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Out-of-this-World Innovation

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Dear friends,

As we conclude the 2023-2024 Academic Year and send off the Class of 2024 into a future that is bright with promise, it is hard to believe that we are now in the 65th year of our beloved school. From that first day when we opened our doors on September 3, 1959 and Bishop Russell J. McVinney celebrated the very first Mass in the Brothers' Chapel to begin our storied journey of faith and excellence, we have seen many changes to our school and our world. But what has not changed, and never will, is the mission that is ours and forms the foundation of all that we do. Built on the principles of our Catholic faith, we welcome young men in grades 8-12 of all faiths to be part of our green and gold line. Each year, we celebrate successes in all our endeavors – academics, athletics, faith formation, performing and fine arts.

With no shortage of state championships in every sport, acceptances to Ivy League institutions, appointments to our service academies, students enlisting for military service, vocations to the priesthood continuing to climb – and with faithful and committed alumni and donors supporting these efforts – we move ahead confident that the Good Lord who has been with us, always will be.

As we look forward to September, I also invite you to join us for our 65th Anniversary Mass at St. Kevin Parish with reception to follow at Aldrich Mansion.

The celebration is slated for Sunday, September 29, 2024, and you can look forward to more details this summer.

May God bless our future as He has blessed our past and continue to make Hendricken the shining light that it continues to be. Have a great and relaxing summer, and thanks for your continued prayers and support!

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,

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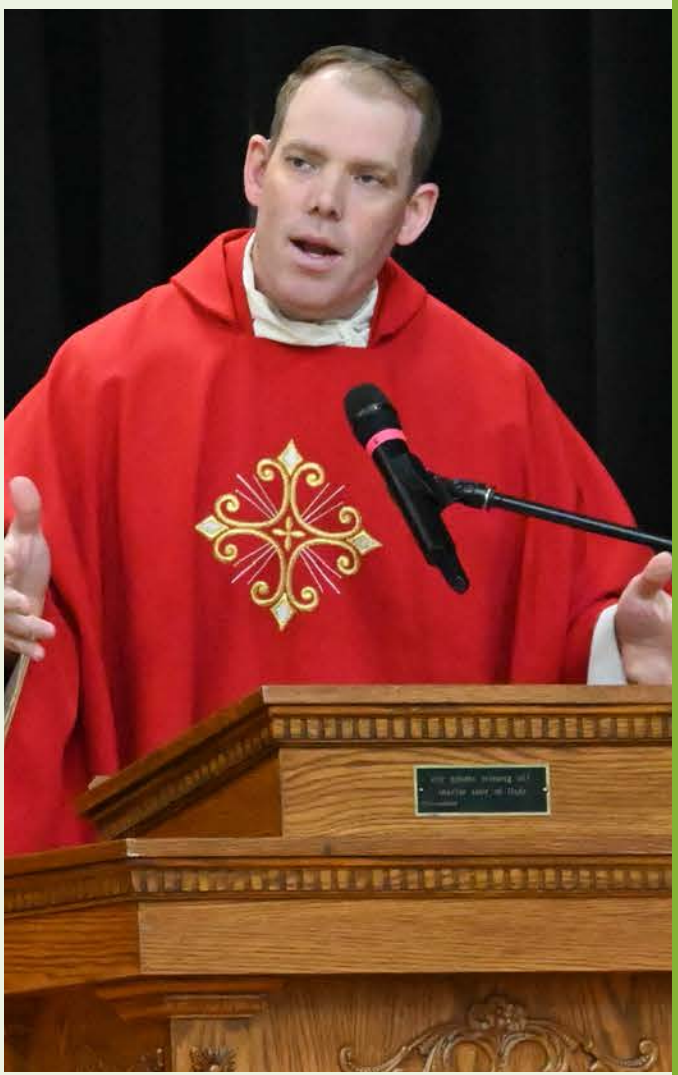
OUR MISSION

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.



It was a cold Wednesday night in November and Varsity Soccer was down 1-nil to North Kingstown in the semifinals at Rhode Island College. It had been a great season with some amazing seniors taking over leadership roles, younger players stepping up to fill the gaps left behind by last year's seniors, a great win over La Salle to start off the season on their home field, and hours of hard work by all players and coaches for three long months. The previous year, the Hawks had lost in the semifinals to North Kingstown in a shootout. This year was supposed to be different. Our guys were working hard on the field. Time of possession was overwhelming in our column. And finally, a goal goes in! But it gets called off by the referee. They didn't give up. They kept working and working to score a goal. But suddenly, time ran out. The game, the season, and all hope of a state championship was over.

I was so sad for our guys, especially our seniors, as they walked off the field for the last time wearing green and gold. And I was frustrated. One more pass gets through…one shot an inch to the left or the right, and the result could've been much different. They played an excellent game. They worked hard and never gave up. Yet, the scoreboard was not in their favor. We aren't used to that feeling much at Bishop Hendricken, whether it be in athletics, or the arts or academics. Usually, we are known for victories on the scoreboards of life. It's a tribute to our culture of hard work, brotherhood, and love for each other.

This isn't just true on the soccer pitch…it's true in so many aspects of our lives. We work hard, we strive for excellence, we make good decisions, and yet, it seems like we lose. In high school, it is often things like getting a bad grade on a quiz or a test, not being named the preferred role in the next big performance, not winning a state championship. And while those things often hurt, in the words of one of my mentors, Tom Gambardella '76: "If that's the worst thing that happens to us today, Padre, we'll be alright…" However, as we know, life often throws some very difficult defeats in our path. The times where nothing seems to be going right; nothing seems to be going our way. We fight and we fight, and we just can't seem to come out ahead. Times when we start to think that maybe we won't be alright. How do we endure in those moments?

The answer to that question was witnessed to by eight of our young men in the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul this past April. Two of them had come forward to be baptized into the Catholic faith. Two of them had decided to become Catholic from other Christian faiths, one of whom was on that soccer pitch that cold November night. All eight of them received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Henning that evening. It is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received that night and the faith that they all professed in Jesus Christ and His victory on the Cross, that will give them the strength to endure life's most difficult challenges. It was one of my proudest moments in my five years as chaplain here at Bishop Hendricken. Sometimes it feels like I'm banging my head against the wall trying to show these guys the Way, the Truth, and the Light. But watching the eight of them profess that Truth in that Cathedral, as well as the many confirmations I've been blessed to attend this year (one even as a sponsor!), have been reminders to me that God's love for our boys permeates into their hearts.

It is that infinite love that can guide us through the murkiest waters of life. Every challenge, every heartbreak, every road to calvary we're called to walk, it is the love of God that carry us through. It is the hope and prayer of each of us here at Bishop Hendricken that every young man who walks our halls can experience that love each day, and that when they leave this place, walking out of that Cathedral as Hendricken alumni, they will be instruments of that love throughout the world. When we allow that infinite love to infuse our lives, while we may not always be victorious on the scoreboards of this world, we will always be victorious on the scoreboard of the next.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever!

Fr. Brian Morris '03, *Chaplain*

"Nice ties."

This is what Brendan Murphy '88 says to the 19 students in Ryan Dean's '05 Visual Arts Academy on a cold March afternoon.

He's in Miami; they're in the Benoit Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) on Bishop Hendricken's campus. It's Arts Week and a group of students, faculty, and staff are lined up in front of a ViewSonic board for a Zoom call with him.

If you graduated in the 1980s – or really any time before 2020 – and "Arts Week," "Collaborative Learning Center," and "Zoom calls" don't recall your days at Hendricken, you're not alone.

Bishop Hendricken High School circa 2024 not only sounds very different than what it was in the mid-80s, it *is* very different.

And for Murphy, a well-known contemporary artist, that's an awesome premise.

"I love that there is a physical space in the school where you kids can be creative," he marvels. "There was no Arts Academy when I was there. Being creative was not even an option then!"

Murphy is widely considered one of the most important and impactful artists of this century, and certainly, one of the most financially successful. His works can be found in private collections, the likes of which include Warren Buffet, Serena Williams, Ryan Gosling, and Novak Djokovic.

But that day on screen, he doesn't spend much time talking about these successes.

Instead, he tells how he got from being a Hendricken student hanging on Providence's East Side to rubbing elbows with Buffet and Gosling to standing on the mound at an Astros-Red Sox game throwing out the first pitch.

"Back in high school, my peer group was on Thayer Street where all the eccentrics and RISD [Rhode Island School of Design] kids were," Murphy continues, laughing.

His has not been the most direct route, but by the end of the call, one can't help but believe his adventures have had an impact on these student artists – a generation used to instant gratification.

The class has come prepared with questions that prove their interest in art is legitimate and not just a passing high school whim. One student starts off asking, "Is there anything you wish you had known when you first started making art?"

Murphy's answer comes quickly.

"You literally have mentors sitting right next to you to help explore your thoughts and ideas. It doesn't hurt to seek advice from people who have been through it. Ask questions; you'll be surprised how easily they'll help you."

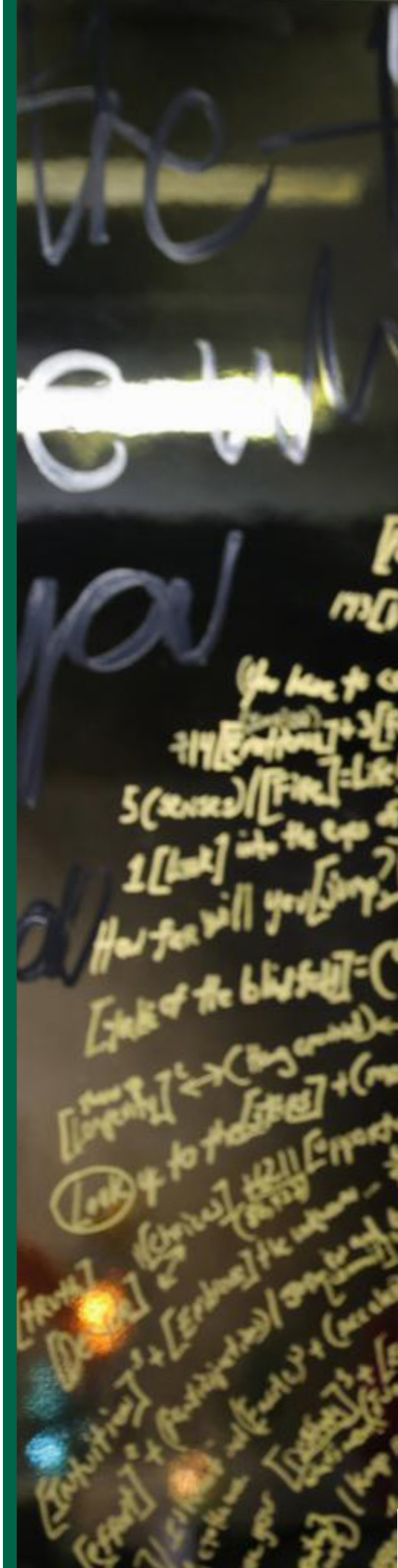
Another student asks Murphy's approach to his work.

"If you have a vision, go get it," Murphy nearly implores them. "I have set time for myself to not be on the phone, but instead thinking – especially in the creative medium – and coming up with wild thoughts. The crazier the idea, the more fun the journey's going to be."

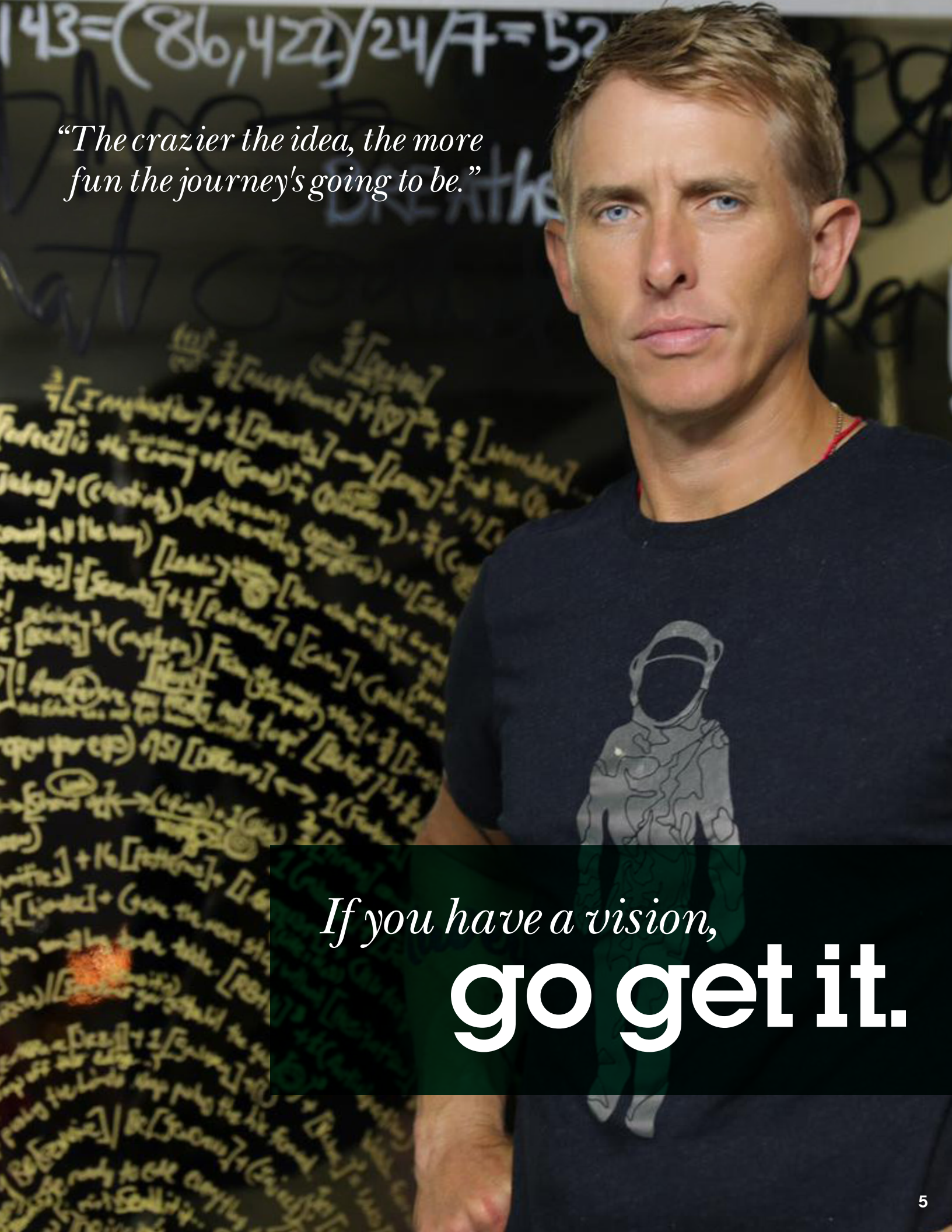
And crazy ideas have certainly come to Murphy. In fact, his larger-than-life paintings and out-of-this-world sculptures seem to naturally innovate the visual art medium.

At the forefront of the cryptocurrency movement, Murphy founded the Boonji Project in 2021 and created 11,111 unique Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs). The development marked the first time that a "traditional artist" like Murphy translated his entire physical portfolio – all his paintings and sculptures – into digitized avatars.

Artistically, it was a feat. Financially, it soared. The Boonji Project became the biggest NFT sale ever, grossing a whopping $15.5 million.



Pictured right: Brendan Murphy '88 poses in his studio.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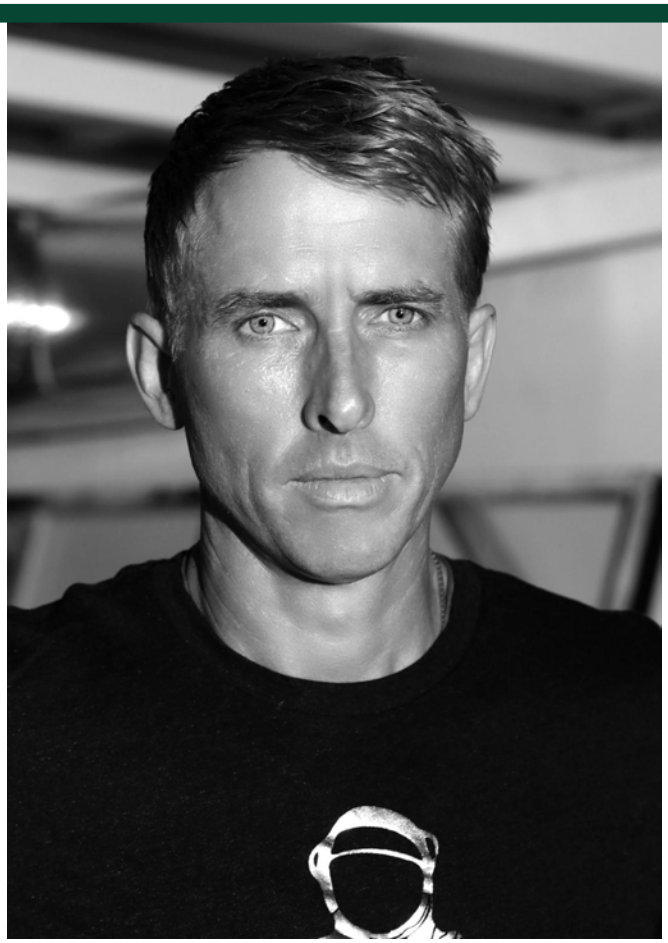
Pictured below (L): Brendan Murphy's '88 black and white portrait.
Pictured below (R): Brendan Murphy '88 poses with one of his dancing Spaceman sculptures at his studio.



At the heart of it all was Murphy's art, and more specifically, a running motif and inspiration for his pieces: The Spaceman.

Murphy explains the work as a step forward into the unknown, "what we just went through with COVID," as well as how fast technology is moving. The Spaceman is a direct reflection of this reality: not at all about space but taking a step into the unknown.

"I'd watch the space launches and think about how we land on a feeling," Murphy says. "How do we handle the liquidity of life? Spaceman is about leaping into that unknown."

The Spaceman has been commissioned and installed to represent various people, places, and things. Professional athletes, public spaces, and messages worldwide. Iterations created by Murphy have been prominently featured on display in museums and public installations in France, England, Norway, and Antigua.

One Spaceman sculpture, *Frozen With Desire,* justifiably stands out from the rest. Considered so precious that a private security detail of retired Navy Seals has been tasked with transporting it, *Frozen With Desire* is a 42" Spaceman sculpture covered in 6,200 diamonds with a total weight of 517 carats.

Another 13' Spaceman is installed in Houston's Minute Maid Park, decked out in Astros colors with words and phrases representing franchise history. This Spaceman was installed in 2022 before a 3-game series with the Boston Red Sox – one game of which Murphy threw out the first pitch.

But this renowned artist didn't always think he'd be one. In fact, art was a hidden hobby while at Hendricken.

Back in the '80s, Murphy recounted that he was primarily a student-athlete. Jamal Gomes '91 reminds him that all that time spent hanging out with the artists on the East Side didn't keep him off the courts in Warwick – first playing for Hendricken and then going on to play at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).

His was not an ordinary, garden-variety kind of court time, either. It's the kind that's described in one's alma mater's Hall of Fame record book as "destroying" its men's basketball records like Murphy did in 1992.

And it led to a professional basketball career in Europe.

"Moving to Germany and not knowing anyone taught me to be comfortable with the unknown," Murphy recalls. "I feel I got a genuine head start, though, because in Rhode Island I got honesty, transparency, and integrity. Hendricken preaches that, too. When you leave Rhode Island, you'll find a lot of people who don't have that."

In Germany, Murphy spent much of his time off the court painting in his apartment. Now, the hidden interest he held in high school became a therapeutic – even necessary – coping mechanism while alone on another continent. Art became a mental, emotional, and creative outlet.

But remember, a professional athlete turned professional artist is competitive, too. In fact, Murphy now credits all the shooting, drilling, and practicing – whether alone or with the team – as the reason he's more competitive than most artists, and perhaps, why he's more successful than most, too.

Soon, however, Murphy is back in the U.S., living in New York City, and working as a trader on Wall Street. And then, the world changes on September 11, 2001, and subsequently, so does he.

Murphy gets out of the city before the roadblocks are put up and heads to a cabin he owns in the woods. There, he spends time considering this most harrowing and shocking experience that he has just been through the likes of which most people can never – and will never truly – comprehend.

His conclusion? It's time to follow his passion instead of the money.

"I had friends that died from one day to the next," he says. "Everyone had friends that died. I could make $40,000 in one day. I made money and lost money. I had to walk away from money and the talk of money."

Right then, Murphy the professional artist was born. He quit his job, threw himself into creating, and never looked back.

Though his journey was unconventional and challenging – especially at the start – Murphy has become a transformative and barrier-breaking artist. He's found financial success, sure. But more important to him, his art speaks. It drives his life.

As he prepares to sign off from the Zoom call, he leaves Visual Arts Academy students with a parting reminder: "If you have a vision, go get it."

Pictured above: Brendan Murphy '88 hosts a Zoom meeting with students in the Visual Arts Academy in March. Pictured right: Brendan Murphy '88 locks hands with world renowned tennis player Rafael Nadal as the two stand next to a sculpture Murphy made of the athlete.

Care, Compassion & Christ

"I wouldn't be here without Hendricken."

That's not just some trite comment meant to impress. Dr. Salvatore Napoli, MD '91 explains.

"We learned that it takes a village from Bishop Hendricken," he said, "but you don't realize until you look back just what you learned from walking into that building every day. The Brothers were not only academics, but great role models, too."

This memory of Hendricken is recalled as Dr. Napoli describes the history of opening the Neurology Center of New England, the medical practice he founded in May 2013, now considered a leader in neurology care and research. Located in Foxboro, Massachusetts, his staff has grown from three to 50 and includes five additional doctors; four nurse practitioners; an extensive clinical research staff; office administrators and managers; medical assistants and coordinators; and a nursing staff.

But as the Neurology Center has advanced, Dr. Napoli says his practice is guided by a simple premise he first learned in high school, at Hendricken.

"The guidance provided by teachers and staff [at Hendricken] and the God-centered values taught me to be grateful for everything – to be grateful to God."

He's talking about more than books and classes. Dr. Napoli credits the standards and expectations set by the faculty both through example and guidance. He learned that "With God, anything's possible; and with God with you, anything's possible."

This background provided the confidence and incentive to open his own private practice in the first place. Now, Dr. Napoli's Neurology Center can hone-in on specific disorders and treat the total person through his team's specialties: memory, migraine, speech, physical therapy, chronic epilepsy, Parkinson's, and Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

"Having this private building and center gives me the ability to act," he says. "If I have an idea, I can act on it, and usually, I can act on it a little quicker [than others]."

And when it comes to neurological disorders, action is of the essence. In starting the Center, Dr. Napoli pledged not only to treat disorders, but extensively research them to improve outcomes, and hopefully one day, find a cure. Specifically, for MS.

While in medical school and during his residency at the Albany Medical College and Center in New York, new treatment options for MS were being developed and launched as clinical trials. This sparked something in Dr. Napoli.

In a field that is always evolving, adapting, and developing, Dr. Napoli was motivated by the idea of making a lasting impact in the treatment of a disease where little was known at the time. The excitement of researching and finding new treatments that could revolutionize the treatment for MS patients was where it all started.

And that interest quickly blossomed into a life-saving vocation. After completing medical school and his residency, Dr. Napoli accepted a fellowship in MS/Neuroimmunology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in 2003. He quickly became an instructor in Neurology at Harvard and received the prestigious Sylvia Lawry Fellowship from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Dr. Napoli then joined the staff at the Brigham and Women's Neurology Department from 2006 until 2008, while also completing a fellowship in EMG/Neurophysiology at the St. Elizabeth Tufts Neurology Program in 2007.

From there, the dream of a private practice was starting to take shape.

Dr. Napoli started a Neurology and MS program in Norwood Hospital through Caritas Christi Healthcare and Steward Healthcare in 2007. As he saw the trouble many patients had traveling into Boston for care, he moved his practice to Foxboro to easily serve as an in-between.

Now, the Neurology Center of New England has grown beyond patient treatment to include diagnosis, management, and individualized treatment through services such as in-office infusion, injection therapies, and work with autoimmune at his Infusion Center of New England. Each of the specialty areas provides investi-

gational results within the industry and independent studies researching medications for MS, myasthenia gravis, and migraine.

However, Dr. Napoli's practice reintroduces an element seemingly missing from much of the medical field today: compassion. Or, what his colleagues affectionately refer to as the "Napoli effect." Any type of brain treatment can be scary, but the belief that all patients should be treated as if they were family is pivotal to comfortable care and trust in their provider.

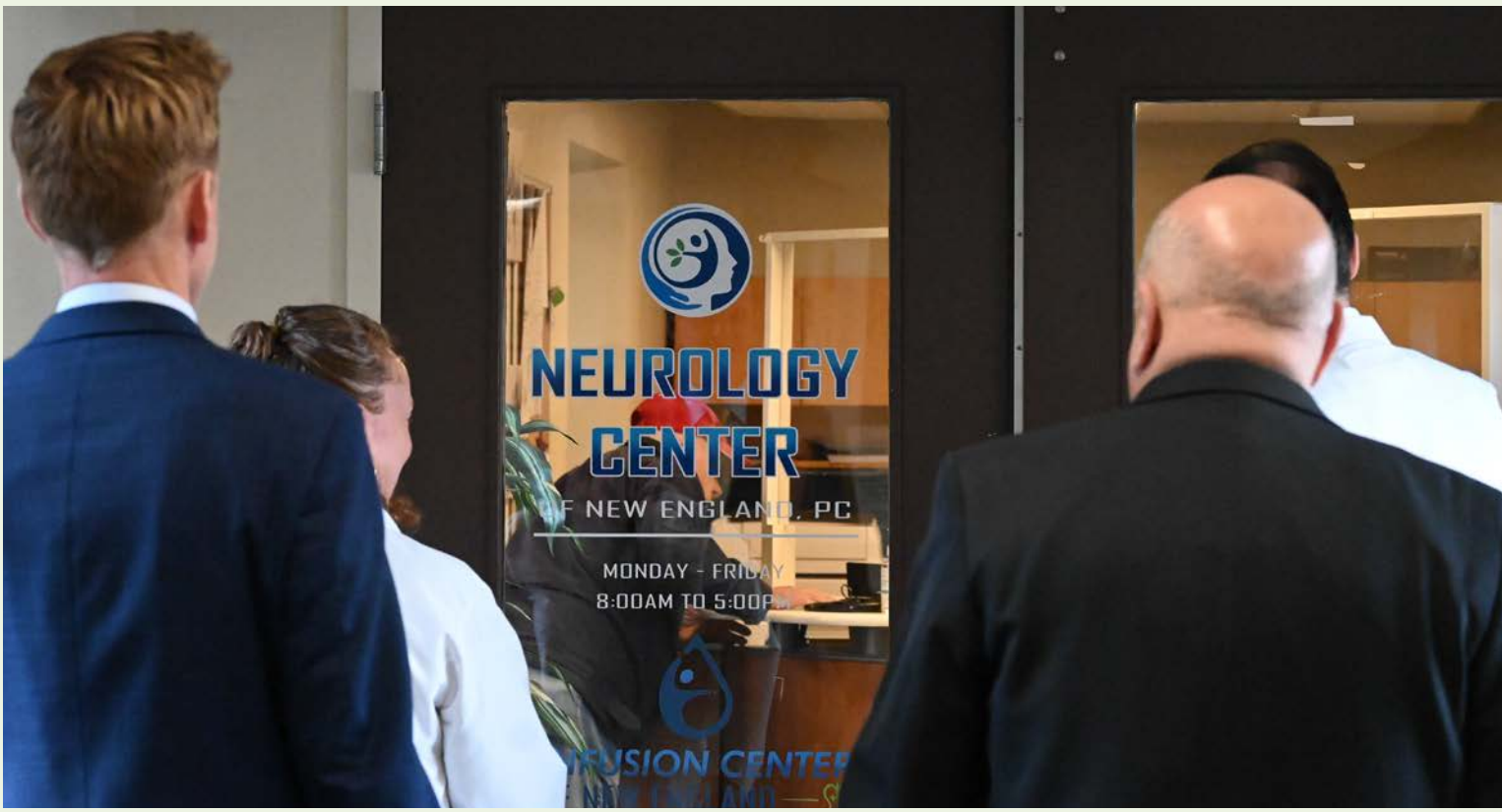
"Our goal is to provide compassionate, academic care for the community," Dr. Napoli says.

Dr. Napoli has contributed much to medicine and continues to do so. His practice remains at the forefront of researching clinical trials, introducing new therapies to patients, and developing new treatments.

His independent studies and research are recognized within the industry, and patient comments and reviews are of the highest ratings. This all has no indication of slowing down anytime soon, especially with the expansion of the Infusion Center of New England.

Dr. Napoli has begun to reflect on all that he has developed and accomplished with his team and God behind him, which is something he shared with the Class of 2024 as their keynote commencement speaker at graduation.

"Ignore the noise, all the pressure, and the stress. Make God the centerpiece of everything you do. Five to 10 minutes with God, and you'll learn the sky's the limit!"



Pictured above (top): Dr. Salvatore Napoli, MD '91 discusses his practice with Bishop Hendricken President Fr. Robert L. Marciano, KHS '75 on a recent visit. Pictured above (bottom): Fr. Robert L. Marciano, KHS '75 and Daniel Friel, Director of Development, tour the Neurology Center of New England with Dr. Salvatore Napoli, MD '91.

The mind behind the enrollment boom

In 2017, Dr. John Finnegan retired from his post as Principal of Monsignor Clarke School in Wakefield, Rhode Island.

At the Mass celebrating his retirement, he addressed the Monsignor Clarke community with a dose of reality: "Catholic schools, like public schools, are experiencing a decline in enrollment."

At the time, Monsignor Clarke had just 217 students enrolled in grades pre-K through 8. As the only Catholic elementary option south of the Towers, something needed to change to secure its future.

Enter Dr. Arthur Lisi '71.

On July 1st of that year, Dr. Lisi became Principal of Monsignor Clarke School following a long career as the academic chief at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School in Coventry. After graduating from Bishop Hendricken in 1971, Dr. Lisi earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Master of Arts in Counselor Ed/Student Personnel Service from the University of Rhode Island before earning his Ph.D.

He started his career as a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Blackrock Elementary School in Coventry before becoming a guidance counselor at the middle school and assistant principal and guidance curriculum coordinator at Coventry High School.

Put simply, Dr. Lisi is a career educator with a wide range of experience.

But what he was about to encounter at Monsignor Clarke was a different kind of challenge. As Dr. Finnegan mentioned, enrollment was a major concern. Now at the helm, how could the school kickstart growth?

"My first priority was to establish trust and leadership credibility in this little Catholic school in southern Rhode Island," Dr. Lisi said. "With dwindling enrollment and a massive debt, Monsignor Clarke School was being considered for closure by the Diocese of Providence."

First and foremost, Dr. Lisi knew he had to shake up the culture and that started at the top. Developing a shared leadership model between his role, the admissions and development director, and the business manager, his team began building strategy with eyes in every direction.

"Leaning on my team allowed us to respond to admission inquiries immediately and effectively, design open houses, tours, and effective retention strategies like state of the school forums that were open, friendly, and transparent," he remarks.

The momentum continued with the development of new programs. Little Angels, a state-licensed toddler program for children 18-36 months was launched and quickly began serving as a feeder for the school's Pre-K program, and eventually, the elementary and middle schools.

Pictured left (top): Dr. Arthur Lisi '71 waves while holding a student during an end-of-year celebration at Monsignor Clarke School. Pictured left (bottom): Dr. Arthur Lisi '71 helps a pair of elementary students with a worksheet in class at Monsignor Clarke School.

Pictured above (left): Dr. Arthur Lisi '71 shakes hands with elementary students following a schoolwide event at Monsignor Clarke School. Pictured above (right): Dr. Arthur Lisi '71 poses with students who presented him with a handmade card thanking him for his service to Monsignor Clarke School.

"Our ability to pivot, move, and adapt has been critical. We don't do it the way it has always been done."

Dr. Lisi began spearheading service projects, community events, safety and security committees, installing new audio-visual systems across campus, and recently, converted the school's library to a state-of-the-art media and innovation center.

With every development, it became increasingly clear that Dr. Lisi was unsatisfied with thinking about Monsignor Clarke as a run-of-the-mill Catholic grammar school.

"I'm proud of the innovative and creative things we have done," Dr. Lisi said. "Our ability to pivot, move, and adapt has been critical. We don't do it the way it has always been done."

And enrollment has boomed.

Since Dr. Lisi took over as principal, Monsignor Clarke has seen a 70% increase in enrollment over seven years. For the first time ever, this Catholic elementary and middle school has a waiting list.

Still, Dr. Lisi is quick to pass the credit along to his team.

"We hired committed, nurturing, and skilled teachers and staff," he says. "We developed a corps of strong, committed parents and alumni that support our school and students."

But everyone at Monsignor Clarke knows who the mind behind the boom is.

In a yearbook dedication, his students describe Dr. Lisi as a leader who "reimagined what it meant to run a Catholic school, infusing it with innovation, collaboration, and unwavering dedication to our mission and vision."

That yearbook dedication goes on: "Dr. Lisi was not content with maintaining the status quo. He challenged us to think differently, to question assumptions, and to embrace innovation."

But all good things must come to an end. Just as Dr. Finnegan passed the torch, so now will Dr. Lisi who announced his retirement from Monsignor Clarke for the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

"Teaching and learning is a joyful, social enterprise that we are blessed to be a part of," he said. "I've had the honor of working alongside a remarkably talented group of teachers and staff. These past seven years have truly been a blessing."

REDEFINING COLLEGE PREP

Is there more to learn now in school than there was a decade ago, or is learning different now?

Public school education has grappled with this question for decades, introducing solutions like the "new math" and alternative curriculum. The most recent approach to providing the best education for all is school choice. Districts across the state design programs of study that combine the Rhode Island Department of Education's (RIDE) mandatory core subjects with specific, focused programming that will prepare students for life post-graduation—whether it be to continue their studies, join the job market, learn a trade, or enter the military.

Once known as career and technical education and operated on the state level, this concept is not new. What *is* new is its accessibility at the local level with school districts' participation and the change in regulations. Students can now choose a course of study at any school in the state — even if the same course is offered by their home district — and the home district must cover the cost. One example includes Warwick paying for a student to attend a program in North Kingstown that's offered in Warwick. This program, now commonly known as "Pathways," has caused much competition between public school districts and their private school counterparts.

"These programs have been impactful when we think about enrollment and student experience," said Principal Mark DeCiccio '03. "There are less school-aged children in the population, and now, there are more and more options for families, particularly free alternatives."

Most agree that change is good. This adage does not exclude the domain of education. Bishop Hendricken has never been lax about keeping up with progress—in fact, is more often to be found on the leading edge—and next year's curriculum will introduce maybe the most innovative and progressive change yet.

"We know the product we have here at Bishop Hendricken is rock solid," DeCiccio said. "Our college preparatory curriculum helped earn students a record 9 Ivy League acceptances this year. But we've always known that there was room for more."

Pictured above: Students laugh while working on a Rube Goldberg apparatus in Physics class.

Faced with the challenge of keeping true to its decades-tested core curriculum while also embracing this changing educational landscape, Bishop Hendricken unveiled the two-phase Redefining College Prep initiative this February. It's goal: combine the best of both worlds.

Slated to begin for the 2024-2025 Academic Year, a hallmark of the plan is the brand new "8-drop-2" schedule which adds one more class period per school year to daily schedules, allowing time and space for more consistent elective offerings.

Depending on grade level and student interest, this period will be used primarily for electives. All 8th Grade SELECT students and freshmen are required to take a full year of structured study which focuses on preparing these younger students' entrance into high school. Sophomores will take structured study in the first semester but can choose an elective in the second. Juniors and seniors can fill these open periods with choices that reflect their interests and future plans: additional modern languages, science, or social studies; or electives.

The subjects in the core curriculum stay the same. These are the courses familiar to all. Whether a high school student five or 50 years ago, everyone has always studied English, math, science, history, and a modern language. And though Hendricken's menu of electives has always been diverse, what has been missing is a guarantee or assurance that one class will be offered from one year to the next. And now, the offerings are about to become more ubiquitous.

"We were very intentional in how we approached this program because it is not a Pathway," DeCiccio added. "But it's also not exclusively what we've been offering for the past thirty years. It's the best parts of both – a liberal arts foundation with college studies exploration."

Electives serve a variety of purposes, not the least of which is increasing a student's desire to learn. This is best accomplished by teaching classes that a student has a modicum of interest in studying or exploring, providing more opportunity for them to schedule the classes and then offering them more consistently. Redefining College Prep now guarantees all of these requirements will be met.

A team of faculty and staff familiar with the public schools' Pathways programs designed Redefining College Prep and presented it to the administration this past February. Once the proposal was accepted, a group of faculty members met during their professional development periods for a month to finetune the schedule and pin down electives.

In this initial phase, some of the electives are new while others existed but have either not been offered recently or with any frequency. The 8-drop-2 schedule guarantees relevant electives will be offered consistently. Phase 2 is set to launch in the 2025-2026 Academic Year and will introduce even more new electives to the schedule - classses

that have not been taught or offered before at Bishop Hendricken.

Maintaining Hendricken's academic rigor was paramount when devising this program. This was evident by one sophomore describing his approach to choosing his 11th grade classes.

"I wanted to have a leg up in college and not waste a year learning Calculus when I can learn it here."

"Bishop Hendricken is adapting to the changing landscape of education as we know it," DeCiccio said. "We're going to lead the way with new concentrations in government, computer science, business, and economics. We're looking forward to the future and continued development of the whole person rooted in faith."

Public school systems have typically included specific courses and electives in class schedules. Catholic schools have traditionally and largely held to the same core academic requirements as mandated by the state with the addition of Theology. The most recent requisites set by RIDE for grades 9-11 are to address proficiency in Civics, Computer Science, and Financial Literacy. These courses ideally prepare contemporary learners for their future regardless of where they head after graduation.

"While the educational space is changing, it is important to understand that education isn't just about imparting knowledge but preparing students to be functional members of our society," said Assistant Principal Natalie Kessimian. "The goal of any educator is to empower our students to navigate our changing world with confidence, compassion, and a deep understanding of themselves and others by focusing on their individual goals and strengths."

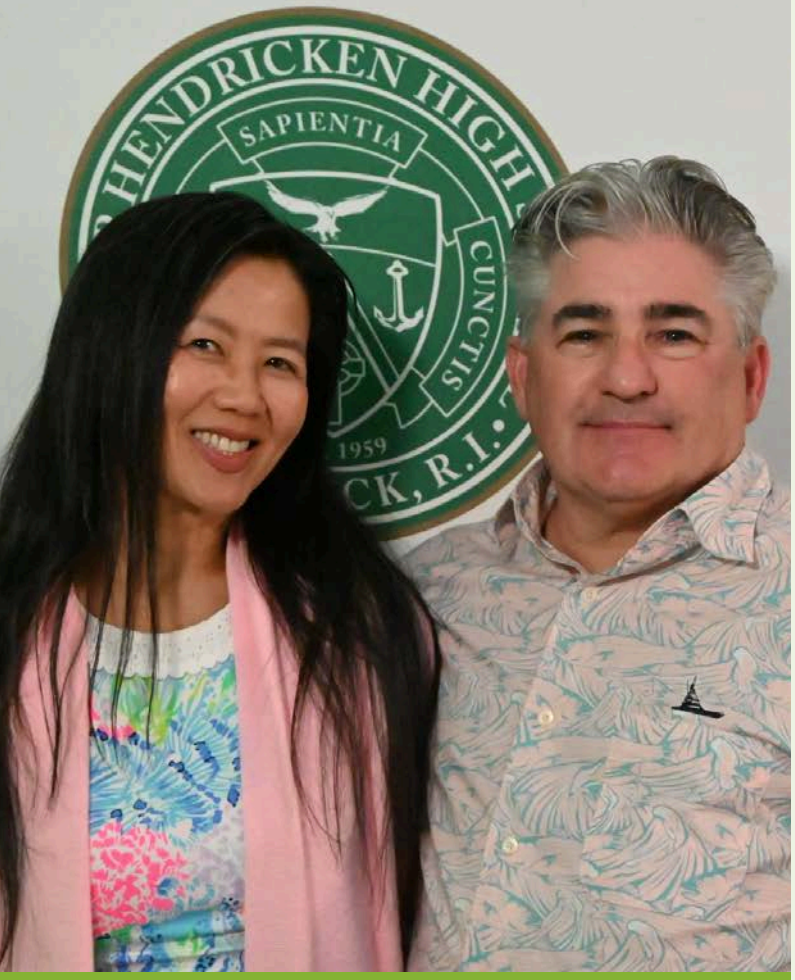
Redefining College Prep's 8-drop-2 schedule gives choice to a greater and more diverse range of topics and subjects that, while fulfilling the RIDE requirements, also provide ways to explore college majors and employment in more varied fields and in more depth. A student considering website design as a possible career, for example, can confidently commit to following this path of study knowing that the electives of animation, digital photography, and marketing will be offered consistently going forward. Likewise, for the student uncertain about the future and who is looking to explore different interests, can also be certain there will be classes of a variety of interests from which to choose reliably included in the curriculum.

"Perhaps most important to me is that a student tries an elective here at Bishop Hendricken and realizes he *doesn't* want to study that in college," said DeCiccio. "If we can help students discern here and save an extra year's worth of college tuition or student loans, it will have been worth it."

And these classes will not only be taught at the introductory level — a challenge and reward for educators. Contemporary classrooms and the learning taking place inside are student-centered and project-based. And talking with students in the cafeteria about how they chose their electives, a group of 9th graders talked over each other as they described their plans. One student with an eye already turned toward earning a master's degree in engineering is taking Robotics this fall. Another is taking Criminology to prepare for a career in law enforcement, and one more believes his decision to take Marketing makes sense even though he plans to attend law school.

"Since our very beginning, Bishop Hendricken has been a leader in education providing the highest quality academic rigor and excellence," said Fr. Robert Marciano, KHS '75, President. "This new chapter and new curriculum, the product of months of study and hard work by our principal and our dedicated faculty, is the latest and maybe the greatest change that will benefit our present and future Hawks."

With the program launching its first phase this fall, Bishop Hendricken is primed to innovate the Catholic education scene in Rhode Island. *To learn more and to keep up with the second phase's introduction, visit hendricken.com/redefining.*



A vocation learned at Bishop Hendricken

"Hold on, I've gotta get somebody numb."

He paused, his voice became muffled, and he said, "Don't worry this will come out nice and easy."

Even 75 miles away on the other end of the phone, it wasn't particularly easy to overhear, but by the end of the conversation with Dennis Jodoin, DMD '80, things were different.

Even if it's been some time since one's last visit to the dentist, things have clearly changed immensely. As in most every side of medicine, technology has improved treatment and practice from both the patient and practitioner's perspectives.

Dr. Jodoin, a periodontist and the one doing the numbing at his dental practice, the Cape Cod Center for Dental Implants, begins his story.

"The Class of 1980 was one of the biggest classes at Hendricken at the time. I got to know a lot of kids from all around the state and we had a lot of fun."

Part of the fun included finding his future career, as he describes, "My best Hendricken experience was the senior externship and being mentored at a dentists' office."

It was that experience that propelled Dr. Jodoin forward. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Providence College, Dr. Jodoin continued to Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry where he received his DMD degree and Certificate of Graduate Studies in Periodontics.

But the field has seen particular growth and advancement since Dr. Jodoin began practicing.

"At the beginning of my career, I never thought about change. Now, there are dental scanners and all kinds of modern lasers that allow for multiple procedures in one day — things that could never be done in the office before."

So, Dr. Jodoin has committed himself and his office to not only keep up but innovate.

This includes practices like "sedation dentistry," as described by Dr. Jodoin as "undergoing a complex periodontal treatment...with no recollection of the time it took, the pain, the noise, or the discomfort you were expecting."

To stay current and up-to-date, Dr. Jodoin has attended numerous continuing education courses building his knowledge of dental implants, periodontics, and advanced surgical implant training. Yet even now, he credits his Hendricken senior field experience for some of the reasons he is still inspired to study.

"Being in that all-boys Catholic atmosphere was instrumental since it instilled a lot of discipline in me," he said. "I was mentored by somebody at Hendricken, and I just feel the need to give to the dental community."

It's with this advanced training that he lectures extensively all over the country, providing continuing education to other dentists with the hope that care can become more efficient, accessible, and compassionate.

And at this point, the patient in the chair from the beginning of the phone call is ready to go.

Jodoin ends by reiterating the significance of the mentoring he received at Hendricken and his hope that it is something students still value.

"The advice I have for students now is to try multiple vocations. What you do at 17 might not be what you want at 35; it might not end up your passion."

Or, like Dr. Jodoin, you might just find what you love.

This April, **Epoch**: **The 2024 Gala for Hendricken presented by Flood Auto Group** paid homage to New York City! Inspired by our school's ability to be as bright as the lights of the city, "**The School That Never Sleeps**" honored and celebrated the rich history of both the Big Apple and Bishop Hendricken.

Against the backdrop of immersive décor, this year's edition of Epoch featured fabulous food and drinks, a beautiful array of packages available for bid on "Auction Ave," performances from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, The Rat Pack, and much more!

As part of the gala, **Fr. Robert L. Maricano, KHS '75**, President, honored **Colonel Stephen McCartney** with the *Bishop Hendricken Distinguished Public Service Award* and three honorees with the *Bishop Hendricken Medal of Honor*. **Lt. Colonel Joseph Cichon, The Gambardella Family,** and **Fr. Marcel Taillon H'00**.

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Justice Francis X. Flaherty '64 presented the Bishop Hendricken Chairman's Award to **Christopher Sheehan, Sr. '64**, the school's Director of Maintenance, for his dedicated service in stewarding campus' buildings and grounds, all while refusing a salary.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, bidders, and supporters, the evening raised **$233,752.94** for tuition assistance at Bishop Hendricken! 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 **Ben Tilton '24** and **Ricardo Camarena '27** who both offered remarks during the gala's Fund the Future presentation: "your gifts give students the opportunity to achieve things they thought they never could."

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


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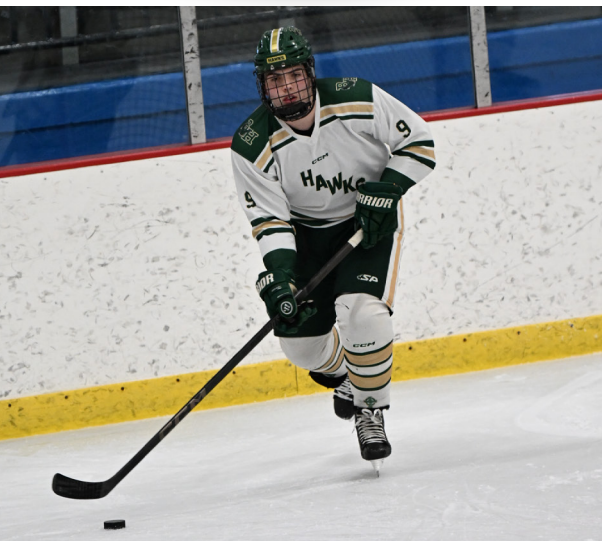
HAWK happenings

Dual-sport, single-season success

There's something to be said for pushing your limits; for having the drive to take up a sport that you're good at and turning it into a sport you exceed all expectations in. And then, there's something to be said for doing it in two different sports in the same season. This past winter, **Matt Giuliano '24** and **Tristan Jordan '25** did just that. Giuliano became a Rhode Island state champion on the ice and in the throwing circle, while Jordan became a Class A champion on the track and a state title holder in the pool.

Giuliano has been skating since he was 3 years old and is a Hendricken hockey legacy. His freshman year, however, his mother pushed him to get involved in another activity, so he decided to give weight throwing a try. What Giuliano didn't expect was to find a new passion. This past indoor track season, Giuliano played both sports simultaneously – throwing outside alone before school and practicing with the hockey team after school. It was a challenge juggling his academic and athletic schedules, but the hard work paid off when he lifted two championship trophies above his head this March. Now, Giuliano is committed to continue his track and field career at the University of Louisville this fall.



Jordan can't remember a time he wasn't in the pool growing up, so the swim team was a natural fit when he got to Hendricken. Then came the off-season. To keep shape, Jordan joined the outdoor track and field team. Inspired by his mom, Jordan took up hurdles. This year, he wanted to prove to himself that he could thrive not only in the classroom, but also in two sports at the same time. It was rigorous, but Jordan was disciplined and held himself to a standard that demanded excellence. He became a Class A champion in the 55-meter hurdles and helped the swim team win their 35th state title this winter.

Better late than never

Spring is always a time of excitement at Bishop Hendricken that is usually characterized with bright, sunny weather. The school community hosts charitable initiatives, serves the local community on service outings, and holds a favorite tradition, the annual Hunger Walk. While this year was no different at the beginning, inclement weather left the 50th Annual Hunger Walk on hold. The tradition was rained out not once, but twice, and it seemed as if the event was going to miss its half-century anniversary. However, students were passionate not only about the tradition, but its impact. They worked with administration and faculty to schedule a final attempt at the Walk on May 17th. Under beautifully sunny skies, it finally happened. Before embarking on the abbreviated route for the last two periods of the school day, the student body was joined by Ron Phipps '75, the Walk's founder. He explained the event's inception and expressed his joy that Hawks still "walk the walk" each year. Phipps stressed to students that one is not important because of title and notoriety, but by having a profound impact on the lives of others.

A record 9 Ivy League acceptances

While Ivy Day is always exciting for graduating seniors across the country, it was particularly lively at Bishop Hendricken this spring. The Class of 2024 earned a record number of acceptances to Ivy League schools this year, including eight students and five different schools.

Leading the charge was **Daniel D'Alessio '24**, the Class of 2024's Valedictorian, who earned admission to Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania. **Jack Hamilton '24**, one of the class' Co-Salutatorians, was accepted to and will attend Dartmouth College. A phenom on the mat and in the classroom, **Spencer Fine '24** earned an acceptance to and will continue his wrestling career at Columbia University in the fall. On the gridiron, **Marcus Sukkar '24** will continue to play football and study at Brown University where he'll be joined by Co-Salutatorian **Logan Perrigo '24, Christian Butera '24, Marco Ialongo '24** and **Braxton Pearson '24**.

what's going on at Bishop Hendricken

Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken turns 25

What started as a program for Hendricken alumni to have fun during the summer and raise money for the Arts at Bishop Hendricken has transformed into an inspiring company for young artists. Founded in 2000 by Brian Cordeiro '99, Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken was originally tagged "dessert theater" because free desserts were provided during intermission to reward audiences for sitting through a show in the piping hot McNally Gym. Summer Stage's first rendition was *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, produced on a tight budget with only 30 performers, and it raised $7,000 for the school's fledgling arts program.

Over the years, Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken has thrived with successful show after successful show. The program was undeniably a contributor to the construction of the Dr. Daniel S. Harrop Theater in 2006 which provided the drama program with its very own performance space — one that was air conditioned! As Cordeiro looked for more ways to spark the next generation, the Summer Stage Workshop was born. This two-week summer camp is dedicated to giving young artists the opportunity to produce and display their own original work in a safe, productive, and encouraging environment. Then, the program added Summer Screen, a week-long experience where students write, produce, edit, and star in their own short films. The Summer Stage program has evolved throughout the years, but its mission has always remained: to build a supportive arts community for young artists while producing high-quality performances. In honor of its 25th anniversary, Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken will perform the show that started it all: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*

Christopher Bailey '97

At first, Christopher Bailey, ChFC, '97, didn't consider himself particularly passionate about finance. In fact, after graduating from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in psychology, he took his first entry-level job in the industry out of sheer necessity. However, after becoming licensed and working for a few companies, Chris joined Mutual of America in 2005, and he quickly began to love the work.

Mutual of America is a provider of retirement services and investments, including 401(k) and 403(b) plans, with a focus on the not-for-profit and small business sectors. The company educates and assists individuals who work in industries and for organizations that benefit other people. It's in this micro market that Chris finds his mission: to help those who are helping others become financially stable and prepared for retirement. "They're real salt-of-the-earth kind of people," he says.

And so is Chris. Over his nearly 20 years with the company, Chris has climbed the ladder from account executive to management to leadership. He's gone from overseeing the New England office to leading the eastern region to directing all sales and service in the United States. Now, he has taken on a new role, tasked with building out new products and advisory channels.

Still, Chris credits his experience at Bishop Hendricken with helping to propel him to where he is today. "Entering my freshman year, I was a kid who lacked self-esteem and confidence. In a short time, Hendricken put me on the right path, and I will always be indebted to the institution." ■

CLASS NOTES

Keep us in the loop!

If you've moved, had a baby, gotten married, changed jobs, or just want to let us know what you've been up to, visit **hendricken.com/update-info/**

Gene Dovidio '67

Dr. Frank DeLucia '70

1960s

The Classes of 1962, 1963, and 1964 will host their annual joint reunion, and the Class of 1964's 60th, on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the East Greenwich Fireman's Club at 11:00am.

Tom Dorgan '62 was posthumously initiated into the Rhode Island Senior Softball League's Hall of Fame. A long-time player of men's softball, in 2007 he was named All-World for hitting .789 when his team won the national senior men's softball championship.

Edward O'Hara '64 has been retired since 2014. He and his wife moved to Naples, Florida and Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. Retirement is the best job they have ever had!

Richard Payne '64 was recently presented the Service of a Lifetime Award for his 18 years of volunteer work with the Knights of Columbus and the Loudoun County, Virginia, Area Agency on Aging. Richard received the award at a ceremony at which volunteers were recognized who "have made a measurable difference to the people and nonprofits they serve".

Gene Dovidio '67 moved to Rome for a year but is now splitting his time between there and San Francisco. He is the founder and president of a 501(c)(3) to feed unsheltered homeless with dignity and devotes most of my time to music, art, literature and theater.

Edward Walsh '68 retired recently and sold the property management business he began with his wife back in 1977.

1970s

Buddy Croft '70, a beloved Hendricken Football legend, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

After recovering from a serious bicycle accident in early 2023, **Dr. Frank DeLucia '70** was awarded the 2024 Comeback Docent of the Year for his at the Jupiter Lighthouse. Dr. DeLucia has volunteered at the Lighthouse since his retirement

from Orthopedic Surgery, so if you're ever down in Jupiter, Florida - stop off at the Jupiter Lighthouse and ask for a tour from Frank!

Mike Earley '70 is semi-retired after a 33-year career with the National Fire Protection Association where he served as chief electrical engineer and secretary of the committee on the National Electrical Code (NEC). He is working on his seventeenth book and has been a columnist for Electrical Contractor Magazine and a teacher for two electrical organizations.

Anthony Annicone '72 has been acting and directing shows since 1978 and reviewing them since 1997! He directed The Cemetery Club at Newport Playhouse from May 29-June 30, 2024, as well as Lone Star Love Potion at The Arctic Playhouse from October 3-20, 2024.

Edward Holloway '73, a talented baseball player and coach who led the Hawks to 19 state championship appearances and 16 state titles, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

The Class of 1974 will host their 50th Reunion this June after being honored at the Class of 2024's Senior Mass and Breakfast and their graduation!

Fr. Robert L. Marciano, KHS '75 celebrated his 40th anniversary since being ordained a Roman Catholic priest. Since then, he's dedicated his life and ministry to the faithful service of the many communities he's served. At Bishop Hendricken, we're blessed to be one of them!

Ron Phipps '75 came back to Hendricken this spring to talk to students and joined them on the 50th Annual Hunger Walk!

Thomas Gallagher '76 retired and relocated to Kentucky in 2020. However, he recently came out of retirement to work at Fort Knox!

Thomas Harkins '76, a Hendricken indoor and outdoor track legend and coach, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

Nicholas Mainelli '76 is retired and living in Florida!

Bill Coderre '79, President and CEO at Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes, was awarded the 2024 Better Business Bureau Trust Award.

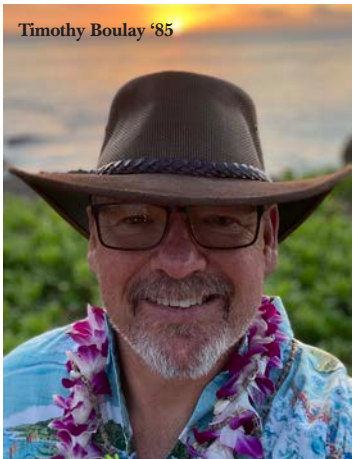
1980s

The 1980 Wrestling Team will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

Dr. Dennis Jodoin '80 was inducted into the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame this year!

Kevin Salisbury '81 retired from the Athletic Director position at CCRI in July 2023 after 25 years. He is the assistant swimming coach at Providence College and a faculty member at CCRI teaching Psychology courses.

Gerald Williams '82, a talented football player, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Hall of Fame this year.


Timothy Boulay '85

Matthew Leonard, R.Ph. '83 was appointed to the Board of Directors of ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Leonard brings over 35 years of experience as a leader and innovator in the pharmaceutical field and is considered an expert in pharmacy benefits management, health insurance, and specialty and retail pharmacy.

Timothy Boulay '85 lives in Hawaii and is a Command Security Manager for the Defense Information Systems Agency Pacafic (DISA PAC).

Mike Green '85, former Classical High School football coach, was inducted into the Rhode Island High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Though he's best known across the state for his longtime dedication to the Purple, we know and love him from his time spent on the sidelines coaching the Hawks under the Friday night lights!


Noah Forden '86

Aviator **Noah Forden '86** has enjoyed building and flying balloons for 37 years, and recently set a record in the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. In this long-distance balloon race, Forden traveled the furthest of any US competitor in the entire 118-year history of the race, traveling 1,382 miles in just under 3 days and nights aloft at altitudes up to 13,000 ft in the balloon "Intrepid."

Michael Trudeau '88 started a new position as Director of Coaching for Dubuque Soccer Club in Dubuque, Iowa last August.

Christopher Savoie '89 owns Zapata Computing, the 35th top quantum computer company in the world, and has collaborated with prominent firms in leading industries to establish quantum-inspired AI technology ultimately improving or launching pioneering solutions.

1990s

Dr. Salvatore Napoli, MD '91 gave the commencement address to the Bishop Hendricken Class of 2024 during the 63rd Graduation Exercises.

Christopher Friel '91 came back to Hendricken and gave a presentation to Mock Trial club students this past year. Friel distributed handouts that described the best ways for gathering evidence in criminal cases. He then demonstrated methods for presenting the evidence persuasively in court.


Vincent McAteer, III '93

Vincent McAteer, III '93 and his wife Kristy were awarded Narragansett Bay Yachting Association's 2023 Boat of the Year with their Summit 35, Divided Sky. The boat is co-helmed by Vincent and Vincent, IV '27. They have been racing as a family for the past 25 years in Rhode Island and this is their second boat of the year award!

Gil Lantini's '94 Integrated Media Group was named to the Inc. 5000 list for the second year in a row! The Inc. 5000 list recognizes the most successful, fastest-growing independent businesses.

Keith Croft '95 has taken our football program to new heights, including 16 state championship appearances and 13 state titles! He will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

Nathan Scoggins '95's most recent feature film, What Remains, was released in select theaters nationwide at the end of 2022. The film is now available on Amazon, Apple+ and STARZ. Scoggins also has some new

Ryan Lawrence '14 & Jeremy Perrigo '14

From Montessori School to St. Kevin's to Bishop Hendricken, Ryan Lawrence '14 and Jeremy Perrigo '14 have been friends for as long as they can remember. So, when they started their own business in 2020, it seemed like a natural progression.

Led by their shared dream to work for themselves and willingness to work hard, the duo founded R&J Handyman. The road to where they are now was not always easy, but they both credit Hendricken for giving them a solid foundation for their endeavors beyond 2615 Warwick Avenue.

Ryan was involved in the arts during his time at Hendricken, learning most of his carpentry skills from Br. John Kiernan by building and constructing theatre sets. He soon realized that his growing skills could be best served by pursuing the trades following graduation.

As for Jeremy, Hendricken prepared him for success at Providence College where his entrepreneurial spirit was stoked. He credits his education for teaching him how to not only start a business but grow it. With Ryan's natural ability in the trades and Jeremy's enterprising savvy, their dream became a reality.

R&J Handyman was born at the beginning of the pandemic. With alumni helping them to connect with other contractors and companies, Ryan and Jeremy built a client list and accepted the new opportunities coming their way. Now both registered contractors, they've been nonstop ever since, handling everything from hanging pictures to installing appliances and remodeling bathrooms. ■


Nathan Scoggins '95

projects including two TV episodes of the upcoming drama DESTINATION HEAVEN on Great American Media, and he just signed a deal to write a thriller for STX. He and his wife Kate still make their home in LA with their three daughters.

Tony Fonseca '96, a talented swimmer, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

Larry Scott '96 retired from his Social Work career after 23 years in the field. He is now performing stand-up comedy full time under the name Larry Venturino. He also started Venturino Talent Agency which books comedy and variety acts from across North America and this past January he opened Venturino's Comedy Club in Estero, Florida!


Larry Scott '96

Eric Hittinger '98, currently an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Policy at Rochester Institute of Technology, took office as the President of the United States Association for Energy Economics on Jan. 1, 2024. This national organization brings together researchers and practitioners from industry, academia, government, and non-profit sectors, and supports the understanding and application of economics across all facets of energy development and use.


Eric Hittinger '98

Patrick Lynch, Esq. '98 started a new position as Chief Executive Officer for the American Tinnitus Association.

Chris Carter '99 earned a Masters in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington D.C. and was promoted to Colonel in the US Army. He is currently assigned at the Pentagon on the Joint Staff working strategy, plans, and policy for global affairs.

2000s

Rocco Baldelli '00 and his wife welcomed twin fraternal boys, Nino and Enzo, into their own home clubhouse. By the end of that same week, Rocco's Minnesota Twins had clinched the AL Central Division championship – their first full-season title since 2010!

Will Blackmon '02, retired NFL safety and Super Bowl XLVI champion, started a new position with Boston College Football as its new Senior Football Analyst. Blackmon returns to his college alma mater as a coach for the first time since playing.

Mike Gambardella '03, NFL Deputy Editor at the Pro Football Network, found a familiar face in Will Blackmon '02 on radio row at the Super Bowl!

Jimmy Baron '04, current Shooting Coach for the San Antonio Spurs, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

Matt Moran '06 is headed to James Madison University (JMU) this fall! With nine years of experience, with previous stops at Stanford, Rutgers, and Boston College in special teams roles. He is expected to serve in a similar role at JMU as their co-special teams coordinator and work directly with the Dukes' specialists.

Joshua Xavier '06, a member of Bishop Hendricken's Board of Advisors, was asked to serve on the newly created Advisory Council to the Rhode Island Federal Court. Josh will serve as Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to the Council.

Jimmy Black '07 was named varsity boys lacrosse head coach at Attleboro High School.

Matt Gambardella '07 from Metropolis Technologies joined the 2024 Denver Light the Night Executive Leadership Council this year!

Billy Baron '09, a talented basketball player, will be inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Athletics Hall of Fame this year.

2010s

Andrew Mancini '12 graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy and is now a fresh member of the Narragansett Police Department.

Bill Stewart '12 joined the Rugby coaching staff at Bishop Hendricken this season! After a successful rugby career at Tulane University and professionally in New Orleans for five years with NOLA Gold.

Michael King '13 was part of the New York Yankees' deal with the San Diego Padres for Juan Soto. You'll have to travel a bit further to see him pitch, but he was being called the headliner of the trade...and that's impressive when you're one of four pitchers involved!

Ryan Cox '14 spent this past summer as the on-field Master of Ceremonies for the Newport Gulls! This fall, he'll start a Masters of Music in Instrumental Conducting at the University of Rhode Island part-time while continuing to serve as Director of Music and Mathematics Faculty at The Prout School.


Ryan Cox '14

Stone Freeman '15 completed the Police Unity Tour in Washington, DC and found a familiar face in **Thiago Gomes '95**, who was on the Rhode Island Contingent support staff for the event and watched Freeman complete his second tour of the 300-mile bike ride in memory of his father, Lt. Russell Freeman, and all fallen police officers.

Brett Gosselin '16 captured the Live Pro Wrestling title at the Whaling City Rumble in New Bedford! The Victorious BRG has certainly made a name for himself in Major League Wrestling.

PJ Thomas II, MSW, LICSW '16 was recently hired by Lincoln Public Schools as the School Social Worker at Lonsdale Elementary School.

Nick Jones '17 and his classmates at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, MA were Admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders on April 28, 2024. This is the step in formation where the Church recognizes and ratifies the call of a particular man to Holy Orders. God willing, Nick will be ordained a priest in 2027!


Robert Merlino '17

Robert Merlino '17 competed and finished the Lake Placid Ironman 140.6 Triathlon last July. He came in 9th place in his age group, 127th by gender, and 149th overall out of 1,671 triathletes. Congratulations Robert!

Alessandro San Antonio '17 returned to Bishop Hendricken to speak with Criminology students about his experience as a rookie police office in Newport.

Jacob Boblitt '19 won the Independent TV Pilot Jury Award for his work on Marvin Is Sorry at South by Southwest (SXSW) Film and TV Awards.

Xavier Truss '19 helped to bring a new meaning to the number 77 in the University of Georgia football team's locker room. In a tribute to their fallen teammate and Truss' roommate and good friend, Devin Willock who died tragically in a car crash following their National Championship win, a different offensive lineman will wear 77 each week.

2020s

Anthony Eacuello '20 was named the Student Athletic Trainer of the Year at the Quinnipiac University Athletics the Boomies Awards.

Nicholas DeFelice '21 graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy and is now a fresh member of the Johnston Police Department.

Michael Ochoa '21 took part in the Brown in Washington cohort this past fall and leaned the ins and outs of the policy world of Washington, DC. Through his experiences and the meaningful connections made, Ochoa is more informed and reaffirmed in his career path than ever!

In Memoriam *(as of June 12, 2024)*

ALUMNI

Greg Ceseretti '88
Michael A. Coscina '08
Patrick Healy '89
Mariusz Koziol '84
Frederick "Joe" Perry '81
Robert Colbert '88
Richard Coyle '64
Charles Hewitt III '71
Matthew Maxwell '10
Albert J. "A.J." Smith '67

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ALUMNI & FACULTY

Dorothy M. (Barlow) Bouchard, *grandmother of Daniel Friel, Director of Development*

Rosemary Amelia (Butler) Case, *mother of Joe Maynard, Athletic Trainer*

Margaret Cotoia, *mother of Caren Pacheco, Assistant Business Manager*

Jo-Ann Folingieri, *retired faculty member*

Mary Henrikson, *sister of Susan Ryan, retired Mathematics Department Chair*

Jean Carol Hubert, *mother of Leslie Hubert, Main Office Administrative Assistant*

Mary Mernick, *mother of Paula Reynolds, Editorial Assistant*

Florence Quigley, *mother of Michael Quigley, retired faculty member*

Jose Roig, *father of Patti Lynch, School Counselor*

Linda Sheehan, *wife of Dan Sheehan, former Principal*

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The 10th Annual Golf Tournament | Thursday, August 8, 2024
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, contests, lunch, awards, silent auction, and raffles. The day begins at 8am with a 9am scramble start. Register at hendricken.com/golf.

65th Anniversary Mass & Reception | Sunday, September 29, 2024
Join us to celebrate the 65th year of Bishop Hendricken High School, Rhode Island's leader in Catholic education. The evening will begin with a 65th Anniversary Mass at St. Kevin Parish, followed by a reception at Aldrich Mansion. Stay tuned for more details this summer!

Alumni & Family Weekend | October 4-6, 2024
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 27, 2024
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!

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