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Knows No Limits*



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Dear friends,

*"We are blessed to be living in the State of Hope!"*

Those are the words of our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D., who at his Mass of Reception beautifully reflected on the motto of our state – *Hope*. Bishop Henning has become the 9th Bishop of Providence and succeeded Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., who recently retired at the age of 75 as required by Canon Law. We welcomed Bishop Henning for a special Mass and visit to campus where he met our tremendous faculty, staff, and students.

We were also honored to have Bishop Henning as our guest at Epoch: The 2023 Gala for Hendricken where we saluted and thanked those who have contributed – in many ways – to our mission. The evening was a great success, raising over \$150,000 in critical and ever-needed tuition assistance for incoming students. Our sincerest thanks to all who supported this effort. It is yet another sign of the vitality of our Bishop Hendricken family and a tangible demonstration that we are doing exactly as Bishop Henning said his first days in our state.

This has always been our mission. From those very first days when our doors opened under the inspiration of Bishop McVinney and the assistance of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, to the excellent leadership of the Congregation of Christian Brothers for so many years, right up to these present days. We are now, and always will be, a school that is proud to be

built upon and sustained with the virtue of "*hope*," a sturdy part of our Catholic faith.

Another school year has ended, and we are soon to open our doors again. We wish the Class of 2023 every success as they have left our hallowed halls. We charge them to bring that message of *hope* to wherever they now go. All of us together are blessed with a Savior who brought us *hope* when He promised that He would always be with us. May His presence in each of our lives give us *hope* every day, and may we proclaim His Gospel to all whom we meet.

Assuring you and your loved ones of a remembrance in my Masses and prayers, as well as those of the men of Hendricken, I am,

**Fr. Robert L. Marciano, KHS '75**  
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## OUR MISSION

**THE MISSION OF BISHOP HENDRICKEN IS TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WITH GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. WE DO THIS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOTAL PERSON: HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL.**



As I drove home from graduation at the Cathedral that Monday night in June, I realized that I was really going to miss these guys. Not that I didn't have a great love for the three years of seniors who had graduated before, but the Class of 2023 was the first that I have been able to be with from their freshman through senior year. We walked through the doors together new to Hendricken on a sunny day in August 2019. Me as the new chaplain and them as new freshmen.

This class was a very close-knit group of young men. You could see that in the courtyard outside the Cathedral with the many handshakes, hugs, pictures, and cigars! There were many moments throughout the past four years when you could feel that there was something special about the Class of 2023. And while it was certainly apparent in the moments of joy, I think it was even more palpable in our moments of sorrow.

One moment sticks out in my mind more than any, and that was on a Friday last fall at Immaculate Conception Church. Over the summer and into the beginning of this school year, the father of one of our seniors, Nick DeCosta '23, was engaged in a fierce battle with cancer. David DeCosta was a man with great love for his family and an unshakable faith in Our Lord. Both were at his side throughout those many weeks.

Sadly, it was the physical battle that could not be won. Yet, the spiritual battle was just beginning. And on that day of great sorrow, as we gathered at Immaculate Conception Church to pray for David's soul, Nick was joined by the entirety of his senior class. We had to procure four busses to drive them over, and as we carried David's body out of the church, they formed an honor guard supporting Nick and his family in that moment of great loss. And not one of those young men were asked or required to be there. They went on their own. They went to support their brother. They wanted to be there for Nick.

Anyone can shake your hand or give you a hug in moments of joy, success, or victory. We surely have plenty of those at Hendricken. Our senior class is full of successful young men and it's easy to congratulate them in those moments. But as the Proverb says: "A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for a time of adversity." The mark of a true brother is one who will be there with you in your darkest moments – to plunge into that darkness with you and show you the light. That is what those brothers of Nick did for him and his family on that saddest of days. That is what Hendricken men are called to do throughout the world – it's what Hendricken graduates have been doing for over 60 years.

Hendricken men are called to change the world, but they cannot do it alone. As we hear in Sacred Scripture: "Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken." That is what's so special about our brotherhood. Our men go out into the world and bring with them the light. They do it together with the support of their brothers. Please keep them always in your prayers. They take on great challenges because the world needs them to, but they do so as brothers, and so never alone.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever!

**Fr. Brian Morris '03, Chaplain**

### **Thomas Harkins '76 and Patrick Lynch '98 seemingly have little in common.**

Harkins is a 28-year veteran in financial advising based out of New Hampshire. Lynch is a Florida-based attorney with an MBA who now specializes in fundraising in the non-profit sector.

Harkins served as a school psychologist for 12 years. Lynch has hosted his own TED Talk.

As of this article, Harkins is 65 years old. Lynch is 43.

But what both have in common is uniquely beautiful: the full weight of the Bishop Hendricken brotherhood behind them during very challenging times in their lives.

“My experience here was a life changer,” Harkins remarked.

After graduating from Bishop Hendricken, Thomas Harkins was off to the University of Rhode Island (URI) as a track & field student-athlete. In his sophomore year, life was all about high jumping and competing in the New England Indoor Track & Field meet at Harvard University.

But, on February 21, 1978, Harkins' track & field career at URI quickly – and unexpectedly – came to a grinding halt.

Just four days before the meet at Harvard, Harkins was the victim of an incident on campus that left him unconscious with a broken nose, fractured cheek, concussion, and the complete loss of his left eye.

After being rushed to South County Hospital, Harkins' condition was so severe that URI's chaplain was called in to administer Last Rites.

“Clearly, I was in rough shape,” he said.

Fast forward about 20 years.

Patrick Lynch was a spry, newly elected sophomore class president at Bishop Hendricken. His priorities were very, very simple.

“Girls, grades, and sports,” Lynch chuckled. “In that order!”

A few weeks into the school year, Lynch began to come home from short cross country runs feeling exhausted. As days passed and he grew increasingly weak after each practice, he knew something was wrong.

After weeks of blood tests and doctor's visits that suggested he had mononucleosis, Lynch's situation came to a head just before Thanksgiving. An enlarged spleen and liver on the verge of rupturing forced him into the intensive care unit at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Following a bone marrow aspiration, Lynch's parents left his bedside for the first time since his admission to meet with doctors. Then a team of physicians came back in with his tearful parents.

“Have you heard of leukemia?” Dr. Edwin Forman asked the Hendricken sophomore. “We believe you have leukemia. We believe you have cancer.”

A whirlwind then ensued for each – Harkins and Lynch. But Bishop Hendricken was right behind them.

About 12 hours after being admitted to the hospital, Harkins finally came back to consciousness. He opened his eyes to find his parents by his bedside with one other familiar face: Fr. Bertrand Richman, Bishop Hendricken High School's chaplain.

The next day, Br. Arthur Loftus, former Superior General of the Irish Christian Brothers and then-Hendricken faculty, stopped by to see Harkins. And the day after that, his Hendricken track coaches, Br. John O'Neill and Br. William Murphy. With each day, a new visitor from Hendricken came to check on Harkins.

*Pictured right: Patrick Lynch '98 holds his donor's bone marrow the day of his transplant in March 1998.*



A photograph of a man with glasses and a white hospital gown lying in a hospital bed. He is holding a clear plastic bottle of liquid and pouring it into a glass. The background shows a blue patterned pillow and a white hospital sheet.

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*Whatever hurts  
my brother,*  
**Hurts Me**



*This page, pictured below (l-r): Patrick Lynch '98 poses for his senior photo; Thomas Harkins '76 poses with two of his student-athletes, John Santos '21 and Amuchin Timbo '21; Thomas Harkins '76 poses for his senior photo. Photo right page Patrick Lynch '98 runs in his first-ever marathon to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in January 2022. He raised \$40,320.23.*



“This notion of brotherhood and Hendricken’s all-for-oneness was a real thing,” Harkins said. “It was so humbling at the time, and still is.”

For Lynch, the true fight was just beginning. He and his family elected for the most aggressive three-year treatment possible to battle acute lymphocytic leukemia. Through an intensive first year, Lynch was unable to attend school in-person due to debilitating chemotherapy.

His fears were very real, though not what one might expect from a young man newly diagnosed: missing student council meetings, keeping up with the rigorous Hendricken curriculum, and of course, graduating on-time with his classmates.

Taking matters into his own hands, Lynch drafted and mailed a letter to each and every member of the sophomore class to explain to them what was happening. In it, he told them about his diagnosis, described how long the treatment should last, and then discussed his new perspective on life.

“It was like my life’s mission statement,” he said. “All of a sudden my priorities were: God, family, and friends. In that order.”

The Bishop Hendricken response was staggering. Prayer intentions began on every single PA announcement at Hendricken and Bay View. Daily visits in the hospital from Robert Zonfrillo, Lynch’s counselor. Cards mailed to his room each day. Prayer services in student council, at cross country practice, and as part of peer ministry. Teachers coming to Lynch’s house for private tutoring.

“Hendricken made it spiritually, socially, and emotionally so easy for me because there was a sense the school community really cared about me,” said Lynch.

After being discharged from the hospital, Harkins had to re-learn life with one eye. How to eat. How to read. Basic functions were now a challenge to which he had to adapt. And again, Hendricken was there.

While taking in a Hendricken basketball playoff game at Bryant University a few weeks later, Harkins and his father ran into

then-Hendricken football coach, Ed Fracassa.

“Of course my face was still all bandaged up,” Harkins recalled. “My father said it actually improved my looks a little bit,” he added with a laugh.

But despite how Harkins thought he looked, Fracassa made him feel like a million dollars.

“He put his arm around me and said ‘Tommy, I know what happened. I’ve been in touch with a couple of surgeons at South County Hospital and I got some feedback on how they think you’ll progress,’” Harkins recalled. “It was humbling to have people who cared so much that they’d go out of their way to learn.”

His classmates, Harkins remembers, were a great source of levity.

“One night I was at home recovering and Bob Simas ‘76 and Tommy Olivier ‘75 showed up at my house with a six pack of Budweiser,” Harkins laughed. “The fact that they’d come out and spend some time with me was great.”

As his intensive treatments wound down, Lynch was starting to feel himself again. He returned to school after reclassing, was in a maintenance regimen of treatment, and was even giving talks about his survival to underclassmen through peer ministry.

“I remember our new chaplain, Fr. Taillon, coming up to me and asking if he could use my story in a homily” Lynch said. “To me, that was like Tom Cruise coming up to me and asking if he could do a story based on my life. I was on cloud nine.”

About a week into December of his senior year, Lynch headed to the hospital for routine bloodwork. But, this time was different. The results were taking longer to come back than usual.

Dr. Forman, the same physician who diagnosed and treated Lynch before, came into the room in tears.

“He told me they had been watching my bloodwork and were hoping it wasn’t anything serious,” Lynch recalled. “But he told me I had cancer again.”



The news was unfortunately more bleak. Dr. Forman informed Lynch that they needed a bone marrow donor to save his life. But trying to find a match would be incredibly challenging, and even if they were successful, Lynch only had a 50% chance of surviving.

Now, the same chaplain that asked to use Lynch's story for a sermon was helping the Hendricken senior plan his funeral.

"Suddenly all these lessons I was bragging about were being called into question again," Lynch said. "Do you really believe all this?"

But neither Lynch nor Hendricken were giving up.

With even more vigor, Hendricken rallied its prayers and support once again. Ron Phipps '75, Matt Phipps '98, and the Hendricken community began hosting regular bone marrow registration drives on campus and fundraising to cover the \$75 fee for every single registrant.

"I know of 10 people who have been called since those registrations who didn't match me, but matched other people," Lynch mentioned. "My brother, Tim '00, ended up saving someone's life in Germany because of the bone marrow drive at Hendricken."

And then it happened. Lynch found a match and soon he needed to board a plane to Seattle for the transplant.

On the morning of his flight, Hendricken students skipped class in droves to see him off at the airport; perhaps their last goodbye to a brother. At the same time, Hendricken had arranged for faculty at O'Dea High School, a fellow Christian Brother school in Seattle, to check in with Lynch regularly.

In Washington, the Hendricken support continued as Lynch geared up for the fight of his young life. Fr. Taillon flew out to visit. Hendricken began organizing vigils back in Rhode Island, one of which was hosted by Fr. Robert Marciano, KHS '75 the night before his procedure. Guidance counselors recorded support videos to mail to Seattle.

"I can't think of any other school that would have gone to the lengths that Hendricken did over and over again for me," Lynch said.

When it was finally clear that Lynch was going to survive following his transplant, everyone breathed a sigh of relief. But life didn't go back to normal just yet. Lynch was going to have to miss his high school graduation.

A local news station caught wind of the story and got in touch with Lynch's family. They, along with Hendricken, arranged for a satellite truck to broadcast the ceremony to his hospital room in Seattle. And what happened at the ceremony left Lynch speechless.

"They told everyone to hold applause until all names were called," Lynch remembered. "My brother received my diploma on my behalf, and when he did, the entire Cathedral erupted in a standing ovation. Even through a rudimentary television 3,000 miles away, you could feel the energy of that moment."

As Harkins' recovery progressed, he became more and more comfortable with his new normal.

"After graduating from URI and graduate school, Kathy [his wife] and I moved to New Hampshire, went on with life, and raised a wonderful family," Harkins said. "But I said that if there was ever an opportunity to pay it back or pay it forward [to Hendricken], I really wanted to."

And that, he has.

Jim Doyle, Hendricken cross country and track & field coach, approached Harkins to see if he might consider coaching his high jumpers. Harkins had just purchased a cottage in Warwick though he was still living primarily in New Hampshire. So Harkins began commuting back-and-forth each week of the winter and spring seasons to coach.

"I jumped at the chance and that was 14 years ago," Harkins said proudly. "The Lord just gave me enough free time to give back to a community that's had such a profound impact on my life. I just love it. I use my position to espouse the mission of Bishop Hendricken. There's nothing better than that."

Harkins only became more involved as time went on, serving as chairman of Bishop Hendricken's Board of Advisors, a key donor in philanthropic campaigns to benefit the school, and an avid cheerleader of 2615 Warwick Avenue.

Once Lynch returned to Rhode Island, Hendricken remained a resource in his gap year prior to college. Zonfrillo and Joseph Adamec, a longtime guidance counselor, helped prepare his college applications and fine-tune his essays as if he was still a Hendricken student.

At the time, Lynch and his family were advocating for legislation in Rhode Island to do away with the fee to join the bone marrow registry. Bishop Hendricken actively supported their efforts and eventually the legislation passed.

Lynch went on to study Philosophy and Theology at Providence College, something he claims he only had the courage to do because of Hendricken. And, even after graduating from law school only to realize he was unhappy with the career, Lynch thanks Hendricken for his courage to make a change to non-profit work.

Still, Lynch credits Dr. Forman and Bishop Hendricken for saving his life.

"I can't imagine any other school coalescing around a moment the way Hendricken did for me," Lynch recalled with a smile. "I think Hendricken might have been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Every ounce of who I am came from some version of my time with the community."



*Pictured above: Thiago Gomes '95 speaks with students at Career Day.*

# Beats the heart of a servant

*“What brings you here?”*

Students' answers come quickly — some have family members who work in these fields, many say they are interested in acquiring the skills needed to provide rescue and protective services to a community, but all shared the desire to help and serve other people as first responders in difficult times.

It was Career Day for the junior class and 24 students were gathered in the Michel R. Benoit '70 & John A. Benoit '82 Collaborative Learning Center eager to hear what these four alumni — a North Kingstown firefighter and paramedic; a Providence police officer; a Cranston captain and commander of the Detective Division; and a Rhode Island State Police (RISP) detective — would have to tell them.

“I look around the room and see that the traits you all have are the characteristics we want in law enforcement,” said Capt. Vincent M. McAteer III '93. “And we know when someone from Bishop Hendricken comes to us, those traits are already baked in.”

McAteer is third generation law enforcement — 28 years on the Cranston Police Department and the last 4 as commander of the Detective Division. Although he had the opportunity to attend the FBI Academy last year, he considers Cranston Police not just his job but a great career and has no plans for stepping away anytime soon.

He began by telling the students about his “pivotal and deciding moment,” coming in the summer of 1995, when a small seaplane crashed into a restaurant on Block Island killing five people, including the pilot, three passengers, and a woman in a car that was struck by the aircraft.

“I asked myself if I would run away or run toward an emergency situation like that,” he said. The answer confirmed his decision to attend military school in Vermont and then join the police department.

The stories of his best experiences and the workings of a police department had the students riveted and asking questions but then he stopped, looked around, and said, “Inside every one of you beats the heart of a servant.”

Then he explained some of the challenges of policing — of having the ability to remove a person's liberties in a free society.

“Remember, people are of the highest order. Chances are good that when you are called somewhere at 3am it's not for a good reason. And I don't know of another job where you walk into someone's house, and they trust you enough to hand you their kids and say, ‘Help me.’ Your life is going to change,” McAteer stated bluntly. “You have to be trusted to act morally and ethically.” But he left them laughing with the simple advice to just “stay in shape and stay out of trouble!”

Lt. Brendan McStay '98, a firefighter and paramedic for the North Kingstown Fire Department, recounted having a different path but one just as suited for these students.

“Cubicle life stinks,” he declared.

Though not hired as a firefighter until he was 38, McStay urged students not to get discouraged or believe it is ever too late. “You're going to work nights and weekends but having four days off altogether is nice, too. Now I'm 43 and it's the greatest job I've ever had.”

McStay then turned practical as he told them they are not “too young to get their feet wet” by volunteering at a local fire and rescue station, taking an EMT course, or finding out how to earn their Firefighter I and Firefighter II certifications. He remarked that the “biggest thing” about working in a fire department is that it's different every day, and he advised them that, if offered, they should jump at the chance to ride along with a local department for a little experience.



“I’ve been on 12 separate calls where we saw dead bodies,” McStay said plainly. “It’s certainly not for everyone. You have to be able to compartmentalize and a ride-along can be eye-opening.”

It’s no surprise to anyone that these men aren’t hiding the seriousness of their professions. Students are greeted with a slightly more existential question from RISP Detective Ryan Mahoney ’03 when they are asked, “Are you the type of person others can rely on to save their life?”

“At first, all I ever wanted to do was make money,” he said, getting a laugh from the students. “Then I saw this article in the paper about the state police — although my mother actually hid it from me!”

Once he became a trooper, he found the job more of a calling like “a priest” and that the work was very public service oriented. “I’m not driving fancy cars and going on trips all the time,” Mahoney explained. “But I can be someone who others can rely on to save their life.”

Mahoney said there are currently 20 Bishop Hendricken graduates within the RISP and that whenever a Hendricken alumnus joins the department there is an automatic respect for him since it’s expected that good values are instilled in him. “It’s a pretty eye-opening thing — it’s pretty cool,” Mahoney said.

Providence Police Officer Thiago Gomes ’95 kept it lighter and told the students how, as a first responder, he’s had two of the “best experiences a person could have,” like delivering a baby in a car — something he calls “wild” — and being assigned to the Providence College men’s basketball team’s bench to protect the coaches.

And Gomes, too, called his work eye-opening — but this comes from seeing what true poverty looks like in some of the Providence neighborhoods. With the desire to help people behind his decision to become a police officer, he was also determined to make a difference in other people’s lives.

An opportunity came when Gomes was approached by the department chief for his help in launching a subsidiary of the non-profit organization, Lights & Sirens International, in Providence. This 501(c)(3) is committed to helping the disadvantaged on the neighborhood level by promoting relationships between police and citizens. With member groups in large cities like New York, Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis, and Detroit, the chief believed Providence would be in good company with this new approach to fostering relationships in the community.

Now going into its 14th year in Providence, Gomes and Lights & Sirens have done everything from sponsoring basketball and bocce tournaments to providing toys, clothes, and medical supplies to people. In one neighborhood with a particularly low literacy rate, books are provided along with backpacks and other school supplies.

Gomes ended by saying that once he learned he was expected to be an example, all he had to do was draw on the values built into him by his alma mater.

While they have all talked about the challenges of being a first responder and having had their eyes opened working in public service, they were also adamant about choosing these same careers again — that even though they sometimes see society at its worst, they have also seen it at its very best.



*Pictured: Lt. Brendan McStay '98 (left) and Detective Ryan Mahoney '03 (right) take questions during Career Day.*

# A crystal anniversary for a shining program

When it comes to a Bishop Hendricken education, it was imperative to Br. Thomas Leto, President from 1999 to 2009, that the experience be an option for all young men.

On a trip to a National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) conference, Br. Leto heard time-and-time again about the difficulty of finding special education programs in Catholic high schools. And so, he and his team at Bishop Hendricken did something about it.

In August of 2008, the Br. Thomas R. Leto Options Program was launched at Hendricken to serve students with mild to moderate disabilities. A groundbreaking initiative in Catholic education to this very day, the Options Program provides academic, social, and spiritual growth opportunities for each student to assist them in becoming successful and independent adults in the future. "Prior to the creation of Options, the young men in our building never sat next to a young man with developmental disabilities," said Br. Leto. "I think we opened up their eyes to a whole population of peers with whom they'd otherwise never come into contact."

Alongside Br. Leto, there were several members of the Hendricken faculty, staff, and school community who were influential in the creation and continued success of the program. However, none pushed quite as hard as Martha Murray P'06, '11.

Her youngest son, Philip '11, wanted nothing more than to attend and graduate from Bishop Hendricken, just

like his older brother, Michael '06. At the time of Philip's acceptance, there was no special education program offered at Hendricken that could meet his academic needs. And so, Murray was reduced to hoping teachers could modify their courses to assist her son.

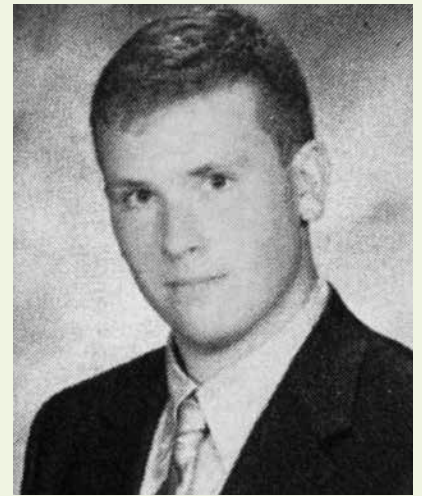
By the end of his freshman year, Philip was flourishing socially and athletically, but struggling academically. The Murrays began to explore other options for him to receive the modifications he needed to succeed in the classroom, but Br. Leto wouldn't let them. "He [Philip] belonged at Hendricken," Leto firmly remarked. "He deserved a Bishop Hendricken education like so many other young men."

After an anonymous donation from an alumnus, and much preparation from the team at Hendricken, the Br. Thomas R. Leto Options Program began in the 2008-2009 Academic Year with one teacher, over a dozen peer mentors, and two students – Philip Murray included.

"I am forever grateful that Br. Leto and the Hendricken community understood then, and continue to understand today, the justice of inclusive Catholic education," said Murray. "It was lifechanging and so reaffirming."

Philip was one of the first to graduate from the Options Program in 2011 and continued his education through Lesley College's Threshold Program, a two-year, on-campus college experience for students with diverse learning, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Since then, Bishop Hendricken has proudly graduated 29 students from the Options Program.

Even after Philip moved on, Martha Murray's involvement didn't falter. She continued to help the Options Program grow and evolve into what it is today through her work with the Tom and Terri Murphy Foundation. "The fact that the program continues to invite boys to get a Catholic education is phenomenal," Leto marveled. "You can't put a number on the experience these young men have been given."



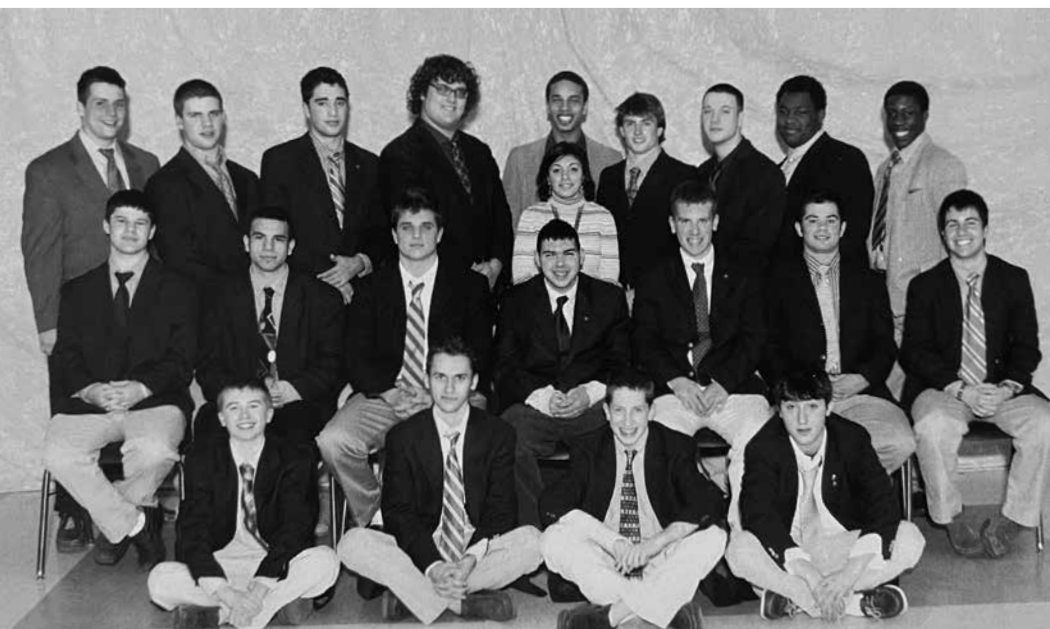
*Photo (left): Brother Leto poses for his last faculty photo as President of Bishop Hendricken High School; (top) Philip Murray '11 poses for his freshman portrait.*





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*Photos, clockwise from top: The most recent Options Program class in their newly donated t-shirts from the Tom & Terry Foundation commemorating the 15th year of the program; Philip Murray '11 gives his senior speech as the first graduate of the Options Program at their annual pasta dinner; This first Options Program class, including the peer mentors.*





# Full Circle for Mazzulla '06 & Gomes '91



*Photo (left): Joe Mazzulla '06 smiles during a Celtics press conference. (right) Joe Mazzulla '06 (left) and Jamal Gomes '91 (right) on the hardwood at the Auerbach Center.*

In September of last year, something changed in the Boston sports world. Amidst a scandal swirling around the head of their coaching staff, the Boston Celtics announced that, effective immediately, Ime Udoka would be suspended. Johnston native, University of West Virginia basketball alum, and then-Celtics assistant coach Joe Mazzulla '06 was named his interim replacement.

Mazzulla has always been a winner. As a player, he has won championships at every competitive level from middle school to college. As a coach, he has led phenomenally successful college teams, NBA Summer League squads, NBA G League groups, and assisted on last year's NBA Finals team. "Joe is a warrior," said Jamal Gomes '91, his high school basketball coach and Bishop Hendricken Athletic Director. "Trained and prepared to be at his best in the biggest moments."

With an unshakable faith in God, Joe has never forgotten his roots and those who have guided him along the way. In press conferences and media scrums, he's noted how grateful he is for the opportunities he has been given and the people who have shaped him.

"He has honed his leadership skills and understands the importance of loyalty, communication, and maintaining positive relationships," Gomes commented. "Joe was born to succeed as a coach at the highest level, and I could see it in him twenty years ago."

And so, never forgetting where he came from, Mazzulla wanted one person with him on his first day as bench boss at training camp: Coach Gomes. "As I was driving to the Auerbach Center, memories of Joe's high school and college career flooded my mind," Gomes remarked with a

big smile. "The many practices, games, championships, the injuries he fought through, the recruiting process, college tournaments, his first coaching gig, and the list goes on and on. It has been an honor and a privilege to watch the young man I remember grow and evolve into the intelligent, hardworking man at the head of such a prominent professional program."

When Gomes arrived at the practice facility, he was led to a spot high above the court where he watched the team prepare for what would turn into a historic 2022-2023 season. As he stood there in awe, Mazzulla tapped him on the shoulder. "He greeted me with a big hug," Gomes recalled. "It astounded me just how relaxed, calm, and levelheaded he was about the entire situation. In about five days, he went from the assistant to the head coach, and believe me, that one seat over is not easy."

Mazzulla then took his place courtside as practice began. Gomes remembers how inspirational it was: his former player and now a new, young head coach orchestrating a highly organized, detailed, and multifaceted practice scheme with some of the top athletes in the world. It was a basketball dream. "He ran that practice as if he had been a head coach in the NBA for ten years," Gomes marveled. "The maturity, command, and leadership that Joe displayed on his first day was incredibly moving."

After practice and the media frenzy that followed, Mazzulla gave his high school ball coach a full tour, being sure to proudly introduce him to anyone and everyone as such. "The graciousness and class of the Celtics organization from top to bottom was tremendous and a pleasure to witness in action," said Gomes. When they arrived at his office, Mazzulla and Gomes spoke about the new positions, the challenges he might face, and of course, life in general. "It was a conversation like many we have had in the past, only now we were in *his* office. It was like I was watching him grow up right in front of me."

As the visit ended, Gomes couldn't contain his excitement and pride. "From Bishop Hendricken to the Boston Celtics, Joe has always brought the best out of those around him," he said. "With a hug and well wishes, it was truly a full circle moment as I watched Joe walk back into the facility."

After 42 wins in the first 59 games of the season, Mazzulla was named the permanent head coach of the Boston Celtics and signed a contract extension in February 2023. By the end of the 2022-2023 season, the Celtics had managed to improve on their previous season's record, finishing at 57-25 and qualifying for the NBA playoffs as the second seed in the Eastern Conference. Mazzulla's resilient squad defeated the Atlanta Hawks in 6 games and the Philadelphia 76ers in 7 to earn a berth to the Eastern Conference Finals. Even in the face of a bittersweet ending, under Mazzulla's leadership, the Celtics became only the fourth team in NBA history to force a Game 7 after going 0-3 at the beginning of the series.





Following a near-decade hiatus, The Cigar Dinner made its long-awaited return this June! Against the backdrop of a beautiful evening at Alpine Country Club in Cranston, 150 alumni and friends came together to reconnect, enjoy each other's company, and most importantly, raise \$44,000 for critically needed tuition assistance at Bishop Hendricken. Led by Chris Tasca '05 and Mark DeCiccio '03, the "Rainmaker Committee" of alumni volunteers helped to strategize and organize the event's successful revival. Many thanks to all who helped to make the return of this tradition possible, especially the attendees, bidders, sponsors, and advertisers!

# Holy Smokes











This April, Epoch: The 2023 Gala for Hendricken celebrated our beautiful home state! Inspired by the words of Bishop Richard Henning, "Celebrating the State of Hope" honored the rich history of the Ocean State.

Against the backdrop of immersive décor and oversized paintings of Rhode Island's famous figures, places, and institutions, the night was full of special guests, critical fundraising for the boys of Bishop Hendricken, and even some surprises! After an evening of the best cuisine and drinks from around Rhode Island, **Fr. Robert L. Maricano, KHS '75, President**, honored **Governor Donald Carcieri** with the *Bishop Hendricken Distinguished Public Service Award* and three individuals with the Bishop Hendricken Medal of Honor: **Michael Flood P'11, Joseph P. Healey '84**, and the late **Gerald "Gerry" Habershaw '83**.



# Celebrating the State of Hope at Bishop Hendricken



Additionally, Fr. Maricano kicked off the speaking presentation by presenting a surprise honorary diploma to WPRI 12 Chief Meteorologist **Tony Petrarca H'23**, longtime Master of Ceremonies for the gala. **Justice Francis X. Flaherty '64** presented a newly founded honor, the *Bishop Hendricken Chairman's Award*, to **Christopher Lefoley, CPA '76**, the school's financial chief, for his dedicated service in stewarding Hendricken's funds and budget.



With the help of generous attendees, donors, and bidders, over \$150,000 was raised for tuition assistance at Hendricken for next year. This total is a direct investment in the young men who desire a Bishop Hendricken education but need some help to make it a reality. In the words of **Christopher Sanders '23** and **Philopateer Morcoux '24** who both offered remarks during the gala's Fund the Future presentation: "your gifts change somebody's life for the better."

Sincerest gratitude to the evening's many sponsors, student and parent volunteers, participating restaurants, beverage and food suppliers, and more.





# HAWK happenings

## A clashing New Tradition

Bishop Hendricken loves a good tradition. This spring, the Leadership Academy introduced one of its own! Led by Christopher Sanders '23, Man of the year and Student Body Vice President, the Leadership Academy hosted Hendricken's first-ever Clash of the Classes in March. A meticulously scheduled and well-organized two-hour affair at the end of the school week, representatives from each grade level competed in a slew of rapid-fire activities. The Clash featured everything from karaoke battles to knockout tournaments, Rubik's Cube challenges to dodgeball round robins, and of course, lots of school spirit. In true Hendricken fashion, the graduating seniors of the Class of 2023, of course, reigned supreme.



## Changed to the Core

Despite a scheduling setback due to protests in Peru, Bishop Hendricken finally returned to Lima for its annual mission trip for the first time after the pandemic. In April, a group of 10 students and 3 faculty members flew into one of the poorest regions in the world for a week of service.

There, Hendricken men worked with students in Fe y Algeria #26, an Edmund Rice Christian Brother School; built houses for families in need; worked with Franciscan nuns at Tahuantinsuyo to assist the poorest of the poor; and transported medical and school supplies to remote locations in Lima. True mission work changes everyone involved to their core. These trips are inherently and intrinsically what Bishop Hendricken exists for: to create good men whose primary duty is to serve others, just as Christ did. The relationship between Hendricken's missionaries and those they served clearly demonstrates that faith and love know no limits.





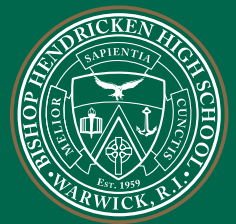


## #25

Karlton “KJ” Lough ‘26 just completed his freshman year with no shortage of goals met. As a first-year, Lough started several games for Bishop Hendricken’s Varsity Lacrosse team – a program that means so much to he and his family. Lough’s uncle, LCpl. Eric P. Valdepeñas ’03, was co-captain of the team and an All-State lacrosse player with a positive attitude and infectious smile. He proudly donned #25 during his time in the green and gold. After graduating from Hendricken, Valdepeñas enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and in 2006, was deployed to Iraq. Six months after deployment, Valdepeñas was tragically killed in action.

Each season since his death, Varsity Lacrosse has held a memorial presentation in his honor that Lough and his family have always attended. But in addition to this being Lough’s first season on the field, this year was different. It’s no coincidence that in its 25th season of existence at Bishop Hendricken, Varsity Lacrosse’s roster featured an impact freshman in Lough and Matthew Clifford ‘05, Valdepeñas’ teammate and mentee, as first-year head coach. With Lough earning his first Varsity letter in lacrosse’s 25th year at Hendricken, it’s clear that he’s following in the footsteps of his uncle, #25.

# what’s going on at Bishop Hendricken



## Jaques ‘23, Drama dazzles in first-ever Ocean State Star Awards

This fall, the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) launched the first-ever Ocean State Star Awards, an initiative aimed at celebrating and supporting high school musical theatre throughout Rhode Island. In the inaugural year, the Arts at Bishop Hendricken’s drama program came up big winners! At the awards ceremony in June, Thomas Jaques ‘23 was selected to represent Rhode Island as the leading male at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (“The Jimmy Awards”). He spent a full week later that month working with the who’s who on Broadway, culminating in a performance at The Jimmy Awards on the Minskoff Theatre stage, home of *Disney’s The Lion King*. Students from the Arts at Bishop Hendricken also earned several other awards for their winter production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, including: alternate leading female to The Jimmy Awards, the Spirit Award, the Community Engagement Award, 3 outstanding lead performers, outstanding acting performer, outstanding supporting performer, outstanding dance performance, outstanding costume design, and 2 rising star recognitions.





Steve Napolillo '94

After long-time athletic director Bob Driscoll announced his retirement in January 2022, there was only one person who could continue to serve Providence College (PC) Athletics with the same selflessness, dedication, and integrity that Driscoll brought to the table. Steve Napolillo '94 has committed himself to cultivating the relationships necessary to lead the Friars to resounding success.

A 1998 PC graduate, Napolillo has been working within the College's athletic department since 2004 and has held various positions over the past 19 years, from assistant director of athletic relations to senior associate athletic director and assistant vice president for external relations. He's been responsible for securing more than \$75 million in gifts to the athletic department and supported various renovations of athletic facilities, including Schneider Arena and Alumni Hall and the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex.

While Napolillo puts the organization first in every decision he makes, the student-athletes are always at the forefront of his mind.

"I want to have [student-athletes], when they come into Providence College, feel like they've been holistically impacted in positive ways as a student, as a student-athlete, and as a person," said Napolillo in an interview. "I really hope when they leave here, they feel good about themselves, they feel good about being a Friar, and that they want to make a difference in whatever career that they go into." ■

CLASS NOTES

Just in time for summer!

Order your custom Bishop Hendricken cornhole set, including two boards, bean bags, and bag carry. The set is \$450 and can be ordered by emailing [caren@hendricken.com](mailto:caren@hendricken.com).



1960s

The Classes of 1962, 1963, and 1964 are invited to a reunion steak fry on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 12pm at East Greenwich Fireman's Hall! Tickets are \$50 per person and available until July 27, 2023. Checks should be made out to Jim Jaques '62 and mailed to 21 Wysteria Court, North Kingstown, RI, 02852.

Theodore Picard '62 retired and is living in North Providence, Rhode Island.

Jim Casey '63 retired after 30+ years working as a Principal in Scituate, Massachusetts and relocated to Maine to be closer to his family.

The Class of 1966 held a successful and fun football reunion this past August with several coaches and players.

Raymond Healey '68 retired and moved from Tennessee to Latitude Margartaville in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Jack Hopkins '69 has been teaching Management and International Business at Clemson University and Auburn University since leaving the corporate world in 2010.

1970s

Paul Cardullo '70 retired after 30 years in the assisted living field throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts. After a year, Cardullo decided retirement wasn't for him yet and created a company with his wife called Four Winds Senior Care Consultants. He now works to help other assisted living communities reach their optimum performance level, be in compliance with state regulations, and manage their staff.

Bill Tubitt '70 returned to campus this spring with his wife, Diane, and classmate, Buddy Croft '70. Bill was a safety on the football team and started for the Hawks when they earned the Division Championship.





**Kevin Fielding '71** started a consulting business in his field after retiring as Director of Engineering for a plastic molding company in 2021. He also volunteers in our cafeteria kitchen!

**Steven Manzi '71** has retired and returned to Rhode Island after 30 years out on the west coast.

**Tony Annicone '72** has spent over 40 years in Rhode Island theater with amazing success.

**Paul Joyal '72** is with the DC-based National Strategies (NSI), serving as Managing Director for the firm's Public Safety, Homeland Security, Defense and Intelligence Practice. He's a recognized authority and sought-after commentator on law enforcement, terrorism, and intelligence with deep expertise on the former Soviet Union. Paul has been featured on news programs for ABC, NBC and BBC.

**Kevin Monahan '72** has retired after a successful career as an insurance executive and currently is an ordained Deacon at St. Martha Catholic Church in Sarasota, Florida.



**Michael Walsh '72** retired after 20 years at Hasbro as a Cost Accountant.

**Timothy Bragg '73** is a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo Advisors and happily enjoying his grandchildren and family.

**James Murphy '73** retired after 40 years in education, 35 of those years were spent educating the dependents of our service members overseas through the Department of Defense Education Activity.

**Steven Lavallee '74** recently retired as Head of the Friedman Study Center at Brown University.

**Robert Avizinis '75** retired from the Rhode Island State Police Fusion Center in 2021 after a 40-year career in law enforcement.

**Steve Akers '75** retired as an Associate Director at Indiana University Bloomington.

**William Fazzano '76** celebrated his 29th work anniversary at Boston Capital Finance this past June.

**Tom Donnelly '77** spent 24 years as an Army Signal Officer before becoming a Department of Defense Civilian at the Joint Special Operations Command at Ft Liberty in North Carolina.

**Colonel Lawrence "Larry" Gallogly '77** delivered the keynote commencement address to the Class of 2023 at Bishop Hendricken's 62nd Graduation Exercises.

**Ronald Woodmansee '78** welcomed his third grandchild recently and is working in Philadelphia.



## 1980s

**Ross Mirkarimi '80** is an adjunct professor at California State University after serving as Sheriff for the city and county of San Francisco, California.

**Paul McCrone '83** recently moved to Oklahoma with his family for a new position at the Radar Operations Center for the National



Weather Service. He recently received his pin for 35 years of combined Federal Service, including military service.

**Gary Lorden '84** retired from the Chicago Police Department after 29 years.

**Raymond LaFreniere '84** retired in April of this year after 33 years of civilian service for the United States Navy. He has since relocated to Syracuse, New York.

**Richard Petrucci Jr., Esq., CPA, CFPA '84** is now counsel at Orson and Brusini Ltd.

**Paul Reilly '85** ran the Tough Ruck in Boston for America's Fallen Military and First Responders in April. Reilly honored fallen Hawks 2LT Richard D. McKenzie '63, CPT Matthew J. August '93, and LCpl. Eric P. Valdepeñas '03 among others and raised critical funds for their families.

**William Provencal '86** is celebrating over 20 years of service as a Correctional Officer with Rhode Island Department of Corrections. He has spent 17 of those years are part of the Gang Intelligence Unit and 8 years as part of the Peer Support Team. He also owns Walter's Bartending Services!

**Jonathan Stark '86** is active President of Jonathan Stark Consulting, Inc.

**Peter Thomas '86** has left Hendricken's Development Office and is now working as Director of Partnerships & Innovation at Roger Williams University's University College.

**John Frenze '87** is working as an assistant teacher and head coach of the boys and girls track and field team at Juanita Sanchez High School in Providence, Rhode Island.

**John Beiermann '88** started a new job as IT Support Consultant at Brown University.

## 1990s

**Lieutenant Scott Robinson '90** has retired after 28 years of service at the Cranston Fire Department. An accomplished firefighter, Robinson has served as the Union President of the Cranston Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1363 and as Vice President of the Rhode Island State Association of Fire Fighters. Following his retirement, Robinson has since moved to Washington, DC and serves the International Fire Fighters' Union as its Behavioral Health Specialist.



**Justin Kenny '92** is working as a Senior Producer at Rhode Island PBS Weekly and was recently nominated for four New England Emmys.

**Mark Nevitt '93** is a professor at the School of Law at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. This career change comes after serving 20



## Alex Clemmey '23

By now you've heard of Alex Clemmey '23.

The southpaw from Middletown, Rhode Island has lived and breathed baseball for as long as he can remember.

At age 7, he won Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit & Run competition in his age group at Target Field in Minneapolis. A few weeks ago, and at the conclusion of his senior year, he was named Gatorade Player of the Year. And in all that time in between, there have been many team and personal records set thanks to his determination, grit, and passion for the sport and his teammates.

Clemmey spent his senior season on the mound for the Hawks and brought scouts from colleges and professional teams alike flocking to Ray Pepin Field. They squeezed behind the backstop with radar guns clocking his 98-99-mile fastball and checking the other pitches in his arsenal which are described as being "electric stuff with an elite-level spin rate."

So, during the 2023 MLB Draft on July 9, it was no surprise that he got an invitation to the show with the Cleveland Guardians.

A little after 11 p.m., the TV screen showed this lanky athlete stand up when his name was announced. He looked around like he didn't quite know what to do with himself. Meanwhile his friends, teammates, and coaches were cheering, his family was hugging him, and the sports announcers were talking about his arm strength, pitch control, and numbers. While he had a lot of teams in pursuit of him, Clemmey is happy with this next chapter in his game.

"The Guardians have a great farm system," said Clemmey. "I'm excited to continue to develop as a player and continue to hone my skills within an incredible organization."

At 17 years old with a \$1.4M signing bonus, Clemmey has brought a certain humility to the whirlwind of days following the draft. And through it all, he hasn't forgotten those who supported him getting to where he is.

"I'm thinking about and thanking everyone at Hendricken for everything they've done for me." ■

years in the United States Navy where he was an aviator and attorney (Judge Advocate General Corps).

**Michael Pappas '94** and his wife, Jaclyn, co-founded Pappas Physical Therapy in 2007 and have opened their 18th location this year. Their son, Matthew '26, just finished his freshman year at Bishop Hendricken!



**Brian Scott '94** married Meghan Bruce last May.

**Walter Thomas IV '96** is excited for his son, Walter, to join him as a proud Hendricken Hawk this fall when he starts his freshman year!

**Jim Hennessey '97** started as Aquatic Director at the Albany Academy for Boys this year. He is also the head coach for the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club (USA Swimming).

**Kenneth Peloquin '98** recently earned his second Bachelor's in Accounting from Western Governors University and works as the Controller for General Services Corporation in Richmond, Virginia where he lives with his wife, Kristen, and their three children.

## 2000s

**Brian Sardelli '01** is the Founder of the Sardelli Group and Partner at Sardelli and Hutchinson Wealth Management.

**Richard Turilli '01** recently published a book entitled *The Art of War and Baseball* inspired by his time coaching Little League baseball. It reflects on the parallels of baseball to life and spirituality.

**Fr. Brian Morris '03** was named the new Pastor of St. Athony Parish and Christ the King Parish, both in West Warwick.

**Garrett Cooke '04** has come home from Israel and now works as Co-Principal at Dayspring Christian Academy in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

**Alexander Lataille '05** and his wife welcomed their son in March of last year. He is currently working as a Senior Managing Consultant and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Expert at ICF in Virginia.

**Robert Heintz '07** is currently a practicing Interventional and Vascular Cardiologist with the OhioHealth network of hospitals in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Sarah, have a three-year-old son and are expecting a daughter in August!



**James Spina Jr. '08** is fulfilling his lifelong dream as a Train Conductor with Amtrak.

**Andrew Bartolini '09** was named Director of the First-Year Engineering Program at the University of Notre Dame starting this July.



**Matthew McCann '09** is expecting his fifth child, Peter Thomas McCann, this July!

## 2010s

**Gerald DeGiulio '10** is celebrating his 10th year in the insurance business and is currently serving as President and CEO of DeGiulio Insurance Group.

**Bryan DiMaio '11** recently moved back to Boston to work as Studio Operations Manager at his alma mater, Berklee College of Music. He received two Grammy Nominations after working with Terrace Martin as a music recording and mixing engineer in Los Angeles.

**Jake D'Onofrio '11** is currently working as the Director of Creative Development at a production company that specializes in documentaries and unscripted TV. Some of the shows he's worked on include The Real World, Keeping up with the Kardashians, Lizzo Big Grrrls Squad, The Challenge, and others. D'Onofrio thanks Hendricken and the guidance of Mr. Fogarty for getting him to where he is today!

**Aaron Levy '11** is working as an Associate at private equity firm, Red Iron Group.

**Michael Maloof '11** currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor at the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee, the policy arm of the Republican Governors Association (RGA).

**Sebastian Noordzy '11** is head coach of the Women's Volleyball team at Salve Regina University and is the 2023 AVCA 30 Under 30 Award Winner.



**Bret Peltier '11** recently made the transition to the high school level to teach history in the Fort Mill School District. After 6 years as assistant coach of the wrestling team, he's made the jump to head coach this season, too!

**Kevin Augustyn '13** graduated from Lehigh University with a Ph.D. in Structural Engineering and is now working as a Structural Engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division.



**John Larkin Jr. '14** recently made the move to Financial Associate in Retirements at Fidelity Investments.

**Joshua DiBastiani '15** got engaged to his high school sweetheart, Celine, and is working as a Payroll Associate at the Fogarty Center.



**Nate Gyampo '15** works as an Art Director and Freelance Designer at his company, Honcho Design.

**Andrew Lanni '15** is working as an Outreach and Tracking Senior Caseworker with Tidea Family Services.

**Peter Mancuso '15** got engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Viviana.

**James Poccia '15** got engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Alexandria.



**Ross Jaques '16** recently graduated with his Master's in Mechanical Engineering from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and began working as a Systems Engineer at General Dynamics Electric Boat in New London, Connecticut. He also got engaged to his high school sweetheart, Bianca, and will be getting married this October!

**Samuel Laurie '17** has recently graduated from University of South Carolina and has been working at RhythmLink International LLC as a Research and Development Engineer since 2018!

**Nathan Larochelle '19** graduated from Western Michigan University's College of Aviation with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Flight

Science. He was commissioned out of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 380 at Michigan State University and will be heading to Florida to begin Combat Systems Officer training.





**Xavier Truss '19** was back on campus in May as part of a special football experience auctioned off at St. Joseph Catholic School's annual gala with Representative Thomas Noret '87!

## 2020's

**Jacob Mahoney '21** is heading into his second in the United States Navy working as an Aviation Ordnance on the USS Gerald R. Ford.



## In Memoriam

(as of June 27, 2023)

### ALUMNI

Thomas Dorgan, Jr. '62	David Bordeleau '76
Thomas J. Dunn, Jr. '64	Bruce E. Harris, Jr. '79
Richard J. Moore '65	Keith P. Ryan '79
Paul Vitali '68	Robert Brown '83
Peter Joubert '69	Thomas Lawrence '84
John M. Mullaney, Jr. '69	Heribert Hartl '93
Robert Wittig '69	Mason A. DeAngelus '05
William E. McKenney, III '71	Patrick Fay '05
Daniel S. Harrop, III '72	Robert R. MacKenzie '06
Robert J. Retelle '72	Lewis J. Hassell '13
Richard Soltysiak '72	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ALUMNI & FACULTY

**Diane Burke**, wife of Michael Burke '76

**Louis A. Gomes Jr.**, father of Jamal Gomes '91

**Joseph R. Guilbault**, former faculty member

**Gail LaLonde**, mother of Kenneth LaLonde '84

**William K. O'Donnell**, husband of Janice O'Donnell, retired Assistant to the President

**Jean M. Vient**, mother-in-law of Christopher Lefoley '76

**Joseph Zola**, father of Norman '78, John '79, and Michael

# Congratulations Class of 2023

On Monday, June 12, the Class of 2023 graduated from the magnificent Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence to officially join the ranks of Bishop Hendricken alumni. The special evening featured a commencement address from Colonel Lawrence "Larry" Gallogly '77, along with moving speeches from valedictorian Atul Thyvalappil '23 and salutatorian Hunter Robbins '23. Following the conferring of diplomas for our 143 graduates, and a special honorary diploma for longtime Math and Science teacher Tom Morey, the Cathedral was enveloped with tremendous applause for this incredibly successful class!





# 1972 hosts a model 50th reunion



Bishop Hendricken was happy to welcome back over 40 members of the Class of 1972 for their 50th Reunion this fall!

While much of the evening was spent reconnecting with old classmates, a special Memorial Mass kicked off the event to remember the deceased members of the Class of 1972. At this Mass, Hendricken established a permanent plaque commemorating the critical role that the class's parents played in keeping Hendricken's doors open.

Mrs. Ann Oller, an original member of the Save Hendricken committee in 1971, attended Mass where Fr. Robert Marciano, KHS '75, President of Bishop Hendricken, and Deacon Kevin Monohan '72 presented her with a blessed Bishop Hendricken cross. This cross serves as a reminder of all the time and effort Mrs. Oller and the Save Hendricken committee put into allowing our school to continue to educate the next generation of Hawks.

After Mass, there was a special reception in the DeLucia Center before heading down to Ed Fracassa Field & Stadium to catch the end of a nail-biting Varsity Football win over La Salle Academy! Some members of the class kept the night going and celebrated the win at O'Rourke's Bar & Grill.

Since then, the Class of 1972 has also spearheaded a 50th anniversary effort to raise critically needed scholarship funding for incoming students. Over the past year, the reunion group has taken on a campaign akin to that of their parents keeping the school open in the 1970s to raise \$27,330 for incoming students.

**To learn more about upcoming reunions, or how to go about planning one for your class, contact the Development Office at [development@hendricken.com](mailto:development@hendricken.com), or call 401.889.5415.**



*Clockwise from top: Members of the Class of 1972 at their 50th Reunion; Members of the Class of 1972 clap as Mrs. Oller receives her Bishop Hendricken cross; Members of the Class of 1972 enjoy dinner in the DeLucia Center; Mrs. Ann Oller at the 50th Anniversary.*



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# Upcoming events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES!

### **The 9th Annual Golf Tournament | Thursday, August 17, 2023**

*Get your foursome together for a round at Valley Country Club to benefit The FUND for HENDRICKEN! All golfers enjoy a continental breakfast, 18 holes, lunch, and awards. The day begins at 8am with a 9am scramble start. Register at [hendricken.com/golf](https://hendricken.com/golf).*

### **Alumni & Family Weekend | October 20-22, 2023**

*Come together as the Bishop Hendricken community celebrates what it means to be a member of Hawk Country! Stay tuned for alumni and family activities to be announced at a later date.*

### **Open Alumni Night | Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

*Come back to the nest to enjoy pizza, beer, class trivia, and lots of laughs! Open to all alumni of all generations; Thanksgiving Eve every year. No RSVP required!*

### **#GivingTuesday | Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

*Join the worldwide day of giving and philanthropy by supporting Bishop Hendricken just before the holidays! Be on the lookout on social media and in your inbox.*

### **President's Cocktail Party | Thursday, November 30, 2023**

*Enjoy an evening at Aldrich Mansion, hosted by Fr. Robert L. Marciano, KHS '75 to thank and appreciate all who bring Bishop Hendricken's mission to life.*

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