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Mr. Genovese Retires: A “ True Gentleman” Leaves Holy Cross

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Mr. Genovese, the Service Coordinator and a member of the Holy Cross family for more than 44 years, has sadly made the decision to retire this June. The first thing that comes to mind when people see him work is how busy he actually is. Luckily I was able to get almost thirty minutes of time just to interview him on his retirement.

When first asked why he was retiring, he explained that “I’m not tired of working and it’s not a matter of money. I’m 72. I want to spend time with my family and do other things. I want to write about what I’ve done over the past 44 years. Retire does not mean rocking chair. It means other ways of being a contributor. Once you stop, you’re going backwards.”

It does not matter what part of the day that you walk into his office. If he’s not planning a service trip, he’s making sure a student is up to date on his service. If he’s not doing that he’s giv-

ing a student their permit test. For Mr. Genovese, this is not a job – it’s his life. He lives the Holy Cross mission and sets an example that we should all live by.

Some of Holy Cross’ closest partnerships such as St. Mary’s Hospital for Children and St. Josephs School for the Deaf, will continue to stay a big part of the service program when Mr. Genovese retires.

When asked who would take over his position, Mr. Genovese explained, “Hopefully Demitri Tsimoyianis. He has been offered the Job but has not agreed to take it. I feel Demitri has a vision of the true nature of service and social justice. He will interact very well with students.” Mr. Genovese explained that he will continue to support Demitri and said that he hopes to be a resource especially with the Children of St. Mary’s.

“My social life is basically the people I work with. They are my family.” Mr. Genovese is very much respected by his colleagues, his students, and the people he has served. In fact, he was just elected President of the Walter Kaner Foundation, a foundation that helps disabled children. This foundation has also given back to the student’s of Holy Cross with scholarships that have been awarded by Mr. Genovese.

Mr. Genovese explained that the thing that he will miss the most about Holy Cross is the people that he has worked with.

A colleague of Mr. Genovese, Mr. Gibney, commented on his retirement by saying “Mr. Genovese is a true gentleman and one of the most caring and Christian men I have ever met.” The Holy Cross family couldn’t agree more.

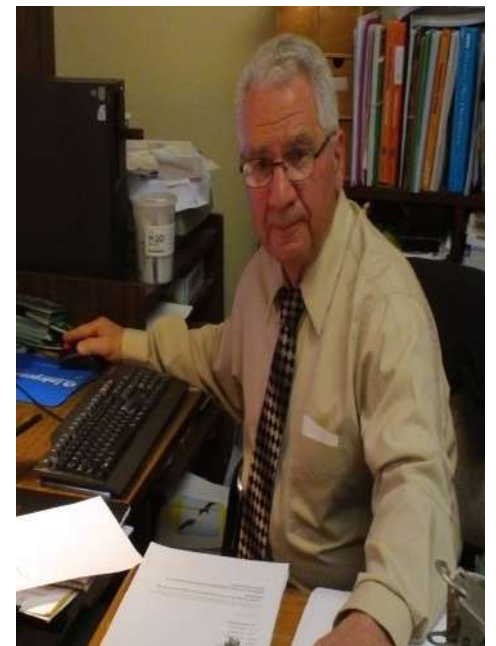


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Science Research Students Look to the Future

Joel Rivera '13

The Science Research students have been lucky enough to be part of the most prestigious club in the school. Having the leadership of one our most dedicated teachers, Mrs. Kenny, has been a great asset to keeping the club running and keeping its honor.

Mrs. Kenny, a biology teacher at Holy Cross teaches strictly Freshmen and devotes most of her time to the Science Research Club where she serves as the moderator. The Science Research Club is a three year course started in sophomore year where students participating in the course receive 12 college credits at the end of their senior year.

When asking Mrs. Kenny about the Science Research course she stated that the course is made up of students from the honor classes. After the students are picked, they must attend a mandatory

meeting with their parents and write a short essay that is read by Mr. Chowske, Mrs. McCarthy, and Mrs. Kenny to be considered for the course.

Although there are no physical goals that students must complete, according to Mrs. Kenny, most students either create journals or enter science competitions in their three years of service.

In 2011, student Dominik Kamel was asked to speak at the American Academy of Cardiologist Conference in New Orleans where he was the first and only student to still attend high school and speak at such a prestigious convention.

The course has maintained its prestigious honor because it is becoming more popular outside of the school with a larger database of mentors wanting to work with the Holy Cross students.

When speaking with Science Research student, Patrick Tuffy, class of 2015, why he wanted to join, he stated “I wanted to learn about a disease I had when I was an infant called Failure to Thrive.” When asking about what he liked most about the course, he said, “The Albany college credits is what I like the most about the club.”

The Science Research Club is one of the most prestigious clubs in the school and requires highly motivated students with a great work ethic. The students taking part in this club must be dedicated in order to achieve the highest honor that this club has to offer. With the help of Mrs. Kenny, Science Research students work their hardest in order to get the full benefit of the program and eventually move on to bigger and better things in the world of science.

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Habemus papam!

Frank Barongi '13

Habemus papam! In other words, we have a pope! On March 13, at approximately 7:06 PM (Rome time), Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, was elected the pope of more than 1.2 Billion Catholics.

When Cardinal Bergoglio finally gained enough votes from the 115 voting cardinals to become pope, Cardinal Claudio Hummes of Brazil, whispered to the new pope "Don't forget the poor". It was then, the pope said, that he would name himself Pope Francis I, after St. Francis of Assisi.

Francis is a perfect name for the new pope. When Pope Francis became a Cardinal in 2001, he decided not to live in the bishops' residence and drive in a new car. Instead, he would continue to live in a small apartment, cook his own meals, and take public transportation. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he quickly became known for his humility and empathy toward the poor.

When asked about why he chose his name, Pope Francis referenced St. Francis and said that he was "The man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man...How I would like a poor Church, and for the poor." His humility and selflessness has made him quickly popular throughout the world.

While the Pope is still getting used to the papacy, he is also preparing to deal with the many problems that the church is facing today. Many people have, over the years, become discouraged by issues that the church has had and he must make a change for those people. Holy Cross Brother Fran-

cis Leary explained when he was asked about the pope that "Pope Francis is a down to earth man who I feel is going to have a great impact on the Church." Pope Francis is a breath of fresh air for Catholics all over the world.

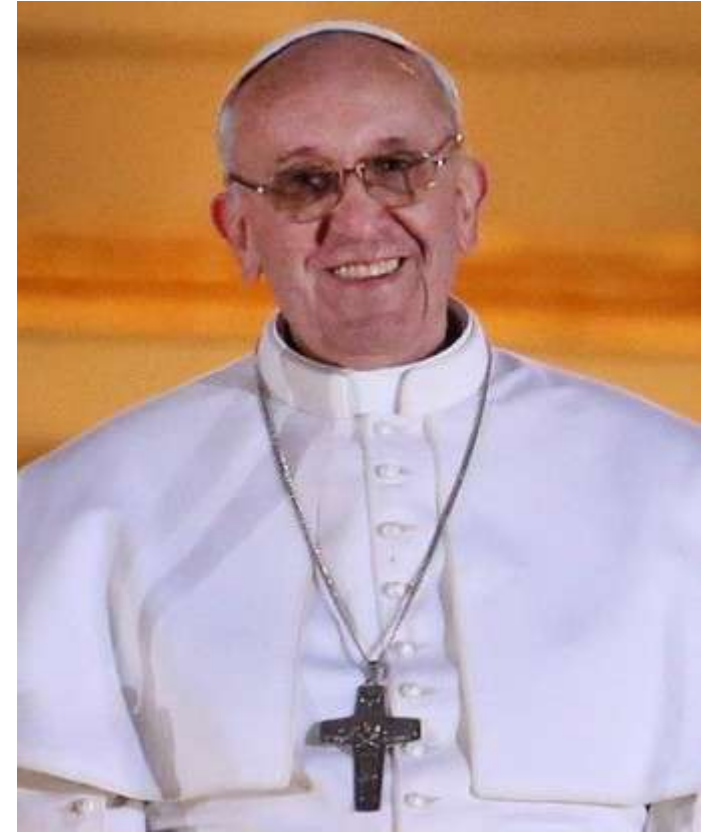


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World Languages Week Culminates in International Night Celebration

Justin Sam '13

On the week the student body and faculty returned from Easter vacation, Ms. Diez along with the foreign language department hosted World Languages week.

This week was a week to honor all students that come from different cultural backgrounds and traditions. Each day started off with the Lord's Prayer that was said in a different language.

During the beginning of HCtv, students would introduce themselves in their own language before the broadcast began. At the end of the broadcast, different closing songs were played that was based on the culture that was recognized that day. On Friday during Italian day, Ms. Masullo and Mrs. Tulino were special guests on HCtv to finish off World Languages Week. The announcements were said in Italian first before being translated into English.

Finally, World Languages Week ended the cultural celebrations with our annual International Night 2013. International night was an event where students brought their families and enjoyed a delicacy of different cultural foods from all over the world.

Students that brought in food received credit in their foreign language class. Raffle tickets were sold at the counter after presenting the tickets.

Our President, Father Walter Jenkins (C.S.C.) started off the evening with a few words and then an opening prayer in blessing the food. After the food was served, cultural desserts were provided as well. While the craving of different foods was going on, photos were presented of this year's Italy trip that happened during the Easter vacation. Finally, international night ended with our traditional raffle prizes.

Overall, we thank Ms. Diez and the foreign language department on making World languages week and International night both successful

A Holy Cross Knight Returns to Cross to Say His First Mass

Justin Sam '13

On Monday, April 15th, the school community came together as Brian Koeth, CSC. Father Ching gave a wonderful homily as he talked about how God called him to become a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He also mentioned that the school was a special place because he felt united with the people of Holy Cross by way of praying together. After communion, Father Jenkins gave a speech as he called on the student body to congratulate Father Ching on his ordination and wished him all the best as he begins his life as a priest.

During the mass, he was joined by Father Jenkins, CSC, and Father Stephe



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WEDNESDAY

Room 107

2:15 - 3:15
pm

Tutoring



See Me. Write if you have any questions.

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ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEW- "Olympus Has Fallen"

"Olympus Has Fallen"
Running Time:
Rated: R

MOVIE REVIEW
THE THING:



Theatrical Poster Courtesy of: Google Images

Thomas Gillen '13

Like the Die Hard franchise, Olympus Has Fallen is full of explosives, over-the-top action scenes, and plenty of excitement. The movie stars Gerard Butler as Mike Banning, the President's former body guard who takes a desk job at the Treasury after a tragic incident that left the President's wife dead. However, Banning gets a chance to redeem himself when the White House comes under attack and the President and his cabinet are held hostage by a group of North Koreans led by a terrorist named Kang. Kang aims to unite Korea by taking over the White House and toppling the US Government. One of the best action sequences in the movie takes place when Kang and his team implement their plan and launch a full-scale attack on the White House, which only takes minutes to complete before the Army and National Guard have a chance to stop them. It is at this moment when Banning springs into action and has to locate and get the President's son Connor, kill Kang, and rescue the President.

Olympus Has Fallen is a feel good American movie and evokes a feeling of pride and nationalism while watching it. Despite a supporting cast that includes Aaron Eckhart, Dylan McDermott, and Morgan Freeman, Gerard Butler is the absolute star of the movie and does a great job of convincing the audience that he is an everyday American hero. Even though Olympus Has Fallen has some great action scenes, the movie does have some setbacks. In some areas of the movie the lighting is pretty dark and the middle part of the movie trails off in some aspects. However, if you are able to overlook these loose ends, Olympus Has Fallen is a great all-American movie and deserves to be seen by all action movie fans.

Reminders

- May 9 Ascension Thursday
- May 10 No Classes
- May 16 Academic Awards Convocation 7pm
- May 21 Junior Step-Up Dinner
- May 27 Memorial Day, No Classes
- May 30 Baccalaureate Liturgy, 7pm

Swedish House Mafia Hits MSG During Its "One Last Tour"

Eric Espinoza '13

On March 1st the world renowned dance music trio, Swedish House Mafia, embarked on their four day New York tour that took them from Madison Square Garden to the Barclays Center.

The four sell out shows were undoubtedly some of the some of the most exciting dance shows ever. The group brought with them an array of stage effects such as laser lights, pyrotechnics, smoke and fireworks. The music did not disappoint either with classic tracks like "Epic", "Wakanda", "One" and "Greyhound." Fans also witnessed Steve Angello drumming on an electric drum kit during some of the songs.

The three members of Swedish House Mafia, Axwell, Steve Angello and Sebastian Ingrosso are all world-renowned producers of dance music. The group has been rated number 10 on *DJ Magazine's* top 100 DJ's in the world and the three have been called the faces of progressive house music. Dance music fans from around the world will surely miss the legacy left behind by Swedish House Mafia after the final tour is completed. The group may be gone but their music will never be forgotten as it is remembered for the impact it left on the music industry.



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Senior Prom 2013

at
Bridgeview Yacht Club & Warehouse 5

on May 9, 2013

\$380 per couple

If you need a payment plan see
Mrs. Tulino or Mr. Burns.



The only prom that goes till 3 am!



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John McGee

Ammirati Signs to Belhaven

James Callahan '13

During the month of October 2012, Senior Daniel Ammirati of Holy Cross High School signed a National Letter Of Intent to play College Baseball at Belhaven University. A nationally ranked NAIA team located in Jackson, Mississippi.

Ammirati felt that Belhaven was the perfect school for him. It met all of his wishes, the school is away from home, he felt comfortable on campus and with the team, and it is also a very good academic university.

Even though baseball was a huge factor for Daniel when deciding where to go to college, he wanted to make sure that he would dorm there since it is thousands of miles away from his home and family in Maspeth, NY.

When he went to visit Belhaven University he spent the entire team with his future teammates. He got an opportunity to interact with them and witness what his life would be like for the next four years.

Belhaven was not the only school that was on Dan's radar. During the entire summer Dan was in contact with the coach from Adelphi University. However, Daniel's decision to attend Belhaven was made easier because the Belhaven coach told Daniel that there was a good chance he will be the starting catcher next year. This was huge for him because Daniel wanted to attend a college where he would be able to contribute as much as possible as early as he can.

Once Ammirati committed to Belhaven there was an article in Belhaven's athletic page on their website. Ammirati was beyond happy with his decision, for him it was the icing on the cake and it was proof that he was finally going to play college baseball.

Going away might be difficult for some but for Daniel Ammirati it is an experience of a lifetime that will allow him to mature, but more importantly live his dream of playing college baseball.

Police vs. Fireman

Thomas Gillen '13

Every year at the end of March or beginning of April, the NYPD and FDNY take place in an annual hockey game. This year, the 40th annual game will take place April 14th at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Since it's inaugural year in 1974, the game has been played at the Abe Stark Arena in Coney Island, Madison Square Garden, and the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The teams are made up of current members of the NYPD and FDNY. As part of the rivalry, the NYPD and FDNY also face off in baseball, boxing, and soccer. Currently, the FDNY is leading the way with a record of 22-15-2 and has won the game for the past 4 years. One of the best aspects about the game is that all of the proceeds go to different organizations like the Widows Children Fund and the Burn Center. Before every game, several Veterans are honored for their service and are presented at center ice to be acknowledged for their military service. The NYPD vs. FDNY Hockey Game took place on Sunday, April 14.

Final Score:

Fire Department – 3

Police Department – 2

Should Visors be Mandatory?

Thomas Gillen '13

In the last few years, there have been many discussions about making visors mandatory for all players in the National Hockey League. Recently, there have been multiple injuries to the faces and heads of players that have resulted from the lack of visors.

The most recent injury occurred to New York Rangers defenseman Marc Staal during a game in March. During the game, the puck deflected off of a player's stick and hit Staal above the eye and went down to the ice bleeding. Staal then left the game and hasn't

been back since. Fortunately there is no long-term damage associated with the injury that will have any affect on Staal's playing career or his life after hockey.

In March of 2011, another player was seriously injured when a puck struck him in the eye. During a game in March of 2011, Vancouver Canucks forward Manny Malhotra sustained a serious eye injury and underwent two surgeries on his eye. However, the damage to his eye is permanent and his vision will never be the same, but thankfully he is still

playing hockey. Another injury much like Malhotra's occurred to Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Chris Pronger during a game in December of 2011. Like Malhotra and Staal, Pronger was not wearing a visor and went down with an eye injury that has kept him from playing hockey since the injury occurred.

These injuries and countless others can be prevented if the National Hockey League makes the wearing of visors mandatory.

The Closer's Final Curtain

Christopher Cadigan '15

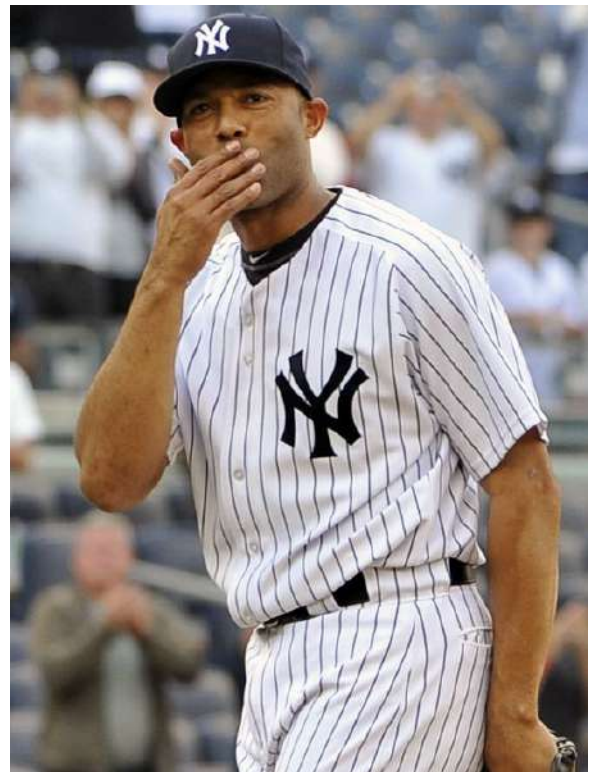


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At the start of the 2013 season, Mariano Rivera announced that the 2013 season would be his last as he planned to end his career in pinstripes after 18 fantastic years. Mariano Rivera currently leads all closers in baseball history with 610 saves and counting. He is famous for his cut fastball, which hitters have not been able to hit since he entered the league in 1995. Rivera is one member of the "Core Four" of the New York Yankees, made up of Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte, Derek Jeter, and Mariano Rivera. These four players made their league debuts during the 1995 season and went on to win four World Series in five years.

Since the live-ball era began in 1920, Mariano has the lowest ERA at 2.21 and the lowest WHIP of 1.00. Some of Rivera's accolades include a World Series MVP in 1999 and the ALCS MVP in 2003. Perhaps his most meaningful accolade is the AL Relief Man Award, which is given to the best relief pitcher in the regular season. Mariano was able to win this award 5 times, capturing it in the 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, and 2009 season. Mariano Rivera is widely regarded as the best closer in baseball history it is very likely that there will never be a better closer to play the game of baseball



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Holy Cross Varsity Basketball

Chris Laudando '15

This year's varsity team was among the best in the league. They ended the season with a stellar record and made it to the playoffs. Coached by Tom Marchisini, the team was an offensive powerhouse throughout the season and backed this statement with tight defense that propelled them into the playoffs. On both sides of the court they were constantly moving, getting open on offense and preventing the other team from scoring while defending. The varsity team never went down without a fight, often making amazing second half runs and a few come from behind victories.

This team is packed with great players who truly excel on the court. Among them are starting guards Akil Spruil and Jermaine Bishop. Spruil is an expert when it comes to driving the basket, and Bishop constantly proves why he is the only sophomore on the varsity team with his amazing three point shot. Forward Josh Wallace is one of the team's highest scorers and a very smart player. Center Ryan Wilson is one of the best centers in the league, his height and skill level make him a big threat under the basket which is a great asset. This combination of amazing players helped the varsity team to have a great season. With most of the team being seniors and graduating this year, it will be interesting to see how next year's team turns out and if they can replace the amazing talent that this year's team held.



Photo courtesy of Angelos Georgiadis '14

MLB All-Star Game at Citi Field

Justin Boniello '15

On July 16th, the MLB All-Star Game will be returning to Queens. After 49 years, the New York Mets left fielder Mike Baxter he felt about this major Queens. When asked Game, Baxter said, "It's world, in my opinion. I stadium, and I think it's a of show off what we have Field, Baxter says, "I park to come to every what's going to be Photo courtesy of thatsenuff.com even better about it with the All-Star Game, is it's going to be packed. Our fans are going to get the chance to make some noise, and I think that separates this stadium more than anything. When we have our fans out here, I think they're the best in the world."



Mets will be hosting at Citi Field. Current Baxter was asked how event coming back to about the 2013 All Star the best spot in the think we have a great great platform to kind here." Speaking of Citi-love it. It's just a great night, and I think

The last time the All-Star Game was played in Queens was July 7, 1964, in the first year of Shea Stadium. The last time the All-Star Game was played in New York was in the Bronx at Yankee Stadium, in 2008. Starting lineups in 1964 included Mickey Mantle (Yankees, centerfield), Harmon Killebrew (Twins, left field), and Brooks Robinson (Orioles, third base) for the American League and Roberto Clemente (Pirate, right field), Willie Mays (Giants, left field), and Joe Torre (Cardinals, catcher). What future Hall of Famers will be in this year's game? The Mets hope that their young, starting pitcher Matt Harvey, will continue his dominant pitching as he attempts to make his first All-Star game appearance as a rookie sensation.

The MLB has expanded the All-Star Game festivities in recent years to include several fan events. These include: All-Star Fan Fest at the Javits Center, where fans can swing for the fences with a batting simulator, take photos, meet and greet MLB legends, and play the latest MLB baseball game, the All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game, and the All-Star Workout Day at Citi Field. It will be great to finally see an All-Star Game played at Citi Field this summer!

2013 MLB Predictions

John Flynn '15

2013 is destined to be another fun and exciting year in baseball. So let's go Flynn Five style.

1) The Yankees are positioning themselves to fail. What an embarrassing offseason for the New York Yankees, losing Russell Martin, Nick Swisher, and Raul Ibanez to free agency, and having Curtis Granderson and Mark Teixeira starting the season on the DL. All of these problems leave Robinson Cano as the lone power hitter on the lineup. But the hitting prowess of Robinson Cano does not usually work without Alex Rodriguez, the go-to player that makes Cano more dangerous. However, I think the starting rotation prevents this club from being in a doomed situation because CC Sabathia, Andy Pettitte, and Hiroki Kuroda can all be trusted in this rotation, which will allow the Yankees to win 82 games this year.

2) Mets fans should be optimistic for the future. David Wright will be the unquestioned leader of this ball club as the Mets locked him up in Flushing for the next eight years. He is putting on an unbelievable display as "Captain America" in the World Baseball Classic, which should carry over into Opening Day in a matter similar to what Carmelo Anthony did following his Olympic gold medal. Ike Davis is primed for a big year, in which I project a 40 home run, 100 RBI season. But the future ace of the club is Matt Harvey, who showed flashes of promise last season as he will rapidly ascend the rotation by the end of the year. However, the outfield situation is a mess as the Mets failed to sign Michael Bourn or Justin Upton. I predict the Mets will win 78 games in 2013.

3) Trading for R.A. Dickey was a mistake by the Jays. R.A. Dickey put together a magical season last year winning 20 games as he was awarded the National League Cy Young Award. To get Dickey, the Blue Jays had to trade catcher John Buck, starter Noah Syndergaard, and top catching prospect Travis d'Arnaud to get him. First of all, the Blue Jays had to keep d'Arnaud because they had minimal depth in the catcher position behind J.P. Arencibia. Secondly, R.A. Dickey has an ERA of over five in American League play, which should concern the Blue Jays because he'll be responsible for setting the table for the rest of the star-studded rotation. The Blue Jays will not win the World Series because their rotation will be slightly weaker than expected, but their lineup will barely carry them to the playoffs.

4) The LA Angels will dominate. Any team that consists of the hitting prowess of Josh Hamilton and Albert Pujols, the dangerous bat of Mark Trumbo, and the 5-tool package Mike Trout brings sounds like a very dominating team. The Angels basically won the offseason with the acquisition of Hamilton, which not only brings another co-star to mesh with Albert Pujols, but completes the best outfield trio in all of baseball. Trout, Trumbo, Hamilton, and Pujols will hit over 30 home runs each, the Angels will score 900 runs, and their bullpen issues, which were addressed in the offseason, will bring the Angels to its second World Series crown by beating the Cardinals in the Fall Classic.

5) Other predictions: In the National League, the Braves will win the East, the Cardinals will take the Central, and the Dodgers will take the West. My two NL wild card teams are the Nationals and the Reds. In the American League, the Angels will win the West, the Tigers will take the Central, and the Rays will win the East. My two AL wild card teams are the Blue Jays and the Rangers. Finally, for Rookie of the Year, I am picking Wil Myers of the Rays in the AL, and Oscar Taveras of the Cardinals in the NL.