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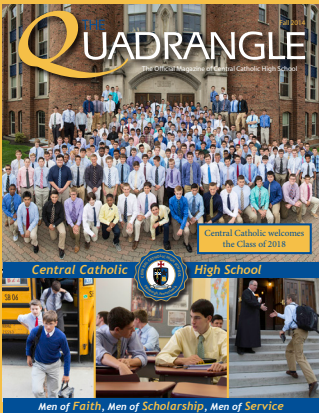
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Dear Friends of Central Catholic,

Day in and day out, we speak of the fact that Central Catholic is thriving. To thrive means for something to grow well or vigorously, to flourish. The ultimate task for all of us involved in the daily operations of Central Catholic is to create an environment that allows the boys entrusted to our care to flourish and develop into Christian men. There are many indicators of success in the fulfillment of the mission, as you will read on page 4.

To remain a competitive and compelling option for families in the region, Central Catholic must pursue excellence in everything that we do. Inspired by our history, tradition, and Lasallian values, we continue to adapt to meet the needs of contemporary Catholic Lasallian secondary education. Centered on Catholic values, personal relationships, and creativity, Central Catholic is facing the challenges of 21st century education with the same spirit of faith and innovation that characterized Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the first Christian Brothers. We promise to never stray from our commitment to providing a transformative educational experience to each generation of students.

Students learn best when they experience their learning through doing – by engaging in the many opportunities that take place during the school day, as well as during the afterschool hours. Central Catholic continues to provide a holistic education that creates a meaningful impact on our students' lives.

Enjoy this issue of *The Quadrangle* and know that your ongoing support helps to ensure that the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle never go unheard, “To touch the hearts of your students and to inspire them with the Christian spirit is the greatest miracle you can perform.”

Miracles happen each day at 4720 Fifth Avenue, as they have since September, 1927.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!

Brother Bob

Brother Robert J. Schaefer, FSC
Principal



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At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, Brother Patrick Duffy, FSC, completed his term as President and accepted a new assignment with the Superior General of the Christian Brothers in Rome, Italy.

We thank Brother Patrick for his service to Central Catholic and wish him the best in his new endeavor.

Spotlight on the Teachers

In this issue, we continue to showcase Central Catholic teachers who work with the boys each day to fulfill our Lasallian mission of “education for all.” These men are part of a large group of faculty and staff who are also alumni that chose to return to their alma mater to continue the legacy of our excellent school.



Brother Kevin Dalmasse, FSC, '77 – *History and Social Sciences / Religion*

For the past 31 years as a Christian Brother, Brother Kevin served in a variety of teaching and administrative positions before returning to Central in 2010. At Central, he teaches “Man of Faith” to all seniors and AP US Government. He is also the Director of Forensics, the school’s championship speech and debate team, Moderator of the Baseball team, and a member of both the Academic Council and the Academic Integrity Committee.

“It has been a genuine honor and joy to return to our alma mater to teach. My Brothers in community are superb men, my colleagues on the faculty and staff are fully dedicated to the Lasallian educational mission, and our students are simply awesome in so many ways. Central Catholic is steeped in tradition and Gospel values AND is appropriately poised to educate the young men of the 21st century. It’s great to be home!”

Mr. Mark Krotec, '73 – *Science*

Since returning to Central to teach in 1981, Mr. Krotec’s name has been synonymous with Biology. In addition to his Honors and AP courses, Mark also teaches a course in Biotechnology/Bioengineering and is a leader in Central Catholic’s STEM curriculum. Outside of the classroom he is actively involved in the PJAS and PRSEF science competitions, Science Bowl, Envirothon, and the Table Tennis Club.

Reflecting on his time at Central, Mark said, “It is my great fortune to work in an environment committed to the intellectual, social, and spiritual development of young men. The faculty, staff, students, and the parents have a wonderful, clear vision

of effective education, and the alumni have been incredibly generous and supportive in this cause. The alumni support has enabled changes which I would have thought impossible decades ago. The pride in this school is so tangible, it makes one humble and proud to be a Viking.”

Mr. John Stone, '99 – *Physical Education Department*

Last spring marked John’s 15 year reunion of his Central Catholic graduation. This fall marked the start of his eighth year of teaching Health and Physical Education at his alma mater. In addition to his work as a teacher, John also coaches Central’s freshman basketball team and assists with varsity basketball and varsity track.

“Central is a family and full of tradition. The school’s promise, ‘to inspire boys to become Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, Men of Service’ goes hand in hand with my personal mission to do everything to the best of my ability, so that God would be glorified and pleased in everything I do.”



The Masque Achieves Their Quest in *Spamalot*!



The Masque had a lot of reason to “Look on the Bright Side of Life” with the success of their spring production of Monty Python’s *Spamalot*. Starring Nathaniel Yost, '14 as King Arthur and Michael Zak, '14 as his loyal sidekick Patsy, this Masque production filled the McGonigle Theater for their entire run March 27–30, and won two prominent Gene Kelly Awards.

The original book, lyrics and music were penned by Monty Python’s Eric Idle and was “lovingly ripped off” from the film, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. As the quest unfolds, Arthur begins his journey with Patsy deftly clacking coconut shells to simulate a galloping steed. Stopping to gather his Knights and obtaining Excalibur from the Lady of the Lake and the Laker Girls, Arthur and his brave knights,

Jacob Punturi, '14 (Sir Robin), Charlie Hayes, '15 (Sir Lancelot), Clayton Gentilcore, '14 (Dennis Galahad), Sam Volosky, '14 (Sir Bedevere), and Alex Evans, '17 (Sir Not Appearing) successfully muddle through ridiculous Python style challenges and find the Holy Grail.

These adventures were enhanced by well performed outrageous audience-pleasing musical numbers. The ensemble production of the “Monk’s Chant” and “I’m Not Dead Yet” featuring James Stupar, '14 (Not Dead Fred) and Charlie Hayes, '15 (Sir Lancelot) in robust singing and dancing. The romantic ballad, “The Song That Goes Like This” performed by Clayton Gentilcore, '14 (Sir Galahad) and Claire Jacob (The Lady of The Lake).



Spamalot was nominated for several Gene Kelly Awards, including Best Musical. Central’s Michael Zak, '14 won Best Supporting Actor for his role as “Patsy”. He joins an impressive group of Central and Kelly Award alumni, including Zachary Quinto, '95, who won Best Supporting Actor in the 1994 production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. *Spamalot* also won for Best Costume Design.

This fall’s production of *The Boys from Syracuse* is sure to be another adventure in excellent musical theater. Based on Shakespeare’s *Comedy of Errors*, *The Boys from Syracuse* is a humorous tale of mistaken identity, with music and lyrics by the renowned Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. Performances are scheduled for December 4–7. For tickets call 412.208.3404 or email masquetickets@yahoo.com. Visit www.centralcatholicshs.com/masque for more details.



Central Catholic is Thriving!

Central Catholic's tradition of excellence that began in 1927 remains strong, 20,000 graduates later, and serves as the foundation for the school's continuing achievements. Central Catholic maintains the faith formation, academic excellence, and discipline that prepare students for success and leadership in the workplace and in society.

Today, Central Catholic is at capacity with 870 students in grades 9-12, with a student/faculty ratio of 21:1. More than 10% of the student body consists of legacy students whose families have a tradition of attending Central Catholic. Additionally, Central's retention rate of 96% continues to be quite positive when compared to other all-boys Catholic, college-preparatory schools.

Our student body reflects the rich ethnic, cultural, economic, and racial diversity of the Pittsburgh area. Students come from the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs and represent more 115 elementary and middle schools.

One of the core principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle is the importance of providing a quality education to the sons of the working class and the poor. Central remains steadfast in its commitment to this population. In the 2014-2015 school year, Central Catholic provided \$1.6 million of tuition assistance, made possible through the generous support of alumni and friends, to 34% of its student body.

In the 2013-2014 school year, 130 sophomores, juniors, and seniors participated in Advanced Placement courses with 260 AP tests taken in May 2014. 73.8% of the students who took the test scored 3 or higher on the 5



point AP scale, compared to 69.1% of all AP students in Pennsylvania and 61.3% of all AP students nationally. A score of 3 on the AP exam is considered passing and typically scores of 4 or 5 will earn a student college credit.

Thirty-seven students from Central Catholic were recognized by the College Board for their strong performance on the AP Exams:

- 6 students were recognized as AP Scholars
- 8 students were recognized as AP Scholars with Honor
- 23 students were recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction.

In addition, 7 students were recognized as National AP

Scholars for receiving an average score of 4 on all tests taken and scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more AP exams.

The Class of 2014's SAT scores were above the national average in all three subject areas:

Subject Area	2013 National Average (Males)	CCHS Class of 2014 Scores
Reading	499	552
Math	531	572
Writing	482	544



The class also achieved a 100% college acceptance rate and was offered over \$20 million in scholarships and grants. Further, the bottom 10% of the class had an equal acceptance rate as the top 10% of the class. Students were accepted into US News and World Report Top Colleges and Universities including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Johns Hopkins.



On August 25, **Central Catholic** welcomed **228 freshmen** to the **Class of 2018!**

21st Century Learning and STEM Education

The mission of Central Catholic requires a "challenging, relevant and diverse" curriculum for the young men entrusted to its care. Additionally, Lasallian educational principles demand an accurate reading of the signs of the times and a creative response in the best interests of the students – both current and future.

As a college preparatory school, Central must ensure that the students are ready for the rigors of tertiary level work. Research indicates that a high school student's experience with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math course work is a good indicator of college readiness, in general, and for a STEM career, in particular.

The Pittsburgh area needs young people who are prepared with the appropriate intellectual capital in an economy driven by innovation. An understanding of scientific and mathematical principles, a working knowledge of computer hardware and software, and problem solving skills that STEM courses foster are becoming necessary for most jobs. As a result, STEM education is an enormous and pressing need in Pittsburgh and the country as a whole.

Central Catholic recognizes that a STEM initiative offers great opportunities for its educational program and its students. National estimates show that one million additional STEM graduates will be needed over the next 10 to 15 years to fill economic demands. According to a Brookings report released in July 2014, nearly 40% of the available jobs in the Pittsburgh region required STEM skills. A comprehensive, integrated STEM program for all levels of students is clearly a responsible, mission-driven course of action for the years ahead.

Over the past two years, Central Catholic has made significant strides in the expansion of its STEM

curriculum, including the strategic hiring of teachers with specific competencies. However, Central is constrained by space. Our current facility limits the ability to implement an innovative and rigorous STEM program. Classroom space is maximized during each period of the day and multiple teachers share lab



space. Storage space is severely limited, making ongoing project development and technology-based expansion virtually impossible.

The conclusion reached by an ad hoc STEM Committee, consisting of current faculty and administrative staff, is that a new facility devoted exclusively to STEM education is necessary

to fulfill the requirements of Central Catholic's STEM vision. The facility will enhance collaboration among faculty and students, integrate lab experiences, and provide flexible technology-supported instructional spaces.

As detailed in the previous issue of *The Quadrangle*, last fall, six row houses were demolished, kicking off a long-anticipated opportunity to extend the campus along South Neville Street. The building is now in the final stages of the design process. The site is cleared and Central Catholic anticipates a ground breaking in the not too distant future. Once construction begins, a 12-18 month construction phase is estimated.

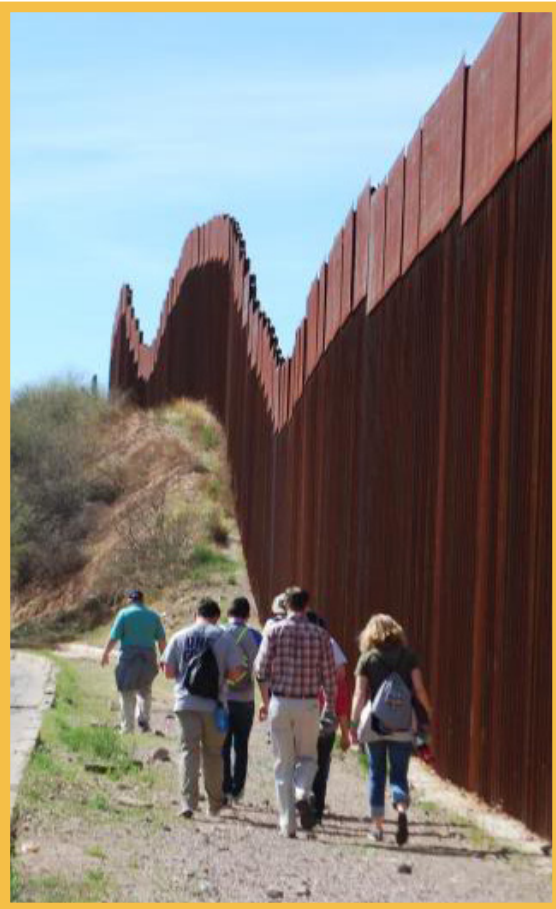
The future of Central Catholic is taking shape. The new STEM building will position Central to continue educating the region's young men in its Lasallian tradition and incorporate technological advances and collaborative learning dynamics. For 88 years, Central graduates have contributed to Western Pennsylvania and beyond as leaders in their professions and their communities. This facility will keep Central Catholic competitive and ensure its continued participation in the vitality and continued growth of the region.



Central Catholic Students Experience “El Otro Lado”

From March 2–6, 2014, eight Central Catholic students participated in the “El Otro Lado” Border Immersion Trip. “El Otro Lado” literally means “The Other Side” in English and is an immersion program on the US/Mexico border offered by San Miguel High School in Tucson, Arizona to students from Lasallian high schools across the United States. The “El Otro Lado” Border Immersion Trip exposes students to the complex immigration problem facing our nation and allows students to experience first-hand the social justice and human rights issues surrounding immigration. Six seniors from the class of 2014 (Daniel Beyer, Patrick Fuscaldo, John Joyce, Michael Lichtenfels, David Rojas, and Gregory Saxon), along with current seniors, Brandon Quinn and I traveled to Tucson, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Spanish teacher, Ms. Charlotte Kenrick and Brother Robert Schaefer, Principal, accompanied us on our trip.

When we arrived in Tucson, we went to San Miguel High School, the rally point of our immersion experience, and met two students from San Miguel (Mona and Marissa) who participated in “El Otro Lado” alongside us. We slept on the gym floor and cooked all of our meals ourselves in the school kitchen. Each night, we gathered in their campus ministry classroom for an evening reflection.



In order to better comprehend the immigration issue, we met with various groups on both sides of the immigration debate. On the first full day of our trip we visited the Nogales, Arizona Border Patrol headquarters, the largest Border Patrol Station in the United States, employing over 700 agents. There we learned how immigrants are dealt with and treated as they attempt to cross the border, both legally and illegally.

We then visited the Federal Courts in downtown Tucson. While at the courthouse, we experienced first-hand the process of Operation Streamline, a byproduct of the SB 1070 Law enacted in 2010 by Arizona’s governor, Jan Brewer. In short, the law allows law enforcement officials to ask suspected undocumented people to produce proof of citizenship. If a suspected undocumented person cannot produce his/her papers; then he or she is required by law to be deported. As a result, the number of deportations has increased greatly in the past four years.

Operation Streamline also allows the federal court to process large groups of immigrants at one time. We witnessed the weekly program in action in a federal courtroom. All of the migrants wore shackles on their arms, waists, and feet, as if they were violent criminals. Each of the migrants is assigned a public defender, who they meet with in the morning, and then plead their case in front of a judge in the

afternoon. Operation Streamline allows for migrants to be processed quickly, but at a costly price—over a billion dollars a year.

The next day we hiked on a desert trail that is well traveled by migrants; making the possibility of encountering a group of migrants very real. Along the trail, we saw plastic gallon water jugs that humanitarian aid organizations had left for migrants. Even though we were surrounded by beautiful mountains and desert plants, I felt alone and sad. A particularly meaningful moment for me was when we encountered a shrine, dedicated to a 15 year old girl named Josseline that died of exposure in the desert on her journey North. I was struck that day by all the people that suffered and died on the very ground that we stood on, and I was glad to experience first-hand the harshness of the desert topography, and appreciated more fully the difficulty these migrants experience while traveling in the desert.

The final day of our trip, we crossed into Mexico. We parked our van in a parking lot in the United States and walked across the border. It was very easy to cross into Mexico. No one even stopped us to check our passports. There was a stark difference between the richness of life on the American side of the border versus the impoverished life on the Mexican side.

For most of the day, we volunteered at the Kino Border Initiative (KBI) soup kitchen, or “el comedor” in Spanish. All of the migrants at the “el comedor” were friendly and if spoken to, only had kind, soft words to share with us. We helped the volunteers at the KBI set up for breakfast, served the migrants food, and cleaned up afterwards. We were also able to sit down and hear their individual stories of how they crossed the border. Not a single migrant that day had a story of hatred. They all were trying to make a better life



for themselves. I heard stories of how these migrants were mistreated on their journey North. I learned that frequently the immigrants utilize “coyotes”, or human smugglers, to get them across to the United States. Unfortunately, these “coyotes” work for the Mexican drug cartels and are paid by them to smuggle undocumented people into the United States. The “coyotes” often physically and emotionally abuse the immigrants. The migrants entrust the smugglers with their lives, not realizing all the dangers involved with crossing the border. I will not forget the look of defeat on their faces.



This experience led to our desire to help the migrants in some way. Many of those at the Kino Border Initiative had not bathed in a few days or more when they arrived. So, along with food, prayer services, and emotional support, KBI also provides basic hygiene and medical necessities. This fall, we conducted a toiletries drive at Central to assist in the care of these migrants who are attempting to make a better life for themselves or reunite with family members living in the United States. Brandon Quinn and I organized the toiletries drive along with Ms. Kenrick and Mr. Kyle Goldcamp (*see page 16 for more information about Mr. Goldcamp and his work with Campus Ministry*).

I am so glad that I went on the “El Otro Lado” Border Immersion Trip. The experience was invaluable to me. I learned to see both the legality and the morality of the very complicated and controversial immigration situation. While we understand that the Border Patrol agents have to enforce the laws, we also recognize that these migrants are human beings and deserve to be treated as such.

Written by Matt Conley, '15
Photographs by Gregory Saxon, '14

Cross Country - A Balanced Attack

The Central Catholic Cross Country team began the season with a strong start and a well balanced attack. This year's team of 32 is comprised of equal proportions of all classes, with seven to nine students from each class. All classes are represented well at the front of the pack, especially the 9th and 12th graders.

Far and away Central's leader on the course is Jeff Van Kooten, '15. He has captured first place individually in several races, including the 62nd Annual Central Catholic Invitational on October 4, 2014. Last season, Van Kooten was named to the second team all-state cross country team, chosen by coaches throughout the state. And in the spring, he became the WPIAL track champion in the 1600 meter run. His time of 4:14 broke a longstanding school record, set in 1975.



Jeff Van Kooten, '15, leads the field at the 2014 Central Catholic Invitational on his way to victory!

Central's clear number two runner, Daniel Young, '16, is setting fast times and will be a great leader through next season.

The next six positions are shared by Pat Curley, '15, Nate Lampenfeld, '16, Joe Gatti, '17, Mike Butler, '17, Adam Parrish, '17, and Joe Hassett, '17.

Additionally, ninth graders Sam Gatti, Louis Richardson, and Max Steffey are pressing hard on the heels of the sixth and seventh spots and occasionally breaking in to the top seven. In WPIAL meets, the top seven finishers for each team are counted in the scoring.

The 2014 Vikings have a super athlete in Van Kooten leading the pack and a tremendous amount of competition throughout the ranks, which makes them tough to beat. Coach McVeagh, “I’ll take genetics over coaching anytime. And I’ll take competition amongst the team second. Coaching is a distant third, at best.”



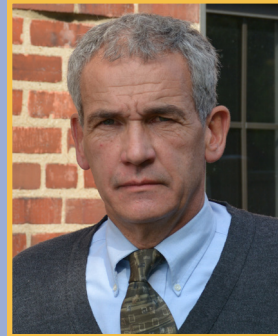
Coach McVeagh has attributed the team's strong performances this season to all of the hard work that the boys did in the summer running program and believes that they were much better prepared because of it. While the team came up short of their goal of qualifying for the PIAA championships, there are a lot of reasons to remain optimistic about Central's continued success in Cross Country.

A Year in the Life of CCHS

“Growing Up in Pittsburgh” Photography Project

We are pleased to have professional photographer, Barry Myers, documenting “a year in the life” of Central Catholic this year. Mr. Myers is covering all aspects of student life, with a focus on the football team. The day-to-day photos and social events, such as dances, are part of Barry’s ongoing project, *Growing Up in Pittsburgh: Photographs from the '70s and Now*. These photos will be used for archival purposes and possibly in a book and/or exhibitions. The benefit to Central, receiving these top notch photos, is immeasurable.

This summer, Barry began following the football team through their workouts and will stick with them through what is sure to be another memorable season. The football portion of the project will result in an e-book featuring seldom seen, behind the scenes moments that will certainly be a treasured keepsake for the Vikings football players, coaches, parents, and fans! Included here are some photos from the Vikings' summer conditioning and training camp, as a preview of what is to come.



Coach McVeagh returned to his alma mater in 1984 and began his highly successful coaching career in cross country and track, while teaching art at other area high schools. In 1996, when McVeagh's high school art teacher and predecessor, Mr. Fred deGroot, retired from teaching, Tim took over as Central Catholic's art teacher and department chair. He has remained at the helm of Central's Cross Country team since 1984, and while he is no longer the head coach of track, he continues to work with the distance runners. McVeagh's commitment to Central Catholic and the excellence of its programs is second to none.

Central's First Principal...

Central Catholic is a school steeped in tradition and everyone associated with the school over the years is proud of the long and storied history that has developed in the hallowed halls over the course of eight decades. It is good for a community like Central Catholic to pause every so often and look back and peer into the history, the people and the contexts that contributed to this living tradition of brotherhood and academic excellence that is Central Catholic High School.



Since the founding of the school, the principalship has always belonged to a Brother of the Christian Schools. Brother Glastian Philip arrived in Pittsburgh on July 9, 1927, to take the helm of the soon to open Central Catholic High School.

John Egan was born on June 7, 1874, in Minooka, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, just outside of Scranton. As a young man, John worked in the coal mines around Scranton and attended night classes at St. Thomas College that was under the direction of

the Christian Brothers at that time. He came to greatly admire his teachers because of their commitment and lifestyle and in July of 1894, at the age of 20, John Egan made the journey to Ammendale, Maryland to begin his life as a Christian Brother. After a few months of orientation and preparation, he was officially received into the Brotherhood and received the religious habit of the Brothers along with his religious name Brother Glastian Philip.

In the latter part of the 19th century, the Christian Brothers were primarily responsible for numerous parochial schools in the mid-Atlantic region with a large presence in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Jersey. After his novitiate year, Brother Phillip was sent to teach at St. Anne's Parish School in the sprawling Philadelphia neighborhood known as Kensington. While serving in a number of parochial schools in the early part of the 20th Century, Brother Phillip's intellectual and teaching abilities were recognized by his Superiors and he was encouraged to pursue more education. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree at Rock Hill College, which was located outside of Baltimore, Brother Philip pursued a graduate degree at Catholic University in Washington, DC. Later, he would be awarded a doctorate in Literature from Duquesne University. This was not a common practice at this time but Brother Phillip was identified as a strong school leader.

While still quite young, Brother Phillip became the principal at a number of parochial schools and eventually became principal at the high school level with his first leadership role at La Salle Institute in Cumberland, Maryland. Significant leadership roles followed beginning with his appointment as the Director of the Philadelphia Catholic Protectory for Boys. This large institution cared for hundreds of orphans and dependent boys from around the state and as Director he had to supervise not only the school but the dormitories and the vocational shops where the students worked. After just a few years at the Protectory, Brother Phillip was named the president of his alma mater, St. Thomas College. At the time, St.

Brother Glastian Philip

Thomas was the 3rd largest Catholic college for men in the Commonwealth. (St. Thomas eventually became the University of Scranton and the Brothers yielded control of the school in 1942 to the Jesuits because during the war and Great Depression they could not provide sufficient numbers of Brothers to staff the school).

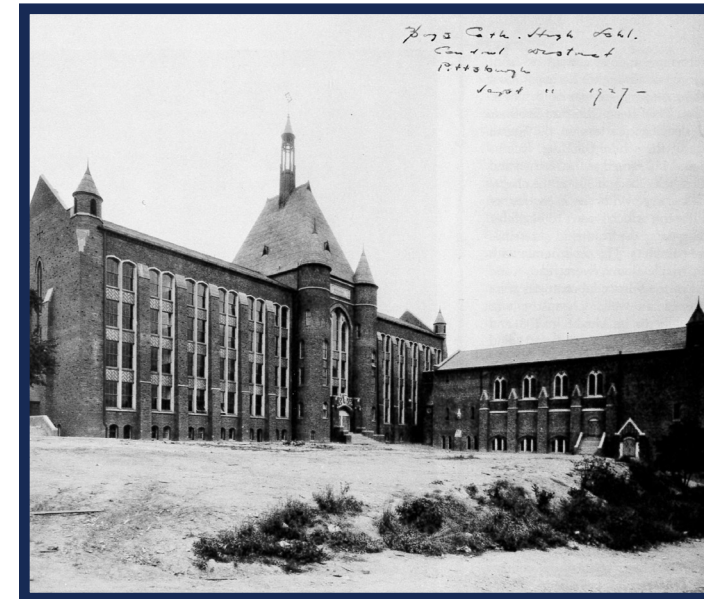
During this time, Brother Phillip was becoming nationally recognized in the newly established National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) for his expertise in school leadership and held leadership positions in this important organization. He was assigned to California to assist the Brothers out west in establishing secondary schools similar to the ones opening in the east. Personally, he had hoped to begin teaching at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California but perhaps it was his strong leadership and experience that led the Archbishop

of Los Angeles and the superiors of the Brothers in California to request Brother Phillip to open the first Catholic high school in Los Angeles, Cathedral High School in 1923. After 4 years of establishing Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, his home province brought him to Pittsburgh, which would be brand new territory for the Brothers. Catholic high schools like Central Catholic were a relatively new development in Catholic education in post-World War I America. For most Catholic boys, elementary school was considered the terminal stage of education, especially for the sons of immigrants and the working class. Establishing a regional high school away from the parish model was considered an innovation in response to the emerging needs of both the Church and the country. Brother Phillip established a rigorous and diversified curriculum

consisting of three tracks, Classical, Science, and Commercial. Each track had a focus for the students' post high school plans since the majority would go into the work force upon graduation. It is also clear from reviewing the archives that Brother Phillip saw the important role athletics would have in the formation of boys at this age and in this time. In addition to setting up a strong intramural program, he made sure a competitive football squad was established and ready to compete against area schools. It also helped that he played guard on the St. Thomas football team in 1893 and 1894!

Nicknamed "Big Phil" by the students, Brother Philip was a very large man, better than 6 feet tall and, according to notes in the Brothers' archives, "was well spread-out like a Chicago Bear gridiron guard." His shock of curly white hair could be seen from far away. He was known to be big of mind, heart, voice and body; and charitable in action

and in speech who loved to tell stories. The students at Central Catholic greatly admired Brother Philip. Former students in those early days of Central Catholic recall the affable principal standing in the dirt covered Quadrangle and kicking a football over the houses that once stood where Alumni Hall and the football field now stand. After establishing a solid educational program at Central Catholic in the course of two years, Brother Philip was transferred from Central Catholic in 1929. He became the Director of the Saint La Salle Auxiliary in Ammendale, Maryland. In July 1937, Brother Philip died suddenly at the age of 63 and in the 43rd year of his life as a Brother. Large crowds turned out for his funeral and recalled a dedicated Catholic educational leader who helped establish quality educational programs across the country.



Legacy

Each of the students pictured from the Class of 2018 had a father or grandfather (sometimes both) who graduated from Central Catholic, creating a “legacy” for them. Often, there are also brothers who are alumni.

If you have a father, grandfather, or other family member who attended Central, please let us know! Contact Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, Jeff Folino, '75, at jfolino@centralcatholicchs.com or 412.208.3488.



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The 25th Annual Viking Victory Auction

The 25th Annual Viking Victory Auction was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh. This year, Central Catholic High School's largest annual fundraiser celebrated, "The School of Champions in the City of Champions." The event was Chaired by Marilee and Bob Tudi, '76, and Vice Chairs, Barb and Alex LePore, '76, and raised \$235,000 that will directly benefit the young men of Central Catholic in the form of tuition assistance.



Chairs, Marilee and Bob Tudi, '76, and special guest, Dan Marino, '79



Larry Richert, John Aquafondata, '76, Rick DeCarlo, '84, Dr. Edward Adlesic, '71



Vice Chairs, Barb and Alex LePore, '76



Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, '69, Freshman Dean with the emcee of the 25th Annual Viking Victory Auction, Michael Bartley, '80



Dan Marino, '79 and Central Catholic student volunteers

Please join us on April 11, 2015, for the 26th Annual Viking Victory Auction - *Tradition Never Graduates*. More information will be available in the coming months at www.centralcatholichs.com/auction.

The National Merit[®] Scholarship Program



Central Catholic senior, Brandon Quinn was named a semifinalist in the 2015 National Merit[®] Scholarship Program. The semifinalists represent the top 16,000, or the 99.5 percentile, of the more than 1.5 million juniors who took the PSAT.

The National Merit[®] Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT[®]) and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. The test is taken during the junior year and the results were announced in September, during the students' senior year.

Ten Central Catholic students were named Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit[®] Scholarship Program. These Commended Students placed among the top five percent.

- Tyler Barkich
- Thomas Cahall
- Mitchell Marangoni
- Lucas Milazzo
- James Murray
- Andrew Reay
- Matthew Scotti
- Owen Scoville (not pictured)
- Matthew Wisneski
- Daniel Yurko

The following students scored in the top 3% of more than 160,000 Black Americans in the 2015 National Merit[®] Scholarship Program:

- Warren Austin
- Alexander Brewton
- Gabriel Winbush

New Campus Minister Provides Leadership & Service



Kyle Goldcamp, '04, graduated from Gannon University and received a Masters of Education. He then went on to play four years of professional basketball. However, last year Kyle felt called to work as the Youth Minister at St. Bede Parish in Point Breeze. He then joined Central Catholic over the summer as Director of Campus

Ministry. In his new role at Central, Kyle is instituting new service and campus ministry programs that are improving the lives of students, as well as those who are being served.

Goldcamp said, “My experience at Central Catholic was so great, I always knew that I wanted to give back for what I received here as a student. I am so glad to be doing it in this role as Campus Minister.”

Kyle’s athletic experience has offered a surprising benefit in Campus Ministry. He has implemented two faith and leadership programs for student-athletes. The first is for team captains and is based on *Coach Wooden’s Pyramid of Success Playbook*. The program provides additional coaching to the team’s leaders, assists in creating effective leaders, and offers practical applications and a spiritual component. Additionally, along with Guidance Counselor, James Donahue, '03, Kyle is developing a program utilizing the 72 virtues from the *Sports Leader Program* and plans to include all sports in the program next year.

Each year, Campus Ministry coordinates three schoolwide drives: the Thanksgiving canned food drive for Little Sisters of the Poor, the Advent Warming Station Drive with Catholic Charities, and the Lenten Mission Drive to benefit the De La Salle School in Port au Prince, Haiti.

In addition to these three big drives, Campus Ministry now offers three different service opportunities each week.

On Mondays, Central and Oakland Catholic High School students mentor and tutor elementary school children at St. Maria Goretti in Bloomfield.

Every Wednesday, students visit St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality in the Hill District, a residence for homeless adult males over 50. The students join with the men in fellowship and participate in pool and bingo tournaments. The program helps to build an understanding of the hard times or depression/mental illness that the homeless population frequently endures. The lesson that many students take away is that these men should be treated with dignity and respect.

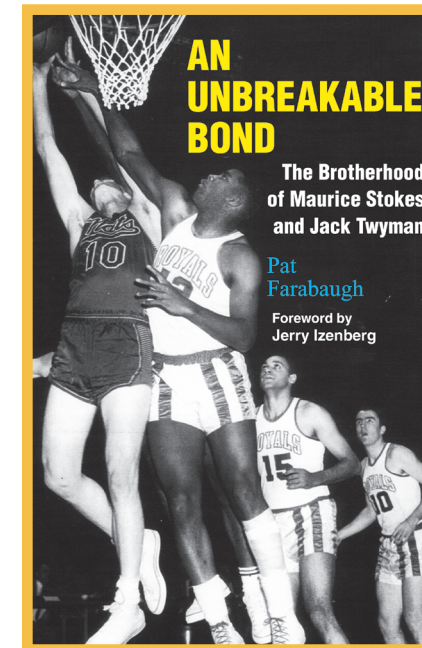
Finally, on Thursdays, Central and Oakland Catholic students serve as the labor force for a new project called Power Packing. The students pack bookbags of food, provided by a local shelter, in an effort to fight childhood hunger over the weekend. Students in need at Homewood Children’s Village, who literally do not know where their next meal after Friday lunch is coming from, discreetly receive the bags after school on Friday.

“Each of these weekly service opportunities has been at capacity and we have had to turn boys away due to lack of space,” Goldcamp said. “The boys really want to be a part of it and are doing a great job in providing these services, interacting with the students and men, and having fun while doing it.”



An Unbreakable Bond

The Brotherhood of Maurice Stokes and Jack Twyman, '51



Jack Twyman, '51, (1934-2012), was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, played 11 seasons with the Cincinnati Royals (the city’s former NBA franchise), was named an all-star six times, and finished runner-up in the league in scoring twice. However, his selfless acts of brotherhood off the court may have been even more impressive.

In the final game of the 1957-58 season, Twyman’s teammate, Maurice Stokes, fell awkwardly and was knocked unconscious. Though his mind was unaffected, extensive damage to his brain’s motor control center left him paralyzed from the neck down and unable to speak. During the final 12 years of Stokes’ life, Twyman came to his aid, became his legal guardian, and organized numerous fundraisers to help cover mounting expenses.

Basketball historian, Pat Farabaugh describes the “important, tragic, and heartwarming” story as more than just a basketball story. “At its essence, it is the story of two men – one who overcame tremendous challenges and another who embodied selflessness.”

Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Programs

This year over 200 young men are receiving tuition assistance through Pennsylvania’s EITC/OSTC programs, that’s almost 25% of our student body.

The EITC/OSTC programs allow eligible Pennsylvania businesses to receive tax credits for contributions to approved organizations, like Central Catholic (through the Diocese of Pittsburgh). The program has been instrumental in Central’s mission to provide an affordable Catholic Lasallian education to students from all socioeconomic backgrounds. EITC/OSTC funds make financial support available to students who might otherwise be unable to attend Central, and it provides participating companies with state tax credits of up to 90% of their contribution to Central.

For more information, please contact Claudia Steffey at 412.662.6171 or csteffey@centralcatholichs.com.

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News from the Central Family

1960s

David J. Pegher, '60, recently celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary with his wife Rachael Pegher, their five children (including David A. Pegher, '89), their spouses, and 14 grandchildren.



Bill Deasy, '84, and the recently reunited Pittsburgh band, The Gathering Field, rocked Central's McGonigle Theater on Saturday, September 27, to benefit the Vikings basketball team's trip to the KSA Tournament in Orlando, Florida.



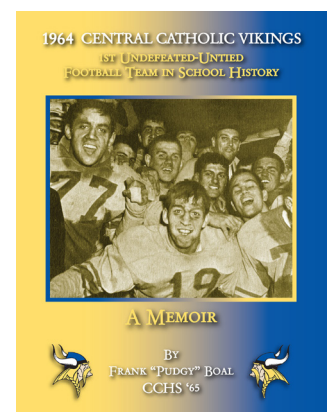
Peter J. Stumpp, '95, continues to represent Central Catholic Cross Country 20 years later in the YMCA Adventure Warrior Race.



University in 2009 with a BS; completed three years of Veterinary Medicine at Ross University, St. Kitts/Nevis; as well as a year of clinical medicine at LSU, Baton Rouge, LA in 2013.

Daniel "Danny" Horner, '07, recently and successively completed all three sections of the Certified Financial Analyst exam, the most respected and recognized investment designation in the world. This accomplishment designates him as a CFA, to practice industry investment theory at the highest ethical and professional standards. He is employed as an associate by Triangle Capital in Raleigh, NC.

Donald McClung, '07, married his high school sweetheart, Hillary. The happy couple lives in the Observatory Hill section of Pittsburgh. Donald is a licensed real estate agent with Northwood Realty.



Frank "Pudgy" Boal, '65, is the Sports Anchor for KSHB 41 Action News and a regular guest on Sports Radio 810 WHB in Kansas City, Missouri. He recently published a memoir titled, "1964 Central Catholic Vikings, 1st Undefeated-Untied Football Team in School History."



Howard Schwartz, '87, Founder and CEO of HDS Marketing, Inc., won the Advertising Specialty Institute's Distributor Entrepreneur of the Year award for 2014.

1990s

Nick Greco, '95, wife Anita, and daughter Daniela welcomed Alessandro Marco into the Greco family on September 3.

Mom is doing great and Daniela is a proud big sister. Dad is getting Alessandro's "Central Catholic Class of 2032" shirt made.



Ben Banks, '99, married Hana Qorri in May 2009. They have two children, Celeste (age 5) and Celine (age 4). In 2007, Ben and Hana moved to the suburbs of Minneapolis to start Sovereign Estate Vineyard and Winery with his family. The vineyard was planted in 2008 and the winery opened to the public in 2011.

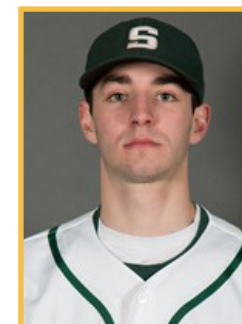
Ben started as the winery's graphic designer and photographer, though he is now also the winemaker, chef, and web developer. In August of 2014, with only two years of experience as a head winemaker, Ben won Best in Show at the International Cold Climate Wine Competition for his 2013 *La Crescent*.

2000s

Brendan Cloonan, '05, began an internship at Pittsburgh Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Hospital in June 2014. He graduated from Mercyhurst

2010s

Will Kengor, '10, was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 2014 MLB draft. Will played in the Gulf Coast League this summer with the Tigers. He was also honored as an All American in baseball and academics at Slippery Rock University.



Brian "Bubby" Horner, '11, is president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. During his presidency, the University of Miami Chapter has been honored with the 2014 Zeal award, the top award in the nation out of 246 chapters. The award recognizes the chapter that stands out as representatives of "true gentlemen" and the group that serves as the strongest example of a commitment to the life we all strive to live.

1980s

Tom Smuts, '84, is a writer and producer for the hit AMC series, "Mad Men". Tom broke into television writing with the Pittsburgh-set CBS drama, "The Guardian", and has also written for "The Good Wife", "Close to Home", and "Law & Order".



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Lettermen's Club

22nd Annual Golf Outing

by Kevin Shields, '79

More than 100 golfers took to the links of the Edgewood Country Club to participate in the fun-filled 22nd Annual Central Catholic Golf Outing. Not only did the day feature drives and putts, but a belly-filling lunch sponsored by Buffalo Blues Restaurant, owned by Mike DiFiore, '82, and a delicious buffet dinner.

Among the winners of the Gross Division was the team of Max Beier, '92, Bart Beier, Neal Mechling and Brett Solomon. A foursome featuring Jim Bulger '92 and DeWayne Tuthill, '91, were the winners of the Callaway Division.

The winner of the ever popular putting contest was Tom Dunn, '85, who outlasted 17 other finalists to take home the Central gift basket, which included a Nook. Others who won prizes included Roddy Delaney, '81, who won the Closest to the Pin on Hole #3; Mike Smith, who won the Closest to the Pin on Hole #5, Gerry Totten, '74, who was Closest to the Pin on Hole #12; and Tuthill, who won the Closest to the Pin on Hole #14. Mechling won the longest drive on Hole # 18. All proceeds from the event benefited all of Central Catholic's Athletic teams.

"I continue to be impressed by the generosity of Viking



Mark Kelly, '80, Dick Kelly, '78, and Brian Kelly, '83



Roddy Delaney, '81, David Reagan, '79, James "Lefty" Delaney, '53, and Declan Gilbert



Grant Bacharach, '03, John Kirkpatrick, '03, and Ben Spagiare, '04

Lettermen," said club President Rob Lovett, '93. "Year in and year out, Lettermen from all generations come together to support the current students representing Central Catholic on the fields of play to keep the winning traditions of our teams alive and well."

The Club also sponsored the 2013 Central Catholic Lettermen's Club Holiday Basketball Classic at Alumni Hall. The tournament featured our Vikings, Pittsburgh Brashear, coached by Central Alum, Carey White, '89, and two teams from out of state from Woodbridge, Virginia and Naples, Florida. The team from Naples (Community Day School of Naples) was coached by Greg Donahue, '88. The Club provided tournament t-shirts for all teams and hosted a tipoff luncheon. The Club also donated funds to support the track & field team, baseball team, fencing team, golf team, and the weight room.

To get involved or become a member of the Lettermen's Club, please visit our website:

www.lettermensclub.com

Your support is sincerely appreciated.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these recently deceased members of the Central Catholic community.

1935

Francis E. Kiely

1936

Harry J. Colgan
Joseph J. King

1938

John V. Senise

1939

Edward McKeown

1940

John J. Brislin

1941

James F. Lally

1942

Donald McIlvane
Edward F. Eddy
John J. Weber
Paul V. Logue
Robert Conroy

1943

Fred D. Mazzotti

1944

Francis L. Manella

1945

Vincent C. Scully

1946

Edward J. Blough

1947

Charles E. Davis
Frank J. Cvetic
John E. Krings
Joseph J. Perry
Thomas P. Kent

1948

Anthony J. Cortese

1949

Albert A. Carinci
James A. Wach
James G. Held

1950

George Duman

1951

Enos Abel
Robert T. Donatelli

1952

Bernard J. Dlutowski
Eugene J. McShea
James Hoey

1953

Frank T. Szymanski
George A. Winklmann
Michael T. McCann
Paul. J. Barzd

1955

Anthony Parente

1956

William J. Cebak

1957

Maurice J. Toomey

1959

Francis G. Hartley
Joseph Drobish
Leonard J. Modzelewski
Thomas J. Higgins
William R. Benzenhoefer

1961

Albert A. Logan
Francis X. Wymard
Robert O. Brashear

1963

James D. Wehs
John E. Davies
Paul Eckert

1964

Robert J. Synowiec

1965

William D. Zangrilli

1966

Dennis Placone

1967

Bernard V. Easley

1972

Philip Scolieri

1976

Robert C. Zbozny

1984

Thomas W. Oshanick



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To inspire boys to become Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, Men of Service.

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