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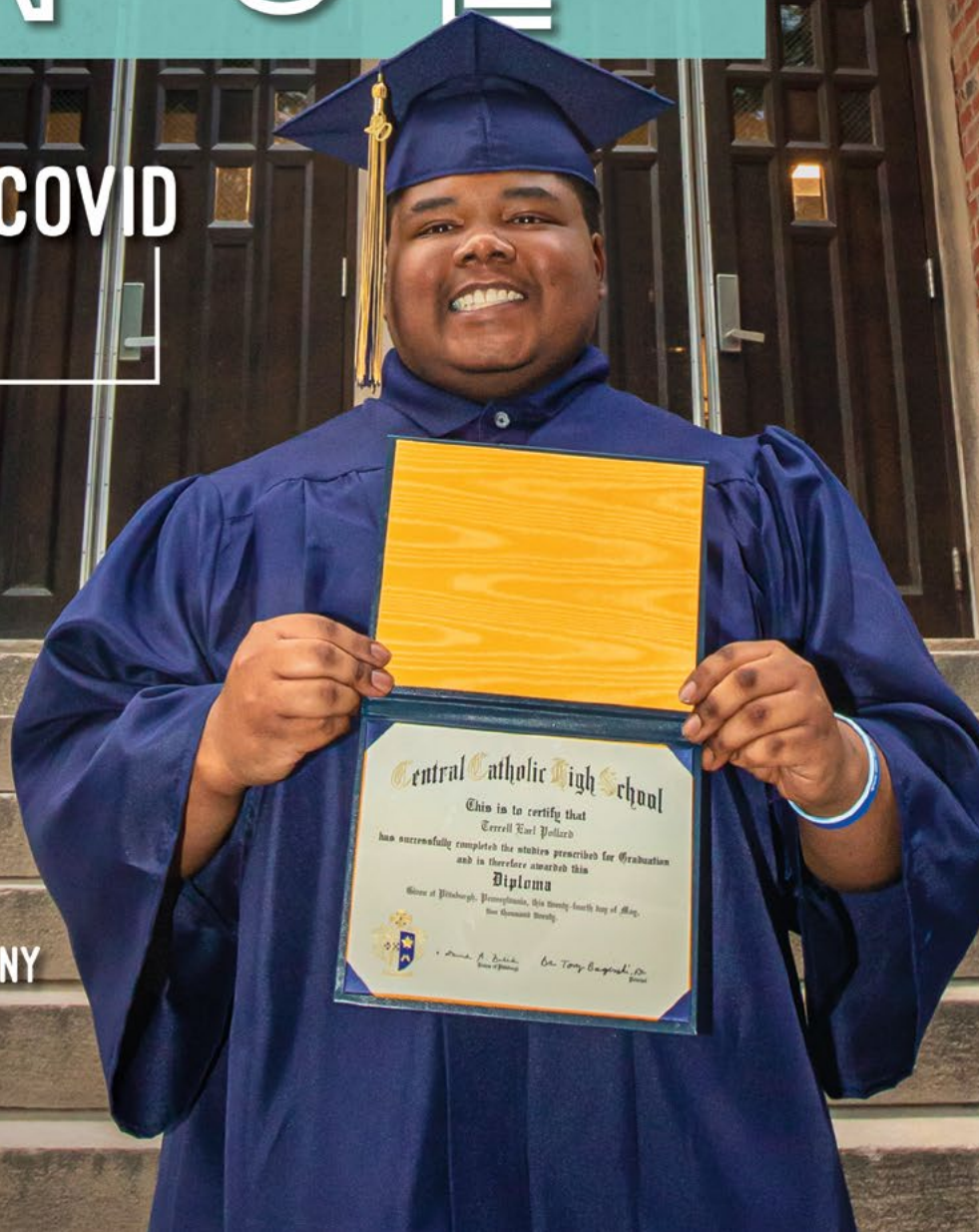
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CELEBRATES A VERY SPECIAL,  
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# A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER TONY



June 2020 - A Message from the Principal

**DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS  
OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC,**

In these extraordinary times of COVID-19, it is easy to focus on what was taken away. This school year again saw Central Catholic earn honors and recognition in academic, athletic, student life and extra-curricular endeavors. Then on the 13th of March, Governor Wolf announced that all schools in Pennsylvania would be closed. In the span of a weekend, everything changed. In three days, we transitioned to online education and finished the school year online with the goal of providing a continuity of learning as well keeping the students connected. Spring sports and extra-curriculars were canceled and graduation ceremonies have been pushed back to the end of July.

In April, we surveyed our students and parents. It was not a surprise that they wanted to be back at Central Catholic with their teachers, classmates, and friends. One question, "Who has been especially supportive/helpful during this period of online learning?" shows the Central Catholic Brotherhood at work. The answers varied, but most responses included "my teachers", "my friends," "my classmates," or "my team." It is our community that makes Central Catholic such a meaningful place. Even though we are physically apart, our entire

community has worked hard to support each other in every way possible. This level of caring and connection is what makes Central Catholic unlike any other high school.

Many of our parents experienced a reduction or loss in employment due to COVID-19. Due to the generosity of Central Catholic alumni, parents, and friends they were able to receive assistance and have one less worry during these times. Thank you for your incredible support during this year's Viking Match.

The senseless death of George Floyd has also made an impact on all of us at Central Catholic. At Central Catholic, we pride ourselves on bringing young men from all around Western Pennsylvania together to become Men of Faith, Scholarship and Service. As Lasallian educators, we strive to make a positive impact on those entrusted to our care. While keeping students safe is our top priority, at the same time, we want to make sure that they have a trusted space where they can express their concerns, have questions answered, and share ideas for the future.

In early June, I sat in on listening sessions with students, alumni, faculty and staff about the death of George Floyd, police brutality, and its wider implications. Moving conversations were had. Ideas and experiences were shared. Emotions were on display. I am grateful that we have a caring, committed community that is willing to come together to have these difficult, but necessary conversations.

One of the themes that emerged from these meetings is that fighting against injustice is not a short-term endeavor. We will continue to have these difficult conversations, and continue to



learn, grow and be agents of change – not only at Central Catholic, but within our communities. Meaningful change happens over time and we will continue to put in the work to change ignorance to understanding.

Over the past four years, to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, we created our Dignity & Respect Campaign, increased involvement from our Cultural Inclusion Advisors, conducted Youth Summits with Tim Stevens, P '19, Chariman and CEO of B-Pep (The Black Political Empowerment Project), and we foster open dialogues with our Black Student Union. We have formed an alumni group of well-respected African American alumni to advise the administration. Most recently, we have partnered with Todd Pipkin, '87, and the TAP Expert Educational Consortium for continued diversity training and development. The input from these groups, as well as input from our students and parents, is helping us continue to learn, grow and change.

G. Marcus Cole, '79, Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, is our most recent addition to our alumni advisory group. I encourage you to read his poignant essay included on the next page. Much like Marcus, we at Central are committed to changing this world for the better. Education is a powerful tool to dispel ignorance. We will continue to build on the progress we have made and will continue to put in the work. Enjoy this issue of *The Quadrangle* and know that you are always welcome for a visit at 4720 Fifth Avenue!

Faternally,

*Br. Tony Baginski, FSC*

Brother Tony Baginski, FSC  
Principal

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Live Jesus in our hearts ... forever!*

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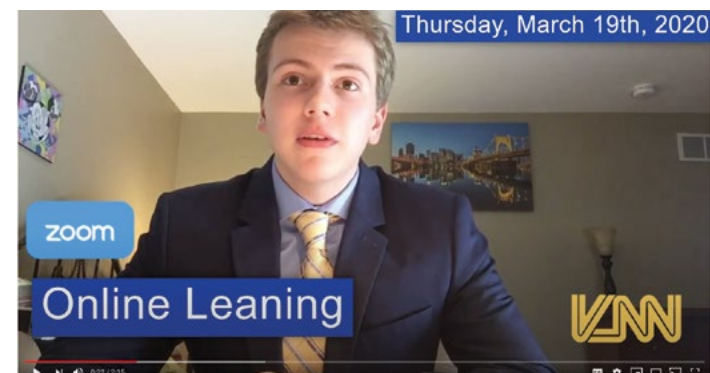
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# AN ESSAY FROM *G. Marcus Cole, '79*

THE FOLLOWING ESSAY WAS ORIGINALLY SHARED WITH THE NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL FACULTY BY  
**G. MARCUS COLE, '79**, JOSEPH A. MATSON DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.

*We are proud to publish this essay with his permission.*

## I AM GEORGE FLOYD. EXCEPT, I CAN BREATHE. AND I CAN DO SOMETHING.

- **G. MARCUS COLE, '79**

Over the past several days, I have received numerous messages of care and support from friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, each of whom simply wanted to express their concern for how I might be feeling in the wake of the murder of George Floyd. For many, I am perhaps one of the only African-American men in their social or business circles. Others, especially those who know me well, are cognizant of my own personal experiences with racial violence. Their expressions of love and support are rooted in the fact that the circumstances surrounding the deaths of George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery are strikingly similar to my own accounts of an attack on my father over fifty years ago, one I witnessed as a little boy. What my friends may not know, but surely suspect, is that each report of racial violence at the hands of a police officer or group of men brings to the surface the vivid memories of that terrible night.



On a hot summer Friday evening, my little sister asked my parents for strawberries. We lived in a predominantly Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and so all of the stores were closed. But my sister wanted strawberries, and my father wanted to get them for her. So, he loaded me, my sister, and my baby brother into the back seat of our car, and drove to another neighborhood to get strawberries. As we returned home, my father noticed that we were being followed by another car. Suddenly, that other car swerved in front of us and stopped, forcing our car to halt at the curb. In an instant, three white men, all in their twenties, jumped out of their car and rushed to ours. They dragged my father out of the car, and began to beat him with tire irons, a crow bar, and a baseball bat. They did this in full view of his three little children. When neighbors came out, the three men jumped back into their car and sped off, leaving my father for dead on the hood of our car. I can still see his hand reaching for me against the windshield covered with his blood.

While my father survived that night, he lived the rest of his life with a surgically reconstructed eye socket, complete with a plate in his face that set off metal detectors. But his were not the only scars that those men left. If it were not for our neighbors, I often wonder whether my little sister, baby brother and I would have survived that night. I often think about my failure to remember the license plate number when asked by the police. And while I can still see the taillights of the car through that bloody windshield, I know that those men will never have to answer for what they did to us. At least not in this life.

It would be one thing if I could have been assured then, or even now, that such a thing could never happen again. My own experience proves that it can.

As an African-American man, I have had the experience of being pulled over by a police officer, with no apparent or expressed reason for the stop. I have been berated and verbally abused, without receiving a ticket or a warning. The most scarring of these events occurred in front of my two little boys, who are now grown, African-American men themselves. The police officer was intent on nothing more than humiliating and emasculating me in front of my small children, hoping to provoke me to respond. At that moment, I remember thinking that the most important thing I could do for my sons was to survive the encounter. Still, I have often thought about what lasting scars may have cut into their psyche by watching what that officer did to me that night.



I often wonder what my sons think of me, as a man, and as their protector, knowing that I could not fight back.

Yes, I am alive, and George Floyd is dead.

I can breathe; he cannot. But just because a police officer did not murder me or my children does not mean that he did not harm us.

Like many African-American men, my experiences are far too common. While they have never left me, these memories are all too frequently brought back to the surface by watching the videos that have become routine on American televisions and mobile telephones. The callous murders of unarmed men like Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd are real for me. That could have been my father. That could have been me. That could be either one of my sons. And in a very real sense, like many other African-American men, I am George Floyd. Except, I can breathe. And I can do something. I must do something.

While my education and position do not grant me immunity from racial violence, they do place me in a position to do something about it.

I am a lawyer, a law professor, and Dean of one of the nation's leading law schools. As the Dean of Notre Dame Law School, I have a special allegiance to the legacy of Father Theodore Hesburgh. In addition to his role as the longtime President of the University of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh was the Chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. When his stance for social justice caused President Richard Nixon to demand his resignation from the Commission, Father Hesburgh continued his efforts by founding the Center for Civil Rights at Notre Dame Law School. Early in its existence, the Center broadened its advocacy to International Human Rights. Today, Notre Dame Law School equips lawyers from all around the world with the training and tools they need to fight for human rights. The murder of George Floyd has shown us that we must also cast our gaze closer to home.

IT IS URGENT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNDER THREAT ALL AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS REALITY MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND ADDRESSED.

TO DO SO, I WANT TO RESTORE FATHER HESBURGH'S ORIGINAL VISION FOR NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL BY TAKING THREE STEPS.

**FIRST**, I will work with my faculty colleagues at Notre Dame to restore Father Hesburgh's vision for our Master of Laws in Human Rights. This program will continue to train lawyers from around the world, and also lawyers interested in advancing the fight for human rights here in the United States. We will fully fund students selected to train at Notre Dame Law School for a career defending civil and human rights in the United States, in the same way that we do for those training to defend human rights in other countries.

**SECOND**, I will work with Notre Dame faculty, alumni, and benefactors to fully fund fellowships for, and actively recruit, exceptional applicants for our Juris Doctor program committed to the cause of civil rights. Our goal will be to provide Notre Dame lawyers for every community in this country to stand vigilant against violations of civil and human rights, wherever those threats might arise.

**THIRD**, I will ask the Notre Dame Law School faculty to establish a new Exoneration Law Clinic, aimed at releasing from the criminal justice system those who are victims of prosecutorial or police misconduct. We will return fathers and mothers to their sons and daughters, particularly when their only "crime" was to be born the wrong color.

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THESE ARE THINGS THAT I, IN MY POSITION, CAN DO. BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH. I CANNOT DO THIS ALONE. EACH OF US MUST DO WHAT WE CAN, WHEREVER WE ARE.

One thing that each and every one of us can do is to end the cycle of hate by ending the separation that leads to it. This racial separation and violence will not end until we stop waiting for African-Americans to enter our circles. Each of us needs to get to know people who differ from us. We must all make a conscious decision and effort to expand our circles.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke in King Chapel at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, on Oct. 15, 1962. He said,

"I AM CONVINCED THAT MEN HATE EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY FEAR EACH OTHER. THEY FEAR EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER, AND THEY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER, AND THEY DON'T COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER."

Each one of us can choose to finally end hate, by ending this separation.

We must do something. This is something each one of us can do.

I am committed to doing three things to change this world for the better.

Please join me. What three things can you do to make this world a better place? How can I help you?



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DR. PATRIZIA COSTA HONORED WITH WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Patrizia Costa, Co-Director of Brother David S. Baginski, FSC, Scholars Program, on being recognized as a 2020 Distinguished Women of Achievement Honoree. Each year, Cribs for Kids hosts a gathering to celebrate successful and prominent women from Pittsburgh. Honorees are nominated and selected based on excellence in their field, making a significant contribution to the betterment of their communities, or outstanding accomplishments for the advancement of women.



FATHER ROBERT GEORGE CELEBRATES 50TH JUBILEE

In May 2020, Father George celebrated 50 years in the priesthood of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. After 38 years of faithful service to the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic, Father George officially retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Father George remains active at Central Catholic and in the Brothers' community.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, MR. JOHN COPE!

After nearly 50 years of teaching and nearly 30 years in the social studies department teaching sociology and psychology to hundreds of students, Mr. Cope retired at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Although retired from Central Catholic, Mr. Cope will continue to make a positive impact on education as he takes on the role of President of the New Kensington-Arnold School Board in the upcoming school year.



FACULTY AND STAFF FAREWELLS:

Mr. Steven D'Addieco | Mr. Jacob Schramm | Mr. Morris Turner, '89

We wish them luck in their future endeavors!



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Mothers' Guild

The Central Catholic Mothers' Guild is one of the school's oldest organizations. The Mothers' Guild is a diverse group of mothers who host social events, organize fundraisers, and help build community at Central Catholic. From hosting the annual fall fashion show fundraiser to organizing monthly breakfasts and events for our faculty and staff, we are grateful for all of their support!

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## PJAS SUCCESS!

Members of PJAS (PA Junior Academy of Science) cleaned up at this year’s PJAS regional event! On Feb. 1, 2020, 28 CCHS students presented their independent research projects. Central students captured 15 first place awards.

Jack Sabo, ‘23, was also awarded a Perfect Score and the prestigious Duquesne Dean’s Award for his project entitled “The Effect of Chloraseptic Spray on Bacteria.” Ryan Ungarean, ‘23, was honored with the Rangos Health Science Award for his project: “CBD Effects on Mammalian Stem Cells.”

### First place winners include:

- Donovan Allen, ‘23
- William Courtright, ‘23
- Nolan Cynkar, ‘23
- Xander Hill, ‘23
- Jonathan Maffei, ‘23
- Cole Nix, ‘23
- Henry Phillips, ‘23
- Andrew Pritchard, ‘22
- Jack Sabo, ‘23
- Dominic Servello, ‘23
- Liam Tinker, ‘21
- Ryan Ungarean, ‘23
- Benjamin Very, ‘23
- Joshua Wade, ‘23
- Jacob Wincko, ‘23

### Second place winners include:

- George Acklin, ‘23
- Mason Bilenski, ‘23
- Zack George, ‘23
- Michael Gill, ‘23
- Julian Hebert, ‘23
- Oscar Heller, ‘22
- Vincent Kaschauer, ‘21
- Thomas Kristian, ‘23
- Dillon Maddigan, ‘23
- Evan Moncheck, ‘22
- Chris Paluselli, ‘23
- Xavier Ramirez, ‘23

### Third place:

- Andrew Patsy, ‘23



## NEWLY FORMED MODEL UN CLUB PARTICIPATES IN FIRST CONFERENCE

On Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, students from Central Catholic’s newly formed Model UN club took a trip down Fifth Avenue to participate in Pitt’s 23rd Annual Model UN Conference. Students participated as delegates from Cyprus and Maldives in various committees like UNICEF, Legal, the International Labour Organization, and the United Nations Environment Programme.

Throughout the day, they discussed real world UN topics like forest conservation, the effect of armed conflict on treaties, education rights of children with disabilities, and gender equality in developing countries with delegates from countries all over the world.

Although Central’s Model UN is still new, Jack Sabo, ‘23 received an Honorable Mention for his participation in the United Nations Legal committee. The day was a learning experience that provided students with lots of ideas and energy to prepare for the next conference.





## STUDENTS PRESENT AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

In late September, students in the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC, Scholars Program presented their work at the International Conference on Sustainability and the Integrity of Creation at Duquesne University. Student paper topics ranged from Nuclear Fusion and Microbial Soil Symbiosis to the Effects of Media on Climate Change Discourse. The students who presented their work and will submit their essays for publication are Blake Neiderlander, '20, Nathan Jordan, '20, Galen Lovejoy, '20, Adam Sipe, '20, Sean Dolan, '20, John Hollihan, '20 and Nicholas Weising, '20.



## BISHOP MCDOWELL STUDENTS CONDUCT STEM CELL EXPERIMENTS AT CMU

Students in Mr. Krotec, '73's Bishop McDowell Biology classes engaged in an interesting stem cell experiment on Friday, Jan 24, 2020. Mr. Krotec took the classes to a biomedical engineering teaching lab at Carnegie Mellon University, where the students exposed cells to growth factors and potential therapeutic scaffolds.



## FRESHMAN WINS MLK WRITING AWARD

Amari Smith, '23, was recognized as "Best of School" on Jan. 20, 2020 at the Carnegie Mellon University Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Writing Awards Ceremony for his poem submission, "Now What Do You Think?"



## CLEAN AND GREEN

Students in Ms. Sirockman-Bell's Environmental Science class turned PLA cups (biodegradable, "plastic" cups made from corn) into household cleaners!

## A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

After a long night of delivering treats, St. Nicholas stopped by Central Catholic the morning of Dec. 6, 2019 to surprise our students and Fifth Ave passersby.

Strangely, we have still never seen Deacon Jelinek and St. Nicholas in the same place at the same time.





### FBLA REGIONAL WINNERS

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members brought home 25 awards at the FBLA Region 10 Conference on Thursday, Dec.12, 2019 at Keystone Oaks High School.

#### First Place Winners:

- Emerson Sokolski, '20 - Business Law
- Connor Downs, '21 - Economics
- Liam Sebastian, '20 - Help Desk
- Tanner Foley, '20 - Insurance & Risk Management
- Mark Castelnovo, '20 - Journalism
- Jacob Metcalf, '21 & Harrison Smith, '20 - Management Information Systems
- Lorenzo Sunseri, '20 - Parliamentary Procedure
- Ian Kitterman, '21 - Word Processing

#### Second Place Winners:

- Joseph Pilewski, '21 - Cyber Security
- Dominic Bonacci, '20 - Health Care Administration
- Claudio Simione, '20 - Introduction to Business
- Ian Kendall, '20 - Job Interview
- Ian Connolly, '20, Colby George, '20 & Nate Matthews, '20 - Management Decision Making
- Alexander Nese, '20 - Parliamentary Procedure
- Jack Cherkes, '20 - Spreadsheet Applications

#### Third Place Winners:

- Jack Lowman, '20 - Agribusiness
- Dino Rende, '20 - Help Desk
- Dylan Ilov, '21 - Introduction to Public Speaking
- Tom Robinson, '21 - Management Decision Making
- Nicholas Romanelli, '21 - Parliamentary Procedure
- Adam Kozera, '20 - Personal Finance
- Jake Meyers, '21 - Political Science

#### Regional Leader Elections:

- Alex Pampena, '21 - President
- Jack Sabo, '23 - Secretary



### BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE ESSAY AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Aidan Nicholas, '23, on a third place finish in the 2020 Black Women For Positive Change - Pittsburgh Chapter Essay Contest. Aidan won a \$100 Visa gift card. He said he plans to use half of his winnings on items that benefit the poor and save half for the future!



### CENTRAL CATHOLIC STUDENTS FINISH 15TH IN COUNTRY IN NATIONAL MATH CONTEST

In February, Central Catholic students finished 15th in the country in the National Assessment & Testing Four-by-Four Competition. Approximately 100 Central Catholic students stayed after school to participate in the contest. The contest allowed teams of four students to collaborate. Each round required students to answer four questions every three minutes. There were 10 rounds in all.

Central Catholic's top team, consisting of Owen O'Malley, '21, Liam Tinker, '21, Will Koloc, '21 and Liam Cringle, '21 scored the highest, netting 50 out of a possible 100 points. These juniors will attempt to improve on that score next year.

#### The other competitors who helped Central Catholic place well include:

Chris Wilkinson, '20, Donald Poindexter, '20, Dominic Polsinelli, '20 and Chris Samek, '20 with a score of 44. Special kudos to Anthony Frank, '23, Loch Davis, '23, Nick Pachete, '23 and Ryan Ungarean, '23. These freshmen added a total of 37 points to Central's overall score, enabling Central Catholic to nab that 15th place finish.



### ENGINEERING STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AT PITT

In February, a group of Central Catholic students from our engineering program went on an informative field trip to the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering. They spent the morning learning about the multitude of opportunities that Pitt has to offer in the field of engineering.





**SACP ESSAY  
HONORABLE MENTIONS**

Congratulations to Joseph Stern, '21 and Liam Tinker, '21 on their Honorable Mentions in the The Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP) Essay Contest.



**SENIOR WINS PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS**

Nick Anglin, '20, was recognized as a 2020 Princeton Prize in Race Relations winner. The Princeton Prize in Race Relations (PPRR) recognizes and rewards high school students who, through their volunteer activities, have undertaken significant efforts to advance racial equity and understanding in their schools or communities.

The committee was very impressed with Nick's initiative and dedication for promoting positive race relations, equity and understanding through the non-profit organization that Nick spearheaded at Central, called "B.Y.E. (Black, Young and Educated)."



**BROTHER DAVID  
S. BAGINSKI,  
FSC, SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM  
EXPLORES THE  
NATION'S CAPITAL**

Members of the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC, Scholars Program visited Washington, D.C. in late October. While there, students explored the city's landmarks and history, and met up with several Central Catholic alumni, including Conor Lamb, '02, Marco DiVito, '18, Michael Halahurich, '18, Michael McGough, '69, Brendan Lawlor, '19 and Matthew Sudnik, '01, former director of the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC, Scholars Program.







### FRESHMEN TAKE FIRST PLACE IN FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Anthony Frank, '23, and Jack Sabo, '23, on taking home the first place prize in the Fairchild "Set the Stage for Air Quality" Challenge! The judges thought freshmen Jack and Anthony's video on car idling, featuring the fictitious super hero, "Nold Ling," was very informative with a well-thought-out and highly entertaining skit. They also loved the creative way that they incorporated the call-to-action at the end.

By placing first in this challenge, Jack and Anthony are awarded the Patti Burns Prize for Excellence in Communication and Media and the school is awarded \$500 for use in environmental programs.



### BSU EXPLORES HBCUS

On Oct. 10, 2019, the Black Student Union took 17 students to the Historically Black College and University information fair at CCAC.

Dressed to impress with transcripts in hand, 11 young men received on-the-spot admission to at least two universities. Congratulations to Alex Hill, '20, for qualifying for a full tuition scholarship (\$16,500) to Delaware State University.



### A VISIT FROM FUTURE ASSISTANCE DOG PENGUIN

Canine Companions for Independence assistance pup-in-training, Penguin, stopped by for a visit during our Wednesday morning activity block on Jan. 29, 2020.

Penguin is being raised by the Sabo family, including Jack Sabo, '23. Mrs. Jill Sabo taught students about the Canine

Companions for Independence organization, and afterwards, they were able to get in a little playtime with Penguin!

Penguin is a big Central Catholic fan, and when he is not busy learning new commands, he can be found in the stands at Central Catholic freshman ice hockey games, cheering on the team.



### SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL CHAMPS

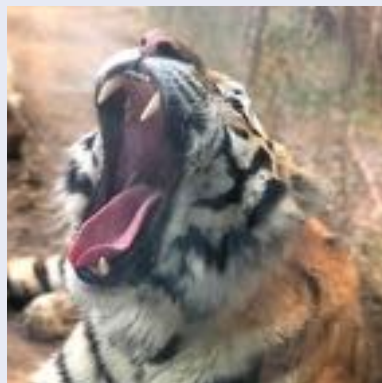
Congratulations to Mr. Rooney's Homeroom B410 on winning the Sophomore Intramural Basketball Championship. The final score was 33-32 over Mr. Schramm's B303. Cooper Romanelli, '22, made both free throws at the end of the game to clinch the victory.



### PHYSICS GETS "EGG-CITING"

Students in Mrs. Ball's physics classes had an "egg-citing" end to their semester. Working on the concepts of momentum and impulse, students were tasked with designing a contraption using eight straws, eight sheets of paper, and tape or staples to protect a single egg. The goal of the exercise was to figure out how to protect their egg when it dropped from the ceiling. The majority of the student teams were successful!





**LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!**

On Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, the senior environmental science class attended a behind the scenes field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo. Students were able to discuss various careers at the zoo and talk to the zoo keepers about animal interactions and caring for various animals.

**CAD/3D MODELING CLASS DESIGNS WEIGHT SUPPORTS**

Our CAD/3D modeling class designed and printed supports between wood and a base with the goal of holding as much weight as possible. The two groups were able to hold over 400 pounds!



**STEM CLUB EXPLORES ACID RAIN**

On Jan. 29, 2020, Central Catholic's STEM Club sponsored an interactive exploration of acid rain and ocean acidification run by Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN). Central students learned how to test the pH-level of solutions, and then created different acidic and basic solutions to simulate and examine the effects of ocean and river acidification.



**FRESHMEN EXCEL DURING FIRST SEMESTER AT CENTRAL**

151 students in the Class of 2023 achieved Honor Roll status in their first quarter at Central Catholic.



# FORENSIC SOCIETY

## Central Catholic Forensic Society Celebrates Successful Spring

The Central Catholic Forensic Society had a historically successful spring with top competitors in speech and debate events qualifying for nationals, winning the district tournament, and accruing some victories at tournaments around Pennsylvania.

Although the Forensic Society's season came to an early end with the cancellation of the PHSSL State Tournament and the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Tournaments, at the time of publication, the NSDA National Tournament had been moved to a virtual tournament.



### NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION (NSDA) NATIONAL\* QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- Amari Smith, '23 - 3rd Place / National Qualifier - Dramatic Interpretation
- John Hollihan, '20 & Noah Eakin, '20 - 2nd Place / National Qualifier - Policy Debate
- Amari Smith, '23 - 4th Place / 1st Alternate - Program Oral Interpretation of Prose & Poetry
- Oscar Heller, '22 & Parker Osth, '22 - 5th place / 2nd Alternates - Policy Debate



### NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE\* (NCFL) PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN QUALIFIERS RESULTS

- Fiorente Pampena, '22 - 2nd Place / National Qualifier - Oral Interpretation of Prose & Poetry
- Amari Smith, '23 - 4th Place / National Qualifier - Dramatic Performance
- Eric Fredette, '22 - 6th Place / National Qualifier - Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Dominic Passafiume, '22 - 6th Place / National Qualifier - Oral Interpretation of Prose & Poetry
- John Evans, '21 & Ezekial Matous, '21 - 6th Place / National Qualifiers - Public Forum Debate
- Gregory Reiser, '22 - Finalist / 1st alternate - Lincoln Douglas Debate

### MOON AREA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

FEB. 22, 2020

- John Hollihan, '20 & Noah Eakin, '20 - 1st Place / State Tournament Qualifiers - Policy Debate
- Amari Smith, '23 - 1st Place / State Tournament Qualifier - Poetry Interpretation
- Dominic Passafiume, '22 - 2nd Place / State Tournament Qualifier - Poetry Interpretation
- John Evans, '21 & Ezekiel Matous, '21 - 2nd Place / State Tournament Qualifiers - Public Forum Debate
- Fiorente Pampena, '22 - 3rd Place / State Tournament Qualifier - Prose Interpretation
- Oscar Heller, '22 & Parker Osth, '22 - 3rd Place / 1st Alternate - Policy Debate



- Ian McVicker, '20 - 4th Place / 1st Alternate - Extemp. Commentary
- Connor Downs, '21 - 4th Place / 1st alternate - Humorous Interpretation
- Eric Fredette, '22 - 5th Place / 2nd alternate - Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Declan Reilly, '22 - 5th Place / 2nd Alternate - Extemp. Commentary
- John Keyho, '21 - 5th Place / 2nd Alternate - Humorous Interpretation
- Brandon Karafilis, '21 - Finalist - 6th Place - Prose Interpretation



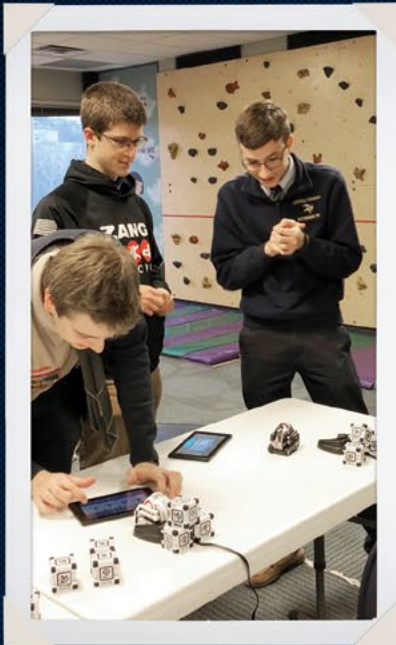
# ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT



SEVERAL STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED THE BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA'S HIGHEST RANKING DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.

Requirements to obtain Eagle Scout ranking include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must also demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Once the project is complete, the Eagle Scout must pass the board of review.

On average, a mere 5% of boy scouts achieve the Eagle Scout rank. Central Catholic is proud of our students who have dedicated their time to serving their communities to achieve this rank!



## IAN CONNOLLY, '20

Ian Connolly, '20, (left) achieved Eagle Scout Rank in May 2020. Combining his passions for STEM and service, Ian conducted a STEM education after-school program for underserved kids on the North Side. With the help of his Central Catholic peers, Ian was able to help 65 students learn about LEGO Robots.



## DYLAN GANNON, '20

On Jan. 15, 2020, Dylan Gannon, '20, successfully passed his Board of Review from the Laurel Highlands Council of the Boy Scouts of America. For his service project, Dylan refurbished the silver fox enclosure for the Humane Animal Rescue's Wildlife Center. The refurbishment included re-landscaping the enclosure by filling the fox holes, planting native shrubbery and adding a water feature to allow the foxes to obtain fresh water during the winter months.



## ROBERT KUSK, '21

Robert Kusk, '21, achieved Eagle Scout rank on Sept. 24, 2019.



## TANNER MAUE, '20

Tanner Maue, '20, built bat boxes for the Humane Animal Rescue's Wildlife Center in response to the recent threats to bat populations in our area. These boxes provide safe places for bats to live and keep them out of homes and attics where they are often killed. Tanner presented several of the completed boxes to the mayor of Edgewood to be used throughout the borough.

## VAN SCAGLIONE, '20

Van Scaglione, '20, was featured as a CommUNITY Champion on WTAE for his Eagle Scout project in September. Van collected uniforms to donate to Kelly Primary School in Wilksburg.





# ADMISSIONS EVENTS



**OPEN HOUSE**

Central Catholic welcomed students and families to its annual Fall Open House on Nov. 10, 2019. Students and families received tours, participated in science experiments, and met with faculty, staff and coaches!



**ADMITTED STUDENTS NIGHT**

On March 10, 2020, we welcomed the Class of 2024 and their families for our annual Admitted Students Night. Students met their future classmates and learned the essentials of what it means to be a Central Catholic Viking, like how to tie a tie and how to unlock a lock. Parents heard from school administrators and special guest, Mr. John Henne, P '21 and '23.





# A VISIT FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL



L TO R: BROTHER TONY BAGINSKI, FSC, PRINCIPAL  
BROTHER TIMOTHY COLDWELL, FSC, GENERAL COUNCILOR  
BROTHER ROBERT SCHIELER, FSC, SUPERIOR GENERAL  
BROTHER DENNIS LEE, FSC, VISITOR (DENA)



## A VISIT FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

On Nov. 19, 2020, we welcomed Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Brother Timothy Coldwell, FSC, General Councilor and Brother Dennis Lee, FSC, Visitor (DENA) to Central Catholic. They were greeted with a short performance from Central Catholic's choir, and spent the day visiting with students, faculty and staff. At the end of their visit, students presented Brother Robert with a \$2,500 check on behalf of Central Catholic High School. The money will be used to provide assistance to Lasallian ministries around the world.





# Serving and LEARNING

SERVICE LEARNING IS A KEY PART OF THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE. PRIOR TO THE COVID-19 SHUTDOWN, STUDENTS COMPLETED SEVERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, BOTH LOCALLY AND DURING MISSION TRIPS.

ON AVERAGE, STUDENTS collectively COMPLETE **OVER 5,000 HOURS** OF COMMUNITY SERVICE EACH YEAR.

## STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPORTS MAGEE-WOMENS HOSPITAL DURING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In Nov. 2019, Student council members Jackson Vento, '20, Adam Sipe, '20, and Declan Folan, '20, visited UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital to deliver a \$4,500 check to benefit the Magee Womens Breast Cancer Patient Care Fund through Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation. Funds were raised through t-shirt sales and dress down days in support of Dr. Shannon Puhalla (pictured right), an oncologist at Magee who has treated faculty members Mrs. Mary Ann Lynch and Mrs. Ashley Salamacha while they were undergoing chemotherapy.

The Breast Cancer Patient Care Fund helps women with basic needs like transportation, groceries, and medication while they are going through treatment. This is the second year in a row that the Student Council has committed to supporting this cause during the month of October.

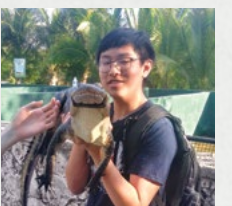
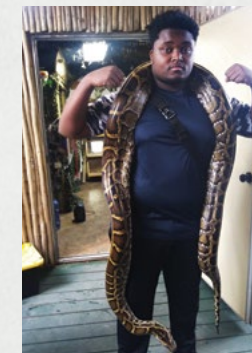


## STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON COMPUTER NETWORKING EXPERIENCE DURING MISSION TRIP

After a tough week of midterm exams in January, a small group of students from Central Catholic visited the Centro La Salle Education Center in Homestead, Fla., for a week-long mission trip. In partnership with Duquesne University, students set up a computer network and installed 22 computers, three printers and six iPads for the center. Students got hands-on experience with computer networking and enjoyed an airboat and eco tour in their free time.

The educational center provides after-school programs to students in elementary school through high school. Located in an area that is primarily Spanish-speaking, students use the center to study the English language and complete their homework.

*A special thank you to Duquesne University for donating all of the equipment.*



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Many of our students celebrated the season of giving by giving back to those in need over Christmas break.

On Christmas Eve, Jeremiah Clark, '20, Devonte Duke, '20, Terrell Pollard, '20 and Daimere Stephens-Stewart, '20, helped spread Christmas cheer by delivering sandwiches, water and socks to those in need.







## ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

Each year, Central Catholic students, faculty and staff come together to collect canned goods for *Little Sisters of the Poor* during the month of November. Central Catholic's canned food drive accounts for roughly 80% of their food pantry. This year, we delivered 18,500 cans, our second highest total ever!

# LEARNING

## EL OTRO LADO EXPERIENCE

BY CHRISTOPHER SAMEK, '20

El Otro Lado is a border awareness immersion program that takes place in El Paso, Texas with the aim of educating its participants on life at the border, immigration, and immigration law. The borderland is a multifaceted issue, and El Otro Lado seeks to immerse its participants in the culture and realities of the many people and groups that live and work there.

Ultimately, El Otro Lado was one of the most impactful experiences of my life. Over the course of four days, we were able to view the city of El Paso, meet with humanitarian organizations like Las Americas, listen to cases in the courthouse, and spend time across the border in Ciudad Juárez. Without a doubt, the most memorable event for me was our visit with the women at Centro San Catalina, a devout group who spend their working hours making things like jewelry and other accessories in order to sustain themselves and their families. The most important aspect of what I learned over the course of my week happened there, and it was the meaning of hope and courage and how to approach each day with the utmost optimism and happiness. Sure, I was able to experience first-hand some of the hardships facing immigrants today, but the lessons these women taught me were something you can't learn anywhere else. One woman told our group something that I will remember for the rest of my life, that they are happy. Those that I encountered in Mexico have indubitably faced many struggles and endured great sadness, yet in the face of everything, they never give up on seeking a better future.

I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL THAT I WAS ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE EL OTRO LADO IMMERSION TRIP. WITHOUT THE HELP OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC AND THE URGING OF MR. BRYAN HANRAHAN, I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN THESE LASTING MEMORIES. I NOW FEEL COMPELLED TO DO WHAT I CAN IN AIDING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE BORDER, AND I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I AM IN THE POSITION TO TAKE THE ACTION NEEDED.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB SPRUCES UP THE CITY

In October, members of the Central Catholic Environmental Club spent their Saturday volunteering to plant trees downtown as part of the Pittsburgh Redbud Project. The project has added over 1,500 trees to downtown Pittsburgh, adding beauty and biological diversity to the city.



## STUDENTS DONATE TOILETRIES TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NEED

Students in various math and science classes immersed themselves in the Lenten spirit by giving toiletries to the women and children from *Mom's Turn at A Child's Place*, PA. This non-profit's mission is to improve the health, safety, and well-being of children, especially those at risk for abuse and neglect. A *Mom's Turn* focuses on the mothers and their children, particularly mothers that were once incarcerated and in need of basic necessities for themselves and their children to get back on their feet.





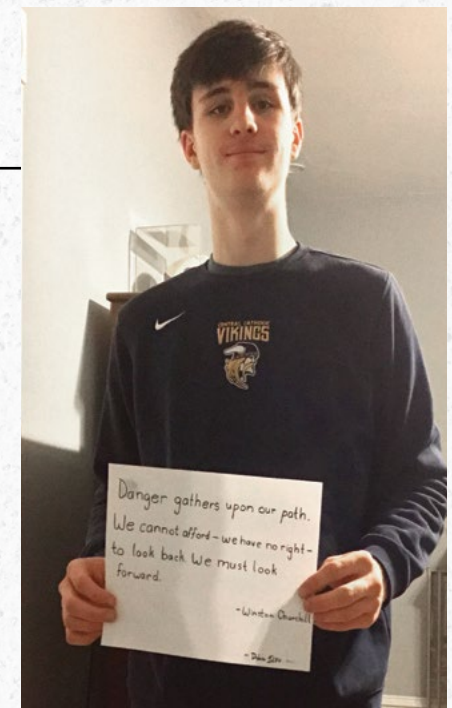
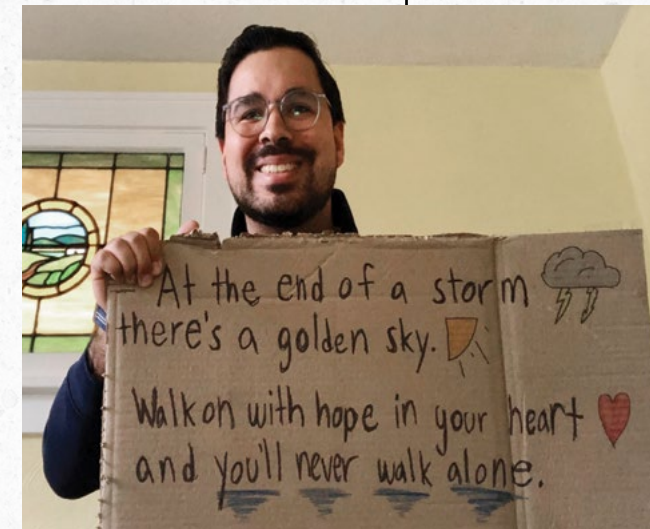
# — BEING — CONNECTED

## CONNECTED IN THE TIME OF COVID

One of the many advantages of being a student at Central Catholic is the sense of community instilled within our students. The spirit of accompaniment and the unique approach to Lasallian education were not lost in March when our entire world changed. Central Catholic officially began online instruction on Thursday, March 19 with minimal interruption. While nothing can replace in-person learning, our students and teachers have made the best of the situation, staying connected to each other throughout the entire process.

AS WE CONTINUE IN THESE  
UNCERTAIN TIMES —  
ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN  
**WE ARE ALL  
'OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER.'**

## CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER



## STUDENTS AND TEACHERS SHARE MESSAGES OF HOPE

Students and teachers felt the strain of not being able to see each other in person. They submitted messages of hope to inspire the CCHS community!



# “FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARENTS

The feedback below is a result of a survey delivered to parents and students in April.

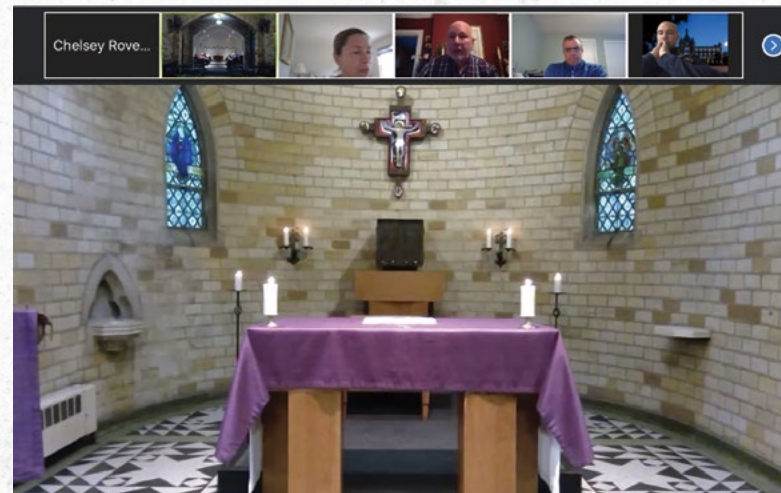
“I AM A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, AND HAVE KEPT AN EAR OPEN TO THE PROCESS. THE COLLABORATION AND DISCUSSIONS MY SON HAS WITH HIS CLASSMATES KEEPS THEM CONNECTED. THE BOYS SEEM TO BE THEIR OWN SUPPORT AND THE TEACHERS ARE PACING WORK AND EXPECTATIONS WELL.”

“I LOVE THE GYM ZOOM MEETINGS. THEY ARE VERY ENTERTAINING AND ALSO SOME LEVEL OF PHYSICAL WORK, WHICH IS NEEDED.”

“EDUCATIONALLY, CCHS LET VERY LITTLE TIME GO BY BEFORE THEY WERE BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE. HE REALLY HAS NOT MISSED A BEAT.”

“I WANTED TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THAT CCHS HAS BEEN HANDLING THE ADJUSTMENT AND EXECUTION OF THE REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM - AND THIS IS COMING FROM SOMEONE WITH FOUR CHILDREN IN FOUR DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ... I THROW COMPLIMENTS LIKE THAT AROUND LIKE MANHOLE COVERS!”

“I KNOW MY SONS HAVE APPRECIATED WHEN THE TEACHERS CHECK IN ON THEM AND HAVE ASKED HOW THEY ARE DOING. THEY ARE NOT ENJOYING THIS EXPERIENCE AND APPRECIATE SOMEONE SINCERELY ASKING ABOUT HOW THIS HAS AFFECTED THEM.”



## UNITING IN PRAYER DURING HOLY WEEK

Even though our faculty and staff are social distancing, they still came together for Holy Week prayer on Zoom!



## ZOOM DRESS DOWN DAY

In honor of the typical "jersey themed" dress down day during Spirit Week, Mr. Goldcamp's senior Peer Ministry course wore jerseys to their Zoom class on Friday, April 24.

## AP LITERATURE STUDENTS SHARE FAVORITE POEMS FROM A DISTANCE

Students in Mr. Rooney's AP Literature class recorded readings of their favorite poems to share with their classmates.



Link: [www.centralcatholics.com/poetry](http://www.centralcatholics.com/poetry)



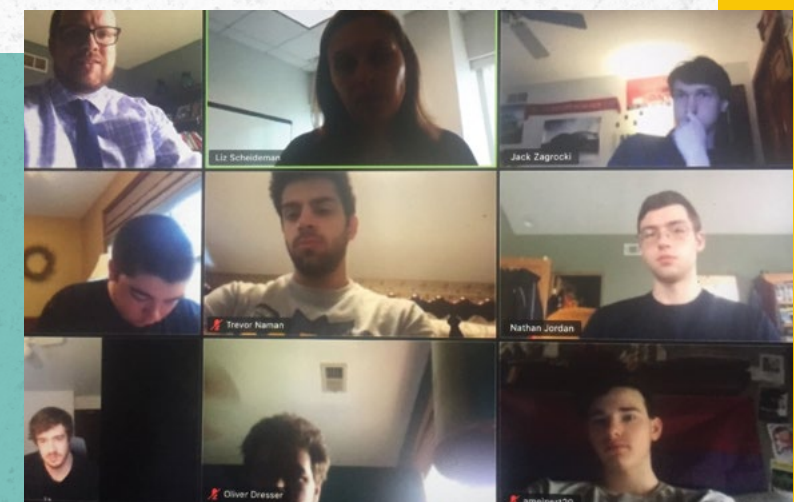
## AP ART HISTORY EXPLORES ART THROUGH ZOOM

Students in Dr. Costa's AP Art History classes are still able to critique art through Zoom!

## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY STUDENTS ZOOM WITH VACCINE SCIENTIST

Organic Chemistry students were joined by guest speaker Dr. Liz Scheideman, a scientist at the Vaccine Program Production Laboratory at the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Scheideman answered questions related to vaccine research and production to give the students an inside look at the scientific approach to solving the current pandemic.





# CONNECTED TO OUR TEAMMATES

## CAD STUDENTS CONSTRUCT 3D DESIGNS REMOTELY

Quarantine can't stop Mr. Kronebusch's Computer Aided Design Class. Students remotely designed 2x2x2 boats with the goal of holding at least five pennies before sinking. See who won the challenge in the video below!

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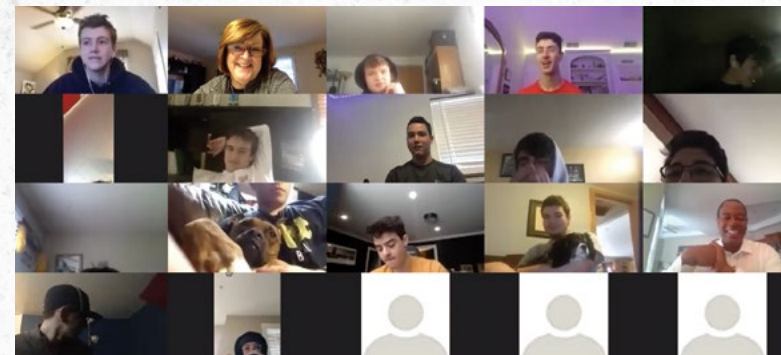
## “FEEDBACK FROM OUR STUDENTS

“THE TEACHERS ARE WILLING TO HELP THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY AND NOT JUST THEIR CLASS PERIOD.”

“THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY SUPPORTIVE. THEY’VE NOT ONLY REACHED OUT TO THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, BUT I’VE HAD INDIVIDUAL HELP WHENEVER I’VE NEEDED IT.”

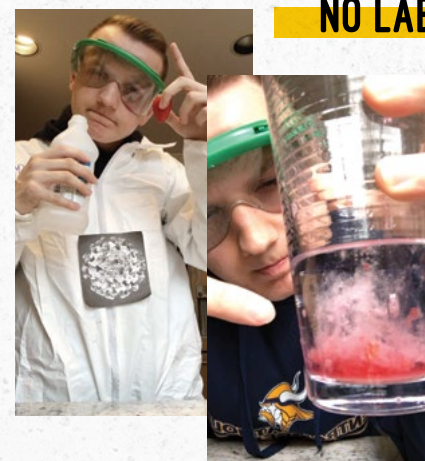
“ALL OF MY TEACHERS AND THE COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL DURING THIS PERIOD OF ONLINE LEARNING, AS THEY FREQUENTLY SEND EMAILS TO CHECK IN WITH THE STUDENTS AND MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING OK, BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND MENTALLY.”

“MY TEACHERS HAVE BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE WHEN I MAKE MISTAKES OR FORGET TO TURN IN ASSIGNMENTS. I REALLY LIKE HOW THEY ARE ALL AWARE OF THE PRESSURE THAT THIS PUTS ON THE STUDENTS AND THEY CAN ADJUST TO HELP EACH STUDENT INDIVIDUALLY.”



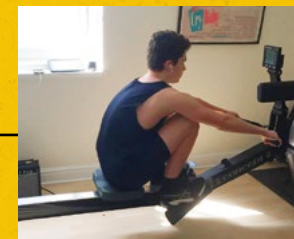
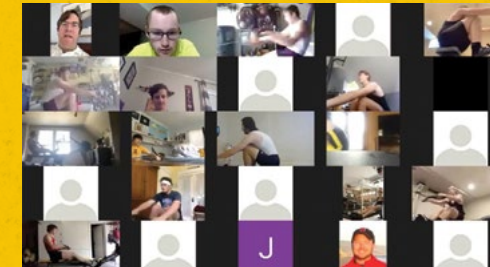
## WTAE'S ANDREW STOCKEY JOINS IN ON ZOOM

Andrew Stockey “Zoomed” in to Mrs. Maxwell's 6th period accounting class at the end of March! Andrew joined the class to check in on our students and encourage them to stay positive and keep working hard!



## NO LAB? NO PROBLEM!

Students in Ms. Sirockman-Bell's Freshman Biology class conducted a strawberry DNA extraction lab at home. Luckily, many of our students are also maintaining their great senses of humor during this time as well! Photos include lab work from Cole Nix, '23.

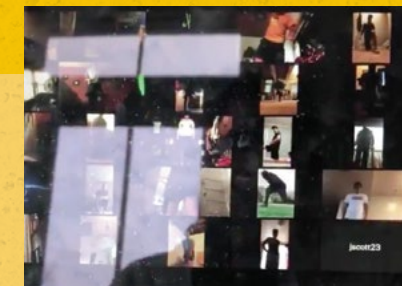
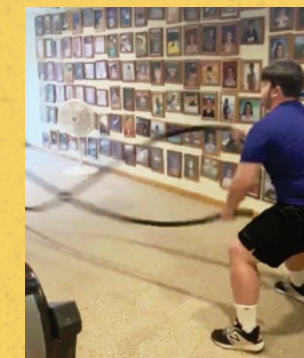


## ROWING COMPETES IN VIRTUAL SHREWSBURY CUP

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, the Central Catholic crew team competed virtually against Gonzaga in the Shrewsbury Cup. Between both squads, over 75 boys participated, using ergs at home and racing live on Zoom. Both the 1F and 2F came out on top! #ROWVIKES!

## FOOTBALL TEAM REMAINS ACCOUNTABLE ON ZOOM

As spring football conditioning moved from Central Catholic's weight room and field, players took to their local parks, garage gyms and basements to stay in shape for the upcoming season. Over 75 students joined the team Zoom workout in the spring. Roll Vikes!



## FOOTBALL COACHES DELIVER CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS

On May 2, 2020, football coaches went door to door to visit seniors and deliver their 2019 WPIAL Championship rings.

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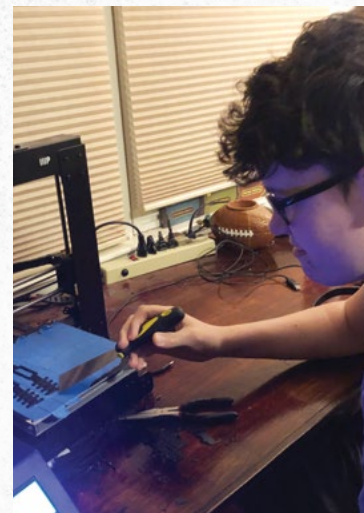


# CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

## PJAS PROJECT LEADS TO REAL-WORLD HELP FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

Andrew Pritchard, '22, researched the mechanical properties of 3D printing techniques for his PJAS (PA Junior Academy of Science) project this year. When he saw news reports of health care workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, he found a new use for his 3D printer – helping health care workers whose ears were being rubbed raw by the elastic straps holding their face masks in place for hours on end.

Andrew has been running the printer non-stop, printing hundreds of “ear guards” that prevent chafing by holding the straps away from the ears. Andrew found the design on an open-source 3D printing site. They have four notches so the straps can be adjusted for fit and comfort; they are made of PLA filament, are biodegradable and can be disinfected for reuse. Andrew has been distributing the ear guards to hospitals in Pittsburgh, Georgia and Kentucky, as well as to essential workers at a local medical clinic, grocery store and manufacturer.



## FBLA DONATES CANDY TO RED DOOR MINISTRY

The FBLA chapter at Central Catholic donated over 2,500 candy bars to Red Door Ministry in Downtown Pittsburgh. This candy is usually sold in the spring as a FBLA fundraiser. After Central Catholic shut down for the remainder of the school year, there was no way for the FBLA to feasibly sell the candy.

The Brothers delivered the candy to Fr. Chris Donley, '97, in April. The Red Door Ministry serves over 250 meals each day to those in need.

Central Catholic has worked closely with the Red Door Ministry throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Students in our freshmen class and Lasallian Ministry students volunteered their Saturday mornings helping to prepare the meals.



## FRESHMAN ORGANIZES T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER TO FIGHT HUNGER

Along with the help of his sister, Tess, a junior at Oakland Catholic High School, Robert Malnight, '23, created a t-shirt fundraiser to raise money for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Robert and Tess raised a total of \$2,660 through sales and donations.



## FRESHMAN DELIVERS FOOD TO LIGHT OF LIFE MINISTRY

At the end of May, Argento Greene, '23, helped deliver 100 burgers to the Light of Life Rescue Mission.

## BASEBALL TEAM SUPPORTS LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

On what would have been their last JV baseball game of the season, team member Mario Misiti, '22, came up with an idea to stay connected to his teammates and help the community at the same time.

Mario organized a food drive to benefit Little Sisters of the Poor. Families donated canned goods and team members collected the goods from every house. Once collected, the team sorted and delivered 1,200 canned goods to Little Sisters of the Poor.





“  
ALL VIKINGS GRADS  
STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF  
THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE THEM.  
  
JUST KNOW, 2020 BROTHERS,  
THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF  
SHOULDERS TO SUPPORT YOU.”

—  
- LEN PASQUARELLI, '68



“  
“ALWAYS REMEMBER  
THAT YOU ARE IN GOD’S  
HOLY PRESENCE AND  
LET THAT REALITY GOVERN  
YOUR EVERY THOUGHT,  
WORD AND DEED!”

—  
- JOHN CRAWFORD, FSC, '72

# HONORING 2020

## THE CLASS OF

As an institution deeply rooted in tradition, our community was devastated when our seniors could not participate in some of the end of year traditions, such as hanging their ties on the last day of classes, in the traditional manner.

On an unseasonably cold Saturday in early May, 30 faculty and staff volunteers traveled to 62 different zip codes to hand deliver care packages and yard signs to our 218 seniors. Each package contained gifts for seniors, as well as a personalized letter of well wishes from a teacher or mentor.



“ —  
**20 FOR '20**  
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, WE ASKED  
OUR ALUMNI TO SHARE THEIR BEST ADVICE  
FOR OUR NEWEST ALUMNI, THE CLASS OF  
2020, IN 20 WORDS OR LESS.

**HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF  
THEIR RESPONSES!**

“  
“LIFE IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO SAY  
“NO” OR “IT CAN’T BE DONE.”  
  
LOOK FOR THOSE WHO SAY,  
“LET’S TRY.”

—  
- AUGIE CARLINO, '78



**NATHAN WILLIAM JORDAN**  
**2020 VALEDICTORIAN**







“YOU HAVE CHOSEN A MARVELOUS PATH TO IMPACT THE WORLD IN A POSITIVE MANNER. I CHERISH THE FOND MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES AS SHOULD YOU ON BEING PART OF THE VIKING NATION. YOUR LIFETIME OF SUCCESS IS AROUND THE CORNER AS WE STAY HOPEFUL DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.”

- BILL AUSTIN, '60



“

“THE BONDS YOU HAVE MADE AT CENTRAL WILL LAST A LIFETIME. YOU ARE NOW PART OF A BROTHERHOOD SPANNING DECADES AND WE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO SUPPORT OUR BROTHER VIKINGS.”

- J. KEVIN KEYHO, '77



## COMMENCEMENT

WILL STILL HAPPEN LATER THIS SUMMER!

Pending social distancing guidelines, Central Catholic will hold its annual Baccalaureate Mass on **July 21** and a commencement ceremony on **July 26, 2020**.

[Watch the commencement ceremony](#)





# Celebrating TERRELL POLLARD



On Thursday, June 18, 2020, Central Catholic held a private commencement ceremony for Terrell Pollard, '20, and his close friends, family and teachers.

Terrell is battling an aggressive form of brain cancer called glioblastoma. At the time of publication, Terrell has stopped his chemotherapy treatments due to complications, and his current focus is on enjoying life and spending time with family.

Terrell is passionate about cooking and was admitted to his dream school, the Culinary Institute of America. Although going away for school is on hold, Terrell remains joyful and is focused on cooking as a hobby and spreading joy wherever he can.

"I AM HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THIS BROTHERHOOD," SAID TERRELL DURING HIS COMMENCEMENT SPEECH. "I KNOW THAT PEOPLE SAY THAT I HELP THEM A LOT - THAT'S THROUGH GOD, BUT YOU HELP ME A LOT TOO ...I HAVE MANY, MANY HARD DAYS, BUT I KEEP MY SMILE ON MY FACE, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT OTHER PEOPLE TO FEEL DOWN ... I PUT THAT SMILE ON MY FACE AND MAKE OTHERS HAPPY."

You can view his full commencement ceremony and speech at [www.centralcatholicchs.com/terrell](http://www.centralcatholicchs.com/terrell)

*Terrell is an inspiration to all of us at Central Catholic.*

## ATHLETICS

### BOWLING TEAM WINS WPIBL CHAMPIONSHIP

The bowling team went undefeated during its 2019-2020 regular season and clinched the 2020 WPIBL Championship. The team played in honor of former coach Mr. Angelo Bordogna, who passed away prior to the start of the season on Dec. 6, 2019.

#### THE BOWLING TEAM ROSTER INCLUDES:

- Tas Bessko, '21
- Will Frazier, '21
- Anthony Hopkins, '21
- Adam Hulsman, '21
- Robert Jordan, '21
- John Keyho, '21
- Andrew Koltas, '20
- Andrew Lopez, '22
- Steve Perekiszka, '21
- Nathaniel Perl, '20
- Colin Sakony, '20
- Tyler Soltis, '21
- Domenic Tirone, '20
- Charles Zahir, '20



### PIAA 3A SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nathan Segall, '21; Bobby Walker, '21; Cooper Luedde, '21; John Guilinger, '20 and Mario Misiti, '22, represented CCHS at the PIAA 3A Swimming & Diving State Championships held March 2020.







CENTRAL CATHOLIC BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCES TO SEMI-FINALS

For the first time since 2012, the varsity basketball team advanced to the WPIAL 6A semi-finals after a 42-34 upset over Fox Chapel in the quarter-finals on Feb. 22, 2020. The Vikings fell to Mt. Lebanon in the semi-finals on Feb. 26, 2020

RECORD BREAKERS

The 4x200 team of Brandon Jackson, '22, Trevor Naman, '20, Jahmaine Hatten, '20 and Antonio Pitts, '22, took first place at the Youngstown State Winter Indoor Track Meet, and broke a 71-year-old school record in the 4x200m relay. The record was broken by over a second, and ranked the team second in the state, and 31st in the country.



WPIAL CHAMPS

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 varsity football team on winning the 6A WPIAL Championship at Heinz Field on Nov. 17, 2019.

FINAL SCORE: Central Catholic - 10, Pine-Richland - 7



ANOTHER ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

MEMBERS OF THE TRACK TEAM ADDED LAST SEASON'S NEW SCHOOL RECORDS TO THE TROPHY CASE!

The 4x100 meter relay team consisting of (L to R) Trevor Naman, '20, Jahmaine Hatten, '20, Eddy Tillman, '20, and Tyhir Royster, '19 broke the school record with a time of 42.39 seconds. Jahmaine Hatten, '20, set a new school record of 10.76 in the 100 meter.

CONGRATS TO STUDENTS SELECTED TO 2020-2021 ALL STAR TEAMS

HOCKEY

PIHL ALL-STAR DAYNE MARTIN, '20 CLAUDIO SIMIONE, '20 MICHAEL SEWECKE, '20

SOCCER

FIRST TEAM ALL-SECTION JOHNATHAN OPALCO, '20 SECOND TEAM ALL-SECTION ZACHARY KAUTTER, '21 HONORABLE MENTION SAMUEL LITTLE, '21

BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM ALL-SECTION BEN SARSON, '20 HONORABLE MENTION ANDERSON CYNKAR, '21 COLLIN O'TOOLE, '20

FOOTBALL

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE A'MAAR ALLEN, '20 JAISHON HAWKINS, '20 MATT ALTSMAN, '20 JOHN OPALCO, '20 AJ BEATTY, '20 GUSTY SUNSERI, '20 ELLIOT DONALD, '21 EDDY TILLMAN, '21 LUKE HARRIS, '20 SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE A'MEER ALLEN, '20 THOMAS HARTNETT, '20 CHASE HORNE, '21 HONORABLE MENTION ERIC BENSON, '21 DOMINIC PIETO, '20 DONTRE JONES, '20 JD YOUNGER, '22 LIAM KEARNEY, '20 GANNON CAROTHERS, '22



## CENTRAL CATHOLIC ANGLER HOOKS BIG COLLEGE RIDE

Austin Aikins, '20, has been hooked on fishing for as long as he can remember, and he's pretty good at it, too. Good enough to have been recruited and offered a full scholarship to fish on one of the most prestigious bass fishing programs in the nation, Bethel University. The school located in McKenzie, Tenn., has won the past two Collegiate Bass Fishing National Championships.

Central is known for its success in many different sports, but bass fishing wasn't on the list. Austin didn't let that stop him. Together with his classmate, Richie Shulik, '20, he started the Fly-Fishing Club at Central Catholic. The duo later started a competitive bass fishing team known as the Central Catholic Anglers. They fished in regional tournaments for the Pennsylvania Bass Nation High School and in the Northeast and Southeast for the FLW High School League. Austin even fished as far away as Idaho when he was the PA State Champion in the 2019 Big Bass Junior Championship representing PA in the national tournament.

Fishing is Austin's passion but he also gives back to the sport that he loves. He is involved in local conservation efforts at Burrell Lake Park, Deer Creek, Buffalo Creek and at the Allegheny River. Austin volunteers with the Fish and Game commission to assist in local fish stocking efforts and Central's Fly-Fishing Club teamed with YMCA's Family Tyes organization which aims to



encourage, educate and introduce youth to the sport of fishing. His skill for fishing and his passion for the sport have led to Austin being named to the Bassmaster High School All State Team for Pennsylvania two years in a row.

Austin is grateful to Central Catholic for supporting his efforts in fishing and proud that his success has brought recognition to the school for such a different sport. Since he was a kid, he dreamed about becoming a professional fisherman which seemed to be a real longshot.

“I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN,” Aikins said about having bass fishing pay for his college tuition.

“IT WAS MORE SO A DREAM, LIKE, ‘MAN, THAT WOULD BE AWESOME IF THAT COULD HAPPEN. AND THEN IT DID. IT DOESN’T FEEL REAL.”



## U12 HOCKEY TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

In early March, the Central Catholic Vikings Hockey U12 team defeated Pine Richland 7-3 to capture the championship trophy in the the Steel City Ice Renegades's annual Scholastic Tournament at Alpha Ice Complex in Harmarville.

## HOCKEY TEAM DONATES TO JACK SCHOENIG TRUE GRIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Prior to their game vs. Prep-Villa, the Central Catholic ice hockey team presented Cathedral Prep with a \$2,700 check to the Jack Schoenig True Grit scholarship fund. Jack Schoenig was a senior forward at Prep who passed away unexpectedly in October. The fund is an endowment to provide for any hockey player or student at Cathedral Prep in need.







## SENIORS COMMIT ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Fifteen seniors committed to continuing their academic and athletic careers on National Football Signing Day.

- A'Maar Allen - Lackawanna Junior College
- A'Meer Allen - Lackawanna Junior College
- Matt Altzman - University of Pittsburgh
- AJ Beatty - University of North Carolina
- Max Ciganik - Penn State (rugby)
- Mason Feldstein - John Carroll University
- Thomas Hartnett - Dartmouth College
- Jaishon Hawkins - California University of Pennsylvania
- Luke Harris - Duquesne University
- Liam Kearney - University of San Diego
- Adam Kozera - Washington & Jefferson College
- Sharod Lindsey - California University of Pennsylvania
- Johnathan Opalko - University of Albany
- Dom Pioto - Long Island University (baseball)
- Gusty Sunseri - University of Pittsburgh

## VIKINGS COMMIT



### BASEBALL COMMITMENT

Brandon Gelpi, '20, committed to continuing his academic and baseball career at University of Illinois - Chicago.



### BASKETBALL COMMITMENT

Ben Sarson, '20, committed to continuing his academic and basketball career at West Liberty University.



### CREW COMMITMENT

Colson Poillucci, '20, committed to continuing his academic and rowing career at the U.S. Naval Academy.



### SOCCER COMMITMENT

Timmy Creamer, '20, committed to continuing his academic and soccer career at Chatham University.



### SWIMMING COMMITMENT

John Guilinger, '20, committed to continuing his academic and swimming career at Penn State University.



# VIKING MATCH



## THE VIKING MATCH BY THE NUMBERS:

1 WEEK  
**\$250,000**  
**RAISED**

**422** DONORS

**1** AMAZING  
COMMUNITY

2 WORDS:  
**THANK**  
**YOU!**

### THE VIKING MATCH: Coming Together as a CommUNITY

May 11 - 15, 2020

### THANK YOU, VIKING NATION!

You are amazing! We are humbled by your incredible generosity. During these uncertain times, the Central Catholic community pulled together and gave a record-breaking **NEARLY \$250,000 TOWARD TUITION ASSISTANCE DURING THE VIKING MATCH!** Thank you for standing by our young men in these times of great need.

We launched this fundraising campaign in the midst of a global pandemic and the resulting economic crisis. Even so, Viking Nation answered the call. You recognize the pivotal role Central Catholic plays in the lives of our young men. Your partnership is such an important part of our students' journey and many of them would not be here without you.

Central Catholic will weather this storm and, with your support, we'll come out stronger on the other side. In addition to the financial support, we received so many notes of appreciation and heartfelt words of encouragement. Thank you for all the ways you support our mission and for making this one for the record books! **ROLL VIKES!**



### Messages of support from our donors:

*"In memory of my grandfather (2/24/26 - 6/24/19) who always wanted to go to Central Catholic, but in 1940, his parents didn't have the money for him to ride the trolley from Penn Hills. He always told [my sons] that when they were old enough to go to high school, they were going to Central Catholic."*

**- PARENT DONOR, CLASS OF 2020**

*"I end up having a conversation about Central on a weekly basis with friends and colleagues. A special place!"*

**- ALUMNUS DONOR, CLASS OF 1995**

*"Thank you for all you do to support and guide our son. He is truly becoming his own man of faith, scholarship and service. Tradition Never Graduates!"*

**- PARENT DONOR, CLASS OF 2021**





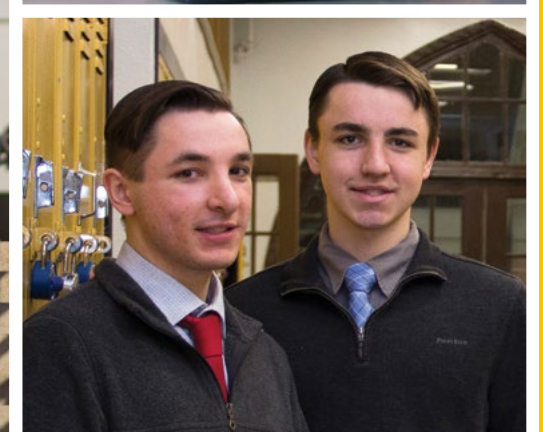


# WAYS TO GIVE

TO



**CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC**  
HIGH SCHOOL



**EVERY VIKING • ANY AMOUNT • EVERY YEAR**

Did you know that tuition revenue accounts for only about 75% of Central's budget? Gifts from alumni, parents and friends make up the other 25%. This generosity allows us to provide much needed tuition assistance and ensure that Central stays accessible for students from all socioeconomic circumstances.

## RECURRING GIFTS

Recurring gifts are an easy way to make a big impact that works for your budget and schedule. Through a number of small monthly installments, you can build toward a larger annual gift. Setting up a recurring gift is easy, customizable, and environmentally friendly. Recurring gifts also ensure a steady source of support for Central Catholic's young men. Recurring gifts can be set up at [WWW.CENTRALCATHOLICHS.COM/GIVE](http://WWW.CENTRALCATHOLICHS.COM/GIVE).

## EXAMPLES OF RECURRING GIFT SCHEDULES:

- \$10 per month = \$120 per year
- \$25 per month = \$300 per year
- \$42 per month = \$500 per year
- \$84 per month = \$1,000 per year\*

*\*With a recurring gift of \$84/month, you can become member of the Lasallian Society, Central's premier donor society. You'll be listed in our Honor Roll of Donors and will receive invitations to special events.*

**MONTHLY GIFTS  
CAN BE MADE IN  
AMOUNTS STARTING  
AT \$10.**

**EVERY GIFT  
MATTERS!**

## ONLINE

Online gifts charged to your credit card are quick, easy, and secure. Go to [www.centralcatholichs.com/give](http://www.centralcatholichs.com/give) to complete your one-time or recurring donation to the Annual Fund.

## BY MAIL

To make a gift by mail, please make your check payable to Central Catholic High School. Please address your correspondence to:

**Central Catholic High School  
Advancement Office  
4720 Fifth Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

## MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies provide matching gift programs that can double or triple your gift to Central Catholic. Check with your Human Resources department to find out if your employer provides this benefit or use the search feature on Central's online giving page. Some companies will even match gifts from retirees.

## BY PHONE

Please contact **Claudia Steffey, Director of Annual Giving and Stewardship**, at **412.622.6171** to make an Annual Fund gift or for more information.

## THROUGH APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares may generate favorable tax benefits for donors. To transfer securities, please instruct your broker/agent to send a letter to Central Catholic confirming the transfer. The letter should indicate your name, address, security description, quantity, purpose or designation of gift. Send securities to:

**Janney Montgomery Scott**  
Contact: Kim Krapp, 412.562.8074  
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# CENTRAL CATHOLIC GIFTS

Remember your time  
at Central Catholic

Celebrate a loved one

Honor your graduate

with  
**Central Catholic  
GIFTS!**





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Please check the store website often, call the store at 412.208.3498,  
or email us at [bookstore@centralcatholicshs.com](mailto:bookstore@centralcatholicshs.com) if you have any questions.

## PAVERS AND BENCHES IN THE STALEY FAMILY PLAZA

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

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

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



HAVE QUESTIONS  
ABOUT ORDERING A  
PAVER OR A BENCH?

CONTACT:  
**Mr. Mark Burnett, '00**  
**412.208.3443** or  
[mburnett@centralcatholicshs.com](mailto:mburnett@centralcatholicshs.com)



### PAVER SIZES AND PRICES:

**SMALL PAVER 4" X 8" - \$250**  
(up to 3 lines, 14 characters per line)

**MEDIUM PAVER 8" X 8"- \$500**  
(up to 4 lines; 15 characters per line)

**LARGE PAVER 12" X 12"- \$1,000**  
(up to 5 lines; 15 characters per line)

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

To purchase a paver or bench,  
visit [centralcatholicshs.com/gifts](http://centralcatholicshs.com/gifts)



# PLANNED GIVING

— at —  
**Central Catholic  
High School**



## Have you considered joining the Legacy Circle?

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

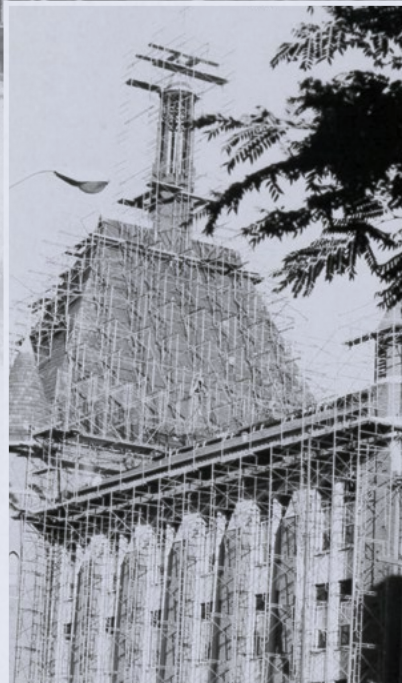
Current members of the *Legacy Circle* have made a planned gift(s) for the benefit of Central Catholic High School via their:

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

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

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

*Live Jesus in our hearts ... Forever!*



## PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT (EITC/OSTC) PROGRAMS

Pennsylvania's EITC/OSTC programs are an easy, meaningful way to support Central Catholic. Instead of sending your state tax dollars to Harrisburg, you can choose to send them to Central Catholic High School. The funds will be used to directly support our need-based financial aid program.

If it sounds too good to be true, it's not! Central Catholic disperses this funding to over 200 students EVERY year. These programs have become integral to our ability to provide tuition assistance.

Through the EITC/OSTC programs, administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development, businesses and, in some cases, individuals can earn a tax credit of up to 90% of their contribution. For example, if you contribute \$1,000, you can receive a \$900 credit with the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue.

To find out if you're eligible and how to apply for participation in the program, please contact Claudia Steffey, Director of Annual Giving and Stewardship at [csteffey@centralcatholichs.com](mailto:csteffey@centralcatholichs.com).

Please call the Advancement Office at 412-622-6171 for details on how your company can join this list and turn tax dollars into tuition assistance funds for Central Catholic students.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
would like to thank the  
following businesses and  
individuals who put their state  
tax dollars to work for over  
200 Central students through  
Pennsylvania's EITC  
and OSTC programs:

### ANA Advisors

Centimark Corporation  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis A. Cestra, Sr. '67  
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Mid Atlantic Trust Company  
in memory and honor of J.R. Friday, MD and sons  
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Mr. and Mrs. William W. Rielly, Jr. '79  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Staley, IV, '61  
Sterling Land Company  
Super 8 Corporation  
Whirley Industries



# NEWS FROM VIKING NATION

**1950s** { *William “Bill” Hillgrove, ’58*, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 84th Annual Dapper Dan Dinner & Sports Auction held Feb. 10, 2020.

**1960s** { *John “Jack” McGinley, ’61*, was named to the Irish Legal 100 List. The Irish Legal 100, founded in 2008 by the *Irish Voice* newspaper in New York, is an annual compilation of the most distinguished legal professionals in the United States who share one common bond: pride in their Irish roots.

*Howard W. “Hoddy” Hanna, III, ’65*, Chairman and his sister, Helen Hanna Casey, CEO, Hanna Holdings & Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, ranked ninth on the Swanepoel Power 200 List. *Howard W. “Hoby” Hanna, IV, ’90* President, also ranks 43rd on the Swanepoel Power 200 list as the third generation executive who runs the real estate brokerage operations. The Power 200 ranks the most powerful leaders in the residential real estate brokerage industry each year. <sup>2</sup>

*Al Macchioni, ’67*, visited Central Catholic to discuss careers in finance and how Central Catholic helped him achieve his career goals. <sup>3</sup>

**1970s** { *Richard Krauland, ’71*, released a new book, “Enlightened in the 21st Century.” The book explores the relationship between science and God. <sup>4</sup>

*Dr. Tony DiGioia, ’75*, was named as one of this year’s “Best Doctors in America.” Dr. DiGioia is an orthopedic surgeon at the Bone and Joint Center at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital.

*Frank Perman, ’79*, supervisor of Perman Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Shaler, was featured in *The Tribune Review* in February. Perman moonlights as a stand-up comic when he is not working at the funeral home. <sup>5</sup>

**1980s** { *Ted Kerr, ’89*, serves as President/CEO of Touchstone Capital, Inc., which was recognized as one of the largest money managers in Pittsburgh.

*Todd Orlando, ’89*, was named Defensive Coordinator at the University of Southern California.

**1990s** { *Joe Moorhead, ’92*, was named Oregon Ducks Offensive Coordinator. Moorhead previously served as the head coach at Mississippi State, becoming just the second coach in program history to lead the Bulldogs to bowl games in each of his first two seasons.

*Eddie Howe, ’94*, Regional Director of Plastic Sales at Curbell Plastics, Inc., received the 2019 True Blue Award. The company’s highest honor is given to individuals who consistently put the Company, customers and employees first in all that they do. <sup>6</sup>

*Douglas McKechnie, ’94*, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant. Douglas is a full professor in the U.S. Air Force Academy’s law department. He spent his spring months at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, teaching in the university’s Constitutional Law department. <sup>7</sup>

*Brian Cook, ’98 and Richard Manning, ’98*, paused for a photo during a Pittsburgh Steelers game. Richard sang the National Anthem and Brian was capturing photos of the game on the sidelines. <sup>8</sup>

## FOOTBALL ALUMNI PRACTICE

Over Thanksgiving, the football team invited alumni back for a practice and alumni reception.



## THROWBACK THURSDAY

Prior to the WPIAL 6A football playoffs, Mr. Walker showed off his throwback Eugene Jarvis, ’05 jersey.

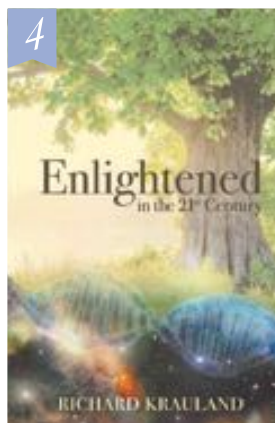
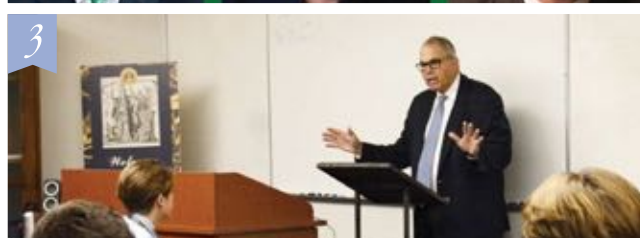


## YOUNG ALUMNI SHARE WISDOM ABOUT COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Before Christmas break, several young alumni visited Central Catholic to talk to juniors and seniors about their college experience.



Over Christmas break, former Brother David S. Baginski, FSC, Scholars Program members Jose Esquivel, ’17, Simon Hebert, ’19, and Brendan Lawlor, ’19, visited current members of the program to discuss their college experience.





**2000s** { *Joe DiRenzo, '02, Carmen DiRenzo, '07 and Jesse DiRenzo, '08*, visited with Brother Bob while traveling in Rome during summer 2019. <sup>9</sup>

*Stefen Wisniewski, '07*, won his second Super Bowl Championship on February 2, 2020. Wisniewski is an offensive lineman for the Kansas City Chiefs. On March 19, 2020, Stefen announced that he would be returning to Pittsburgh for the 2020-2021 NFL season as an offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers. <sup>10</sup>

*Bill Bury, P '08 and Matt Bury, '08, (not pictured)*, Larry and Maggie Golofski, of The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association delivered a check to Mr. Mark Krotec for \$8,000 to benefit the Biology Program. Thank you to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for your generosity! <sup>11</sup>

**2010s** { *Michael Grady, '15 and Alex Miklasevich, '15*, are two of 24 rowing candidates competing for 14 spots among the eight, four and pair that will compete next summer in the 2021 Olympic games. <sup>12</sup>

*Matthew Scotti, '15*, was awarded the Johns Hopkins University Julius Turner Prize for Best Thesis in Political Science for his paper, "The Possibility of Forgiveness: Neoliberal Debt-Subjectivity, Struggles Against Sex-Based Credit Discrimination, and the Pursuit of a Counter-Subjectivity."

*Anthony Palumbo, '15*, graduated from Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Va., on Nov. 16, 2019 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

*Isaiah Spencer, '15*, was selected as a workshop speaker at the Pitt Excel Program Midyear Motivation Mini Conference. Isaiah is a Pitt EXCEL Alumnus who is a Ph.D. student and Graduate Student Researcher, and also a Pitt STRIVE Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering. <sup>13</sup>

*Eddie Opalko, '16's* senior project, titled "Low Temperature EPR and Magnetic Susceptibility Studies of Cerium Nitrate Triphenylphosphine Oxide and Cerium Vanadate Complexes," was accepted for an oral presentation at the 8th Annual International Conference on Physics in Athens, Greece. Eddie worked

with fellow Allegheny College Physics major Kyle McGee under the supervision of Professor of Physics Doros Pestasis.

*Nathan Vislosky, '17*, a junior petroleum engineering major at Penn State, will return to Chevron this summer as an intern for the third summer in a row.

*Jakob Eisemen, '18*, was awarded with a scholarship from the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia. This award recognized distinguished academic achievement, campus activity and leadership and connection with the communication world.

*Max Steffey, '18*, was named, a Hamilton College Athlete of the Month in October 2019. Max is a member of the Hamilton Cross Country team. <sup>14</sup>

*Neal Shipley, '19*, a freshman on the James Madison University golf team, helped lead the Dukes to a first-place finish at the Intercollegiate at Innisbrook, hosted on the par-71, 7,209-yard Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

**NYC ALUMNI RECEPTION**

Thank you to all of our alumni who joined us in the Big Apple for our NYC Alumni Reception!



**PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI RECEPTION**

Thank you to all of our alumni who joined us in the City of Brotherly Love for our Philadelphia Alumni Reception!



**2004 REUNION**



**2009 REUNION**



**PIRATES SPRING TRAINING ALUMNI OUTING**

Our Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training Alumni Reception gets better every year! We had a great time at the 4th annual SOLD OUT reception in Bradenton, Fla. on March 1, 2020.

Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna, III, '65, Chairman and CEO of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services had the honor of throwing out the first pitch!



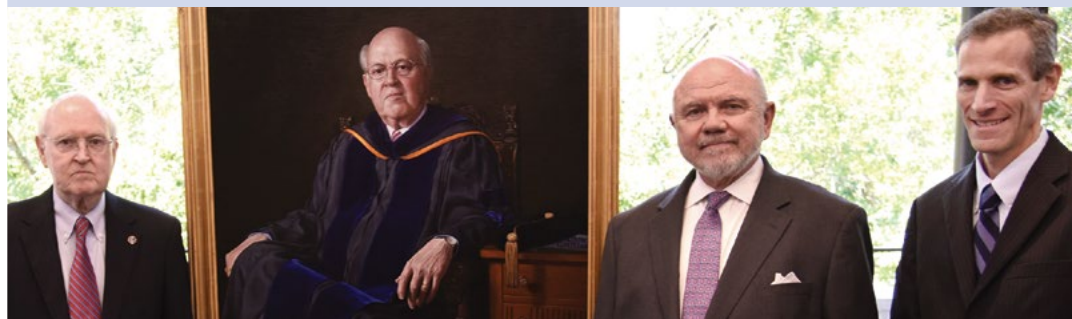




**Congratulations**  
to

**DR. THOMAS P. LAUTH, '56**

on receiving the  
**University of Georgia  
President's Medal  
for 2020.**



### DR. THOMAS P. LAUTH, '56, PRESENTED WITH UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA'S PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The purpose of the award is to recognize longstanding extraordinary contributions by those who have supported outstanding students, championed meaningful academic programs, advanced significant research or inspired community leaders to enhance the quality of life for Georgians through their support of the University of Georgia.

Lauth is Dean Emeritus of the School of Public and International Affairs and Professor Emeritus of Public Administration and Policy at the University of Georgia. He retired in 2013 after having served 12 years as Dean, 13 years as Head of the Department of Political Science and 32 years as a faculty member.

"DR. LAUTH PROVIDED WISE COUNSEL TO ME AND TO MANY OTHERS AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL AND HELPED BUILD THE REPUTATION OF THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT UGA," SAID PRESIDENT JERE W. MOREHEAD IN A PRESS RELEASE. "HE GUIDED A NEW SCHOOL EXCEPTIONALLY WELL AND PROVIDED MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A DEAN AND FACULTY MEMBER."

### COLIN AIKINS, '18, TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL THIS FALL

Pittsburgh Festival Opera is proud to announce Colin Aikins, '18 in a live concert at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. Due to COVID-19, the exact date is to-be-determined. Stay tuned to [www.pittsburghfestivalopera.org](http://www.pittsburghfestivalopera.org) for more info.

Colin is in the Pittsburgh Festival Opera Young Artist program for our 2020 season, which will now be a total virtual experience for the young artists. His concert is possible in part by the scholarship that he won through the Tuesday Musical Club his senior year at Central Catholic, and his cherished and truly generous sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Gailliot and Mr. and Mrs. John A Staley IV.



## IN MEMORIAM

Remembering

# Robert {Bammer} Fuchs, '51

SEPT. 24, 1993 - SEPT. 28, 2019



Longtime coach, alumnus and friend of Central Catholic, Robert "Bammer" Fuchs, '51, went to his eternal reward on Wed., March 18, 2020. He served on the Central Catholic coaching staff for 15 years, and almost to his last year, could be found leading cheers for the Central Catholic football team. A Point Breeze native, Bammer was a staple at the Frick Park Market, which he co-owned with his brother, Ron.

In 2018, he was honored with the Central Catholic Distinguished Service Award. This award was established to honor and recognize an individual who exemplifies the traditions of our school through their professional and personal lives and displays exemplary service within the Central Catholic community.

In the Winter/Spring 2018 edition of The Quadrangle, we featured Bammer in a Donor Spotlight. When asked why he chooses to give back to Central Catholic, he replied with the following:

"God has a plan for everyone in life. I've enjoyed my life and I've had the opportunity to coach many different teams and I've made so many friends at Central. The one thing that I tell everyone: you'll notice in the obituaries of those who have passed, that many alumni will list that they are a Central Catholic graduate. They do that because the friendships they have made here will last forever – you just don't see that with other high schools."

### BAMMER WAS A CENTRAL CATHOLIC VIKING THROUGH AND THROUGH.

§ Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. Through the mercy of God may Robert rest in peace.



An endowment fund has been established at Central Catholic in memory of Bammer.

Contributions can be sent to the Robert "Bammer" Fuchs, '51 Memorial Fund at 4720 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.





Remembering  
Matthew J. Clark, '12

SEPT. 24, 1993 - SEPT. 28, 2019

A resident of Denver, Colo., formerly of Forest Hills, age 26, Matthew Clark, '12, went to his eternal reward after a tragic hiking accident in the Rocky Mountains. Matthew was a graduate of The Ohio State University and was an ardent Buckeyes fan with a passion for adventure and the outdoors.

§ Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
Through the mercy of God may Matthew rest in peace.

Remembering  
Joseph Kissane, '48

DEC. 4, 1930 – APRIL 19, 2020

Joseph Kissane, '48, former Director of Columbia University's Summer Session, former School of General Studies Dean of Students, and a beloved preceptor of English and comparative literature, passed away from COVID-19. Upon graduation, Joseph attended Duquesne University before serving in the Korean War. After completing his military service, he moved to New York to study at Columbia University, where he earned a master's degree and a doctorate in 17th-century literature. He later returned to Columbia University, spending three decades in various teaching and administrative roles until his retirement in 1997.

§ Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
Through the mercy of God, may Joseph rest in peace.



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

<b>1940</b> Richard Loughney	<b>1948</b> James Conwell Edward Gannon Joseph Kissane George Wachter	<b>1952</b> Paul Butler	<b>1957</b> Joseph Cillo, Sr. James Foley James Miller Stephen Sortino	<b>1960</b> Bernard Arndt Gerard Davia Thomas Dulski Philip Leavy, Jr., M.D. Mauro Traficanti	<b>1967</b> Thomas Kennedy	<b>1979</b> Christopher Brinsko
<b>1941</b> Raymond Boniface, M.D.		<b>1953</b> Donald Chettle Joseph Wymard Joseph Roche			<b>1970</b> Albert Ozimek, Jr.	<b>1983</b> Jerome "Jerry" Newport
<b>1942</b> Robert Cardillo James Schratz	<b>1949</b> Ronald Bentz Thomas Pillion	<b>1954</b> Richard Karolski George Morin	<b>1958</b> Ronald DeMatteo Eugene Kwiatkowski Donald Ross	<b>1961</b> Regis Yuest	<b>1974</b> Richard Pugh	<b>1985</b> Anthony Corigliano
<b>1943</b> Dr. Harry Gillespie Alfred Mengato	<b>1950</b> Charles Dennis Rev. Robert Herrmann Donald Schratz Raymond B. Wrabley	<b>1955</b> Robert Miele Robert Sheehan	<b>1959</b> John Brown Coleman Coyne Robert Kenaan, Jr.	<b>1963</b> Patrick Fenton	<b>1975</b> Richard Ferraro	<b>1986</b> Robert Gormley
<b>1947</b> Joseph Crisanti William Dixon Samuel Rende	<b>1951</b> Robert Fuchs Robert Ilgenfritz James Quinlan	<b>1956</b> William Zanone, Jr.		<b>1965</b> William Weber, Jr. Robert Schwartz	<b>1976</b> Paul Cunningham	<b>1988</b> George Nieman
				<b>1966</b> Henry Sepp, Jr. Robert Wilk	<b>1977</b> Carmen Silvio	<b>1989</b> Brian Horvath
					<b>1978</b> Clarence Myrick	<b>1991</b> Christopher Maury
						<b>1994</b> Anthony DiDomenico
						<b>2012</b> Matthew J. Clark
						<b>2037</b> Conlan Matthew Rheingrover Parents: Matthew, '09 and Maura Donley Rheingrover *as of 4/30/2020





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## SAVE THE DATE!

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC LETTERMEN'S CLUB 2020 GOLF OUTING

*In memory of Robert R. "Bammer" Fuchs, '51*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

11 a.m. Lunch & Registration

12:30 Shotgun Start

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