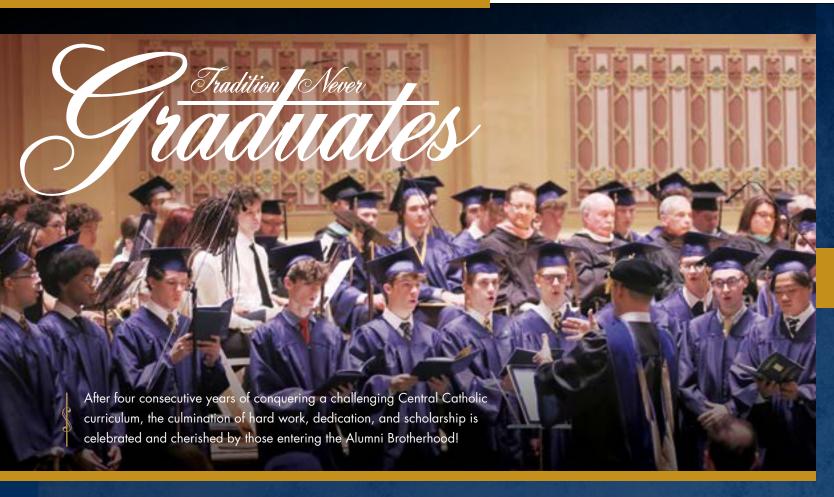
Garrett Mann
BROWN UNIVERSITY

Malachi Missouri
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Matt Schearer
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Bo Waddell
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

JD Younger
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA







## **GRADUATION DAY:** MAY 29, 2022

The Ninety-Second Commencement of Central Catholic took place on May 29. Annually, the setting is Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, (every Memorial Day Sunday), filled with families and friends. The 2022 class graduated 174 students with aspirations of striving for success post-Central.



Every year, the Central Catholic community asks God to protect our upcoming graduates during the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral. The evening filled with prayers of thanks and a petition for the continuance of God's blessings throughout their lives.



































**Brother Mike** Andrejko, FSC, '86

BECOMES NEWLY MINTED PRINCIPAL OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- By Brian A. Cook Sr., '98

## Life is cyclical,

and for Brother Mike Andreiko, FSC, '86, his return to Central Catholic, this time as the school's principal, is something he will cherish for a lifetime.

As a student at Central, he admired the instruction of his teachers and knew at an early age that his calling was to be among the ranks of the Christian Brothers, whom he looked up to as a pupil. Now, as he embarks on the challenging yet rewarding task of leading our 95-year-old institution, filled with rich traditions, returning in this leadership capacity, feels like second nature.

66 When I was sitting there as a freshman, I enjoyed every moment of my experience," Brother Mike said.

"Maybe someday I'll run this place,' is certainly something that never went through my mind."

Post-Central Catholic commencement in 1986, Brother Mike attended La Salle University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He then earned a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Villanova University. He returned to Central Catholic as a campus minister before an assignment took him to our nation's capital.

Br. Mike has been familiar with the inner workings of Christian Brothers-led schools after serving as principal of St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. His dedicated service to education also landed him in vocation ministry as the Director of Vocations for the District of Eastern North America (DENA).



Br. Mike joined the **Christian brothers** at age 20 and, for the past 34 years, has dedicated his life to God.

It's been grace. It's been devotion. It's been an unconditional love for the teachings of Jesus Christ that kept Br. Mike on the path to continuing in education - coupled with instructing students under the auspices of Lasallian principles.

"This lifestyle has supported and sustained me in my own vocation," Br. Mike said.

"The students I've had, the people that I've been with, the Brothers that I live with, the alums that I run into, have all made me and charged me to be a better person; a better Brother."

66 What does a Lasallian education do?

It produces men of integrity, character, and clarity of purpose.

Not that they have all the answers, but our graduates live with the questions to ultimately help other people."

- Brother Michael Andrejko, FSC, '86



In December 2021, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik made the following statement about Br. Mike via the organization's website:

continue to build upon the fine tradition of excellence that has always been a hallmark at Central Catholic High School.

Be assured of the support of the Department of Catholic Schools. We will work closely with you in advancing the goals of Catholic secondary education in this diocese so as to provide quality, faith-centered education to young people in this local Church. 59

Before Brother Mike took the helm,
Wisconsin native, longtime educator,
and immediate past principal, Brother
Anthony (Tony) Baginski, FSC, built a
tremendous program at Central during
his tenure. As principal, among many
accomplishments, he was the visionary
behind the addition of Central's
Zupancic Family STEM Center, a
30,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility
geared around the sciences.

Brother Mike praised Brother Tony's foresight and implementation of

Central's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program and development of the Engineering Institute:

"I think he had an incredible impact on that STEM building. We are all indebted to him for his steadfastness in this. It's not an easy job being a head administrator anywhere today. There are many wheels and hats that

I sincerely thank him for his years of service to Central."

For the past six years, Brother Tony's presence was felt in the halls, and he had a fantastic rapport with alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and the general public.

After passing the torch to Br. Mike, this summer, Brother Tony had nothing but pleasant words for his successor.

He said of Br. Mike, "He is a Christian Brother — which is very important to our community, of parents and alumni — he is an alum who understands the charism of what sets Central Catholic apart from other Lasallian schools.

Central Catholic could not be in better hands than with Brother Mike." To be a methodical, service-oriented visionary takes a leader who has the experience to maneuver in any environment. Knowing one's subject matter is a bonus when managing within familiar territory. Brother Mike has that vision for Central Catholic and the days ahead, leading into the school's 2027 centennial celebration(s).

Furthermore, Br. Mike is conscious and sensitive toward the financial obligations that families must endure. With that, he also has families in mind regarding the increasing tuition-based system associated with educating a child. He will continue bringing to light the availability of our financial aid to attend Central Catholic – one of the most diverse schools in Western Pennsylvania.

66I think of the scripture, specifically Luke's gospel 12:48, **To whom** much has been given, much will be expected,"

Brother Mike said. "That is part of our job, and I believe that is similar to Central. It is to remind people that is why we are here.

Furthermore, it shows the generosity of the men who have graduated from here, in the sense that I had a chance, everybody else should have a chance,"

Brother Mike becomes the first Central Catholic alumnus to hold the title of principal since Brother Richard Grzeskiewicz, FSC, '62 (1944-2012), who served from 2000-2009 and later became the school's president.

Brother Mike officially assumed duties on July 1 and is overjoyed to be back in the place that had a significant impact on shaping his upbringing.

"At the end of my time as vocation director," he said, "I am in a good place; my age, my experience at this point, the relationships I have built around the world; but Central Catholic is home."

"My heart & soul are in the bricks and mortar of this place."

- Brother Michael Andrejko, FSC, '86

## DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC,



I discovered my vocation later in life and joined the Christian Brothers when I was forty. At the novitiate in California, I learned I would be assigned to Central Catholic, a place I had visited just once. That next week, Bro. V. Kenneth Curley, '69, came to visit and told me what a wonderful place Central Catholic is and that he was excited that I was going to be assigned there. He was spot on, and we soon became good friends with our classrooms (411 and 412) across from each other. I thank God every day for being assigned to 4720 Fifth Ave.

When I arrived at Central Catholic eleven years ago, I first heard the phrase, "Tradition Never Graduates." I understood it, as many students do, in the context of a student walking the quad, wearing a tie, keeping their shirt tucked in, being polite, and forming friendships. Indeed, one of the first questions that alumni ask at reunions is if the boys still walk the quad – Yes, they do!

However, "Tradition Never Graduates" means much more than that at Central Catholic. These three words are both an aspirational statement and an expectation that the friendships that are made, the learning that takes place, and the values that are instilled stay with you after graduation. Your four years at Central Catholic were just the beginning of this Brotherhood, where because of shared values and experiences, deep connections are formed and express themselves later in life. Who do you confide in, who is in your wedding party, and with whom do you start a business? Often the answer is the men you graduated with from Central Catholic. That is a testament to the tradition of fraternity, Brotherhood, and support that continues even after you walk across the stage at Soldiers and Sailors Hall. "Tradition Never Graduates."

Central Catholic will continue to move from strength to strength under Bro. Micheal Andrejko's, '86, leadership. His strong and persistent faith in the presence of God, a wealth of educational and administrative experience, combined with his love for Central Catholic, will ensure it continues to thrive.



Thank you for your continued support of Central Catholic, and know that you are always welcome at 4720 Fifth Ave.

Fraternally

Br. Tony Baginshi, FSC



## **SPIRIT WEEK**

An ongoing and ultra-popular time known as "Spirit Week," brings our campus together with myriad activities and themes that encourage fun and camaraderie among the students and faculty. It is a week of "dress down" days that allow everyone to wear apparel from professional sports teams and colleges, some of Pittsburgh's premiere food trucks are present to give a variety of cuisine choices, and the in-house rivalry is intense among those who participate in our sports activities.





## **AFTERNOON GAME SHOW COMPETITION**

A student-run game show, titled after the famed long-standing show "Jeopardy!" took place inside the McGonigle Theatre. Among many competition topics included "Dates of Central Catholic, Trends of the '90s, Important Alumni of Central Catholic, [phrases] Heard around Central Catholic.









## STUDENTS VS. FACULTY

Among the traditional faculty vs. student competitions, the students were victorious over the faculty with a win in volleyball!

The faculty reigned supreme in basketball against the students in front of a capacity crowd in the gym!

Emotions were high as spectators in the gym were split on who they supported!











## **MOTHERS' GUILD**

One of Central Catholic's oldest student-faculty support groups is the Mothers' Guild. Their generosity over the years has been monumental. From providing food for teachers and staff to raising funds for student activities, this spring, the idea was to help beautify the school with plants and flowers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Our educators appreciated their thoughtfulness, complete with Hibiscus, succulents, vegetables, and others.

## **BREAKFAST FOR SENIORS**

Breakfast was provided for seniors by the field as part of a send-off for their hard work leading into their final days as high school students.

























## **VIKING VICTORY AUCTION**

After a two-year hiatus, we were excited to return in person for the 32nd Annual Viking Victory Auction. Over 600 individuals gathered on April 30 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Themed "Celtic Evening," this year's auction was chaired by the Kelly Brothers, Mike, '78, Mark, '80 Brian, '83 and Robert, P'11.

The evening included Irish music and dancers in addition to silent and live auctions. Attendees celebrated the induction of Ted Rectenwald, '73, into the Central Catholic Hall of Fame. In his acceptance speech, Rectenwald said, "I DID NOT SEEK THIS MARVELOUS AND UNEXPECTED HONOR, BUT I SHALL HUMBLY CHERISH IT AS LONG AS I LIVE."

The event's net was \$270,000, which will benefit the young men of Central Catholic High School. That total includes \$54,000 raised to create the Matthew Clark, '12, Endowed Fund. "THE KELLY BROTHERS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT SUCH A GREAT CAUSE AND INSTITUTION, AND WE APPRECIATE THE AWESOME STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THE EVENT A SUCCESS," says Mike Kelly, '78.

"WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE OUR ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS GATHER IN PERSON FOR THIS YEAR'S AUCTION, WHICH IS OUR LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT," says Mark Burnett, '00, Director of Special Projects and Events. "A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, AND WE WERE ABLE TO EXCEED OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THE EVENING."



## SAVE THE DATE

33rd Annual Wiking Wictory Auction

> Saturday, April 29, 2023 David L. Lawrence Convention Center

## WE WANT TO THANK **OUR SPONSORS!**

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## **32nd Annual Viking Victory Auction Planning** & Host Committee Members:

Jason, '02 & Megan Ott

Frank Porco. '91

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William, '79 & Anne Rielly

Jackie Rivett

Kathy Ruggiero

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Kristi Sorrells

John, '84 & Karen Staley

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Jen Grippo John & Dara Henne

Timothy McVay, '82 & David Bush

Cindy Totten Stephanie Zunic Corey, '02 & Katie O'Connor

## **ALUMNI**

SPEAKER SERIES

The Central Catholic Alumni Office presented three virtual discussions – which had significant online attendance and engagement – with alumni professionals who shared knowledge within their respective fields. Videos are available for playback on our YouTube channel.

## "THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP WITH TOM LEONARD, '67"

Business executive, entrepreneur, and leadership coach Tom Leonard, '67, led an informative session titled "Thoughts on Leadership." He shared his expertise and advanced knowledge of the corporate structure and gave sound advice of the upper management system. "IF YOU WANT TO BE A GOOD LEADER, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE WILL TO WIN."

## "CRYPTO 101 WITH MICHAEL ZAJKO, '01"

Mike Zajko, '01, is a Co-Founder and General Partner at Lattice Capital, an early-stage crypto venture capital firm that invests in leading web3 protocols, including OpenSea, Anchor Protocol, Audius, in addition to others. Before starting Lattice, Zajko was the head of sales at CoinList, the global leader in primary issuances of new crypto assets, and worked with teams including Solana, Flow, Terra, and many more. He shared sound financial advice and broke down the nuances of virtual money.

## "THAT WAS PAUL" PODCAST

On April 4, 2022, an emotional and spirited discussion on the life and legacy of slain City of Pittsburgh officer Paul Sciullo, '91, took place on the stage of the McGonigle Theater, 13 years after he paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Sciullo's cousins Steve Sciullo, '89, and Bill Garrison, '81, discussed Paul's love for his family, community, those he served during his career in law enforcement, and his love for Central Catholic High School. The "That was Paul" podcast is a series of audio recordings collected over the years since Sciullo's untimely death, that tell personal stories and gives the audience an accurate depiction of his genuine spirit.



SCIULLO WAS AMONG THREE OFFICERS KILLED, ALONGSIDE ERIC KELLY AND STEPHEN MAYHLE, RESPONDING TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE IN STANTON HEIGHTS, ONE OF THE SADDEST DAYS IN PITTSBURGH HISTORY.



## **CAREER DAY**

Annually, Central Catholic alumni make their way back to the school to participate in Career Day. This annual event allows students to engage with professionals in all areas of expertise in a small (and sometimes a one-on-one) setting. Over 60 alumni spoke to classes, answered questions, and offered business opportunities to students with aspirations to excel in specific areas. an enlightening time had by all, especially when it comes to the place which helped shape students into "MEN OF FAITH, MEN OF SCHOLARSHIP, AND MEN OF SERVICE."









FOUNDERS AND TOP EXECUTIVES OF ROADRUNNER RECYCLING STARTED THE DAY WITH A PANEL DISCUSSION. TOPICS INCLUDED HOW THEY BECAME FRIENDS DURING THEIR TIME AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC, DECIDED TO BUILD A COMPANY TOGETHER, AND DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER. THE MEN ALSO ADVISED STUDENTS WHO ASPIRE TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS.

(L TO R) CONN THIEMAN, '05, GENERAL COUNSEL, GRAHAM RIHN, '05, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STEVE KREBS, '05, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NINO SANDOVAL, '05, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SALES ENTERPRISE, AND BRANDON HABURJAK, '06, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT & GIVING WHO FACILITATED THE SESSION.













## **FORENSICS REUNION**

The Central Catholic Forensics Society Alumni Network held a reunion welcoming our award-winning brethren dating back to the 1960s. It was a celebration that recognized the winning ways of past teams and highlighted the 2022 victory in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Tournament.

Known by its mission for decades of "providing students with the opportunity to develop public speaking skills through participation in a wide variety of speech activities," CCFS' mix of both alumni and current student members under one roof, was a fellowship that brought to light the cross-generational common bond that these gentlemen share.









# THANKS TO OUR AMAZING CENTRAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VIKING MATCH WEEK!

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## **VIKING MATCH**

From May 16 to May 20, alumni, parents, and friends donated **FUNDS TOTALING \$215,000** for our students!

Central is grateful for the generous support that provides much-needed tuition assistance and supports programming for our students.

For the second consecutive year, the class of 1968 earned the number one spot! Previous winners, the Class of 1960,

finished in 2nd, and the Class of 1977 came on strong in 3rd place. The Class of 1968 will receive special prizes and will be listed on the Viking Cup.

WE SINCERELY THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

**ROLL VIKES!** 

Special thanks to the Central Catholic Board of Directors and our anonymous alumni donor, who provided a pool of funds to partially match all gifts made during the week.

## **ALUMNI GATHERINGS**

## **CLASSES 2002 AND 2007**

THE ALUMNI OFFICE IS IN SEARCH OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HELP ORGANIZE A REUNION.

Please email Brandon Haburjak, '06, Director of Alumni Engagement & Giving, to join a reunion committee: <a href="mailto:bhaburjak@centralcatholichs.com">bhaburjak@centralcatholichs.com</a>



#### **CLASS OF 1960**

Delayed due to the pandemic, the Class of 1960 celebrated their 60th Reunion/80th birthday party on Saturday, June 4th, at Central.



### **CLASS OF 1961**

The Class of 1961 gathered at the 150th Anniversary of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Gala held at Duquesne University in April. Jack McGinley, '61, was honored with the Cor Unum Award at the event.



The Class of 1963 gathered on New Year's Eve for their weekly 9 o'clock gathering. The Class of 1963 meets every Friday at Ritters in Bloomfield.



#### **CLASS OF 1973**

Members of the Class of 1973 and 1974 gathered at Friendship Perk & Brew in January. Friendship Perk & Brew is owned by alumnus Nick Redondo, '73, and is located at 300 S Pacific Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.



# 2022 FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE

## SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 1st: ALUMNI MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, September 3rd: CLASS OF 1962 – 60TH REUNION

Friday, September 9th: CLASS OF 1977 – 45TH REUNION

Saturday, September 10th
CLASS OF 1952 - 70TH REUNION

Friday, September 16th: CLASS OF 1967 – 55TH REUNION

Saturday, September 17th:
CLASS OF 1957 - 65 REUNION LUNCH,
CLASS OF 1987 - 35TH REUNION
5TH ANNUAL JAM ON THE QUAD:
CIGAR & BOURBON NIGHT

Friday, September 23rd:
CLASS OF 1972 REUNION – 50TH REUNION

Saturday, September 24th: CLASS OF 1997 - 25TH REUNION

Friday, September 30th: CLASS OF 1992 – 30TH REUNION

Saturday, October 1st: CLASS OF 1982 – 40TH REUNION

Thursday, October 6th:
ALUMNI MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, October 10th:
LETTERMEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING

Please check
Central Catholic Alumni Connect
centralalumni.com

to stay updated on alumni events throughout the summer.

Hall of Fame nominations



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# Hall of Fame!

Nominations for the 2023 induction to the Hall of Fame are now being accepted!

#### **PURPOSE**

The Central Catholic Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor alumni who exemplify the traditions and values of our school. No matter their profession, these men have been honored for their character, lives of service to others, and being men of integrity.



## HALL OF FAME NOMINATION CRITERIA

- The nominee is a graduate of Central Catholic High School.
- The nominee is not currently a member of the school Administration,
   Board of Directors, or a member of the Advancement Hall of Fame sub-committee.
- The nominee to the Hall of Fame must have graduated at least 25 years ago.
- The nominee should demonstrate personal integrity, service to the community, and meritorious professional achievement.
- The nominee has contributed meaningfully, but not necessarily financially, to Central Catholic.
- A Central Catholic alumnus has submitted the nominee.

### NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY

BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

www.centralcatholichs.com/nominations

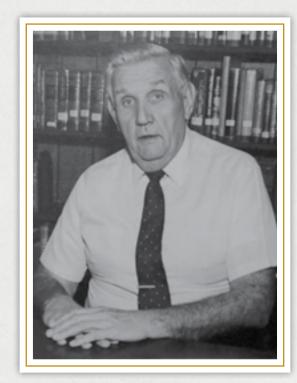


## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## JAMES C. WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MILITARY HEROES

The James C. Wheeler Scholarship Fund for Military Heroes ("the Fund") was established in 2022 by an alumnus in honor and memory of long time Central Catholic High School, Prefect of Students and Dean of Discipline, James Wheeler. The Fund's purpose is to provide merit-based scholarships for students who desire a Central Catholic education whose mother and/or father are either actively serving or retired military including national guard and reserves. It is with great pride that Central Catholic can honor the men and women who serve or have served this country through this Fund.

Mr. Wheeler served the Central Catholic community for over 42 years. As a veteran of the United States Marines, his love for the Marines and those men who went on to serve our country in the military after graduating from Central Catholic was on full display in his office. Students who experienced time in Mr. Wheeler's office remember the Marine flag and photos of Central Catholic alumni in uniform on his walls.



## PAUL J. SCIULLO II SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

The Paul J. Sciullo II Scholarship Fund for First Responders ("the Fund") was established in honor and memory of Central Catholic High School alumnus; Paul J. Sciullo, II, '91. The Fund's purpose is to provide merit-based scholarships for students who desire a Central Catholic education whose mother and/or father are actively serving as a "full-time" member(s) of the police (law enforcement), fire, and/or emergency medical services in the Pittsburgh region and especially those in the Bloomfield neighborhood where Paul was born, raised, and served as City of Pittsburgh Police Officer.

On April 4th, 2009, Paul J. Sciullo, II was killed in the line of duty, along with his fellow officers, Ofc. Eric Kelly and Ofc. Stephen Mayhle. It was among the saddest days in the city's history.

Families who are interested in applying for this scholarship must fill out an application that will include information regarding the parent(s) current/active "full-time" service in the police (law enforcement), fire, and/or emergency medical services in the Pittsburgh region, among other requirements.

WWW.CENTRALCATHOLICHS.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS

## **NEWS FROM VIKING NATION**

1970s ( Frank Perman, '79, was honored with the Silver Beaver Award for the Japeechan District at the Laurel Highlands Council, Boy Scouts of

America Council Recognition Luncheon.

**David Regan, '79,** and Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle celebrated 30 years in Pittsburgh's Strip District.

1980s { In January,

Gary Doyle, '80, was appointed as the new CFO of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. 

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*Jim Meyers*, '88, was named to the 2022 Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Advisors list.

Bill Turocy, '80, Mike Newell, '85, and Jim Kirchner, '78 gathered at the Central Catholic Vs. Malvern Prep game in January. The game was played at LaSalle College High School.

## 1990s | Kevin Acklin, '94,

has been named president of business operations for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Congratulations to *Devin Crummie*, '97, Head Basketball

Coach at Allderdice High School, and *Carey White*, '89, Head Basketball

Coach at Brashear High School, for leading their teams to City League finals

Allderdice prevailed to win this year's city league title.

Central Catholic Alumni *Matthew Rozyczka*, '97, has been named

Duquesne University's first-ever Chief
Investment Officer.

In March, *Zach Skrinjar*, '97, coach of the Fox Chapel basketball team, led the Foxes into the WPIAL 6A championship against North Hills.

20005 { Devlin Robinson, '01, was named to the 2002 Irish Echo 40 Under 40 list. 5

Martell Covington, '05, was elected to represent District 24 as State Legislator in April's special election. ✓

**Daniel Kuzma, '05,** was named Principal of Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

Graham Rihn, '05, of RoadRunner Recycling Inc., finished in 1st place in the Pittsburgh Business Times' 2021 "Best Places to Work" extra-large category.

Eric Charity, '06, received the "Rising Star" award at the 2022 Atlanta Business Chronicle's Leaders in Corporate Citizenship Awards Ceremony.

## **2010s** \ Dr. Bryan L.

**Demyan DO, '10,** currently a 5th year Orthopedic Surgery Chief Resident at Cleveland Clinic, has matched into a Fellowship in Orthopedic Trauma at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Demyan will enter the fellowship program in the summer of 2023 after completing his residency at the Cleveland Clinic.

Tre Tarpley, '14, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Maulers in the USFL.

Central Catholic graduate *Michael Grady, '15*, and his California Rowing

Club teammate Justin Best took

first place in the men's pair event,

securing a berth in the World Rowing

Cup 2 in June in Poland.

Jacob Rocchi, '16, has been elected as the Editor-in-Chief for the University of New Hampshire Sports Law Review for the 2022-23 school year.

**Dwight Gray, '19,** was recognized as a top 100 intern in the Northwestern Mutual 2021 Winter Camp program.

## 2020s Owen O'Malley, '21

(United States Naval Academy) and Liam O'Malley, '18 (West Point - The U.S. Military Academy) reunited along with Luke Barrante, '18 (United States Naval Academy) (far right) at the annual Army vs. Navy game in December.

On Monday, March 21, *Anthony Nuzzo*, '20, recorded a hole-in-one on the sixth hole at Highland. The sixth hole is a 273-yard par 4. Anthony is a member of the John Carroll Men's Golf Team.

# CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE THREE FORMER CENTRAL CATHOLIC FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHO WILL PLAY FOR NFL TEAMS THIS FALL:



Rodney Thomas II, '17, was named
1st Team All-Ivy League and the New
England Football Writers Association's
All-New England Team. Thomas was drafted
to the Indianapolis Colts in the 7th round out
of Yale University to play defensive back.



Cal Adomitis, '17, an All-ACC Honorable Mention recipient, was picked up by the Cincinnati Bengals as an undrafted free agent (University of Pittsburgh).



Kurt Hinish, '17, an All-ACC Honorable Mention recipient, was picked up by the Houston Texans as an undrafted free agent (University of Notre Dame).







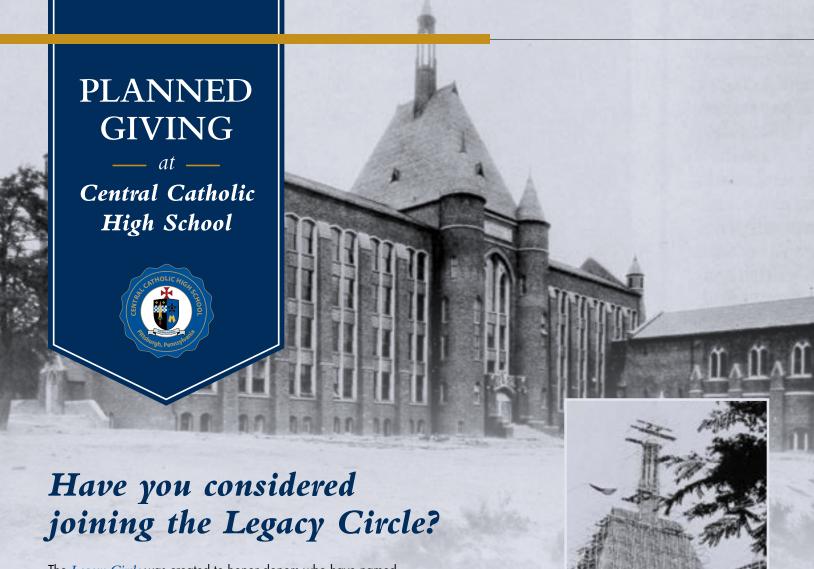












The *Legacy Circle* was created to honor donors who have named Central Catholic High School as a beneficiary through their estate plan.

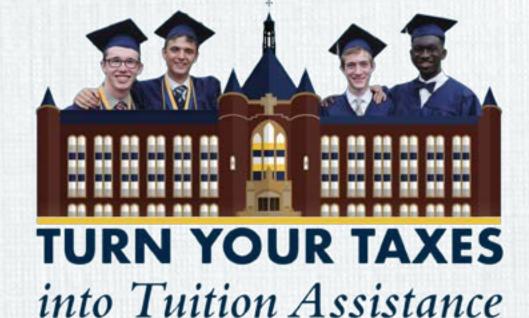
Current members of the Legacy Circle have made a planned gift(s) for the benefit of Central Catholic High School via their:

- Wills
- Retirement Accounts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Trusts
- and/or Life Insurance Policies

This extraordinary group of benefactors can make their giving a perpetual legacy for themselves and an example for alumni, friends, and family to follow. It also creates a means of support that makes Central Catholic stronger and better prepared to thrive for generations to come.

If you have already made this provision through your estate plan, please let us know so that Central Catholic High School can include you among the *Legacy Circle* members. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew J. Stoessel, '95, in the Office of Advancement at 412-622-6184. You can also visit our website at <a href="https://www.centralcatholichs.com/pages/planned-giving">www.centralcatholichs.com/pages/planned-giving</a> for more information and to download/complete the Bequest Intention Form.

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Decide how your tax dollars are used. Through the EITC/OSTC programs you can give the money you owe to the State of PA to Central Catholic students instead!

More than 200 students receive need-based scholarships from tax dollars designated to Central Catholic through contributions to the Diocese of Pittsburgh's SOS Fund.

When you make a 2-year commitment, 90% of your gift is applied as a credit to your state tax liability. Your tax dollars, invested in young Vikings, have the power to change lives.



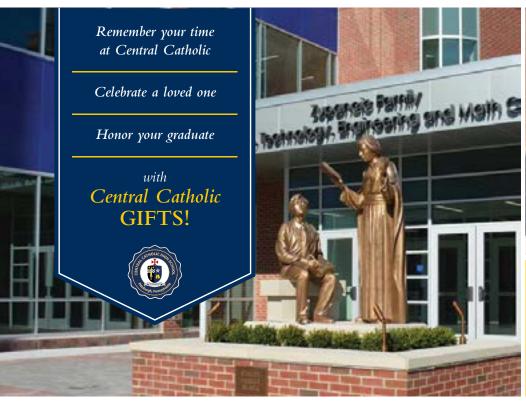
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- Mr. & Mrs. James Meyers, '88, P '19, '21

## **CENTRAL CATHOLIC GIFTS**

















## THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC **BOOKSTORE IS OPEN ON REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS:**

#### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR STORE HOURS

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Shop online at **centralcatholichs.com/bookstore** 

## **PAVERS AND BENCHES** IN THE STALEY FAMILY PLAZA

Tradition Never Graduates! That expression reflects the way many people feel about the Central Catholic experience. The state-of-the-art Zupancic Family STEM Center and the Staley Family Plaza continue the legacy of preparing graduates to take a leading role in all areas of society. But tradition is not an abstract theory or idea.

Tradition is the result of people and relationships. The Staley Family Plaza in front of the Zupancic Family STEM Center provides a great opportunity to recognize and remember the people who have been a part of the traditions of Central Catholic High School.

The paver and bench project allows you to put your name or the name of a family member, teacher, or coach on a brick or bench within the plaza. Generations of students to come will be able to see the names of key benefactors of the Central Catholic Mission!

Our next paver order will be installed in October 31, 2022.



**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ORDERING A PAVER OR A BENCH?** 

## **CONTACT:**

Mr. Mark Burnett, '00 412.208.3443 or mburnett@centralcatholichs.com



## **PAVER SIZES AND PRICES:**

**SMALL PAVER 4" X 8" - \$250** 

(up to 3 lines, 14 characters per line)

**MEDIUM PAVER 8" X 8"- \$500** 

(up to 4 lines; 15 characters per line)

LARGE PAVER 12" X 12"- \$1,000

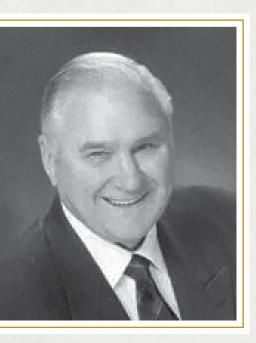
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**BENCH PRICE - \$7,000** 

To purchase a paver or bench, visit centralcatholichs.com/gifts

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2022.

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Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Through the mercy of God, may Ted rest in peace. Amen

## Remembering Theodore "Ted" McWilliams, '48

MAY 24, 1930 - APRIL 18, 2022

Ted McWilliams had an affinity for his family and endless love for Central Catholic.

He climbed the mountain of success after becoming a decorated serviceman in the United States Airforce, serving in Korea as a First Lieutenant. A man who continuously strived to "Aim High," became the founder and owner of several car dealerships in Pittsburgh.

From the time he graduated in 1948, and throughout his professional career, McWilliams was an ardent benefactor to Central and donated by way of the McWilliams Family Foundation to help offset tuition costs for students to attend his alma mater. His 2008 induction into the Central Catholic Hall of Fame was the culmination of a tremendous relationship with every aspect of the school and did his part to build on the institution's rich history of excellence.

Later in life, McWilliams moved to Naples, FL, and entered into eternal rest, accompanied by his loving wife Anne who was present during his final moments.

Central Catholic sends condolences to the McWilliams family and will continue to cherish his memory.

## Remembering Brother James Muffley, FSC

JUNE 30, 1943 - MAY 14, 2022

Brother James Muffley, FSC, was called to his eternal reward this past May. Br. Muffley was assigned to Central Catholic as a chemistry teacher and was lauded by his students.

"Known by the Brothers, colleagues, and friends for his dry sense of humor and quick wit, he educated and formed a generation of Central Catholic students."

- Brother Tony Baginski, FSC

"When he retired from the classroom, he continued working with students as a tutor in the McDowell Program. Not only was Bro. James an excellent teacher, but in his unassuming, quiet, and humorous manner, he was able to follow the teachings of St. John Baptist de La Salle and touched the hearts of his students."

- Brother Martin Zewe, FSC



Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Through the mercy of God, may Brother James rest in peace. Amen



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THESE RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

1942

Robert James, '42

1943

William Colleran, '43 Ernest Rondinelli, '43

1945

Gerard Conboy, '45

1946

Richard Craska, '46 Charles Ruffing, '46 Dr. David Schaub, '46 Herbert Scheeser, '46 Dr. John Ward MD, '46

1948

James Coyne Esq, '48 John Flaherty, '48 Theodore McWilliams, '48 John O'Leary, '48 Jerome Schmitt, '48

#### 1949

William Brody, '49 John Held, '49 Raymond Kredell, '49 John Loughran, '49 Thomas Pikunas, '49

1950

Robert Cavanaugh, '50 Louis Schneider, '50 Henry Szramowski, '50

1951

Dr. Paul Dishart, '51 Robert Ferons, '51 Ronald McCaffrey, '51 Richard Paff, '51

1952

Matthew Griffin, '52 Albert Rogers, '52

#### 1953

Thomas Crowe, '53 Philips Deakin, '53 Philip Reiss, '53 John Tessaro III, '53 John Walton, '53

1954

Robert Kolek, '54 Patrick O'Rorke, '54

1955

Robert Dedomenic, '55 Francis Hall, '55 Robert Mahon, '55 William Moeller, '55 Ronald O'Connor, '55 Robert Ruzanic, '55

1956

Richard Costello, '56 Daniel Donovan, '56 Terence Nolan, '56 Edmund Paszkowski, '56 Paul Saxon, '56 John Solema, '56

#### 1957

Michael Flynn, '57 William Jones, '57 Robert Kalin, '57 Jon Quinlisk, '57

1958

John Tunney, '58 Robert Wenzel, '58

1959

Joseph Howard Conley, '59

1960

R. Everett Burns, '60 James Catello, '60 Edward Horlbeck, '60 Richard Riccardi, '60 Regis Scanlon, '60 Andrew Sopira, '60 George Tarasovic, '60

1961

Robert Haering, '61 Joseph Krason, '61 Louis Kruszewski, '61 1963

Thomas N. Carney, '63 Richard Oblich, '63

1964

lames Briski, '64 Thomas Kutosky, '64 Daniel Mancuso, '64

1965

John Finello, '65 Thomas Ley, '65 Thomas McGinley, '65

1966

Jerome Conway, '66 Barry Gidel, '66 Charles Guttilla, '66 Monsignor Joseph Lamonde,

1967

Daniel Smith, '67

1968

Ralph Gottschalk, '68 James Hughes, '68 Donald Marino, '68

1969

Dr. Richard Giza, '69

1971

Rev. Kevin Crimmins Sr, '71 Patrick Newell, '71 David Spirk, '71

1973

Hubert Jacob, '73

1975

Gregory Feigel, '75 Edward Oswald, '75

1976

Dean Rogers, '76

1980 David Davis, '80

1984

Dino Copetas, '84 Timothy Parme, '84

1986

Anthony Pivirotto, '86

Michael Johnson, '87

1988

1987

Joseph Willey, '88

1993

Christopher Porco, '93

1997

Thomas Polito, '97

2013 Regis Wiktorzewski, '13

Sharod Lindsey, '20

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Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters, Central Catholic provided \$3.2 million in tuition assistance and merit scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. The average aid award for qualifying families is \$6,000.

Central Catholic is still accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Visit centralcatholichs.com/apply to learn more and apply now.



## **PARENTS:**

If your son has moved from your home, please notify Brandon Haburjak, '06, of his current address at 412.208.3488 or bhaburjak@centralcatholichs.com

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