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# WELCOME LETTER

DECEMBER 2022

## DEAR FELLOW VIKINGS AND FRIENDS OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC,



**IN SO MANY WAYS**, it seems like just yesterday that I was writing you my very first letter for the *Quadrangle Magazine*, and here we are already at the end of the first semester of the academic year. It has given me the thought, in my prayerful reflections, of how fast time passes and the necessity to make each day count for the young people confided to our care here at Central Catholic

High School. Their high school career will go fast, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that they take advantage of the many academic, spiritual, and extracurricular activities available to them. My advice has always been and remains the same: Enjoy every day you are here, and you will wish you were back many times during your lifetime.

The year is off to a great start! I am continually astounded by the generosity of our faculty and staff and how that “rubs off” on our students. They reflect their happiness in being a Central Catholic student, and all that it entails. In the hallways, the classrooms, their activities, and athletic endeavors, they indeed give strong indications that they are grateful for the unique environment we have here at Central Catholic. This environment allows them to pursue their dreams!

Both inside and outside of the classroom, students have reflected on sharing their time and talents with others. Having four commended and one semifinalist National Merit Scholarship Awardees, the beginnings of our Engineering Program, a very successful Fall Play (*Music, Mystery and Mayhem*), and a PIAA State Championship in Golf, to name just a few examples, among many unmentioned, of where our students have excelled well beyond expectations.

This fall has been full of welcoming potential new students to the Central Catholic community. Our “Viking for a Day” visitation event for prospective 8th-grade students was a success with over 285 students attending from across Western Pennsylvania. In addition, our annual Open House had over 500 students and their families in attendance. Our admissions department has commenced shadow days for potential students, which will last well into March, as well as having countless private tours given to parents and potential students. Please encourage families of boys in elementary school to consider being a part of the proud Central Catholic tradition! Being an ambassador for Central Catholic is one of the most significant examples of the support you can provide to our school.

Central Catholic was blessed to have over 500 graduates on campus and attending various school events this fall! The Jam on the Quad (*aka Cigar & Bourbon Night in September*) has become increasingly popular each year. The Letterman’s Club had another sold out golf outing for the third consecutive year in October. Our class reunions so far this fall have raised over \$150,000 in support of tuition assistance and student programs. The class of 1972 celebrated its 50th reunion, and the class of 1982 led the way! This is a fitting example of modeling for fellow alumni and current Vikings, the Lasallian ideal to give back!

Behind the scenes, much is being planned to optimize the student experience here at Central Catholic. This is a crucial time for the school's future, and it will take many hands to ensure a wholesome viable Catholic Lasallian institution for the generations to come. We are counting on your support to offer what many of you experienced first-hand as a student, parent, or friend of Central Catholic.

As we gather with family and friends during this time of year, let us be mindful of all the good that is being done here at 4720 Fifth Avenue. My prayers and wishes for a blessed Christmas season, good health, and happiness in 2023 go out to each of you!

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

Brother Mike Andrejko, FSC, '86  
Principal, Central Catholic High School



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## BAGINSKI SCHOLARS TRAVEL TO THE WINDY CITY

Fulfilling our mission as an interdisciplinary program, students in the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC Scholars Program, traveled to Chicago this fall, where they were immersed in a variety of cultural and intellectual enrichment activities. Whether they were connecting with serial entrepreneur, alumnus Chris Dalton, '86, engaging with college professors at the University of Chicago and Notre Dame, or dialoguing with Northwestern biomedical engineer Dr. Guillermo Ameer, the boys encountered new lessons to be learned outside the walls of Central Catholic. Some other highlights of the trip included an architectural boat tour, an excursion to Willis Tower, a visit to the Art Institute, and partaking in some excellent Chicago-style deep-dish pizza.



## BROTHER ANDRE'S CAFE

Brother Andre's Cafe is a coffee shop that employs adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). 82% of adults with IDD are not employed, a trend that Brother Andre's is working to reverse.

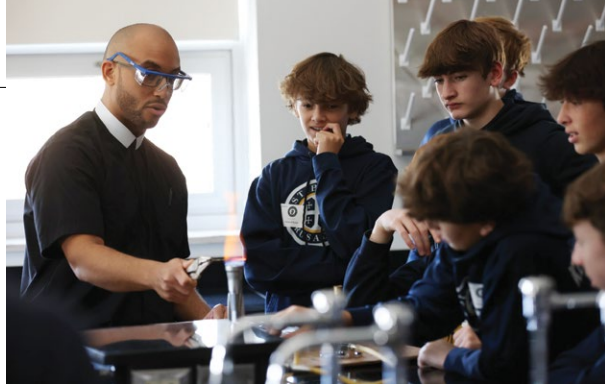
**"WE WANT TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE WITH IDD KNOW THEY ARE WELCOMED AND VALUED THROUGH OUTREACH PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE BOCCE LEAGUE WE INITIATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL."**

- Kyle Goldcamp, '04,  
Director of Lasallian Ministry

Every Tuesday, juniors from Central will visit Br. Andre's to pray, play bocce, and have lunch with the café's employees.







## VIKING FOR A DAY

The 8th-grade visitation titled “Viking for a Day” opened our doors to prospective students who wish to gain the true Central Catholic experience. Students from the area were able to meet with faculty, and administration, to observe classes and to engage in fellowship with the entire student community!



## ROBOTICS TEAM GIVES BACK

The robotics team traveled to the La Salle Education Center in Homestead, FL to install Starlink satellite internet and set up and demonstrate a 3D Printer for the students to use. Also, the team brought several LEGO Robotics kits to inspire and give opportunities in STEM fields to the under served communities in the area.



## CHRISTMAS TIME AT CENTRAL

Complete with Christmas trees, tinsel, wreaths, and more, both students and faculty decorated the halls of Central Catholic to make the atmosphere festive for everyone! A full-sized nativity set displayed in the trophy case between the first and second floors, is breathtaking. We even had a special visit from Saint Nicholas himself!

## RARE CATCH

Ian Alexander, '24, caught a 14-inch albino catfish at Lake Carnegie, prompting him to be featured in local news. The odds of netting this particular fish is 1 out of 20,000. If you're wondering, it didn't make anyone's dinner plate as Alexander released it to live on and “swim with the fishes.”



## BIG RAFFLE WINNER

In the fall, Central Catholic students sold raffle tickets, for \$20 each, to raise money for school programs and projects. The goal was to reach \$85,000 in sales. In 2022, \$96,260 was raised which is a new all-time school record! The previous record was \$92,000 which was set in the 2021 fall semester. Amy Benscoter won the \$10,000 prize and her son Evan Benscoter, '24, won \$1,000 for selling the winning ticket.

## SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

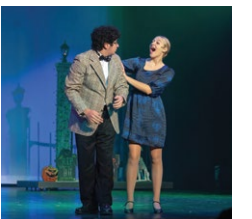
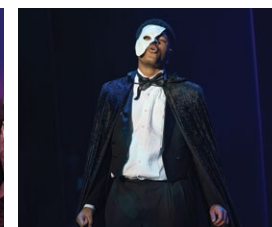
## THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, our students had a tremendous showing of generosity by collecting a

**TOTAL OF 18,502 CANNED GOODS**

to benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor.

**Part of their mission is to,**  
“offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.”



## TRICKS AND TREATS

In October, the Central Catholic - Oakland Catholic Masque performed a chilling medley of Halloween-themed musicals titled: “Music, Mayhem, and Mystery!” The performances consisted of scenes from The Nightmare Before Christmas, Sweeney Todd, The Addams Family, Phantom of the Opera, Little Shop of Horrors, and Macbeth.



FORENSICS TEAM’S STRONG REPRESENTATION OF DEBATE

The Central Catholic Forensics Society (CCFS) visited La Salle College H.S. in Philadelphia and participated in the Speech & Debate Invitational. Central Catholic brought home 14 total awards!



- CONGRATS TO THE FOLLOWING:
- Amari Smith, '23 - Oral Interp - 1st Place, Program Oral Interp. 2nd Place, Dramatic Interp - 3rd Place
  - Jack Sabo, '23 - Extemporaneous Speaking -1st Place
  - Michael Murphy, '24 & Michael Brienza, '24 - Public Forum Debate- 2nd Place
  - Santino Balistrieri, '25 - Lincoln Douglas Debate -2nd Place
  - Nick Athanssiou, '26 & Eddie Richardson, '25 - JV Policy Debate - 2nd Place
  - Aiden Nicholas, '23 - Humorous Interp - 3rd Place
  - Luka Depasquale, '24 - Oral Interp - 3rd Place
  - Matthew Evans, '25 - Informative Speaking - 3rd place
  - Xavier Ramirez, '23 - Extemporaneous Speaking - 4th Place

A VISIT TO NORMANDY

Each Summer, the Albert H. Small Normandy Institute takes fifteen student-teacher teams from across the United States on the learning experience of a lifetime. Mr. Gregory Thomas, '05 and Xander Hill, '23 were chosen to represent Pittsburgh, PA. The Institute is an intensive program designed to educate participants about the D-Day Campaign of 1944 and the sacrifices made by young Americans to defeat tyranny. Members of the Institute began studying World War II and the Normandy Campaign in January with a curriculum of assigned readings. They participated in weekly online discussions supervised by Institute staff from The George Washington University. From late June to early July 2022, Institute participants travel to the campus of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., for a series of lectures and activities to deepen their understanding of elements of the conflict. Finally, the students and teachers traveled to France and participated in a week-long tour of

the many sites that played a role in the Normandy Campaign. Each student delivers a presentation on a briefing topic of their choice concerning some element of the campaign at the appropriate site. Xander’s topic was the B-17 Flying Fortress and its role in the strategic bombing campaign. And as a capstone to the Institute, each team selects a member of the United States Armed Forces from their hometown who participated in the Normandy Campaign and gave his or her life in the effort to liberate France, prepares a biography of that service member, and then delivers their eulogy while standing by his or her graveside in the Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-Sur-Mer. Xander eulogized 1st Lieutenant John Joseph Henderson.



ATHLETICS



50 YEARS OF HOCKEY AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC!

Central Catholic marked a momentous occasion during the 2022-23 season. This is the 50th Anniversary of the inaugural Hockey Club, which hit the ice for the first time during the 1972-73 school year. The 2022-23 team received the visit of a lifetime when alumni Fred Jacob, '73, Steve DiGiacomo, '75 and Bob Arturo, '73 spent time with the team. They shared stories and words of inspiration with the current players.

THE OLD BULL BOAT CLUB AND ALUMNI FAMILIES

were well represented at the Pittsburgh Golf Club for the first-ever Central Catholic Rowing Gala, sponsored by Central Diesel Power.



COLLEGE SIGNINGS



ANTONIO CORDEIRO, '23,  
St. Bonaventure University  
to play baseball



JAMES HENSELL, '23,  
Grove City College to play baseball



NICHOLAS ROBERTSON, '23,  
Lafayette College to play baseball



ROCCO SALVETTI, '23,  
Notre Dame to play golf



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS FEATURED NATIONALLY

Central Catholic High School is the stage for the story of three of our youngest Christian Brothers: Br. Paul Avvento, FSC, Br. Mark Englemeyer, FSC, and Br. Kyle Mena, FSC. All three are featured in a national video by the District of Eastern North America (DENA), produced by Director of Communications and Marketing Brian A. Cook Sr, '98. They share details about their vocation as De La Salle Christian Brothers. They give a personal account of how the Brothers' vocation is a call that integrates a life-giving spirituality, engaging service, and ministry, and lived out in their lives and within community.



The video can be found on the De La Salle Brothers' YouTube page or by scanning the following QR code.



## CARTOONIST GETS TOP BILLING

Art teacher, Mr. Joe Wos, won two Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards for his work as the host of his PBS show titled "Cartoon Academy." His work landed him victorious in both the Short-form Educational Programming and Host/Moderator categories, respectively. "Cartoon Academy" is a national show produced locally, right next door at WQED.

## WELCOME THE NEWEST FACULTY MEMBERS TO THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY!:



Mr. Wayne Christ  
History



Mrs. Abigail Cimorelli  
Religion



Brother Mark Engelmeyer, FSC  
Religion



Mrs. Shirley Gentile  
Foreign Language – Spanish



Mr. Kyle Jones  
Math



Ms. Kasey Neiderlander  
Art



Mr. Ted Rectenwald, '73  
History



Mrs. Susan Rone  
English



Mrs. Mary "Mae" Rothbauer  
Math



Mr. Mark Salamacha  
Engineering



Mrs. Carolina Salazar  
Foreign Language-Spanish



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Men of Faith, Men of Scholarship, Men of Service





MOTHERS' GUILD FASHION SHOW

The Mothers' Guild held their Annual Fashion Show on December 4 at the Pittsburgh Field Club. More than 200 attendees enjoyed brunch, raffles, a silent auction, and viewing the latest fashions for the winter season. Chaired by Jackie Rivett, P '23, the event raised over \$20,000 to benefit the young men of Central Catholic High School by supporting mental health services available through the De La Salle Counselling Center. Thank you to Susan Koeppen, P '23, News Anchor from WPXI-TV (11) for serving as the celebrity emcee for the show.

The student volunteers wore bowties courtesy of Knotzland Bowtie Co. These handmade bowties were fashioned using recycled Central Catholic sports jerseys.

Thank you to everyone that sponsored, attended, donated, and participated virtually for the event! A complete listing of supporters, as well as a link to view the fashion show on YouTube, are available at [centralcatholicshs.com/fashionshow](http://centralcatholicshs.com/fashionshow).



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# AUXILIARY BISHOP VISITS CENTRAL

The mass was a historic moment that will be cherished for many years to come by Auxiliary Bishop Eckman and the Central Catholic family.



## BISHOP, MARK ECKMAN, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH, DURING HIS HOMILY.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and special guests gathered in Central Catholic's McGonigle Theater for the first mass of the 2022-23 school year. On hand was Bishop Mark Eckman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who visited Central (for the first time in his life) and facilitated mass. He complimented the school, its tradition, and the legacy of how the Christian Brothers-led institution has a rich history of instilling sound knowledge and upholds the essence of Lasallian teachings

that has been poured into pupils over the past 95 years. His homily was received well by all in attendance. Catering his message towards Central Catholic's unique architecture and history of providing students with a robust Lasallian education, Auxiliary Bishop Eckman was adamant about mentioning how he, too, was educated by Christian Brothers. He attended South Hills Catholic (now Seton LaSalle) in the 1970s and applauded Central for continuing the tradition.



"THE LASALLIAN VALUE SYSTEM WAS ALWAYS PREVALENT IN MY LIFE AND IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT CONTINUE HERE AT CENTRAL," Auxiliary Bishop Eckman said. "CHRISTIAN BROTHERS LIVE THEIR VOCATION OUT DAILY AND IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT IT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY."



The Student Council took center stage and gave the promise to uphold their leadership duties in service to Central Catholic by reading the Student Council Pledge coupled with a prayer. This oath of office for the 2022-23 school year is a promissory note to continue the high standard of student leadership.



Brother Mike Andrejko, FSC, '86, Principal of Central Catholic, Mark Eckman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and John Staley V, '84, Chairman of Central Catholic's Board of Directors.



Jack Sabo, '23 guides Bishop Eckman throughout Central Catholic's campus. During the school-wide tour, visits were made to the Main Building, Zupancic Family STEM Center, Christian Brothers' Chapel/Faculty House, and athletic facility.



# Honors Convocation



**CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT  
WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS IN THE  
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- Forensics Society
- Harvard Prize Book
- National Merit (Semi-Finalist & Commended Students)
- Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)
- Regional & State Placement in Extracurricular Science Competition
- Westinghouse Science Honors Institute

**SCHOLARSHIP PLAQUES FOR HIGHEST  
QUALITY POINT AVERAGE WERE  
AWARDED FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL.**

51 Seniors were inducted into the Saint John Baptist de LaSalle Chapter of the National Honors Society of Secondary Schools.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

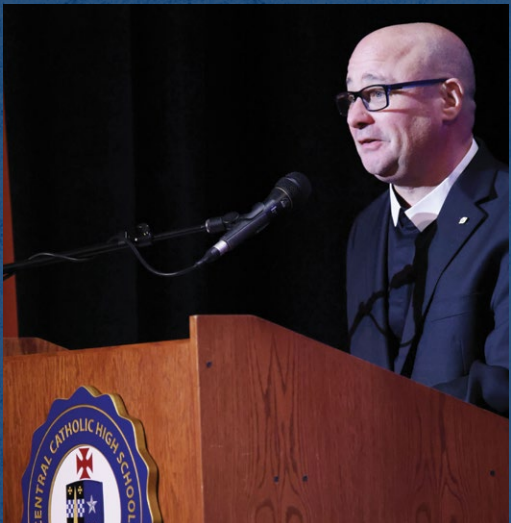


► DEACON GREG JELINEK (CENTER) WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED LASALLIAN EDUCATOR AWARD AND POSED FOR THIS PHOTO DURING THE CEREMONY WITH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS KAREN KOLENIK AND PRINCIPAL BROTHER MIKE ANDREJKO, FSC, '86.

**ANNUALLY, CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
RECOGNIZES ITS STUDENTS  
FOR ACHIEVING HIGH  
ACADEMIC TEST SCORES  
AND GRADES FROM THE  
PREVIOUS YEAR.**

In 2022, 266 students received Certificates of Excellence for outstanding achievement in the following subjects:

Business  
English  
Foreign Language  
History  
Mathematics  
Performing Arts  
Religion  
Science  
Studio Art



► AIDAN LIDDY, '23 (MIDDLE) RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR HIGH HONORS AND WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. LIDDY IS PHOTOGRAPHED WITH HIS PARENTS KAREN AND DECLAN LIDDY.







CENTRAL CATHOLIC GOLF TEAM

# BRINGS HOME

# THE GOLD

BY: MR. BRIAN A. COOK SR., '98



To be on par with the best, one must stay the course, focus, and put forth a valiant effort to chip away towards approaching success. To be exceptional, one must have a fierce, competitive spirit unmatched by all opponents.

In 2022, the Central Catholic Vikings Golf Team reached the pinnacle by becoming the state's best-of-the-best in winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's (PIAA) State Championship. It marked the third state championship win in Central Catholic's 95-year history – with the previous two titles in 2016 and 2018 – and completes the trifecta for head coach Corey O'Connor, '02, who has led Central's golf team since 2006.

*“I remember last year (2021) after the finals. We lost by a shot,” O'Connor said. “And I said to them, ‘you know what? You have this terrible feeling right now. Don't forget that feeling because that will motivate you to come back the following year.’”*

**AND THEY DID JUST THAT.**





**L**ed by team captain Rocco Salvitti, '23, the Vikings worked as a cohesive unit and had a strong showing all season. Salvitti, a four-year standout for the team, became part of a legacy of golfers from Central Catholic who have been a continuous force in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) over the past 20 years. Salvitti's individual wins came during the WPIAL tournaments throughout his high school career, placing him in the top 10 from his freshman to junior year.

As a senior, he won the gold by shooting a 2-under 139 in the 36-hole event, staking his claim as the best golfer in the district. The tournament, which took place at Allegheny Country Club, had two other Vikings place in the top 10 – Connor Walker, '23 (3rd) and Aidan Burchianti, '23 (7th).

► ROCCO SALVITTI, '23



*"This year, just like previous years, has been a great group of guys that have played for Central," Salvitti said. "Our drive to win has been so strong that we were determined to be great. But we knew that we wanted more."*

Striving to be great on the state level was next on the agenda for Central Catholic. Salvitti made it to the PIAA finals as an individual. However, he fell a bit short in the PIAA championship by a few strokes and finished in second place with a score of 3-under 141. Having a team-first mentality, he avoided dejection from defeat and said:

*"This motivated my teammates and me to reach the ultimate goal in Pennsylvania. Together!"*

With an abundance of confidence, coupled with humility, the Vikings went to Penn State University and took to the White Course in an effort to compete for Pennsylvania's highest prize. "We were all super excited to compete," Salvitti said, as they prepared to put a game plan together to go up against the state's most powerful teams. Leading into the tournament, Salvitti said to the team, *"If everybody does their job and plays within their own game, we're going to win by a large amount."*

And that's exactly what they did.

As a band of brothers, the team was able to achieve greatness with their foursome of Salvitti, Burchianti, Daniel Donahue, '23, and Connor Walker, '23. Collectively, they shot an 11-over 299, a six-shot triumph to win the Boys 3A Championship over Dallastown Area High School (York, Pa.). The Vikings brought home the gold which qualifies them to play in the national tournament in the summer of 2023!

*"It was just awesome! This is something that we will never forget! All of our teammates, all of the families that were there to support us, and everybody from the school that was there, by our side. It's just the little things that you'll never forget, and to be able to get our rings, come back to the school for reunions and be a part of Central's history is simply amazing!"*

## O'CONNOR ECHOED THOSE SENTIMENTS:

*"It was truly an emotional win for us. We didn't know what the road had in store for us, but we were able to persevere."*

JUST WEEKS FOLLOWING THE PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP, O'CONNOR ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM COACHING.

*"It was an incredible experience. I was so excited when I got the job. Something that I've always cherished was being the coach at Central Catholic High School. The experience I had with the students as an assistant and as head coach has been great, and going out on top is even sweeter. I have also had great role models in my life as well."*

O'Connor, a former member of the Vikings Golf Team as a student, began his coaching career at Central as an assistant shortly after graduation. During that time, he built a game plan that would eventually lead to an abundance of wins.

The torch was passed from former head coach Michael McGrath, '67, who led the Vikings from 2001-2006.

O'Connor says he is truly grateful for the opportunity bestowed upon him. *"Mr. McGrath was a great role model for me, and before giving me the job, he told me, 'Hey, here's the new model. This is how we're going to win at Central. And then I think getting there (the championship) every year is one thing, that's the kids' short-term goal. But I'm entrusting you to bring it home for us!'"*

O'Connor's record as head coach was nothing short of impressive.



*"It's something that you can't underestimate. The feeling of when you build a program and build kids up to the championship. It's their day to perform. And when they perform, you just sit back and say, 'those are my guys.'"*

- COREY O'CONNOR, '02

*"THAT TROPHY WILL BE IN CENTRAL CATHOLIC'S CASE FOR ETERNITY, AND TO PUT IT INTO WORDS...WELL, I SIMPLY CANNOT."*

- ROCCO SALVITTI

► TROPHIES: THE PIAA AND WPIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES.





► **LAKE JUMP:** A TRADITION STARTED BY HEAD COACH COREY O’CONNOR, THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC GOLF TEAM JUMPS IN THE LAKE NEAR THE 16TH TEE AT PENN STATE, AFTER WINNING A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



After learning about O’Connor’s plans to retire, Central Catholic Principal Brother Mike Andrejko, FSC, ’86 released a statement that read in part:

“A large part of the team’s success came from Coach Corey O’Connor, ’02, who has served as both an assistant and head coach of our golfers for over twenty years. Not only has he coached and mentored our students, but he has done it with excellence and class, as well as with aplomb in achieving **FIVE WPIAL** and **THREE PIAA** State Championships. He has been an integral part of upholding the great name of Central Catholic!”



► CENTRAL CATHOLIC VIKINGS POSE AFTER WINNING THE PIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Michael McGrath, ’67 said, “The best thing I did as head coach was to pass the baton to Corey. He has done a great job winning championships and having a great rapport with the students. He was on my [coaching] team, and we won a section championship. After he started as head coach, he started winning multiple championships! I couldn’t have made a better decision.”

As a team, Central Catholic will be graduating several seniors, some of whom will play on the collegiate level. However, the winning culture is expected to remain strong, and the steadfast dedication of the underclassmen is ready to continue for years to come.

TRADITION *NEVER* GRADUATES!



Your connection to Central Catholic makes you part of something big.

You are connected to the Christian Brothers, faculty members, your classmates and the brotherhood of alumni that attended before and after you.

Perhaps your most impactful connection is to our current students. Like you, they came to Central because someone believed in them. Someone knew a Central Catholic education would prepare them for greatness.

Show our students that you value your connection to them with a gift to the annual fund. Your support provides a current Viking the same opportunities given to you at Central Catholic.

THE CENTRAL CONNECTION



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2022 GOLF OUTING

Another sold-out crowd of alumni and friends of Central Catholic hit the links at Edgewood Country Club on October 10 for the 30th Annual Lettermen's Club Golf Outing! This year's outing raised \$25,000 in net proceeds to benefit athletics and student activities.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE  
31ST ANNUAL  
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023  
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"THE LETTERMEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING HAS CONTINUED TO BE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS FOR THE LETTERMAN'S CLUB AND THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC," said Club President Steven Massaro, '84.

"THE OUTING PROVIDES NOT ONLY THE NEEDED FUNDS TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO AN EVENT FOR THE ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS TO REINFORCE AND DEEPEN OUR SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL CATHOLIC."

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HUETHER 2022 CONFERENCE



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2022 HUETHER CONFERENCE

BY: MS. SARA BUDACKI

On November 17-19, 2022, three Central Catholic faculty members attended the 49th Annual Huether Lasallian Conference in Baltimore. English teacher Justin Morgan, Business teacher Kelly Maxwell, and Director of Family Support Services Amy Wienand spent several days attending breakout sessions by other Lasallian teachers, listening to keynote speakers, and learning about the Lasallian charism and identity: "The Huether Conference was a wonderful experience that reinforced my commitment to inclusion in the classroom," said Justin Morgan.

This year's theme, "Together and By Association: Responding to the Signs of the Times," focused on the community of Lasallian stakeholders. "HUETHER IS AN EVENT THAT REMINDED ME THAT I AM PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER. I AM PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT CARES FOR, EDUCATES, AND RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL," said Kelly Maxwell. For the first time in Central's history, Director of Family Support Services Amy Wienand presented at a breakout session. Amy's presentation, "Fill Your Cup," focused on identifying stressors in the classroom and learning healthy ways to see stress, anxiety, and difficulties for a more positive life. Amy's presentation expanded her previous presentation to the faculty and staff from last year. The Huether Conference offers opportunities to meet fellow Lasallians from the region and build community and fellowship.



BREAKOUT SESSION TITLED, "FILL YOUR CUP," WAS FACILITATED BY MRS. AMY WIENAND, LCSW)



# The MATTHEW J. CLARK, '12 Endowment Fund



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THE MATTHEW J. CLARK, '12  
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THE MEMORY OF A CENTRAL  
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HIGH REGARD.

## MATTHEW CLARK, '12 WAS AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AT CENTRAL.

He was a soccer player and a mission-driven young man who put others before himself. Clark participated in various mission trips to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana and Nicaragua. Most importantly, he was a son and a brother with an unconditional love of family. Clark's life was tragically cut short in 2019. Thanks in part to this special fund, he will forever be a part of the Central Catholic legacy.



THE CLARK FAMILY

Son to Mike and Terri Clark, and brother to Michael, Danielle, and Anthony, Matthew made a lasting and overwhelmingly positive impression on others. Mike Clark, evening news anchor for WTAE-TV (4), is a respected and

well-known person in Pittsburgh. As a result, after Matthew's passing, support from the Central Catholic community and beyond was profound and immediate.

An incredible gesture was extended by Chairmen of the 2022 Viking Victory Auction, "The Kelly Brothers" (Mike, '78, Mark, '80, Brian, '83, and Robert, P '11), who honored Matthew at the annual event. That evening, the "Fund the Mission" fundraising campaign was dedicated to establishing the Fund. In mere minutes, attendees contributed over \$50,000. The Fund was off to an inspirational start!

Following the Auction, Mike was at a loss for words. While in the emotion-filled room, he witnessed the Central Catholic community at work. Clark said of his son, "MATTHEW WAS ALL ABOUT LOOKING OUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE. HE DIDN'T WANT THE SPOTLIGHT ON HIMSELF. HE WAS VERY FUNNY AND ALWAYS MADE HIS FRIENDS LAUGH." Overjoyed by the swift and abundantly extensive level of support, Clark said, "OUR FAMILY CANNOT THANK CENTRAL ENOUGH FOR SHEPHERDING THIS AND MAKING IT A REALITY. I KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO MEAN FOR THESE FAMILIES."

Once the Fund was established, close friends of the Clark family implemented a robust and highly effective action plan to do their part to add to the endowment fund. Joe Belechak and Jeff Wlahofsky led the charge. Joe said, "MIKE AND I HAD A COFFEE ONE MORNING, AND I ASKED, 'WHAT WOULD IT TAKE?' MORE IMPORTANTLY, 'WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?'"

## FRIENDS OF THE CLARK FAMILY HELD TWO PRIVATE EVENTS DURING THE PLANNING TO BUILD THE FUND

Wlahofsky shared, "MIKE [CLARK] AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE HE MOVED INTO THE PITTSBURGH AREA. MY THREE SONS AND MIKE'S SONS ARE THE SAME AGE. WE'VE COACHED THEM UP THROUGH FOREST HILLS/CHURCHILL BASEBALL AND THE ST. MAURICE SOCCER YEARS TO WHEN THEY WERE AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC. I KNOW THE BOYS VERY WELL, AND I KNOW THE CLARK FAMILY VERY WELL. PEOPLE WANT TO GIVE BACK, ESPECIALLY CENTRAL GRADUATES, TO THE COMMUNITY THAT RAISED THEM INTO WHO THEY ARE. WHEN I HEAR ABOUT MATTHEW AND WHAT HE DID IN HIS SHORT LIFE, IT IS AN EVEN BIGGER REASON TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND."



FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: KELLY CULVER, TERRI CLARK, MICHELLE BELECHAK, ASHLEY DOUGHERTY. SECOND ROW: MIKE CLARK AND JOE BELECHAK.



MIKE CLARK, TERRI CLARK, MARY WLAHOFSKY, AND JEFF WLAHOFSKY

"I KNOW WHAT A CENTRAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION DOES. IT OPENS THE WORLD TO EVERYONE WHO GOES THERE," said Wlahofsky. "BUT FOR A CHILD WHO, FOR WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO CENTRAL, THE MATTHEW J. CLARK, '12 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL HELP OPEN THAT DOOR TO OPEN HIS WORLD."

The Fund has raised nearly \$300,000, to date. For perpetuity, it will exist to provide tuition assistance and help a Central Catholic education become a reality for young men.

The Clarks have been longtime family friends with Joe's family. This friendship, along with their shared Christian values, helped to galvanize the spirit behind this effort. "IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE PEOPLE EDUCATED AT A PLACE LIKE CENTRAL CATHOLIC. THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH-BASED BELIEFS AND VALUES WANT TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE." Belechak said. "IT GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM AND SHOWS THAT THIS COMMUNITY IS SPECIAL, AND PEOPLE WANT TO REACH OUT AND HELP OTHERS." An important piece to note is how the fundraising is being received outside of the Central community. "PEOPLE WITH NO AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL ARE CONTRIBUTING. TO ME, THAT'S BEEN THE MOST OVERWHELMING, IMPRESSIVE THING I'VE SEEN SO FAR," said Belechak.

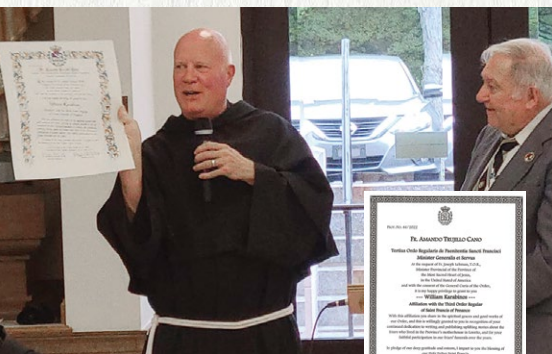
The Central Catholic community – in addition to a tremendous outpouring of support from the public at large – have extended the hand of generosity.

"WHEN MATTHEW DIED, IT WAS ALL A BLUR TO ME," says Mike Clark. "I SAW A LOT OF LOVING FACES IN THE DAYS AND THE WEEKS AFTERWARD. TO SEE THIS MANY PEOPLE DONATE TO THE FUND IN SUCH INCREDIBLY GENEROUS WAYS IS MIND-BOGGLING. IT'S INDESCRIBABLE. AND I TALK FOR A LIVING. I CAN'T FULLY DESCRIBE THE FEELING I HAVE TO SEE PEOPLE GIVE SO LOVINGLY," SAID CLARK. "IT'S SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE, AND MY FAMILY IS TRULY GRATEFUL."

The Central Catholic High School Endowment exists to provide funds for tuition assistance and the school's future. The Matthew J. Clark, '12 Endowed Scholarship Fund is a part of this tradition of generosity which will help educate future generations of Central Catholic students.



# NEWS FROM VIKING NATION



**OCTOBER 4, 2022, BLANDIN (BILL) KARABINOS, '55,** was invited to Loretto, PA, on the campus of St. Francis University, to be honored as an Affiliate Member of the Third Order Regular of St Francis of Assisi. On the feast of St. Francis in the Brothers' Chapel on Mount Assisi, he was honored by the Father Provincial, Very Reverend Father Joseph Lehman, T.O.R. He was presented a rescript from the Order's General in Rome (with the consent of the General Curia of the Order) granting "Affiliation" with the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis of Penance. This is the highest award granted by the Order.

**1950s { John Erario, '53** competed in the 2022 PA Senior Games held in Wilkes-Barre, PA in July. He won a gold medal in the Men's 85-89 Long Jump and finished in 2nd place in the Men's 85-89 50 meter dash. <sup>1</sup>

**1970s {** Congratulations to **Joe Merola, '70** for celebrating his 35-year work anniversary as a Professor of Chemistry at Virginia Tech. <sup>2</sup>

Several members of the **Class of 1974** got together for a round of golf at Edgewood Country Club. <sup>3</sup>

County Executive **Rich Fitzgerald, '77** was invited to throw out the first pitch to his son **Tanner, '09** at the Pirates game in August. <sup>4</sup>

**G. Marcus Cole, '79** delivered opening remarks at Notre Dame Law Religious Liberty Initiative's second annual Religious Liberty Summit in Rome, Italy. Photo credit: Notre Dame Law School. <sup>5</sup>

Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle named Best Irish Bar in the state. Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle is owned by **David Regan, '79.** <sup>6</sup>

**1980s {** Green Cabbage LLC: The global leader in spend analytics and market intelligence announced **Gary Scalise, '89** as the company's new President and Chief Revenue Officer, effective October 12th, 2022. <sup>7</sup>

**2000s { F. Conn Thieman, '05,** named to Pittsburgh Magazine's 2022 40 Under 40 list. <sup>8</sup>

Congratulations to **Mark Tishko, '05** for winning the 2022 World Axe Throwing League U.S. Open Hatchet Championship. <sup>9</sup>

**2010s { Jordan Cramer, '13** accepted a position as Fire Chief & Emergency Management Coordinator with South Strabane Township, Washington County, PA. <sup>10</sup>

Congratulations to **Eric McAllister, '15** on starting a new position as Associate at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. <sup>11</sup>

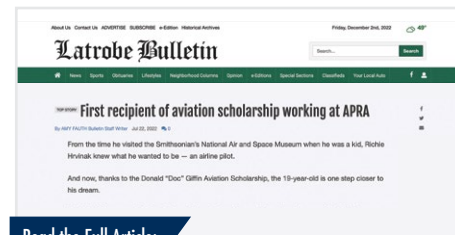
FROM CENTRAL TO THE NFL: **Damar Hamlin, '16** (Buffalo Bills) and **Rodney Thomas, '17** (Indianapolis Colts) faced off against each other in Buffalo during the 2022 preseason in August. <sup>12</sup>

**Michael Pernice, '17** joined the American Marketing Association of Pittsburgh Board as the Vice President of Partnerships. <sup>13</sup>

**Colin Aikins '18** is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Vocal Performance at The Juilliard School. He is thrilled to be studying under the tutelage of the esteemed tenor, William Burden. <sup>14</sup>

Congratulations to former Vikings star wide receiver **Gavin Thomson, '19.** The former walk-on at Pitt was rewarded for his hard work and perseverance by being placed on scholarship by the Panthers' staff. <sup>15</sup>

**2020s { Richie Hrivnak, '21** was the first recipient of the Doc Giffin Aviation Scholarship: a collaboration between Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Spirit Airlines.



Read the Full Article: [www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/first-recipient-of-aviation-scholarship-working-at-apra/article\\_cf4b0214-bb4b-5815-8926-a439d20055ab.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/first-recipient-of-aviation-scholarship-working-at-apra/article_cf4b0214-bb4b-5815-8926-a439d20055ab.html)

Three Central Catholic students, **Linus Donhue, '23, Antonio Moret, '23,** and **Quincy McCormick, '24** were the recipients of the Joseph J. Rogers Memorial Scholarship established by alumnus **Joseph Rogers, '14.** <sup>16</sup>

**CENTRAL ALUMS RECEIVE 2022 PITTSBURGH SMART 50 AWARDS** WHICH RECOGNIZES THE REGION'S TOP LEADERSHIP.



**KEVIN ACKLIN, '94,** President of Business Operations of the Pittsburgh Penguins

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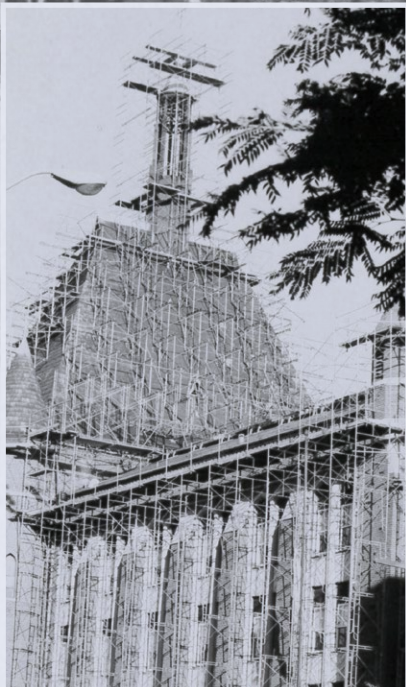
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If you have already made this provision through your estate plan, please let us know so that Central Catholic High School can include you among the *Legacy Circle* members. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew J. Stoessel, '95, in the 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.

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LEGACY FAMILIES



CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
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Each fall, we honor our legacy families with a special reception and group photo on the front stairs of the school. This image is comprised of current students along with their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and brothers who have also walked the halls of Central Catholic and are a part of our life-long community!

We want to thank everyone for making the Central Catholic experience part of your family tradition.

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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kennedy, '84	John Li, '63	Millbury Foundation	PNC Foundation	Edward Seserko, '70	Joseph Tyrrell, '56
Kerry Group Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation	Mary Ann Lippay	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mitchell Jr.	Poillucci Plumbing Inc.	Charles Sheedy, '65	Robert Unetich, '64
Michael Kiefer, '70	John Logan, '60	Antonio Moret, '23	Finnbarr Polc, '75	Mark Sheehan Esq, '80	Daniel Unico, '45
James Kingerski, '86	Mr. Timothy Loughran	John Munizza, '71	Gerard Pompa Jr., '77	Cecelia & John Sheridan	UnitedHealth Group
William Kirby, '72	M. J. Kelly Realty Corporation	Ms. Georgina Murphy	Mr. & Mrs. Francesco G. Porco, '91	Dr. Michael Sherry, '70	UPMC
Thomas Kissane, '64	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Macurak	Donald Mysliwiec, '64	Daniel Powers, '65	John Shovlin Sr, '83	Usher Family Charitable Foundation Trust
Thomas Kivinski, '66	Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Maffei	Dr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Nasca	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pritchard	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silvaggio, '84	Mr. Vincent Visco & Ms. Susan Lapenta
Charles Knight III, '60	Mr. & Mrs. Gavin Mann	Dr. & Mrs. Charles Nemeth	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pusateri, '68	Sitko Bruno, LLC	George Andy Volosky, '11
Mrs. Jane Kohler	James Manning, '61	New York Life Foundation	Raimondi Family Scholarship Fund	Adam Skasik, '00	Brian Vukmir, '93
Daniel Konieczka Esq, '78	Joseph Marmo Jr., '62	New York Life Insurance	Joseph Ratay, '12	James Slovonik, '64	Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Vukotich Jr., '67
Christopher Kovacsics, '84	Thomas Marshall III, '86	NexTier Bank	Norbert Rattay, '68	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher P. Smith Jr. Esq, '94	Janet Wagner
Mr. Mike Kovary	Mr. & Mrs. David Martin	Mr. & Mrs. Nilo Niccolai, '58	Raytheon Company	Steven Snyder MD, '62	Mrs. Theresa Ward
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Mr. Nathan Kramm & Dr. Teddi Gianangeli	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Martucci	Joseph Nothwang, '64	Eric Reiner, '79	Mr. & Mrs. William F. Sproule, '60	Thomas White, '84
Edward Krauland, '73	Massaro Corporation	OakRidge Consulting	Robert Reith, '59	Staley Capital Advisers	Martin Wielechowski, '62
Paul Kruper, '67	Mr. & Mrs. Steven M. Massaro, '84	Ms. Judy O'Connor	Micah Reyner, '98	Mr. & Mrs. John A. Staley IV, '61	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Wilkerson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Kulmoski	Paul Matvey CPA, '71	Michael O'Donnell, '90	Daniel Reynolds, '56 †	Mr. & Mrs. John A. Staley V, '84	Christopher Wilson, '71
Christopher Kurpeikis, '93	Denis McAuley III, '64	Patrick O'Leary, '62	Mr. & Mrs. William W. Rielly Jr., '79	Robert Stampahar, '49	Dr. & Mrs. John Wisneski
Mr. Kenneth Kuzma	Edward McCann Jr., '52	Paul O'Leary, '54	Mrs. William Rielly & Mr. William Rielly †	State Farm Insurance Companies	Thomas Witt, '64
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Robert Labriola Jr., '73	William McFadden, '48	John Osuch, '67	John Roach Jr., '98	David Steen	Thomas Wood, '72
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Ronald Layton, '83	John McGrath, '55	Raymond Papciak, '70	Dr. Eileen Ryan MD, '67	Daniel Stuthers, '54	William Zammerilla, '13
John Leavy, '76	Christopher McKaveney, '90	Leonard Pasquarelli, '68	Ryan Memorial Foundation	Mr. Rick Sunseri & Ms. Jody Sunseri	Albert Zangrilli Jr. Esq, '58
Dr. & Mrs. John A. Lech, '87	Carolyn S. McKenna	Mr. Samuel Patti	Regis Ryan, '59	Ms. Maureen Swartz	
Lee Family Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation	Gerard McLaughlin, '69	Ms. Carol Pavlick	James Sadowski, '69	Charles Sweeney, '60	† Deceased
Kevin Lee, '76	Samuel McNaughton, '58	Col. Harry Pawlak, '52	Lawrence Sadowski, '61	Daniel Sweeney, '81	
James Leeper, '70	Dr. John McSorley MD, '57	Michael Peart, '02	Mr. & Mrs. James Saitta	David Sweeney, '85	
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Central Catholic Lettermen's Club	Metz Culinary Management	Robert Pfaller, '62	Nicholas Scigliano, '87	John Thacik, '99	
	Samuel Miclot, '10	The Pittsburgh Foundation	Angelo Sciulli, '65	Thomas Timcho, '63	
	Mrs. Kathleen Mikszan	Pittsburgh Penguins	Philip Scolieri, '81	Richard Toth, '51	

\*As of 6/30/2022



# STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

## STUDENTS

**95 YEARS OF EDUCATING** young men from across Southwestern Pennsylvania

Our student body consists of **750 STUDENTS** on a journey to become Men of Faith, Scholarship and Service.



## TUITION

**2022-2023 TUITION** - \$13,675

**ACTUAL COST PER STUDENT** - \$15,272

**OVER 35% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID**

**AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID AWARD** - \$6,000



Every student receives a scholarship of nearly **\$1,600**

## ACADEMICS

**150 DISTINCT CLASSES**

- 28 HONORS COURSES
- 16 AP COURSES



**FACULTY-STUDENT RATIO** - 11:1

## STUDENT LIFE:

**19 ATHLETIC TEAMS**

**40 CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**OVER 5,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED ANNUALLY**



## Fast FACTS

**OVER 25,000 ALUMNI** SINCE 1927

VALUABLE NETWORKING ENCOURAGES STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH

**ASSISTANCE WITH EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES, MENTORING, AND HELP WITH INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS**

## ADVANCEMENT REPORT

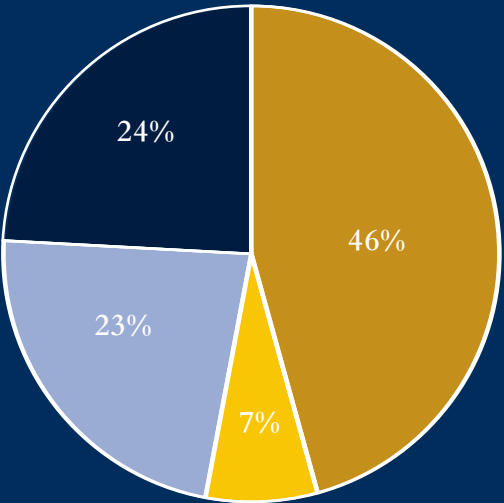
NUMBER OF DONORS  
**2,707**

LASALLIAN SOCIETY MEMBERS  
(annual giving totals \$1,000+) **412**

*Advancement Report of Income*  
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Annual (Unrestricted and Restricted)	\$1,679,250
Auction	\$270,000
EITC	\$856,912
New Endowment Contributions	\$882,330
Total	\$3,688,492

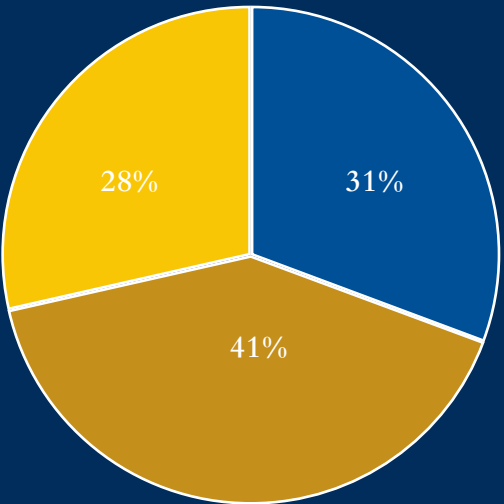
- Annual (Unrestricted and Restricted)
- Auction
- EITC State Program
- Endowment Contributions



*Sources of Financial Aid & Merit Scholarships:*

Annual Giving (Annual Fund, Auction, Restricted Donations)	\$841,000
Endowment Distribution	\$1,130,000
Eitc/OSTC (State Tax Credit Program)	\$780,000
Total	\$2,751,000

- Annual Giving (Annual Fund, Auction, Restricted Donations)
- Endowment Distribution
- EITC/OSTC (State Tax Credit Program)







## TALK WITH YOUR ACCOUNTANT

or tax advisor to ensure a Viking education today!



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

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

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



"We are happy to support Central Catholic through this program. Receiving tax credits for a contribution to the school is a "win-win", and we get the satisfaction of knowing exactly how our state tax dollars are being used. We love knowing that young men are benefitting from a Central Catholic education thanks to our support."

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



## CENTRAL CATHOLIC THANKS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS

who put their state tax dollars to work  
for Central Catholic students through the  
Pennsylvania DCED's EITC and OSTC programs:

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

## 2022 REUNION GATHERINGS

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES HELD REUNION  
CEREMONIES AT CENTRAL THIS FALL

### CLASS OF 1960

The class of 1960 celebrated its 60th class reunion in June, two years after the originally scheduled date. Hampered by a 2-year delay due to COVID-19, classmates found a positive spin on their celebration efforts. As part of the program – many of whom were simultaneously celebrating their 80th birthdays – read the following poem, "Alumnus' Prayer" which was written by Paul Apostolou, '60 and submitted to *The Quadrangle* by Bill Sproule, '60.



Class of 1960

### A Central Alumnus' Prayer

Dear Lord, As boys, you brought us together from  
the various neighborhoods of our community,  
to a special place to be educated by special men,  
dedicated to you, and teaching in the ways of Jesus Christ.

Through your love and their efforts, we bonded  
into a brotherhood of young men.

We maintain that brotherhood and ask for your  
continued blessings for ourselves, our families,  
and the Christian Brothers who taught us.

May we always be faithful to you, each other, and  
the men of St. John Baptist de LaSalle.

- Paul Apostolou

For additional details and to find out how to participate, please visit  
[www.centralcatholicshs.com/taxcredits](http://www.centralcatholicshs.com/taxcredits) or email [csteffey@centralcatholicshs.com](mailto:csteffey@centralcatholicshs.com).





Class of 1957



Class of 1977



Class of 1962



Class of 1982



Class of 1967



Class of 1987



Class of 1972  
50 year reunion!



Class of 1992

## IMPORTANT SPRING 2023 DATES



### 2023 PITTSBURGH PIRATES SPRING TRAINING RECEPTION

You're invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, Pirates baseball and Brotherhood at LECOM Park in Bradenton, FL for the 2023 Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training Alumni Reception.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023**  
**LECOM PARK IN BRADENTON, FL.**  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES VS. NEW YORK YANKEES** - Tickets are \$75

Tickets and Party Area will be located in the LaPensee Party Deck in Left Field. Ticket includes 2.5 hours of all you can eat and drink!

#### REGISTRATION LINK:

[https://centralcatholichighschool.formstack.com/forms/2023\\_pirates\\_spring\\_training](https://centralcatholichighschool.formstack.com/forms/2023_pirates_spring_training)

### ALUMNI MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



The Alumni Mass of Remembrance will be held on the **FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:00PM** in the Brother's Chapel. If you are interested in attending the Alumni Mass of Remembrance in-person or virtually please complete the registration form or email Brandon Haburjak, '06 at [bhaburjak@centralcatholicchs.com](mailto:bhaburjak@centralcatholicchs.com).

#### REGISTRATION LINK:

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VISIT US AT: [CENTRALALUMNI.COM](http://CENTRALALUMNI.COM)

## JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING ALUMNI EVENTS!

### ALUMNI REUNION DATES

#### CLASS OF 1958 65TH REUNION CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND**  
**6:00PM – 9:00PM**  
Zupancic Family STEM Center

#### CLASS OF 1963 60TH REUNION WEEKEND

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**  
Stag at Central

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**  
Lunch at Narcisi Winery

#### CLASS OF 1953 70TH REUNION CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH**  
Zupancic Family STEM Center





Central Catholic High School  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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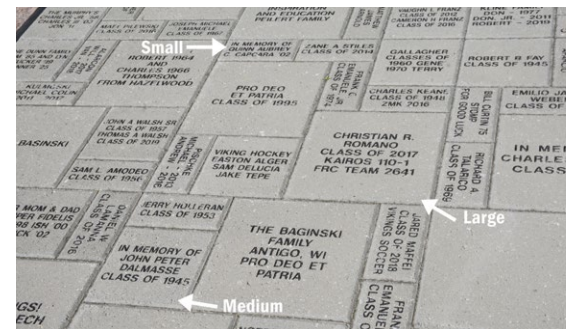
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the **QUADRANGLE** 45



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

- 1943**  
Walter Bechtold, '43

**1945**  
William Wrabley Jr, '45

**1946**  
James Fasnacht, '46

**1947**  
Patrick Conroy, '47  
Vincent Leffler, '47

**1948**  
Patrick Ging, '48  
James Harvey, '48  
John Henne, '48  
Frank Zappala Jr, '48

**1949**  
Joseph O. Brashear, '49  
Carl Fischerkeller, '49  
Paul Handke, '49  
Dr. Francis Lyman, '49

**1950**  
William Hohmann, '50  
John McGrady Jr, '50

**1952**  
Andrew Rojtas, '52

**1953**  
Thomas Bruner, '53  
Dr. David McGuire, '53

**1954**  
James Kelly, '54

**1955**  
Thomas Donohue, '55  
Robert Kerr, '55  
Richard Pilardi, '55  
Patrick Prince, '55
- 1956**  
Daniel Reynolds, '56  
Jerome Riems, '56  
Eugene Simeone, '56

**1957**  
George Moesta, '57

**1958**  
Jack Keegan, '58  
Robert Lamanna, '58  
Anthony Pasquarelli, '58

**1959**  
Peter Rauso, '59

**1960**  
Stephen Pozar, '60  
Ronald Zdrojkowski PhD, '60

**1961**  
Patrick Fay, '61  
Anthony Sciorilli, '61  
Conrad Wypychowski, '61

**1962**  
Frederick Elliott III, '62  
Robert Fitzgerald, '62  
Henry Lipinski, '62

**1964**  
Steven Iwanicki, '64  
William Kietgen, '64

**1965**  
William Alvarez, '65  
Ronald Martin, '65

**1966**  
Richard Coleman, '66

**1967**  
Martin Crimmins, '67
- 1969**  
Gregory Canestro, '69

**1970**  
Michael Avolio, '70  
William Castner, '70  
John Husack, '70  
James DeMartini, '70

**1971**  
Louis Battocchi, '71

**1975**  
Robert Cunic, '75

**1976**  
Thomas Finlon, '76  
Daniel Halferty, '76  
Robert Vavro, '76

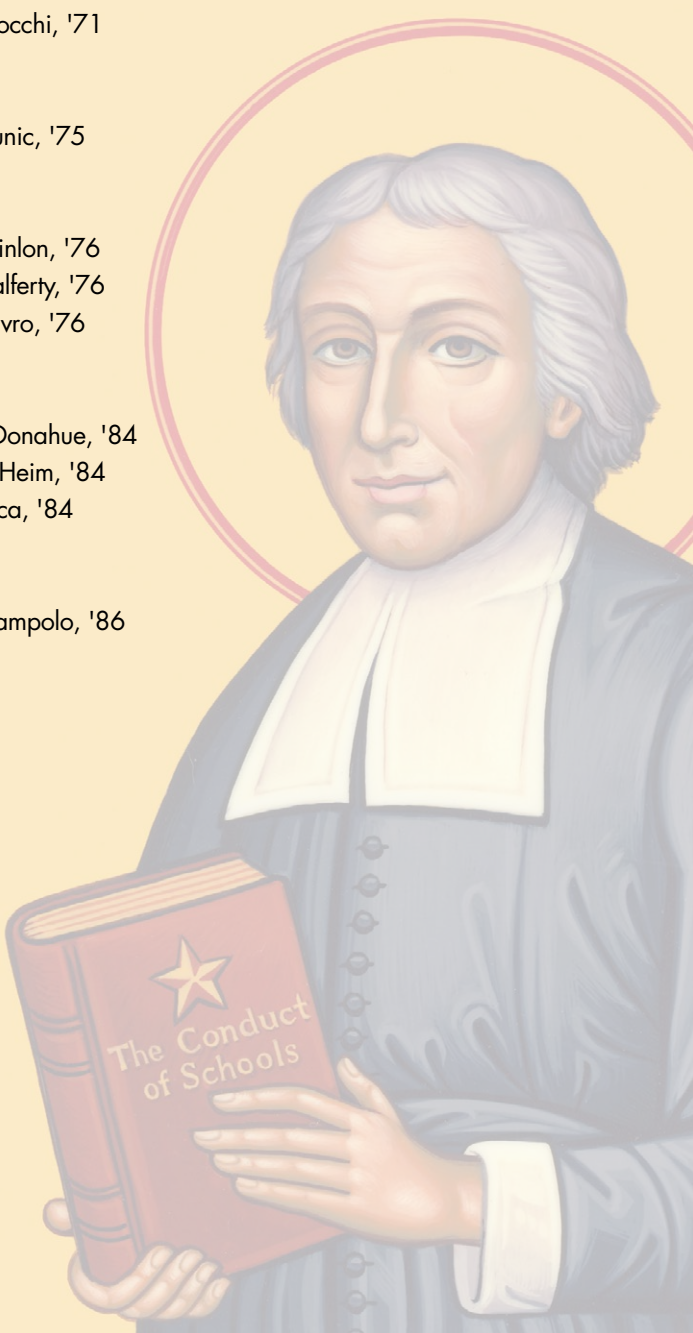
**1984**  
Michael Donahue, '84  
Christian Heim, '84  
Peter Sacca, '84

**1986**  
Joseph Campolo, '86
- 2009**  
Anthony Nsemo, '09

**2013**  
David Terrick II, '13

**2014**  
Jason Tsounos, '14

\*As of 10/31/2022



2023 SPRING TRAINING  
LECOM PARK | BRADENTON, FL



2023 Pirates Spring Training  
Pittsburgh Pirates vs New York Yankees  
Saturday, March 11th  
Time: TBD

Tickets and Party area will be located in our LaPensee Party Deck in left field.  
Ticket includes 2 1/2 hours of all you can eat and drink!

INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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TICKETS	COST	TOTAL
	\$75	

Tickets will be available for pickup at will call with a photo ID.

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Email Brandon Haburjak at bhaburjak@centralcatholics.com or  
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*The school strives to  
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and diverse program of  
studies and extracurricular  
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that fosters a life of faith and  
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rooted in the Gospel values  
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justice, and peace.*

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Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters,  
Central Catholic provided \$3.2 million in tuition assistance  
and merit scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.  
The average aid award for qualifying families is \$6,000.

Central Catholic is still accepting applications for the  
2023-2024 school year. Visit [centralcatholichs.com/apply](https://centralcatholichs.com/apply)  
to learn more and apply now.



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If your son has moved from your home, please notify  
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at 412.208.3488 or [bhaburjak@centralcatholichs.com](mailto:bhaburjak@centralcatholichs.com).

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