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Then and Now

In the Winter 2015 issue of *The Quadrangle*, we contrasted photos of Brother Eugene Edwin's homeroom in 1927 with Brother Charles Huber's homeroom in 2015. At the time of publication, the small box was viewed as a space filler. We did not anticipate the tremendous response that these photos would provoke.

The "Then and Now" comparison struck a cord with our alumni. While 4720 Fifth Avenue has seen countless changes to the physical school over the last 89 years, the students who walk the halls of Central Catholic remain the same.

In this issue, we take a look at how several of Central's most popular spaces have changed over the years. Some of these areas will be completely unrecognizable to those who spent their days here decades ago; however, many things about our beloved school remain unchanged.



Zupancic Family STEM Center progress at the main entrance

This summer, Central is immersed in construction. Crews are hard at work to complete the Zupancic Family STEM Center. The parking lot is being completely redone and will create additional spaces on the WQED side of the building. A grand entrance to the Quadrangle is underway. And not to be outdone, Carnegie Mellon University is constructing the massive Tepper Quad on the other side of the Vikings' football field.

In August, students and parents will begin to experience these changes. We are hopeful that our alumni will take the time to pay us a visit this fall. We invite you to see how things look now and to reminisce about the way things were then.

The theme of "Then and Now" carries over as we have a transition in school leadership. Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC, who completed seven years as principal and 20 of his 26 years as a Christian Brother at Central Catholic, has been called to Rome, Italy, by the Superior General of the Christian Brothers to be part of his administration in service to the international Lasallian Mission. We thank Brother Bob for his years of service to Central Catholic and wish him the best in his next endeavor. Please visit www.centralcatholicchs.com/BrBob for a video tribute that was played at the 2016 Viking Victory Auction.



The Class of 2016 said goodbye to Brother Bob on their last day at Central

Central Catholic High School is pleased to announce Brother Anthony T. Baginski, FSC, as the school's new principal. To learn more about Br. Tony and his fascinating path to becoming principal, please see "An Interview with the New Principal" on page 4.

A Message from Br. Bob

Dear Friends of Central Catholic,

“Then and Now” is a great theme for this edition of the Quadrangle Magazine. It helps to remind us of the important link each generation of Vikings has with the preceding and future students. Central Catholic’s tradition stretches back to 1927 and really to 1680 in France with John Baptist de La Salle’s opening of the his first school. “Tradition never graduates” is a popular theme. The last page of the annual

Commencement program states boldly, “We are men faithful to the tradition of Central Catholic High School...” This continuity of tradition is a significant and integral characteristic of Central Catholic and of all Christian Brothers’ schools. The dynamic tradition we uphold is essential to the Central Catholic experience.

Today, there are social scientists and social philosophers who speak of our contemporary time as a period of “radical discontinuity” – a period so new and innovative as to have no connection to the past. Such discontinuity, the experts claim, can lead to instability and a certain rootlessness, a lack of being grounded. Everything is up for grabs. We have no shortage of examples of the reign of relativism. One of the reasons for this radical discontinuity, they say, is the rapid development of technology and social media. “There’s an app for that” seems to be the phrase of the day! This kind of rapid change and innovation, while exciting and stimulating, might be one of the factors for the increasingly fractious and divided world we are currently living in. Economic uncertainty, terror, corporate and religious irresponsibility, and rancorous political discourse are themes that seem to dominate the news.

But a Central Catholic education, any education for that matter that claims John Baptist de La Salle as its inspiration, is based on the premise of a few timeless constants that transcend the years and represent a continuity over the decades. Values that do not, in essence, change. Values that keep us rooted and pointed in the right direction. Values that underscore the importance of a life of Virtue.

Educational methods change and adapt. Curriculum and course offerings can vary. Facilities can be upgraded and expanded. But the essence of what happens each day at Central Catholic, forming Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, and Men of Service is timeless.

It has been my great honor to witness this miracle happen each day because of the students’ openness, the faculty’s commitment and the parents’ sacrifice. As I prepare to leave Central Catholic, I can adapt the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians. I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in CENTRAL CATHOLIC will be faithful to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Central Catholic Tradition.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!



Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC



A Message from the Principal



Brother Anthony T. Baginski, FSC
Principal

Dear Friends of Central Catholic,

I arrived at Central Catholic five years ago in the middle of August and was immediately struck by the architecture. It is just one of the many things that makes Central distinct from other schools. As I came to know the Brothers in community, the alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty, and staff of Central, the phrase “Living Stone” from the Apostle Peter’s first letter came to mind. “And like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house.” The Central Catholic community as living stones fits the theme of this edition of the Quadrangle Magazine, “Then and Now”. A solid foundation built on a tradition of excellence, combined with vitality and creativity to prepare our young men to be the future leaders in our churches, communities, and professions. The Gospel message seen and expressed in a new way by St. John Baptist de La Salle in the 1600’s in France, planted in Pittsburgh in 1927, and continuing to bear fruit in 2016.

“Then and Now.” Students who enter Central on Fifth Avenue this August will have the same view as students in 1927. When leaving via the Quadrangle, the parking lot, practice field, and “new gymnasium” have replaced incubator row. Staley Family Plaza and Zupancic Family STEM Center come into view as you walk behind the Brothers’ residence. The students learn the three R’s, although calculators have replaced slide rules, and the calculator they use is often an app on an iPad. iBooks and e-books have supplanted physical text books and yet the preferred method for taking notes is with pen and paper. A look at the course catalog shows a traditional Catholic liberal arts curriculum alongside a diversity of electives, including acapella choir, Russian history, bio-engineering, data analytics, and 3D design and modeling. There has always been change, but the frenetic pace of change creates ever more possibilities and ethical challenges. The tools of science, medicine, and engineering do not have a conscience. The students we educate must.

I echo Brother Bob’s words: “A Central Catholic education, any education for that matter that claims John Baptist de La Salle as its inspiration, is based on the premise of a few timeless constants that transcend the years and represent a continuity over the decades. Values that do not, in essence, change. Values that keep us rooted and pointed in the right direction. Values that underscore the importance of a life of Virtue.”

We have expanded our facilities and our curriculum has adapted to meet the needs of the times in order to prepare our students to meet the challenges of today. But like living stones, they are connected to timeless values as they develop into Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, and Men of Service.

I am honored to be named as the next principal and look forward to educating these young men who are our future leaders in our churches, communities, and professions. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Central Catholic.

Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever!

Br. Tony Baginski, FSC

An Interview with the **New Principal**

On May 26, 2016, Central Catholic High School announced Brother Anthony T. Baginski, FSC, as the school's new principal. Br. Tony, congratulations!

Thank you. When I was told five years ago that I was being assigned to Central Catholic, I felt like I had won the lottery. Central has it all – a great school, a vibrant Brothers community, and a city where faith and education are valued. I am honored to be named as the next principal and look forward to educating our young men who are our future leaders in our churches, communities, and professions.

Your path to principal has been an interesting one. Can you tell us a little about your background?

I grew up in a small farming community in Wisconsin. My grandfather was a dairy farmer, my father and his brothers owned a potato farm, and I worked at both starting in the sixth grade. I had a desire to serve my country, so I applied for and was accepted to the United States Coast Guard Academy. I graduated in 1991, with a B.S. in Math and Computer Science. I then spent two years in Sitka, Alaska on a buoy tender. We had an energetic commanding officer and a great crew. He was an excellent role model for me, because he modeled the actions that he expected from the rest of the crew. I went on to be the second in command of another buoy tender in Connecticut, then to graduate school where I earned both an M.B.A and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. My last five years, I taught at the Coast Guard Academy and volunteered at Saint Bernard School. In 2002, I left the Coast Guard to discern a vocation and while discerning I taught at Saint Bernard's. I served as principal of the school from 2007-2009.

You then decided to become a Christian Brother. What led to that decision?

My grandmother had two sisters who were nuns and a brother who was a priest, so you could say that vocations run in the family. When I was at graduate school, I got to know the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana, when I provided computer training for them. I was struck both by their educational expertise and their sense of joy. I remember thinking that if I could find an order of men

with these same characteristics that I would join. I did meet the De La Salle Christian Brothers at Saint Bernard School, and over the next seven years came to know the Brothers and their vocation. What drew me to the Brothers was their commitment to provide "...a human and Christian education" to the students they teach, and the focus on community and supporting each other in their vocation.

While this is a new role for you, you are no stranger to advancing the Mission of Central Catholic. How has your role evolved over the passed several years?

I came to Central Catholic in 2011 as a Math Teacher, Department Chair, and Assistant Wrestling Coach. Three years ago, I accepted the role as Director of Academic Technology and have worked with the teachers and architects to design and outfit the Zupancic Family STEM Center. I have also overseen the curricular development, staffing, and implementation of a dozen new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) electives. The opening of the new STEM building for the fall semester gives Central Catholic the needed space to fully implement our STEM program and better serve our students by allowing us to be a resource to the community for after school, weekend, and summer programs. The move of the science and engineering courses also provides the space in the main building to expand other academic programs in the future.

What excites you most about your new role?

St. John Baptist de La Salle founded schools to provide "a human and Christian education" to the students. We do this most effectively when we expand their minds, but also touch their hearts. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this in the classroom, on immersions trips, in extra-curricular activities, and athletics. I am excited to continue to carry out the Brothers' mission as the principal.

Do you have any closing words for the alumni, students, parents, and friends of Central Catholic?

Central Catholic is in a great place right now. I look forward to working with everyone to continue Central's tradition of excellence and, with your help and support, make it even better.

Student Spotlight

St. Timothy Award



Antonino Castellano, '16, received the St. Timothy Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This national award is given annually to twelve young people in the Diocese who particularly exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership in their parish or high school community. Hailing from Saint Raphael Parish in Morningside, Antonino has participated actively in Central Catholic's apostolic life in establishing F.I.D.E., a student-led faith discussion group, and in serving on Lasallian Ministry's 2015-16 student executive board. He also writes for the Harlequin student literary magazine, plays in the jazz band, and runs track and field.



Global Travel Scholar

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh (in association with The Experiment in International Living) has selected **Anicet Mundundu, '17**, for the Global Travel Scholars Program this summer.

Anicet will be spending over a month this summer in South Africa, where he will be immersed in a different culture, travel to different locations, and live in a homestay arrangement with a South African host family.

Upon returning, Anicet will be an ambassador for Central Catholic, the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and the region. He will continue to be an active participant in the Global Leadership Certificate program with the World Affairs Council.



Anicet is pictured with his parents, Anicet Mundundu Sr. and Holly Hopkins, and Amiena Mahsoob, Director of Education Programs at the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh.

Honors Humanities Takes Root at Central Catholic

Robert Mitchell, '16

Over the past few years, the humanities at Central Catholic have started to rise. In a new English course, Honors Humanities: World Literature and Theater, students have been studying and analyzing works like Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*, Shakespeare's *Othello*, and Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. However, Honors Humanities is not your normal English class. Part of the learning process in this course is after a work has been pre-discussed and analyzed; the students will then attend a live performance of the work. This allows for a deeper understanding of the material, as settings, characters, and themes all come to life for a performance that shows more than just words on a page.

Composed mainly of juniors and a few seniors, Honors Humanities: World Literature and Theater has been another gateway to the arts environment that can sometimes be overshadowed in the growing world of math, science, and technology. Along with course readings, the class also attended the Pittsburgh Opera's production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama's *Lord of the Flies*, and has even been given a private tour of the Warhol Museum.

Further, the curriculum consists of presentations,

discussions, and essays on each artist the class is studying. Honors Humanities: World Literature and Theater is among the newest segments of Central Catholic's expanding humanities and fine arts curriculum.



The Honors Humanities class visited The Andy Warhol Museum on February 3, to study the legacy of Pittsburgh's famous pop artist. In addition to touring the galleries, each student produced a unique pop portrait using Warhol's silkscreen technique.

Television Personalities in the Classroom

Ms. Sara Budacki and Mr. Eric Starkowicz, '95, welcomed local celebrities to speak to Budacki's Journalism class and Starkowicz's Viking News Network students. Mike Clark (WTAE) visited Central in February and Rob King (Root Sports) made his first appearance on campus in March. Both men shared amazing stories and answered the students' thoughtful questions.



Bishop Zubik's Pastoral Visit to 4720 Fifth Avenue

Bishop David Zubik made his pastoral visit to Central Catholic on March 10. The Bishop celebrated Mass in the McGonigle Theater, observed classes, and met with students to learn about their service immersion trips. He also blessed the newly opened St. La Salle Seminar Room (in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Curley, parents of Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, '69), and tour the Zupancic Family STEM Education Center.



Pope Francis Inspires the Environmental Club

The newly founded, Environmental Club was inspired to take action upon hearing the Pope's encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, where he asked us all to be protectors of creation, our "common home."

Mr. John Allen and Mr. David Wick, '00, have worked with the club to implement a recycling program and several environmental improvements to campus. Following the recycling initiative's success, the club unveiled a community garden in April. They hope that the produce from the garden will benefit the poor and marginalized at food pantries and homeless shelters. Overall, the club strives to foster a dialogue of sustainability and environmental stewardship that takes into account the dignity of all creation.



Giving Back to Central Catholic

Kenneth DeBolde Curley and Mary Rachel Pellegrino

Parents of Brother Victor Kenneth Curley, FSC

The story of these two wonderful people is a simple one, really. They are representative of so many others of the “Greatest Generation,” whose stories of living through the Roaring Twenties, the Depression-ridden thirties, the wartime forties, and the prosperous suburban fifties are as similar as they are different. Yet, Kenneth and Mary became the parents of a very grateful Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, whose love, devotion, respect, and appreciation was manifested in the Saint John Baptist de La Salle Seminar Room in the Clifford Brown Memorial Library at Central Catholic.

Kenneth DeBolde Curley was born in Sharpsburg in May of 1918. The “seventh son of a seventh son” of parents Estelle DeBolde and William Curley, he grew up never knowing his father who died in April from the influenza epidemic of 1918. Alone, Estelle raised Kenneth, his brothers, and his sisters. He attended Saint Joseph Grammar School in Sharpsburg, and later Sharpsburg High School, leaving there before he was able to graduate because he had to help support his family during the Depression. He recalled this later in life, along with rescuing people in a rowboat along Main Street during the Saint Patrick’s Day flood of 1936. He enjoyed being a student, reading and learning, but was robbed of that opportunity due to the pressing necessities of life. Yet, he could read and study anything and be able to build and operate whatever it was he examined. His math skills were not only self-taught, but also excellent in both practice and application. This natural love of learning continued throughout his entire life.

Mary R. Pellegrino was born in rural Beyer, Pennsylvania, in 1920 to parents Frank Pellegrino and

Carmela Blasco. Her father worked in the coal mines while Mary, her sister, Virginia, and her mother lived in company houses in Beyer, Sagamore, Rural Valley, and Plumville. When the mines became too much for Frank’s health, he moved his family to Detroit and finally to Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. He found employment at Westinghouse and Mary found Kenneth in May of 1936. Before attending Sharpsburg High School as a junior, she was a student at Beyer Elementary and Sagamore High School through her sophomore year. She was an excellent student, especially in business. Her typing and her shorthand skills were second to none. She graduated at the top of her class in 1938.



Nearing graduation, her principal paid a visit to the Pellegrino house to request that Mary attend college. As much as she would have liked that, the money just was not there to make that a reality. Glamorous to a fault, she

began working at Fineman’s Dress Store, in Sharpsburg, and The Darling Shop, in downtown Pittsburgh, specializing in women’s dresses and formal wear. She also put her secretarial skills into play as a stenographer in the executive offices at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

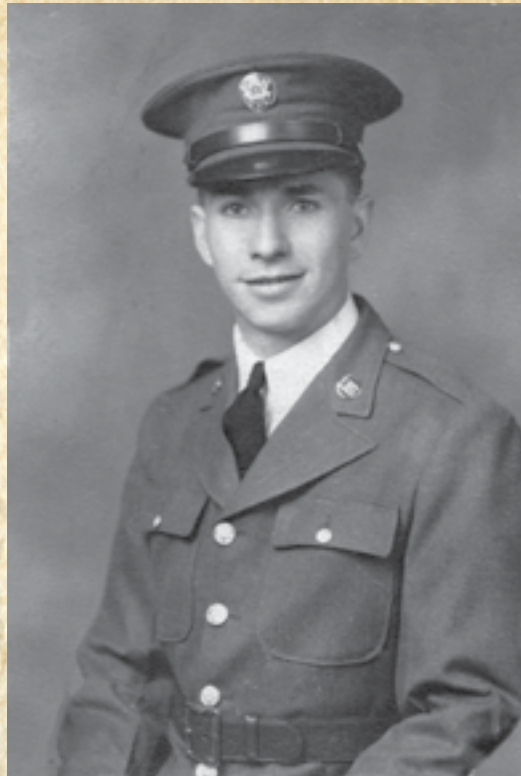
Although they met in 1936, they dated throughout the 1930s and into the early 1940s. They were indeed in love, and wanted to marry. Their pre-war collection of letters attests to this. However, war clouds were gathering over Europe and American involvement seemed inevitable by late 1940 and early 1941.

Kenneth’s Depression-era job prospects were minimal, so enlisting for what might be on the horizon seemed an enticing adventure for this 23-year-old, tough city

kid. Although very much in love with Mary, he didn't want to get married before he went away; that had to wait until 1946. He felt that if something happened to him, he did not want her to be a young war widow. Since he enlisted in the Army, he got his choice of service location. He felt that Hitler was a threat and that Europe might be the battleground for another war like the First World War, so he selected the Philippine Islands, as nothing was happening in that beautiful island paradise. He could not have been more wrong.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, events moved very quickly in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Bataan and Corregidor, where my father served first in the horse mounted cavalry and later in the artillery, were attacked by the forces of imperial Japan. With General MacArthur evacuated to Australia, these brave Americans were forced to surrender, were captured, and forced on the infamous Bataan Death March in May of 1942. Kenneth D. Curley was one of these men. He was held prisoner for three and a half years in various Japanese concentration camps and finally as a slave laborer in the copper mines and the armaments factories in Japan. During this time of imprisonment, he suffered untold indignities and horror. Ultimately, he survived, being liberated by American forces in August of 1945. In fact, the maladies he experienced haunted him for the remainder of his life, dying at age 84 from the complications of beriberi, dormant in his system for over sixty years. How did he do it? He credited his tough, street-wise determination and his Catholic faith for his survival. He used to tell us, "If I knew one SOB was going to live through this and get out, it was going to be me." He was right.

On the home front, Kenneth's mother and his fiancée lost all contact with him for those years, save the rare "official telegram" from the Empire of Japan, stating that he was a prisoner of war and he was being treated well, according to the articles of the Geneva Convention. This "fair treatment" was not the case at



all. My mother also credited her Catholic faith for her belief that he would come home when the war was over. She would attend Mass at Saint Mary's of the Point in downtown Pittsburgh each day during her lunch hour, as well as the Rosary devotions that were held in her home parish, Madonna of Jerusalem in Sharpsburg. The war made for full churches in those days. She maintained this practice of her faith until her death at 95.

For both of these people, their Catholic faith was the pivot point of their strength in very different situations. Add to this, their love of the benefits of education, and you have an idea why their names and faces grace this beautiful

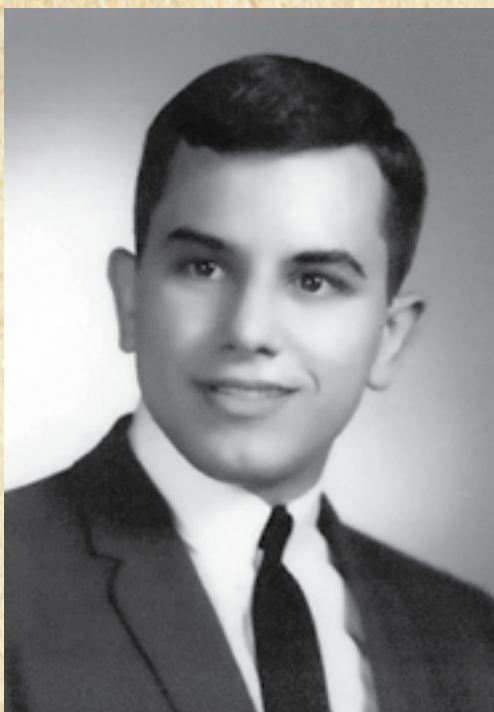
room named after the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Enter the future Brother V. Kenneth. He was born at the Saint Rosalia Maternity Asylum on Bedford Avenue in the Hill District on July 6, 1950 to a woman known only as "Ruth," and was raised by the Sisters of Charity until Kenneth and Mary Curley, who were looking to adopt a baby saw this almost two-year-old, another case of love at first sight. Renamed Kenneth Andrew Curley, this baby was entrusted to the care of these two wonderful people, and the rest, as it is said, is history.

Kenneth and Mary's son wanted to have them known and remembered by others, whose generational stories might sound so very similar.

Remembering how much they both loved their son and valued a Catholic education for him, it seemed only natural that their





Kenneth Curley, Central graduation photo, August, 1968

names be memorialized in a place where learning is valued and continued. The same can be said of their Catholic faith. They made certain that their son had the opportunities they might have missed along the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley were two of the

original members of the then-new Saint Bartholomew Parish in Penn Hills in 1950. Brother Kenneth attended Saint Bartholomew Grammar School run by the wonderful Daughters of the Divine Redeemer, and then attended Central Catholic where he met the Brothers of the Christian Schools, who influenced his life from that moment he stepped off the 76 Hamilton streetcar and onto the Fifth Avenue steps. Even after high school, their desire was to have him educated in Catholic colleges and universities, which included Saint Xavier College (now University) in Chicago and Duquesne University on the Bluff in Pittsburgh.



The Curley Family at a wedding, 1988

How proud and happy they would be to know that

their names and their legacy remain intact at Central Catholic! There are two reasons why the language used is French: First, my father's own French ancestry, but more importantly, the Brothers are a French institute, founded by French cleric, Jean Baptiste de La Salle. This needs to be a lasting tribute to his parents, as well as a lasting tribute to the Brothers of whom he is one. With the able assistance of Brother Robert Schaefer, Mr. Armand Buzzelli, Mr. Roy Engelbrecht, and Brother Anthony Baginski, as well as the designers, artisans, and builders, this place of study, discussion, and traditional learning came to be. It was designed to foster a "higher learning" found in seminar and discourse. In the midst of technology's whirl, this calm oasis provides the perfect place for the exchange of ideas and information so necessary to genuinely being educated.



Brother Kenneth is proud to have given with both his heart and his inherited means to his Alma Mater on behalf of his parents, Kenneth D. and Mary R. Curley. May God bless them and all the students and teachers who will enter and make use of this Saint John Baptist de La Salle Seminar Room!





FAME: The Musical

Anthony Williams, '17

This spring, Williams reviewed several area high school musicals for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

He was runner-up for the Christopher Ramson Kelly Critics Award at the prestigious Gene Kelly Awards.

Central Catholic Masque's spring production, "Fame: The Musical", held four performances from April 7–9. The show is about several teenagers' separate journeys through the distinguished New York City arts school known as Performing Arts High School. Their journeys are characterized by great highs and crushing lows as they all try to achieve fame. The show is a stark reminder about the social aspect of high school and how all students try to fit in during their four years before college. This show was a very appropriate selection for a high school theater company to perform, and would not have been possible without a stellar cast and crew.

The show featured great performances from many different individuals. One such performance was from Oakland Catholic's Johanna Loughran, '18, who played Carmen Diaz, the fame obsessed starlet whose star power bursts into flames and she dies of a drug addiction. Before she met her tragic end, Johanna brought down the house with the whole company in "There She Goes/Fame". Another noteworthy performance was Evans Malkin, '16, portrayed Tyrone, the rough around the edges, illiterate street kid who thinks the world is out to get him. All of his grievances are displayed in his "Tyrone's Rap" number which ended up being one of the most entertaining numbers of the show. This review would not be complete without mentioning the Gene Kelly award nominee for Best Supporting Actress, Maura Ward, '17, who played the tough Miss Sherman. Maura was magnificent and deserved every bit of the nomination, especially with her rendition of "These Are My Children". She left the audience speechless after this number.



Other notable performances came from Anthony Fellowes, '16; Kathryn Daigle, '17; Tucker Helms, '17; Jack Connolly, '17; and Maria Belechak, '16. The stage crew was also very solid in this production with a realistic classroom set and stunning lighting during dance numbers.

This show is truly about finding oneself in very difficult times in these adolescents' lives. The characters are trying to discover who they are and where they belong. Along the way there are a few stumbles, but in the end they move on and live with the experiences, both good and bad. If this isn't a powerful parallel to our own lives I don't know what would be. In conclusion, it was a truly great production and was well worth going to see. I am very excited to see what Central's Masque has in store for us next year.

Athletics

Inline Hockey Player Joins Team USA

Nathan Vislosky, '17, Central Catholic varsity inline and ice hockey player, was selected by the United States Olympic Committee and USA Inline Hockey to play in the 2016 Inline Hockey World Championships. Held in Asiago, Italy, this June, Nathan represented the United States on Team USA, Junior Division, competing against teams from 30 countries.

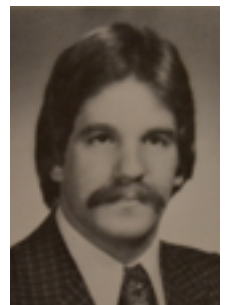
Congratulations to Nathan for representing the USA and Central Catholic in Italy for the World Championships!



KDKA Extra Effort Award and All-Section Honors

Bob Pompeani visited Central Catholic on April 6 to present **Bobby Kiernan, '16**, with the KDKA Extra Effort Award. The Georgetown University bound basketball star was also Valedictorian with a 5.23 GPA!

Additionally, Kiernan was named to the First Team All-Section Basketball Team. **Jonathan DeVito, '16**, and **Luke Nedrow, '18**, were named to the Second Team, while **Matt Bilyak, '16**, received an Honorable Mention. Finally, congratulations to **Coach Chuck Crummie**, who was named the 2016, Section 3 Coach of the Year.



Coach Crummie's 1978 yearbook photo



Runners Supporting Runners

Members of the Vikings track team assisted runners in the Pittsburgh Marathon at the water station in Bloomfield.

Inline Hockey Wins PIRHL Championship

Congratulations to the inline hockey team for winning the 2016 PIRHL HS6 Championship. The team finished with an 19-2-1 record and had the leading scorer in the league, Nate Valyo.



Tyree Walton, '16; Isaiah Wilson, '18; Ron George, '16; and JJ Younger, '17

A Lightning Fast Time Breaks a Long-Standing School Record

The track and field 4x100 team broke the 27 year old school record with a time of 42.50 seconds at the Tri-State Track and Field Coaches Association outdoor championships at West Mifflin in April. One week later, they shaved a hundredth of a second from their time at the Butler Invitational.

Central Catholic Vikings Football

WPIAL and PIAA Champions!

After defeating the Penn-Trafford Warrior's (24-17) at Heinz Field in late November, the Vikings didn't spend much time celebrating the school's fifth WPIAL Class AAAA title. They had their eyes on a bigger prize.

The fifth-seeded Vikings played with a bit of a chip on their shoulder. They felt that they were disrespected by their ranking and set out to prove everyone wrong as they knocked off one higher ranked opponent after another.



In the summer of 2015, the team made it clear that anything short of a state championship would be a disappointment. An early season loss to North Allegheny brought the team closer together and further fueled their desire to capture the PIAA title. The Vikings went on a tear, both offensively and defensively. They put up huge numbers on the scoreboard and were stingy about giving up even a first down, let alone a touchdown.

This laser focus continued throughout the WPIAL and PIAA playoffs, bringing the Vikings back to Hershey Park Stadium to face Parkland. For most of the game, Central's defense dominated the Trojans. However, two late touchdowns by Parkland made things interesting. But in the end, there was nothing that could keep Central Catholic from claiming the prize that they targeted early in the summer. The Vikings hung on for a 21-18 victory before a crowd of 3,770.

The victory made Central Catholic (15-1) the first WPIAL team to win four PIAA Class AAAA championships. The other titles came in 2007, 2004 and 1998.

Awards and Recognition



Junior linebacker, David Adams and senior cornerback, Damar Hamlin were named first team All-Americans.

The AAAA Pennsylvania Football Writers named five players to the All-State Team. They are: running back, Ronnie Jones, '16; defensive lineman, Rashad Wheeler, '16; linebacker, David Adams, '17; and defensive backs, Damar Hamlin, '16, and Bricen Garner, '16.

Vikings head coach, Terry Totten, '76, was tabbed Coach of the Year for leading Central Catholic over Parkland in the PIAA championship at Hershey Park Stadium.

City Council Proclamation

Pittsburgh City Council proclaimed Tuesday, January 12, 2016, “Central Catholic Viking Football Day” in the City of Pittsburgh in recognition of their PIAA State Championship. Thank you to Councilman Corey O’Connor, ’02, who sponsored the proclamation.



A group of senior football players visited the Council Chambers to receive the proclamation and present a game ball from the PIAA Championship to City Council. Mayor Bill Peduto and his Chief of Staff, Kevin Acklin, ’94, then met with the team.

NCAA Football National Signing Day



On February 3, seven Central Catholic seniors put pen to paper officially announcing which university they will attend and play for next year.

From left to right: Ron George – Western Michigan University; Chase Hawthorne – Georgetown University; Bricen Garner, Damar Hamlin, and Rashad Wheeler – University of Pittsburgh; Ronnie Jones – University of Toledo; and Gunnar Frerotte – College of William & Mary

Juniors Make Early Commitments

Juniors David Adams and Kurt Hinish elected to make verbal commitments to Notre Dame, while CJ Thorpe has made his plans to play at Penn State known. The trio decided that they wanted to get the excitement over with so they could focus on their senior season and another run at a championship.



David Adams, CJ Thorpe, and Kurt Hinish

2016 Varsity Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
8/20	McKeesport Area HS - Scrimmage	Away	10 a.m.
8/27	St. John’s College HS	North Allegheny High School	12:30 p.m.
9/2	Shaler Area HS	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/9	North Allegheny Senior HS	Carnegie Mellon University	7:30 p.m.
9/16	Hempfield Senior HS	Carnegie Mellon University	7:30 p.m.
9/23	Seneca Valley HS	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/30	Pine Richland HS	Highmark Stadium	7:30 p.m.
10/7	Butler Area Senior HS	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/14	Altoona Area HS	Away	7 p.m.
10/21	Norwin Senior HS	Highmark Stadium	7:30 p.m.
10/28	Penn Hills Senior HS	Away	7 p.m.



Men of Service

Central Catholic's Lasallian Ministry offers students several opportunities each week to serve the Pittsburgh community. In addition to these weekly volunteer projects at St. Maria Goretti, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, and Homewood Children's Village, this year students were given the opportunity to participate in three mission trips. The following pages detail their experiences in Florida, Montana, and the U.S. / Mexico Border.

Centro La Salle Mission Trip - Homestead, Florida

Christian Romano, '17

When given the opportunity to serve others, Central Catholic is often among the first to take part. This ideal is invested in the core of our school's principles. In the beginning of the school year, Brother Bob emphasized that he would like to return to a Lasallian educational center he had first visited about 15 years ago. Centro La Salle, as it is known, is a Lasallian educational center focused on serving migrant agricultural workers and their children living in a migrant labor camp in Homestead, Florida. The center is made up of two buildings, one that serves as an after school daycare for the children whose parents are at work, and one that is purposed to teach the migrant adults simple tasks, like writing a check, sewing, or filling out an application online. Centro La Salle is an integral part of the lives of many people in the camp, helping in any way possible.

I was blessed to be a part of a trip to Centro La Salle during Holy Week of this year. Accompanied by nine of my peers, Brother Bob Schaefer, Brother Tony Baginski, and Assistant Lasallian Minister, Kristóf Oltvai, we set off with high hopes and the excitement of being able to have the opportunity to help out at the center. Upon our late night arrival, we were greeted by Susana Sanchez, who manages the center. She explained its current needs and daily role in the lives of migrant workers and their families. We planned out what we wanted to accomplish for the week, and went to sleep with the excitement and anticipation of the following day's activities. One of the most important tasks was upgrading the center's technology. I, along with Brother Tony and a couple of my peers, spoke with Susana on the following day about technology needs the center has. Brother Tony had reached out to Susana before we left Central to gauge interest in our



helping with anything related to technology. Prior to leaving, multiple computers, cables, and other devices that Central graciously donated in advance were shipped so that we could begin work immediately when we arrived. For the rest of the week, Brother Tony, two of my peers, and I worked to update a 15 year old network and were able to install 16 new computers, five iPads, a new wireless network, a new internet line, as well as many other parts of a network that are now standard in today's world. While we were doing this, the rest of our group helped out at the daycare with the children (kindergarten through high school) who were on spring break, playing with them, feeding them, tutoring them, and working on projects like painting picnic tables and planting a garden. During this week, we were able to help the center do things that they previously did not have the resources to do.

On our trip to Centro La Salle, we were able to help others that God calls us to serve. The technology we

installed will allow some of the children to leave a dying public school district to attend an online charter school. The relationships we made and the things we taught the children gave them help that they would otherwise not be able to get through their parents, who work all day and often do not speak English. It is through the opportunities provided by Central that we were able to achieve such great accomplishments. We set out to help Centro La Salle, only to find that Centro La Salle helped us.



Beneath the Backbone of the World: Reflections from the Blackfeet School

Kristóf Oltvai, '11, Assistant Director, Lasallian Ministry

Standing atop the buffalo jump, we see why the Blackfeet call it “the backbone of the world.” Its cones of light and snow straddle the horizon, hundreds of peaks stretching from south to north, dwarfing even at their distance of fifty miles the pockmarked plains before them. Only maps tell us how far away they are; the brown, barren flats around us rolling away in all directions confuse all sense of space. We split up and head inland, away from Two Medicine gorge.

A few hundred feet in, a light breeze is all I can hear. I imagine the desert fathers of the early Church wandering in the Egyptian wastes. Would they find peace here on “the Res,” between the sun, the sky, the dust, the rocks? Would they, too, feel dwarfed by the pillars of ice and rock so far away, by the endless earth stretching forever at their side? I look up. A red-hooded senior crosses my field of vision, hands in his pockets, a tail-wagging dog at his heels. Brother Dale told us all ranch dogs are friendly; they protect master

and stranger alike.

In the old days, the Blackfeet went on a “vision quest” when they came of age. They fasted for three days and nights and then entered the sweat lodge, purifying themselves with heat and steam before striking out into the wilderness. They traveled alone across the plains

From April 2-10, ten Central Catholic juniors and seniors, along with three faculty members, traveled to Browning, Montana, to visit the De La Salle Blackfeet School, a Lasallian San Miguel school serving the children of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.



to Chief Mountain, their most sacred place, and there beneath the granite cliffs remained fasting until seized by a vision said to reveal their entire life’s destiny. If he returned from this journey, the Blackfoot was considered a man.

Centuries of injustice have squashed this tribal life. Today’s Blackfeet live mainly in threadbare wooden homes. Alcoholism and other social problems are widespread, and the Christian Brothers try to

right these wrongs by making a Lasallian education accessible to the Reservation's youth. The poverty here is as staggering as the landscape is beautiful, but the latter gives hope for renewal. Our two hikes through Glacier National Park later confirm this for me. God's love glows radiant in the sky-blue lakes, in the green-gray pines, in the woodpeckers' diligent rattles and avalanches' mountaintop rumbles. That same night, we drive down a dirt road into empty ranchland and climb atop our bus. In the absence of city lights, a million glowing globes set the black sky aflame.

One morning, the kids are acting up in school. A

Central Catholic alumnus I graduated with, now a volunteer teacher at De La Salle Blackfeet, takes us on



a drive through town to cool off. I ask him if it's hard to teach here. He says it is. I ask him what keeps him going. He gestures to the Rockies filling the horizon. "Waking up to this every morning." We turn onto a state road. "Come on, let's drive up here," he says. "On a clear day, you can see Chief Mountain."

"I raise my eyes toward the mountains. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth." – Ps. 121:1-2

El Otro Lado - Experiencing "The Other Side" of the U.S. / Mexico Border Control and Immigration

Charlotte Kenrick, Spanish Teacher

What is El Otro Lado?

El Otro Lado, or "The Other Side," Border Immersion Trips began at Central Catholic in 2014. That year Brother Robert Schaefer and I accompanied eight Central Catholic students to the U.S. / Mexican Border for an immersion experience in Tucson, Arizona and Nogales, Senora, Mexico. This past spring, fellow Spanish teacher, Bryan Hanrahan, and I accompanied ten students down to the border.



Throughout the week, we met with various individuals affected by immigration in our country. First, we met with Border Patrol agents at their headquarters in Nogales, Arizona. Later that day, we went to the U.S. District Courthouse in downtown Tucson to witness migrants being tried en masse before a federal judge as a part of the controversial program, Operation Streamline. We then met with a public defender that represents many of these migrants.

The next day, we hiked in the Sonoran desert and were led by guides from No More Deaths and Green Valley Samaritans, humanitarian aid organizations in southern Arizona that advocate for migrants' rights.

The last day of our experience, we traveled to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. There, we served meals to recently deported migrants at the Kino Border Initiative, a Jesuit-run soup kitchen that provides direct humanitarian assistance and pastoral education to migrants at a very vulnerable point in their lives. After working at the soup kitchen, we met with a nun who serves as the director of the women's shelter, Casa Nazaret, in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

How many times have you visited the border?

I have been to the border a total of four times, and three of these times have been through the El Otro Lado Border Immersion Trip experience. I participated in El Otro Lado twice as a teacher accompanying students, in 2014 and 2016, and once with a group of adults in 2012 as a part of the Lasallian Social Justice Institute. In 2008, I also participated in a Lasallian Social Justice Institute in the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez section of the border.



What have you found most powerful about the experience?

Without a doubt, the most powerful part of the El Otro Lado experience is always the day we spend in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, because while we are at the Kino Border Initiative, we actually get to spend time with the migrants and hear their stories. Their stories are heart wrenching and are a testimony to the power of the human spirit. The migrants' faces and names are the most vivid memory I hold in my heart from my many trips down to the border. Being with the migrants has always been a very powerful experience where I really feel God's presence in my life.



How have you seen the experience impact the students?

The El Otro Lado experience is life changing for the students. For some of them, it's the first time they have had face-to-face contact with the poor in our world. That sort of experience stays with you. It's very transformative. It's one thing to hear and read about immigration. It's another to actually meet in person the people who are directly affected by it, and are willing to sacrifice everything in order to make a better life for themselves and their families, and be able to talk to us about it.



Then and Now



Above: 1927 Auditorium under construction



Right: McGonigle Theater has been restored to its original splendor



The Christian Brothers' Chapel



Above: The school's original library



Right: Clifford E. Brown Library



McGinley Dining Hall



South Neville Street - Zupancic Family STEM Center



Dan Marino, '79 and CCHS Honored

The Pro Football Hall of Fame, Ford Motor Company, and the NFL honored Dan Marino, '79, at his alma mater on December 1.



The morning began with an assembly in which the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Ford presented Marino with the Hometown Hall of Famer plaque that will be displayed at Central. The entire student body came together in the McGonigle Theater for the event, which was followed by countless media interviews, photo opportunities, and a reception in the Clifford E. Brown Library. The Hall of Fame and Ford are presenting these plaques to the high schools of all HOF inductees.



Marino also spoke to the varsity football team in Alumni Hall, Central's Gym. There, the NFL delivered the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll Wilson Golden Football. The program's goal links the past 49 Super Bowls with this year's game and honors the high schools and communities that have positively impacted the game of football. Commemorative golden footballs have been produced by Wilson for every player or head coach who has appeared in a Super Bowl. NFL Films was there to capture the event and aired the footage during the Super Bowl.



The Class of 2016 Celebrates Commencement

On May 29, 2016, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Central Catholic welcomed 210 young men to a powerful brotherhood that they will be part of for life. They are now, and forever will be... Central Catholic Alumni!

Valedictorian, Robert John Kiernan, III and Salutatorian, Jamison C. Beiriger's speeches perfectly sum up their Central Catholic experiences.

Valedictory Address - Robert John Kiernan, III

My name is Bobby Kiernan and it is an honor to speak to you on this special occasion. I would like to personally acknowledge the presence of Brother Robert Schaeffer, the members of the Central Catholic High School Administration, distinguished members of the Board of Directors, honored graduates of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1966, esteemed members of the faculty and staff, parents, family, friends, and most of all, graduates of the Class of 2016. We are gathered here today to recognize this group of young men who have officially concluded a fundamental stage of their formal education. We have all made some pretty incredible memories within the walls of Central Catholic that will last us a lifetime. Nearly everyone has the opportunity to attend high school, but few have had the privilege to pass through the halls of Central. As newly minted



alumni, this means we have a tremendous responsibility to carry on the mission of the school with diligence and dignity.



As we are all graduating and embarking on each of our own journeys, allow me to briefly share with you one of my all-time favorite journey stories, *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. For those of you unfamiliar with this book, it depicts the true story of a young man named Christopher McCandless who has just graduated from Emory University with an incredibly promising future ahead of him. But instead of enrolling in Harvard Law School and continuing on the conventional path to riches, McCandless makes the radical decision to go totally off the grid and abandons his family, friends,

and all material possessions. He hitch hikes the country for two years and eventually ends up in the Alaskan wilderness, where he meets his ultimate fate and dies of starvation. Why does McCandless make such an extreme lifestyle choice? Because he is in search of ultimate freedom, which, according to McCandless, can only be achieved through total isolation and a rejection of material society. And how does this possibly relate to our high school graduation? Because during McCandless' final days in the Alaskan wilderness, he has an epiphany. Although he is totally independent and distant from the pressures of consumer America he sought to escape, he is unhappy and unsatisfied because he has nobody to share his experiences with. What good is adventure if there is nobody to adventure with? "Happiness is only real when shared," McCandless realizes. Happiness is only real when shared.



While there are probably no Chris McCandlesses in this room today, we all will face our own unique challenges; however, we share in one central mission: to be Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, and Men of Service. In so doing, we will find our happiness. And this happiness, we must share. This is the path that God envisions for us. We have been instructed by Christ to love each other just as he loved us, and that sharing in each other's joy makes up for a multitude of sins. All of us have the capability to do this; one does not need an advanced degree or a six-figure paycheck to be a good father or a faithful husband. Nobody knows where our 210 journeys will take us, but because of our Central Catholic experience, our guiding lights will be the same.

Happiness is only real when shared. This theme from *Into the Wild* can be extended to the Central Catholic community. Whether our high school decision was ours to be made or not, I can pretty much guarantee that our matriculation was in one way or another rooted in Central's reputation, a reputation grounded in academic

excellence, strong brotherhood, and an amazing network of alumni. For me to accurately describe the true impact that the alumni have had on our lives these last four years would require a whole different speech. And as much as you would undoubtedly love to hear me go on and on, it suffices to say that their legacy has had a profound effect on our education and our appreciation for what it takes to be a Central Catholic man. Perhaps the most obvious example would be the

physical facilities that we have used on a daily basis inside and outside the classroom. There would be no band room, no athletic field, no gymnasium, and most of all no STEM building, without the generosity of those who came before us. But in my humble opinion, the greatest contributions made by our alumni

have not been in bricks and mortar, but in the more enduring gift of an affordable Catholic education. Many of us would not be in this room today if it was not for the scholarships and financial aid made possible by generations of men who discovered their happiness at Central and decided to share it with students in the future. Happiness is only real when shared.

At this point in the program, I am supposed to bid all of you guys farewell with some parting wisdom applicable to our future. I obviously possess this prophetic ability because my grade point average ended up being a whopping 0.03 points higher than Jamie's. Unfortunately, I am unable to dispense this mystical knowledge because I do not even have it myself. I am not Plato. I am not Solomon. I am not even the great Tommy Ayooob. I have no crystal ball. I am an 18 year-old kid like you, just as clueless as the next guy. With that being said, please permit me to offer a single thought that I think might be helpful for our coming journeys. If it is true that we are called to be men of faith, doesn't this mean to not only have faith in God above, but also faith in ourselves.

I think it's important for us to really try to believe

in ourselves. The adolescence that we are all happily living through is probably one of the toughest times in our lives when most of us do not feel incredibly self-confident or admired by our peers. Don't we all know someone in our lives, even ourselves, who gave up far too early when things did not go their way? Think about that guy who is still bitter about not being admitted into his dream college. Or think about that girl who still hasn't stopped sulking because she wasn't given the big role in the musical. Or even that kid who has surrendered his future because he was cut from the baseball team sophomore year. I assure you that each and every one of us has failed in one way or another throughout our lives. I know I have. But what are we going to do about it? We either can exist in the relegated role that others super-impose on us, or we can persevere and prove all of our doubters wrong. I pray that we all choose to do the latter and fully invest in ourselves. But why am I saying all of this, and what in God's name does this have to do with all that shared happiness nonsense I was droning on about for the past six or seven minutes? Because if our mission is to share our happiness and to make a positive impact on the lives

of others, we need some happiness to share in the first place. But trust me, I cannot stand up here and tell you how to find your own happiness, or even how to define happiness in the first place. But this much, I think I can say. It will be impossible to discover joy without faith in ourselves and faith that we have a purpose in life.

Now it is time for us to part ways and begin our journeys. As daunting or as exciting as this may seem, I am confident in our preparation for the next stage of our lives. We have an education to inform us, a community to support us, and a faith to empower us when we encounter obstacles on our journeys. I now ask of you one final question: what will we do with the happiness we found here at Central Catholic? I fully believe that we will invest in ourselves and share our joy with our own families, with future generations of Central students, and with the global community, making our happiness as real as possible. Happiness is only real when shared, and with whom we share our happiness has no limit. I am confident that we will all fulfill our mission to be the best men that we can be. Again, congratulations to the class of 2016 and Roll Vikes!

Salutatory Address - Jamison C. Beiriger

Brother Robert Schaefer, members of the Administration, distinguished members of the Board of Directors, honored graduates from the golden anniversary class of 1966, esteemed members of the faculty and staff, parents, families, friends, and most especially the class of 2016, welcome to the 86th commencement exercises of Central Catholic High School. My name is Jamie Beiriger. I am here today representing the class of 2016. For each and every one of us, this is an ecstatic moment we will cherish forever. However, endings are never easy. From the end of favorite TV shows like "The Office" or "How I Met Your Mother," to the end of a beloved mentor's presence, moving on is difficult. But as the great hero of our childhood Dr. Suess once put it;



"Don't Cry because its over, smile because it happened." It is important for us to look back on our high school

experience with glee rather than loss. At the conclusion of this year, Brother Bob will be leaving to take up a new position in Rome. This is not only a testament to how great Central is, but also to how great of a person Brother Bob is. He has been superbly influential in making our class great over the last four years.

Every day Brother would welcome everyone with a smile and a question about how they were doing. While Brother Bob is going off to be the Lasallian answer to

a Jesuit papacy, the rest of the brothers remain. This admirable dedication to the students is a cornerstone of the brothers, the single greatest resource Central

has. They devote their entire lives to our education. Great Educators are a tradition at Central Catholic. Our class has been fortunate to have many of the teachers who have been employed for a long time, including some who ended their illustrious careers last year. Deacon Strathman, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Williamson all contributed to educating our class, even when in the case of Mr. Williamson we couldn't understand a single word he said. When you think about it, outlasting these teachers is probably our greatest accomplishment. In addition to those retirees, Mrs. Tina Graffia who had been battling cancer over the past few years eventually succumbed this spring. This is a terrible affliction on the Central Catholic community, but to remember Mrs. Graffia as a sickly woman would be disingenuous. Let us remember the great teacher, mentor, mother, and finally friend that she was to so many in the Central community.



Having her and all of the other fantastic teachers has enabled our class's multifaceted success. In academics, athletics, and school service, our class has exceeded expectations, a very challenging proposition at a high school so driven by a tradition of excellence. Record numbers of awards in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition, impressive standardized testing scores, admission into fantastic colleges, and millions of dollars won in scholarships all contribute to our classes remarkable academic achievement. Let's not forget an increasing number of students who won internships at neighboring universities both in medicine and engineering. And yet, our accolades are not limited to the classroom. From basketball to wrestling, we have prevailed in numerous athletic competitions. Winning a WPIAL championship in any sport is rare, and our class has won three; two in football, and one in baseball, a few state championships, and even a national title in rowing. Across the board Central athletes from our class have had tremendous successes. All of this pales by comparison to the momentous event of Friday, April 22, 2016, a date which will live in infamy, our

class had the ultimate achievement of narrowly losing the annual student faculty basketball game. Yes we did lose, but only because Mr. Crummie pays the refs. Furthermore, our success is not limited to academics and athletics. The Speech and Debate team has done exceptionally well, with a state championship and the first ever invitation to the Tournament of Champions. Twice a year the Masque program and our outstanding musical groups perform and all here at Central come together to celebrate the fine arts. The communal sense at every Central event is overwhelming, ultimately

culminating in this room today. As everyone here will attest, there is a pride in being a man of Central Catholic, extending much past the conventional high school years. With this pride comes a sense of responsibility to the larger community. Inside and outside the classroom students are challenged to do more. Led by our very active Lasallian Ministry team,

Central students are invited to participate in immersion trips such as the De La Salle Blackfeet school in Montana and the Mexican American border experience, tutoring at St. Rosalia's and St. Maria Goretti, and fundraising such as the canned food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Lenten Mission drive.

Each year, an extremely high quota was set, and our class seemed to go far beyond the expected. As a Lasallian school we fulfilled our obligations, and collectively learned what it means to be men of faith scholarship and service. The Central education is built upon collaboration, with National Honors Society tutoring and the Big Brother Program inducing a peer-to-peer work environment beneficial to all involved. The merits of a Central Catholic education are ubiquitous and enduring. We soon will realize how these experiences have taught us to be men as we move into the world. In life there will be obstacles, some as big as the Himalayas, but Central has prepared us to scale these heights. And in conclusion, as our hero once said, "You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So get on your way!" Thank You.

Central Catholic Forensics Society: Unparalleled Excellence

by Gene Kail, '63

“On any given Saturday during the school year, more than a million high school students will participate in forensics activities.” He never identified the source of this statistical insight, but Brother Rene frequently used it to demonstrate the impact of speech and debate competition. “And don’t forget, the season lasts from September to June.” I can almost hear him saying it.

Gene Kail, '63, and Brother Kevin Dalmasse, '77, were there, as were Jack Kennedy, '69, Rick Rinaldo, Harry Tuminello, '64, and Brother Robert Wilsbach. These were the successors to Brother Rene Sterner, founder and long-time moderator of the Central Catholic Forensic Society. They were all there at the inaugural reunion of the CCFS, along with more than 120 other graduates of the forensics program. They came to celebrate almost sixty years of excellence in Speech and Debate competition.

Founded as the “Chesterton Club” in the 1930s, it was, nevertheless, as the Central Catholic Forensics Society,” that Central’s Speech and Debate team entered its Golden Age. The seeds were planted as early as 1958 – with the championship debate team of Jim Murray, '59, and John Dean, '59; and Bob Bogucki, '61, began his quest for excellence in Extemporaneous Speaking. By the early 1960s, Brother Firmilian John had turned over the moderator’s position to Brother Rene, and the string of victories began.

Will McCarthy, '16, and Luke Wearden, '16, bookended this 1958 achievement in April with a unanimous victory in the final round at the state

debate competition. For more than half a century, then, the CCFS has maintained a record of excellence and achievement that is almost unparalleled in extracurricular activities.



In between these two championships came a string of local, regional, state and national titles, as Brother Rene proved to be both an organizational genius (developing standards and processes that are still in use), and a master of motivation, inspiring generations to pay the price for excellence.

One of his most effective strategies was to develop a coaching staff of his former students, who proved extremely successful in maintaining his standards. Many of them began coaching with him while in college, and eventually

returned to Central to teach fulltime (e.g. Kail, Tuminello, Kennedy, Brother Kevin, and others).

Many of those who attended the inaugural reunion were familiar with at least some of the history of Brother Rene and the CCFS. Others, mostly younger, simply realized that they had, in the words of one recent graduate,

“a lot of traditions to uphold and a lot of excellence to achieve.” Help was available, however, in getting to know this iconic coach. Fred Egler, '71, cemented Rene’s reputation permanently by designing a Brother Rene bobble head doll.

Alumni who returned for the celebration stretched far beyond the local. They also came from places such as New York, California, Michigan, and Washington, DC.



Ted Rectenwald, '73, flew in from Africa, where he represents the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Brother Robert Schaefer began the short, formal program in Central's McGonigle Theater by offering a welcome and an invocation. Brother Kevin, the current coach and moderator, followed with a glimpse into the contemporary CCFS, and also introduced Central's latest State Championship team of McCarthy and Wearden. Kail ended the formal program with a short retrospective of Brother Rene for those who didn't know him. He called the evening a "family reunion," adding that, "One of the reasons we wanted to hold this reunion was to adopt you-who-didn't-know-him

into the family."

The adoption was successful. The several generations of CCFS members seemed to get along swimmingly, comparing notes on the foibles of coaches, the biases of judges, and the techniques to deal with them. It was remarkable how much the classes of 2015 or 2017 had in common with the class of 1985, or even 1963.

After the formal program concluded, the crowd moved to the McGinley Dining Hall to spend the bulk of the evening sharing refreshments and stories, apocryphal and otherwise, and exaggerating their achievements on the tournament circuit.

State Champions

William McCarthy, '16, and Luke Wearden, '16, won the Pennsylvania High School Speech League's (PHSSL) State Tournament held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, during the weekend of April 8-9, 2016. Central's debaters put together a dominating performance by going undefeated through the preliminary, quarter-final, and semi-final rounds. In the final round, Will and Luke debated an excellent team from La Salle College High School, a Lasallian school located in suburban Philadelphia, and won a decisive 5-0 victory. This is the tenth time since 1962, the year PHSSL began, that Central Catholic has won the debate championship, and the first time since 1990.



City Council Recognizes CCFS Excellence

On May 17, 2016, Pittsburgh's City Council joined in celebrating Central Catholic High School and the



CCFS by unanimously passing a City Council Proclamation. Council Member, Theresa Kail-Smith sponsored the proclamation.

Council Members, and Central graduates, Corey O'Connor, '02, and Rev. Rick Burgess, '75, offered their support for "Central Catholic Forensic Society Day."



Brother Rene Bobblehead

Whether or not you were able to attend the Central Catholic Forensic Society reunion, you still have the opportunity to purchase a Brother Rene Bobblehead. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance! Send your check for \$50 to:

Central Catholic Forensic Society
c/o Brother Kevin Dalmasse
Central Catholic High School
4720 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Advancement

The Importance of the Central Catholic High School Endowment

As part of *The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship and Service*, Central has renewed a focus on the growth of our tuition assistance endowment. The endowment is invested in perpetuity, unlike operating funds, which are used for day-to-day expenses and immediate needs.

A strong endowment is an essential component of a successful independent school. With our Lasallian mission of “education for all” and the increasing need for tuition assistance, the endowment fund has become critical to our annual financial plan. A robust endowment provides relief for the operating budget and provides a reliable stream of financial aid.

As the endowment increases, so does the school’s ability to provide tuition assistance. A well-funded, well-invested endowment ensures that students from all economic circumstances have the opportunity to attend Central Catholic.

Central currently has a “common fund” made up of charitable gifts from many donors, as well as nearly 80 “named funds,” established by individuals or families (e.g. The Staley Family Fund). Named funds create a receptacle for future charitable donations and ensure a predictable and sustained source of tuition assistance dollars. Gifts can be made to the endowment through a one-time charitable donation, a recurring monthly or annual contribution, or a “named fund” can be established with a \$25,000 gift or pledge.

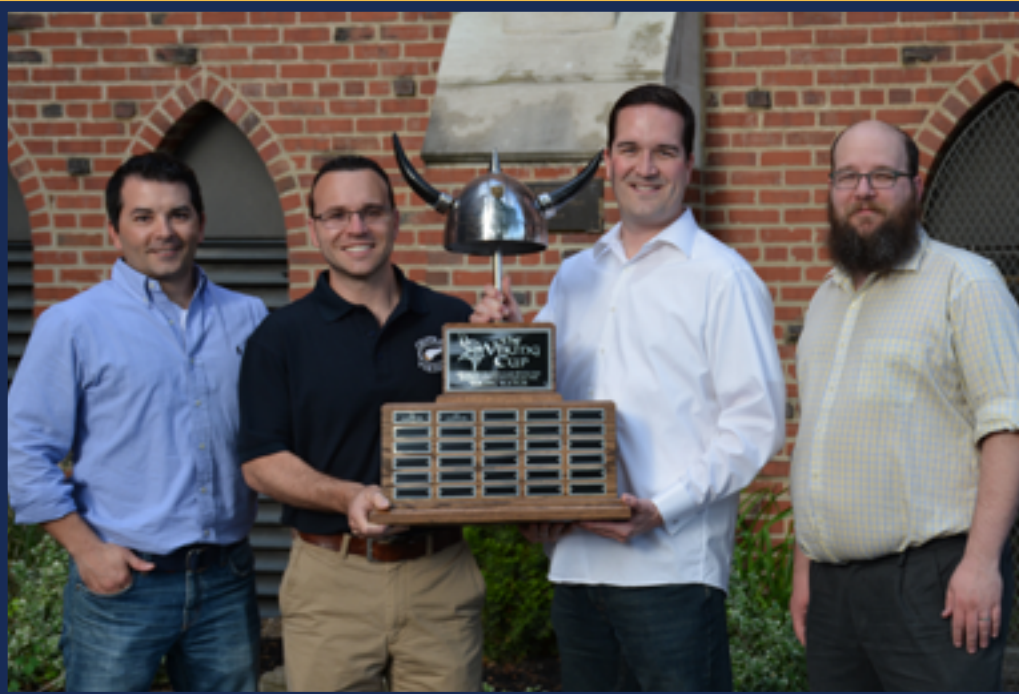
One of Central Catholic’s greatest strengths and most significant differences from other area private schools is its deep-rooted commitment to serving a broad range of students. With over 30% of our student population receiving tuition assistance, it is clear that the Lasallian value of educating students from all socio-economic backgrounds is alive and well. Investments to the endowment ensure that, well into the future, a diverse group of young men will keep the Central Catholic brotherhood thriving.

The Viking Match

Central Catholic held the second annual Viking Match from April 4 – 8. All gifts made online that week were partially matched from a pool of funds generously donated by the Board of Directors and an anonymous donor.

In true Central Catholic spirit, The Viking Match is also a competition! The class with the highest participation rate won bragging rights and a plaque acknowledging their generosity on The Viking Cup (we know it’s not actually a cup), Central’s version of The Stanley Cup.

The Class of 1995 brought in a record 27 gifts and had their win engraved on the trophy. Thank you to everyone who helped to raise over \$100,000 to benefit the students of Central Catholic during The Viking Match. You can make a secure online gift anytime at: <http://www.centralcatholichs.com/giving>



Members of the Class of 1995 (Mark Viccaro, Nick Greco, Eric Starkowicz, and Bryan Szafranski) celebrate their Viking Cup win in the Quadrangle.



The 27th Annual Viking Victory Auction

The 27th Annual Viking Victory Auction took place on April 30 on the campus of Central Catholic. The event truly lived up to this year's theme: Coming Home to Build on our Legacy.



It was an experience to remember for more than 700 individuals who enjoyed an evening of comradery and nostalgia; roaming the hallowed halls of Central Catholic, touring the new Zupancic Family STEM Center, and enjoying cocktails, a silent auction, and the sounds of the Blue Knights Jazz Band in Alumni Hall. A gourmet dinner was served in a clear top tent, followed by an amazing live auction. The most emotional moment of the evening took place when sophomore Colin Aikins, '18, paid tribute to



COMING HOME TO
BUILD ON OUR LEGACY

Brother Bob, singing a beautiful rendition of *Time to Say Goodbye*, composed by Francesco Sartori and made popular by Andrea Bocelli.

The event was chaired by Gabe and Gloria Hudock. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, PJ Dick, and our Partner in Mission sponsor, First National Bank, as well as all of our corporate sponsors. Finally, we would like to offer a special thank you to the dedicated committee and volunteers that helped to make this year's auction a success. Stayed tuned for information about the 28th Annual Viking Victory Auction! If you would like to join our committee, please contact Mark Burnett, '00, at mburnett@centralcatholics.com or 412.208.3443.



Gabe and Gloria Hudock, P '11 & '18

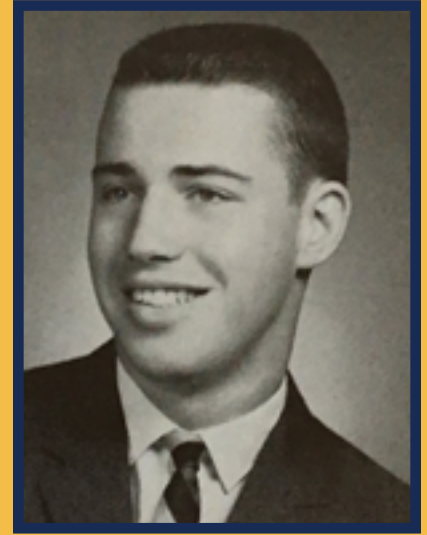
The 27th Annual Viking Victory Auction



The Benefaction of John A. Staley IV, '61

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, Mr. John A. Staley IV, '61, Chair of *The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service*, was named Benefactor by the Christian Brothers. "Letters of Benefaction" is one of the highest recognitions that the Brothers can bestow upon someone who has tirelessly worked in support of their mission over the years.

Staley Family Plaza was also unveiled. Thanks to the generous contributions of friends of Mr. Staley, the plaza will include a statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle.



Above: John A. Staley IV's 1961 yearbook photo



Left: John R. McGinley, Jr., '61 and John A. Staley IV with a drawing of the De La Salle statue



Br. Robert Schaefer, FSC, Principal; Br. Dennis Malloy, FSC, Provincial District Eastern North America; John A. Staley IV, '61; and Br. Benedict Oliver, FSC, Director of the Christian Brothers Community at Central



An artist's rendering of Staley Family Plaza and the statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle

A Message from Alumni Relations

Greetings from the Office of Alumni Relations,

Since beginning my new role in March, I have had the unique opportunity to witness the breadth of the Central Catholic community both locally and nationally. Whether it was the Viking Victory Auction or alumni receptions in Tampa, Florida and Washington D.C., there was one common theme. Central Catholic alumni are proud to share the ways that their alma mater has shaped their lives. The experiences that you had as a Central Catholic student, not only taught you valuable academic lessons, but also bonded you for life to a community of over 20,000 proud alumni. We are Viking Nation!



Brandon Haburjak, '06
Director of Alumni Relations

I am extremely honored to represent such a distinguished group of alumni. Over the next several months, my goal is to strengthen and build upon the existing alumni programming, while creating new initiatives that re-engage alumni with the school and each other. Staying connected provides you the opportunity to reflect on your time at Central Catholic and allows you to add new memories to the special ones you already have.

I am excited about the opportunity to connect with fellow alumni, as we work to continue the traditions of our alma mater. Fellow alumni, please do not hesitate to contact me. As your representative, I welcome your ideas for meaningful ways to engage and serve the CCHS community.

As we welcome our new principal, Br. Anthony Baginski, FSC, and usher in a new era of leadership and growth, this is an exciting time in the history of our school. I urge you to stay connected and be an active participant in this new chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BHA'.

Brandon Haburjak, '06
bhaburjak@centralcatholics.com

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2016 Reunion Announcements

Class of 1951-1956 Picnic

Saturday, September 10 2016; 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Red Oak Grove, Penn Hills Park

Contact: Dave Smith, '52, at 412.592.5658

Class of 1951 – 65th Reunion

Friday, September 2: Stag Night at CCHS

Saturday, September 3: Couples Dinner at the
Pittsburgh Athletic Association
4 p.m. Mass / 5 p.m. Dinner

Contact: Bob Fuchs at 412.242.3957; John Blough at 412.828.8990; Emerick Buccigrossi at 412.486.7691 or ebuccigrossi@verizon.net; Augie Crisanti at 412.531.9071; Paul Greenaway at 412.833.1792 or debogree@comcast.net; Rich Peluso at 412.680.7442; Ben Mannella at 412.621.2415 or benm23@comcast.net; Jim Lucot at 724.863.1375 or jimbo15642@comcast.net; John McVay at 724.226.1645

Class of 1956 – 60th Reunion

Friday, October 21: Stag Night at CCHS (6-10:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 22: Couples Dinner at the Wyndham

Sunday, October 23: Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral

Contact: Jim Duane at Duanejj@comcast.net or 724.941.7719; Bill Larkin at Blarkin@thermoflo.com or 412.389.9906; Richard Ponzio at rponzio@comcast.net or 412.563.7787; Vince Carr at Carvin_38@live.com or 724.687.0622

Class of 1961 – 55th Reunion

Friday, September 30: Stag Night at CCHS
(5:30-10:30 p.m.)

Contact: Jim Bender at jrbender614@verizon.net or 412.366.0354; Jim Foley at jadfoley@verizon.net or 412.486.1322; Joe DiFiore at josephdifiore@hotmail.com or 412.400.6850

Class of 1966 – 50th Reunion

Friday, September 16: Stag at CCHS (7-10:30 p.m.)

Saturday, September 17: Couple Dinner at The Rivers
Casino (6-11 p.m.)

Contact: email66ers@gmail.com

Class of 1971 – 45th Reunion

Friday, October 28: Golf Outing (Details to Follow)

Saturday, October 29: Stag Night at CCHS
(6-10:30 p.m.)

Class of 1981 – 35th Reunion

Friday, October 7: Stag Night at CCHS.
Additional details are coming soon.

Class of 1986 – 30th Reunion

Friday, September 23: Stag Night at CCHS
(6-10:30 p.m.)

Saturday, September 24: Pittsburgh Pirates Game /
Tailgate Party

Sunday, September 25: Golf Outing

Contact: Anthony Febbraro at afebbraro@federatedinv.com or 412.292.8608; Bob LeDonne at rledonne@att.com or 412.736.2064; Andy Meshanko at ameshanko@ppg.com or 412.654.3416; Jim Settembrino at settembrinoj@aadvantageinc.com or 412.287.2892; Frank Vivirito at favivirito@hotmail.com or 412.841.4743

Class of 2006 – 10th Reunion

November 23 or 25. Additional details are coming soon.

Reunions for the **Classes of 1976, 1991, and 1996** are being planned. Details will be available soon.

The Classes of 2001 and 2011 should contact Brandon Haburjak, '06, at 412.208.3488 or bhaburjak@centralcatholics.com to begin planning their reunions for the fall.

Lettermen's Club

by Kevin Shields, '79

Golf Outing "FOUR"thcoming

The Lettermen's Club is gearing up for its 24th Annual Golf Outing. The festivities are set for Monday, September 26, 2016, at Edgewood Country Club. The shamble format will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served right before the start.

If you have never golfed in this outing, please consider treating yourself to a fun-filled day of sharing many Central memories with fellow alumni. A fantastic buffet dinner, along with many prizes to take chances on, will follow the golfing revelry.

All funds raised from this event will benefit the student/athletes in all sports, both varsity and club. This year, the Lettermen's Club was proud to assist in the purchase of new suits for the swimming team, uniforms and summer jerseys for the rugby club, strength and conditioning training for the basketball team, and new oars for the crew team.

At the last Lettermen's Club Board meeting, Brian Hentosz, '04, was appointed president. He succeeds a very successful and admirable presidency of Rob Lovett, '93. Hentosz is looking forward to the challenge.

"I am honored to take over as President of the Lettermen's Club and look forward to building on Rob's tremendous work."

Gregory Thomas, '05, will begin his third year as vice president and Kevin Shields, '79, will begin his 12th year as secretary.



Brian Hentosz, '04

Hentosz would like to see a sellout for the upcoming golf outing. "The golf outing is our major fundraising event and a great opportunity to meet and have fun with alumni. Please mark your calendar for this outstanding event."

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

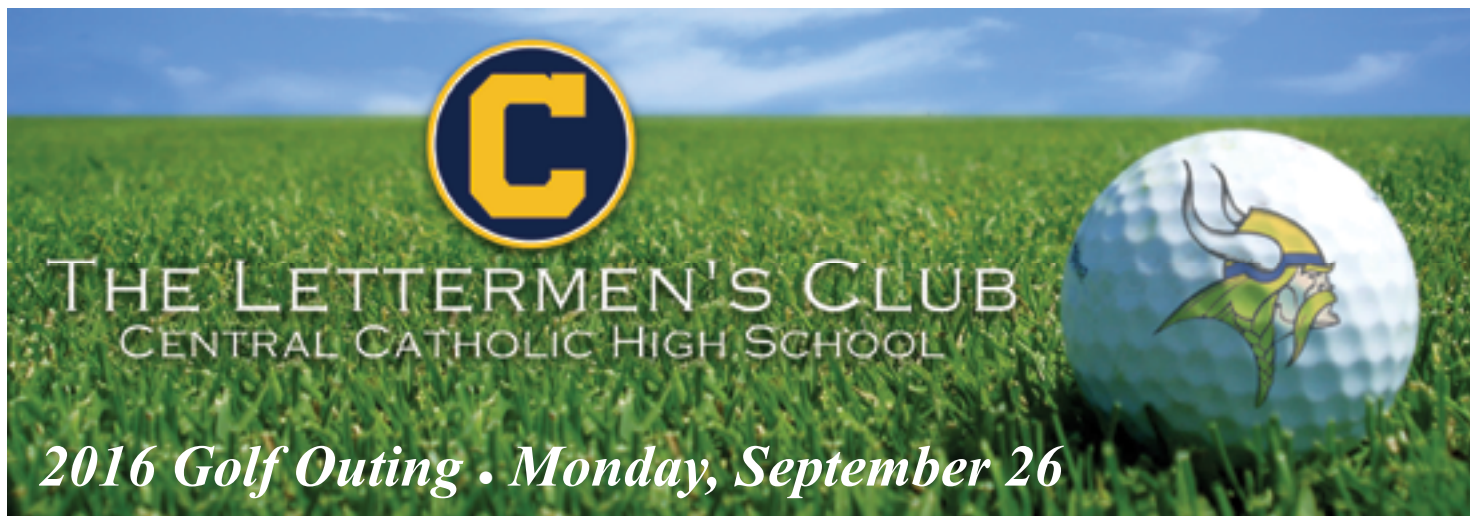
www.lettermensclub.com



Do you know a future Viking?

Tell them about your Central experience and let them know that they can register online at:

www.centralcatholics.com/apply



Edgewood Country Club • 12:30 Shotgun Start

Benefits Central Catholic Athletics

Entry Fees:

- Individual: \$200 (Space limited to the first 144 entrants)
- Corporate Foursome: \$975 (Includes four golfers and Green Sponsorship)
- Tee Sponsors: \$100 (Tax deductible)
- Green Sponsors: \$200 (Tax deductible; includes custom pin flag.)

Price includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, locker, dinner and prizes.

Golf Outing Registration—September 26, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Names in Foursome or individuals you would like to play with:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Individual: \$200

Corporate Foursome: \$975

Foursome: \$800

I would like to sponsor:

_____ Tee (\$100)

_____ Green (\$200)

_____ Cocktail Hour (\$500)

_____ Dinner (\$1,000)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Please Return this form ASAP to:

Central Catholic Lettermen's Club c/o Chuck Crummie, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-2952

Questions? Call 412-208-3494 or email golfouting@lettermensclub.com



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - 7:05 P.M.

Central Catholic Night at PNC Park

**For more information and tickets,
please visit:
www.centralcatholichs.com/pirates**



Paul J. Sciullo Memorial Alumni Hockey Games

The Paul J. Sciullo Memorial Alumni Hockey Games are scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the brand new Lemieux Complex in Cranberry!

Game 1: CCHS Alumni v. Pittsburgh Police

Game 2: Alumni v. (either the existing Varsity or other Alumni)

More information can be found by searching for the **Paul J. Sciullo Memorial Alumni Game** on Facebook.

Update Your Contact Information Online

Ensure that you are receiving the latest news and information from your alma mater!

Updating your information will help Central to save money by not mailing to old addresses and occasionally emailing you instead of always sending printed material.

Visit www.centralcatholichs.com/alumni and click on "Update My Contact Information".

News from the Viking Nation

1950s

Father Jack O'Malley, '54, Western Pennsylvania Labor Chaplin, was recognized with a pewter sculpture at a joint meeting of the Allegheny County Labor Council and the United Way of Allegheny County for his 50 years of service to the Church and Labor Unions.



He was also presented with the A. Philip Randolph solidarity award for demonstrating a commitment to building the labor movement and ensuring inclusion of people of color in labor leadership positions. This award was given by the A. Philip Randolph Institute at their annual Institute Awards Reception Program at the August Wilson Center in Pittsburgh.

1980s

Michael Fekete, '87, was one of 13 Catholic deacons ordained on June 4 by Archbishop Blase Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. He is a member of St. Gerald Church in Oak Lawn, IL.



Deacons are clerical positions in the Roman Catholic Church.

Unlike priests, they may be married. Their duties include community ministry and conducting baptisms and funerals. Deacons may perform most parts of the Mass, except for the consecration of the host for Holy Communion.

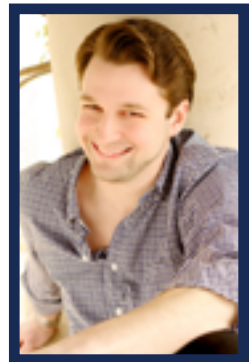
1990s

Officer Paul Sciuлло II, '91, was posthumously inducted into the Merle E. Gilliland Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame. He was honored at the men's basketball game on February 6, 2016.



Paul Sciuлло's parents accept his Hall of Fame induction

Liam Bonner, '99, recently joined the Houston Symphony as a Development Officer, Individual Giving, where he merges the mission and vision of the organization with the philanthropic goals of patrons and donors. He is currently working to realize the Symphony's Vision 2025 – to become America's most relevant and accessible top-ten orchestra.



Liam is also engaged to Meredith Allison and the two plan to be married in September of 2016 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Houston, TX.

2000s

Andrew Onorato, '00, has been selected by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to be one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest of 2016. Mr. Onorato along with 49 others will be honored at a special event in August recognizing outstanding young professionals in the Pittsburgh community who share a passion for charity and service.

News from the Viking Nation

Matthew Sudnik, '01, was honored by PICT Classic Theatre with the Anne D. Mullaney Inspiration Award at the opening of their production of *Oliver Twist*.

This award is given to one who, in the opinion of PICT's board, has given exceptional service or inspiration to the company. The board agreed that Sudnik has not only shown tremendous support to the work of PICT, especially in the field of education, but also is an inspiration to others in the education sector for his determination to make the arts and humanities a central focus of our responsibility in teaching the young.



Jonathan Grzandziel, '03, was recently appointed business analyst for PITT OHIO Express in Pittsburgh. Grzandziel, a resident of Baldwin, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from Point Park University.



Andrew Brennan, '03 (West Point, '08) and **Matt McCallum, '04** (US Naval Academy, '08) have combined forces with seven other veterans and formed The Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation. The organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to ensure that a memorial is erected on the National Mall in Washington, DC, for their era's warriors.

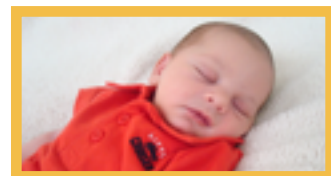


The **2004 football team** was inducted into the WPIAL Sports Hall of Fame on June 10, 2016. The 2004 team won both the WPIAL and PIAA championships.



Shawn A. Gouch, '05, was named Director of Alumni Relations at St. Vincent College.

Joseph R. Gualtieri, '05, and his wife Kristen proudly announce the birth of their son, Rocco Nicholas, on May 30, 2016.



Brandon Haburjak, '06, was named Director of Alumni Relations at Central Catholic on March 7.

Haburjak grew up in Hazelwood and attended St. Stephen School prior to Central Catholic. While at Central, he played baseball and football and was member of the 2003 WPIAL Championship football team and 2004 WPIAL & State Championship football team. After graduating from Central, he attended Point Park University and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences ('10) and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership ('15). He was also a four year member of the Point Park University baseball team and was named Captain his senior year.

Over the past five years, Haburjak has worked in higher education, primarily as a Senior Admissions Counselor at Point Park University. He currently resides in Munhall with his wife Erin and daughter Harper.



Joe Deasy, '09, spoke to Mrs. Kelly Maxwell's business classes on Tuesday, May 10, regarding entrepreneurship and starting a business. Joe has been an entrepreneur since his days at Central, providing DJ services and selling white-out t-shirts. Currently, Joe and his cousin are the owners of Escape Room Pittsburgh, located in Greenfield, with a new location near the Waterfront.

Robert Wiederstein, '09, is a proud graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Class of 2013). Rob currently works as a Technical Representative for CentiMark Corporation in Cannonsburg, PA where he received the honorable title of “Rookie Estimator of the Year,” a prestigious award given out annually to a newcomer who was selected by upper management as the best and brightest Estimator within all of the CentiMark Corporation.

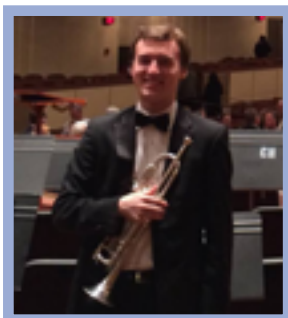
2010s

Luke Halferty, '11, went on a “First Date” as a leading man in the CLO Cabaret production. The former Broadway show, “First Date” ran in Pittsburgh from February – April.



Brenden Alfery, '12, was signed by the Pittsburgh Riverhounds soccer team. Brenden played goalkeeper at Central Catholic and Robert Morris.

Griffith Gentilcore, '12, a senior trumpet performance and music education major at Baldwin Wallace University, played the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on March 11, with the Baldwin Wallace Symphonic Wind Ensemble.



Michael Pompa, '12, graduated from the University of Dayton with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology this spring.

Over the past two summers, he has participated in an unpaid internship with the University of Dayton ETHOS (Engineers in Technical Humanitarian Opportunities of Service Learning) program. Michael's area of focus has been the mechanical design and testing of inexpensive, clean burning, and efficient cooking stoves for developing countries. Last summer, he spent 10 weeks as an intern at RocketWorks in South Africa designing these stoves and was able to see firsthand how the people lived and depended on them.

Anthony G. Pompa, MD, '07, began his residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in June. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy (2012) and received his Medical Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School in 2016.

John Mrozinski, '13, a student at Point Park University, attended the Major League Baseball Winter Meetings in Nashville, TN. Six Point Park students attended the MLB job fair with employers seeking interns, part-time, and full-time employees for more than 400 positions.



John Mrozinski, Zachary Aaron, Dani McSweeney, Casey McGan, Blaine King, and Joshua Croup

We want to hear from you!
Please send your news, photo, contact information, and graduation year to quadrangle@centralcatholichs.com

In Memoriam

Joseph A. Massaro, Jr., '53

January 14, 1936 – December 30, 2015

Joe Massaro grew up on Larimar Avenue in Pittsburgh. He graduated from Central Catholic in 1953, and, after the Army, earned his civil engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1957. He married Carol in 1960 and they had four children in five years, Linda, Joe, David, and Steven. Mr. Massaro was very proud to send his three sons to Central Catholic.

In 1967, he founded Massaro Corporation. Joe's passion and strong work ethic resulted in the organization becoming one of the area's most successful and well-respected construction firms. Joe built his company from the ground up under his personal mantra that in order to do the job right you have to "get up, pack your lunch, and go to work."

In addition to his reputation as a savvy businessman, Joe was widely recognized for his love of family. For his four children and fifteen grandchildren, attendance at Sunday family dinners was highly encouraged. He was also well known for his generosity of time, resources, and spirit. He supported many local non-profits and served on a number of local boards, including Central Catholic's.

Mr. Massaro was one of Central's most enthusiastic supporters. As quarterback of the football team, an inductee of the Central Catholic Hall of Fame, and a member of the Board of Directors, he had a love of Central Catholic that was evident throughout his life. He is fondly and gratefully remembered by the entire school community. In his honor, the Vikings football team will be sporting "M's" for Massaro on their helmets this season.



James G. "Jimmy" Dunn, '54

March 24, 1936 – April 4, 2016

Jimmy always credited Central for instilling in him the values by which he lived his life. He was a member of the Central Catholic High School Hall of Fame, Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, and he never missed a Viking Victory Auction.

He grew up in Shadyside, just a short distance from Central Catholic. After graduating from Central, he went on to Georgetown University, where he eventually earned his law degree in 1961. Jimmy, who once served as Allegheny County district attorney, was an estate, trust, and real estate attorney, as well as a successful real estate developer.

Well known for his colorful wardrobe and unique sense of style, Jimmy had tons of friends whom he invited to the birthday parties he held to celebrate each decade. His long-time companion, Janet Wagner, remembers one of his best pieces of advice to her, delivered during a round of golf, "I don't care how many strokes you have, just get to your ball and hit it."

Loyal to Central Catholic's Lasallian mission, Jimmy established the James G. "Jimmy" Dunn Scholarship Fund, which will provide tuition assistance to young men in perpetuity. The fund is an appropriate legacy for this very special alumnus. His impact will span generations of Central Vikings to come. Central Catholic is grateful for his support and will miss his vivacious presence.

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

1934

John P. Lacy

1941

Martin J. Coyne

John F. Livingston

1946

Robert F. Greene

1947

Raymond M. Dadig

1948

Anthony F. Bancale

Henry J. Rossi

1949

Francis J. Lyman

1950

Edward R. McGrath

1951

Robert J. Reardon

James D. Rengers

Ronald R. Gressler

1952

Brendan T. Carr

Anthony C. Caspero

Daniel F. McGrath

William S. McNamara

Remo J. Nardi

Patrick P. Raffaele

1953

Joseph A. Massaro, Jr.

Raymond C. Mesnar

Harry J. Weihrauch

1954

James G. Dunn

Lawrence F. Flaherty

1955

Robert J. Andrews, Sr.

1956

Charles J. Bonavita

Robert W. Connor

William M. Ibinson

Thomas P. Jennings

1957

Ronald R. Funk

1959

Eugene L. Pilardi

John P. Vath

1960

Phillip B. Buzzelli

Robert P. Doerfler

John W. Ford

1961

Joseph A. McGuigan

Charles Murphy

1965

William J. Lenaghan

1970

Henry D. Skelley

1971

Michael W. Duggan

1974

John R. Ehrentraut

1984

Greg A. Febbraro

2008

Michael C. Dietzen



Brother Robert Schaefer Remembers Mrs. Tina Graffia

August 3, 1955 – March 27, 2016

Early in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, longtime Chemistry teacher, Mrs. Tina Graffia, died after a courageous battle with cancer. For 25 years, Mrs. Graffia served the students at Central Catholic demonstrating the Lasallian spirit of Faith and Zeal in all she did day in and day out. St. John Baptist de La Salle's exhortation to teachers that they should "touch the hearts of their students and inspire them with the Christian spirit" was never lost on Tina. So often you could find students spending their free periods in her classroom either working on Chemistry or just sharing their experiences of life. She made our community more of a home by her maternal tenderness for "her boys," as she liked to refer to her students.

Tina's earthly battle with cancer is over. Our Lord saw fit to call her home on Easter Sunday, the day that Christians proclaim the victory of Life over death. I like to think that St. La Salle will be part of the Heavenly Court welcoming her to Paradise. While we are grateful that her long suffering has ended, we mourn and are saddened by her death. She loved us and we loved her. But we should all be convinced that Central Catholic has gained a powerful and loyal intercessor for our ministry. May she rest in peace!



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Mission

Central Catholic High School, a college preparatory school for boys, is guided by the educational principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice, and peace.



The Central Catholic Promise:

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

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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