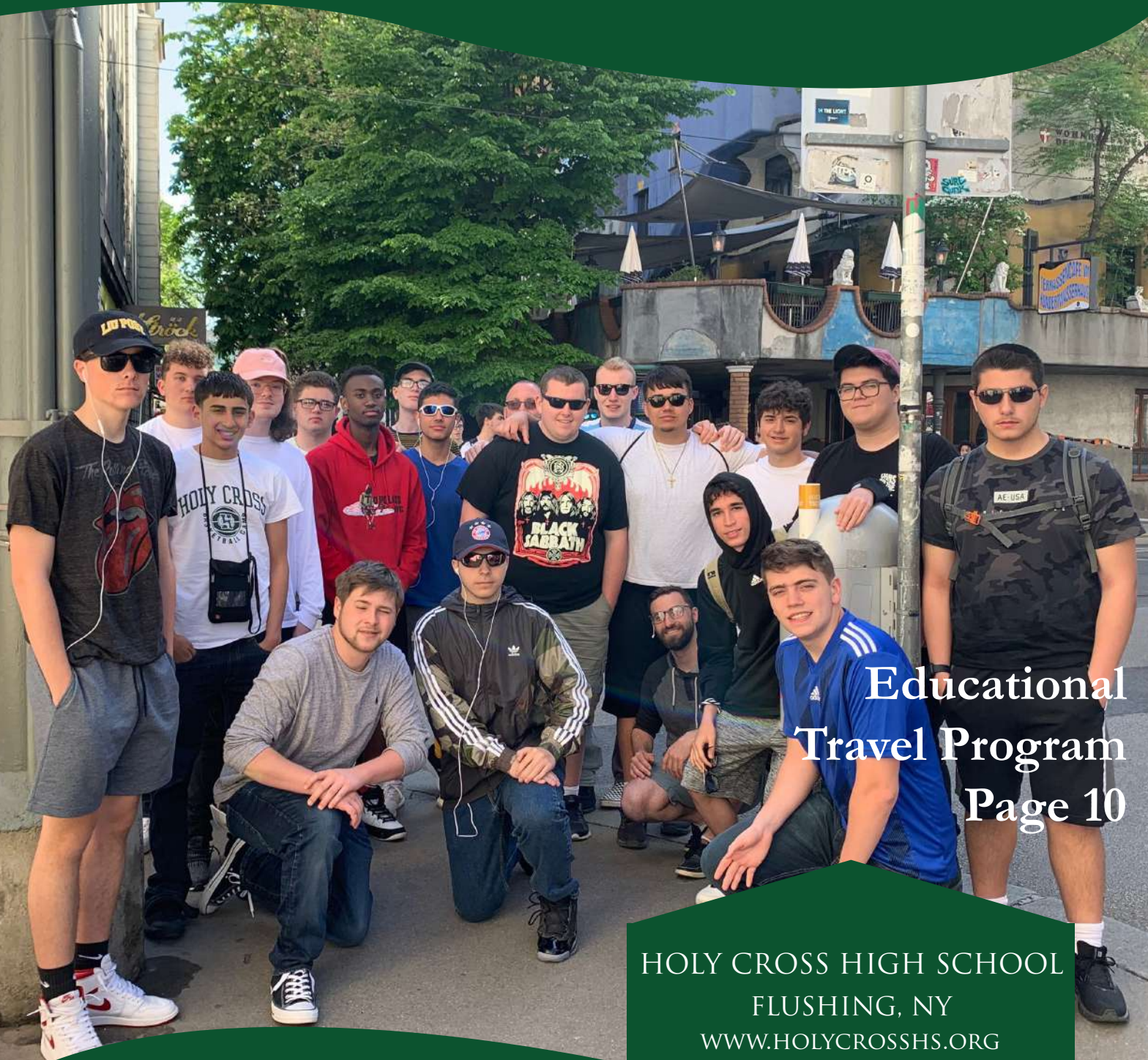




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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven.” Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, Circular Letter 36.

As our students prepare for their final exams to complete the first year of co-education at Holy Cross, it is deeply gratifying to look back on this year of mission expansion. It has been successful beyond our expectations!

The thoughtful focus by faculty, staff, and administrators to create an environment where both genders of students prepare themselves to become “useful citizens for society,” was well displayed during the year-end awards ceremony. It was a joy to see young women and young men march across the stage, collecting awards and receiving applause, for their mastery of the “instruction” given them by an outstanding faculty.

And under the watchful eye of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, our founder, whose bas-relief image is displayed above that stage in the auditorium, it was clear that these young people have indeed “cultivated” their hearts by the gentle way they acknowledged the successes of one another.

Co-education has made Holy Cross an even more special place!

One of the first year of co-education experiences, demonstrating a cultivation of the heart, is told by long-time faculty member Mr. Ron Vallar. He was doubling as chaperone and bus driver for the volleyball team when the bus he was driving suffered a mechanical failure. Fortunately, it was near a place where he could gather the young women and treat them to soft drinks and snacks while they awaited the mechanic. Although the first scrimmage away from campus had to be abandoned, each student will carry forever the example of Ron caring for her. As he tells the story, it is clear that his heart was cultivated just as much as those of the women’s volleyball team.

While other such bumps in the road are to be expected, it is clear from the work of Principal Mr. Ed Burns ‘84, and his team of administrators, that doors always remain open to review any issue, secure all facts, and make decisions that reflect the best interests of the students. Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, would be pleased to know that his Holy Cross is following the guidance contained in his Circular Letter 36.

We are anticipating with confidence the opportunity to welcome our second class of both young women and young men. There is real excitement at Holy Cross. Like the door of Mr. Burns, mine, too, stands open to welcome you at any time!

Go Knights! God Bless!



Michael “Mike” Truesdell
President

REV. BRIAN CHING, C.S.C.

Holy Cross High School is excited to congratulate Rev. Brian Ching, C.S.C., member of the Class of 2003, on being named the new rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

After graduating Holy Cross, Rev. Ching attended the University of Notre Dame and enrolled in Old College during his sophomore year. He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science in 2007 and an M.Div. in 2013. Father Brian made his Profession of Perpetual Vows in August of 2012 and was ordained a priest at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 2013. Following his ordination to the priesthood, Father Brian was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend, Indiana. He returned to Old College in June 2015 and served as Director before being appointed Assistant Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in July 2018.



Members of the Holy Cross High School community also extend their gratitude to Rev. Peter Rocca C.S.C., who has served as the rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart since 1997.

With Rev. Brian Ching as the new rector, Father Rocca plans to continue all his other activities in his “retirement” and will remain active in his Ministry and at Notre Dame.

“Actually it just frees me up to do these jobs a little better,” Rocca says. “After almost 23 years, I think now is the time to pass the baton on. Father Brian will be an able and dedicated rector of the Basilica, who will nourish well the faith life of the Notre Dame community and beyond. As rector emeritus, I will be honored to assist Father Brian in whatever ways I am able.”

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 31, 2019

On Saturday March 30, 2019, Holy Cross High School marched in the second annual Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Students from our school's Drumline and Cheerleading team, accompanied by members of our Fathers Club, proudly displayed the green and gold as they marched down Bell Boulevard. Our performing students were greeted by the cheers of the large crowd gathered to celebrate their Irish heritage.

Saturday was the first public performance of our Drumline since winning "Best Amateur Marching Band" at the Great Neck - Douglaston Memorial Day Parade last May.

This weekend was also the inaugural march of Holy Cross's first-ever Cheerleading team. These young ladies of the Class of 2022 continue to make history as their first cheerleading season, and our school's first year of co-educational Mission expansion, approaches its end.

A special thank you to all of the Holy Cross families that came out to support our students, as well as the organizers of the Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade, and we are already looking forward to next year's parade!

Go Knights!



BROTHER KARL DIEMAND MEDIA CENTER

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, members of the Holy Cross community gathered in the Brother Karl Diemand, CSC, Library and Media Center for the new space's dedication ceremony. Holy Cross was honored to have Dori and John Gerspach '71 in attendance for the evening's event. John and Dori's generosity and vision allowed the possibility of the new Media Center to become a reality.



The blessing given by our chaplain Father Frank Schwarz highlighted our school's illustrious history along with the wisdom of planning and adapting for the future.

The new Media Center creates learning spaces that can be easily reconfigured through the combined use of flexible seating and furniture. Two retractable glass walls allow the space to expand as needed, or allow individual classes to utilize the media center without the need of closing the space to other students. The Maker's Space and robotics lab allows students to work independently on personal projects and provide secure storage for parts and tools.

Mr. Gerspach '71 said "I think about Br. Karl quite often and I'm always thankful for the positive impact that his creative writing class had on my success in college and in business." Holy Cross and its students are indebted to the generosity of the Gerspach family. Similar to the impact Brother Karl had on the lives of his students, the Gerspach's gift will have a lasting effect on the lives of these young men and women.

FASHION CLUB TRIP



On Tuesday, April 30th our Fashion Club took on NYC with a day full of fashion and fun! The club started their day at Full Circle Trends showroom, meeting with owners Susan Doneson, Account Management, and Loren Kozuch, Design Director and Fashion Merchandiser. Full Circle Trends brings fashion products to life starting from the bottom up. The company is less than a year old and

our students were able to experience and learn how they grew and met with the rest of their team.

They next met with Monica Baum, owner of Fashion Connection, a buying office located in Manhattan. Ms. Baum does business with Full Circle and shared with the students the process of how clothing goes from the showroom to stores. She also shared the financial aspect of what is needed to be done to complete the process.



The students concluded their trip visiting with Admissions Director, Savita Pandya, of LIM College. Our students learned about the college majors and business career pathways in the fashion industry.

MR. MAHER'S GUEST SPEAKERS

This first semester at Holy Cross was marked by a record-breaking number of visiting alumni; Holy Cross Alumni returned to pass on their experience, strength, and wisdom to seniors in the Introduction to Occupations class. Each one of these speakers presented a different value as being important to their success in life, and each one was strikingly poignant. The students made it a point to express their profound gratitude for the often elusive gift of time that these alumni shared. To all alumni, your visits are always anxiously anticipated and greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all!



Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations class was delighted to welcome **Monsignor Steven Aguggia**, Class of 1979, to speak on Vocations to the Priesthood. Msgr. Aguggia shared his experiences responding to the calling, pointing out that it's not just something you do, it's something you are. "...24/7," he said. The Monsignor currently holds the post of Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He urged all the students, that if they ever thought about the Priesthood, even a little, to think about it more; "This may be God's way of calling you."



Mr. Kevin Sheehan, staff reporter for the New York Post visited Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations Class to share his experiences with the seniors. They were privy to a first-hand account of what day-to-day life is like reporting in one of the world's most vibrant cities.



Mr. Joseph Sparacio '78 returned to Holy Cross to speak to Senior fellow Knights in Mr. McCarthy's business class as well as Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations class. Mr. Sparacio is currently the Chief Financial Officer at Entertainment One and has held the position of CFO at numerous entertainment industry powerhouses, including IMAX and inDemand. Reflecting on his experiences, he made it clear that to move ahead, you have to know when it's time to move on.



Father Frank Schwartz, Chaplain spoke with the Introduction to Occupations Class about vocations to the Priesthood. He presented the class with the idea of responding to God's call to serve in a number of different ways, not just through ordained life. Father Frank also shared his personal experiences concerning how God strengthened him to face the sacrifices involved with living a priestly life.



Mr. Gerard Neumann, a Sixty-Year Alumnus and member of the first graduating class of Holy Cross High School, came back to speak to members of the 2019 graduating class in Mr. McCarthy's business classes and Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations class. Students learned about maritime engineering from the first-hand experiences of a veteran Navy Diver.



Mr. Richard P. Nespola, class of '62, paid a visit to the seniors in Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations class and Mr. McCarthy's Business classes. As founder of The Management Network Group, Mr. Nespola was in a position to pass along sage advice. Mr. Nespola spoke about the importance of creating an atmosphere of "respectful irreverence," rather than being surrounded by "yes-men." He discussed giving back to the community, via funding charitable foundations. He mentioned that, "the harder I worked, the luckier I got." But perhaps most importantly, Mr. Nespola pointed out that his moral compass was what guided him when a job asked him to violate his values. By stepping away from that company, he was motivated to found his own company.



Mr. John Kelly, Class of 1972, graciously visited Mr. McCarthy's Finance and Business Classes as well as Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations class to talk to his brother Knights about careers as an Insurance Broker. As CEO and President of Frenkel & Company, he not only shared his experience in the global insurance world, but also passed on key values that led him to success. Discussions centered around having humility, being a good listener, and being a problem solver. Mr. Kelly and his wife, Patrice, visited the Holy Cross chapel where they were married in 1985.



Mr. Maher's Intro to Occupations Class was visited by **Mr. Mark J. Hetrick**, Tour Manager & Stage Manager to such acts as the Rolling Stones and Snoop Dog. Mr. Hetrick shared his experience with the seniors and explained the importance of being good to your coworkers. He also explained the valuable life lessons he recurred while serving as an Infantry Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division in his youth.



Mr. Maher's Introduction to Occupations class was visited by Holy Cross Hall of Famer, **Mr. Frank Chiarello**, class of '72. An extraordinarily gifted leader in the real estate industry, Mr. Chiarello schooled the students on how to handle real-world job interviews and how to succeed in ventures through perseverance. The essence of his advice for winning was "Be persistent!"



Mr. Maher's Health Class hosted a team of nutritionists from Queens College to engage the students in a hands-on project designed to illustrate the massive quantities of sugar contained in everyday beverages. We are thankful to Ms. Aneta Palmer and Ms. Kate Henao for sharing their expertise with us.

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB



On May 2, 2019 the Asian Culture (Beyond the Food) Club went on a trip to Manhattan to explore the world of Japan and Korea. We traveled all over midtown Manhattan to a Japanese Buffet, the Line Friends store and the Kinokuniya bookstore. The stores embraced many different products of Japanese culture like scrolls, chopsticks, bamboo and sumi painting brushes and mini wooden structures of popular temples in Japan. The stores also had the world of anime included which is highly popular in Japan in both television form and book

form. Anime products were buyable, like manga (anime books), tiny figures of popular characters, posters of influential writers and more. Most particularly the Line store had Japanese cartoon figures and popular Korean music, K-Pop. Ms. Pirovolikos encouraged the participants of the trip to learn more about Asian culture while on the bus. Mr. Palmer, who once lived in Japan for a year, also told us how Japanese students would stay to clean their classroom at the end of the school day. Many facts and life learning lessons about Asia and Asian cultures were exchanged among the students. When we arrived in midtown we went to Bryant Park and tried out the famous 1000 layer green tea cake (from Lady M Cake Boutique) which is a popular delicacy in Japan. The main part of the trip was the IchiUmi Japanese Buffet. The buffet included an abundant amount of seafood. There was shabu shabu, a “hot pot” that was presented to the students where they were able to make their own kind of soup with many different types of noodles, vegetables and meats. At the end of the day the students were exposed to many Japanese and Korean lifestyles and hopefully will continue to experience more both in the Asian culture club and on their own in the future. ~Reported by Magdalena Targonski, Class of 2022

The Asian Culture (Beyond the Food) Club, moderated by Ms. Pirovolikos, meets every Wednesday after school in the school library. Our cultural activities include cooking/ sampling Asian cuisines, watching Japanese anime movies, learning about Korean K-Pop, practicing Chinese calligraphy, folding origami paper, singing karaoke, having virtual tours to Asian countries, and more!



EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

During Easter Break, 19 students along with Mr. McRae, Mr. LaGreca and Mr. Broschart as part of the Educational Travel Program joined with Explorica Travels to do a tour of Bavaria and Eastern Europe. During their 10 day trip they visited Switzerland, staying in a secluded mountain hotel with breathtaking views of the Alps. They then traveled to Innsbruck, Austria where the Winter Olympics were held twice. The group then traveled to Munich, Germany – home of the BMW factory and headquarters and they also visited the castle that inspired Disney’s Cinderella. They also had a chance to pay their respects to the lives lost at the Dachau concentration camp.

The trip continued through the 4th smallest country, Liechtenstein and then onto Vienna, Austria. In Vienna they were exposed to the music of Mozart and enjoyed a small classical concert. Finally, the group’s whirlwind tour ended in Budapest, where they learned about the country’s recovery from the fall of communism. “Overall it was an amazing experience, something that I won’t ever forget.” said senior Christopher Burns. Next year the group is excited to be visiting London, Paris and Rome.



COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COMPETITION



The HCHS Computer Club hosts its annual programming competition on May 7, 2019 in the Media Center and is honored to have Mr. Frank Orzo '64, Ms. Ana Diez and Mr. AJ Sonnick '11 to be our competition judges. The theme this year is to build a website either from scratch or via an Integrated Development Environment (IDE), without using any online template. The target computer skills

for students to familiarize with include: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Python.

We congratulate Steven Tautonico '19 on winning the first prize of \$100! Steven created a social media platform for sharing and discovering collections. His dynamic website allows users to post pictures of their collection items and to follow other users. Behind the scene the program is coded by HTML/CSS/JavaScript, XML, Markdown, JSON and Python, with data stored in a relational database. The second prize, \$50, goes to our 3rd-time winner, Andrew Henkel '19, who presents a website that describes several classical music composers. A score from the composer can be played right from the website. The aforementioned senior contestants were joined by a team of two beginner programmers, Kuanmin Wan (Junior) and Jiahao Wang (Sophomore). The team showcases a visual tour to one of the famous provinces in China, Zhe Jiang.

Special thanks go to Mr. Orzo, the Chair of our Board of Directors, for his generous sponsorship and continued support for fostering computational thinking.

Photo credit: Steven Tautonico (Collectr) and Andrew Henkel (HTML code)

JUNIOR UNITY MASS



On Thursday April 11, 2019, members of the Class of 2020 and their families attended the Junior Unity Mass at Holy Cross High School. The evening was planned by Mrs. Mione and Mrs. Daus, the junior class moderators. Mass was led by our school chaplain, Father Frank Schwarz.

As seniors prepare for final exams, the evening officially heralds the Junior Class as the new leaders in the school.

Each student received a pin to mark this momentous milestone. Students also received their class rings during the evening's ceremony.

During the celebration, Mrs. Mione addressed the rising seniors, saying:

“The rings and pins that you receive today serve as a permanent reminder of the man you set out to be- a man of honor and integrity. You are ... tasked with a shared mission to bring hope to others. Remember that when you look at your rings and pins. We also use this milestone as a reminder for you to enjoy your final year at Holy Cross. Savor your memories, and continue to dream big for your future ... Make the most of your time here and create a lasting legacy with your fellow knights.”

The Class of 2020 is one of the remaining classes that are still all-boys at Holy Cross. This Fall, half of the building will have transitioned to co-educational classes since the announced Mission Expansion in 2017.

As the school's underclassmen look for guidance and leadership, everyone at Holy Cross is confident in the example set by members of the Class of 2020.

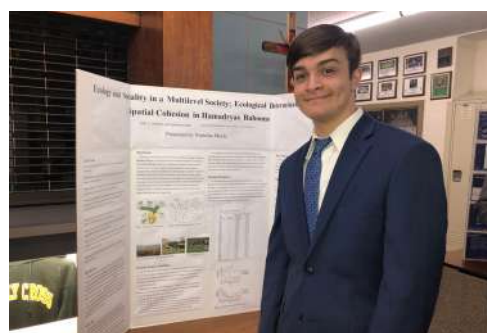
Go Knights!



SCIENCE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Science Research Program at High School is a three year course that is affiliated with the State University at Albany, ran by Mrs. Cathy Kenny. This year there are 11 students enrolled in the program. Each student works with an outside mentor to create their own independent research project. Students are working at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Queens, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Hofstra University, St. Charles Rehabilitation Center, Queens College, New York University, Elmhurst Hospital, The Department of Environmental Protection, Alley Pond Environmental Center and Hoboken University Medical Center.

Once again, our graduating seniors will all be attending college on scholarship! Next year, the program will welcome six lady knights and one young man.



GRADUATION AWARDS

Holy Cross High School
To Know. To Love. To Serve

Congratulations Class of 2019!



Valedictorian
Joseph Moniz



Salutatorian
Alexander Loukopoulos



Knight of the Year
Jared Jagiello

To date The Class of 2019 has earned over \$22,000,000 dollars in Academic Scholarships and Grants and that number continues to grow!

Good Luck and Best Wishes Graduates!
The Administration, Faculty and Staff

2019 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Adelphi University	Johnson & Wales University (North Miami)	St. Bonaventure University
Anna Maria College	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	St. Edward's University
Assumption College	Keystone College	St. Francis College
Babson College	King's College	St. John's University
Bard College	Kingsborough Community	St. Joseph's College - Brooklyn Campus
Barry University	College of the CUNY	St. Joseph's College - Long Island Campus
Baruch College	Lehman College of the CUNY	State University of New York at New Paltz
Becker College	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Stella and Charles Guttman Community College
Belmont University	Long Island University, Post	Stonehill College
Berkeley College NYC Midtown Location	"Luther College- Decorah"	Stony Brook University
Binghamton University	Manhattan College	Stony Brook University (Honors College)
Binghamton University (School of Management)	Manhattanville College	SUNY Albany
Borough of Manhattan Community College	Marist College	SUNY Alfred State College
Boston College	Medgar Evers College of the CUNY	SUNY Buffalo State College
Brandeis University	Mercy College - All Campuses	SUNY College at Cobleskill
Bronx Community College	Merrimack College	SUNY College at Cortland
Brooklyn College	Miami University, Oxford	SUNY College at Geneseo
Cazenovia College	Molloy College	SUNY College at Old Westbury
City College	Morehouse College	SUNY College at Oneonta
City College of New York	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Delhi
Clarkson University	Muhlenberg College	SUNY Fredonia
Colgate University	Nassau Community College	SUNY Maritime College
College of New Rochelle	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY Morrisville
College of St. Joseph	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY Oswego
College of Staten Island	New York Institute of Technology-	SUNY Plattsburgh
Concordia College - New York	Manhattan Campus	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
CUNY New York City College of Technology	New York University	Syracuse University
Curry College	Nichols College	(College of Visual & Performing Arts)
Denison University	Northeastern University	The Catholic University of America
DePauw University	Nova Southeastern University	The College of Saint Rose
DeSales University	Pace University, New York City	The Culinary Institute of America- NY
Dominican College	Pace University, Westchester Campus	(Main Campus)
Dominican University of California	Pennsylvania State University	The University of Scranton
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Purchase College, SUNY	Trinity College
Endicott College	Purdue University	University at Buffalo (SUNY)
Fairfield University	Queens College of the CUNY	University of California, Santa Cruz
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Metropolitan Campus	Queensborough Community	University of Hartford
Farmingdale State College	College of the CUNY	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College of the CUNY	Quinnipiac University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Florida State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Fordham University	Rider University	Ursinus College
Hofstra University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Utica College
Hofstra University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Vassar College
(School of Engineering and Applied Science)	Sacred Heart University	Vaughn College of
Hostos Community College of the CUNY	Saint Francis University	Aeronautics and Technology
Hunter College of the CUNY	Saint John's University	Vermont Technical College
Husson University	Saint Joseph's University	Wells College
Indiana University at Bloomington	Salve Regina University	Western Connecticut State University
Iona College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Western New England University
Ithaca College	Seton Hall University	Xavier University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY	Siena College	York College
	Skidmore College	York College of the CUNY

THE TABLET - EMILY BROWNE

There is a new Knight that is part of history! Freshman Emily Browne became the first-ever female student-athlete to play in a CHSAA league golf match for Holy Cross High School! Visit the The Tablet to read more about our trailblazer for female golfers: <https://thetablet.org/freshman-golfer-etched-in-holy-cross-history/>



SPRING SPORTS



Varsity Basketball Senior Night!



Varsity B Basketball Senior Night!



Women's Basketball!



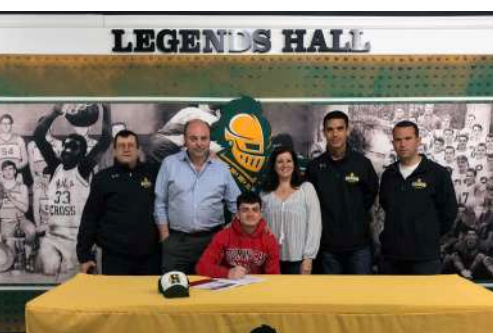
Our Cheerleaders helping to raise awareness for our HC Breast Cancer Awareness Drive!



Senior Football Signing Ceremony for Seth Orenge, Joshua Rivera, Brendan Avery, Donte Kenny, Tyriek Dodd, Dante Skoros and Michael Henglein! The schools they declared are: Endicott College, King's College, Stonehill College, Pace University and Hudson University.



Congratulations to Seniors Justin Mavroukis and Tommy Waldron on playing their final home game on Senior Night! Thank you for representing Holy Cross so well. Good luck in the future! Joe LaChase and Thomas Waldron each scored two goals to lead the Knights past St Francis Prep by a score of 4 -2.



Senior, Marco Oliveri, signing for Dominican College for soccer with coaches Alvaro Jaramillo, Matt Tyburczy '02, Diego Martinez and his parents.



Congratulations to the Holy Cross JV Softball team on their first ever school victory today, defeating St. Joe's by the Sea 14-6 today! Great work by the girls and Coach Megan White and Coach ToniAnne Campuzano!



SUMMER STREAM

Holy Cross High School is proud to offer a variety of activities available to boys and girls during this summer. Our combination of Academic, Athletic, and Arts programs provide the opportunity to continue to develop the hearts and minds of young people over summer break.

Athletic Camps:

Boys & Girls Basketball (Boys ages 8-16 / Girls entering 5th-9th)

Girls Cheerleading (Girls entering 5th-9th)

Summer Stream Program:

Our Summer STREAM Program (Science, Theology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) introduces young students to great teachers and coaches, facilities, and courses offered at Holy Cross High School and provides them with individual attention to help them develop key skills.

The Holy Cross High School Summer Institute provides an opportunity for boys and girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade this fall to spend the summer exploring what they are interested in the most!

Similar to how our current students pursue their academic interests throughout the year, the HCHS Summer Institute allows individuals to select from a variety of courses that excite and inspire them, rather than limit students to a one-size-fits-all program.

Regardless of a student's interests, the Summer Institute at Holy Cross provides an incredibly flexible, customizable, and meaningful learning experience for all. The program also allows students to meet future Knight teammates and friends, all while having FUN!

Programs include:

Coding

Science of Cooking

Artists Studio

Advanced Art Explorations

Perspectives in Painting

TV Production

The Art of Animation

Music Lab

Noah's Ark and Crafts (Grades K-2)

Forensic Fundamentals

Actor's Stage

For more information: <https://holycrosshs.org/summerprograms/>

ALUMNI NOTES

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

THE FIFTIES

William Scheffler '59 and wife Nancy are snowbirds with a condo in Florida where they spend their winter. They were married 52 years ago this past March 4th and Nancy is always at his side. They have two sons and four granddaughters. When not snow-birding, they live in East Meadow, NY. fancynan101@aol.com

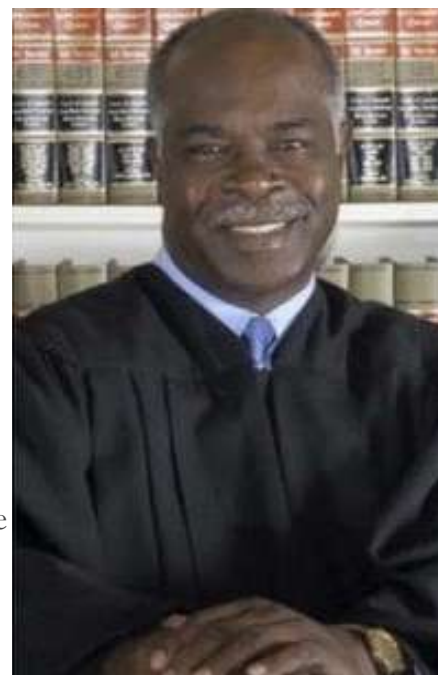
THE SIXTIES

Captain George Eammons '64 received a National Citation from the Military Order of the World Wars for service as New York State Commander of the Order. Previously, he received the Silver Patrick Henry Award and both the Outstanding Service and Extended Services Awards. He and wife Maureen reside in Smithtown, NY. reen_emmons@hotmail.com

After ten years as a litigator, **James Duane '69** is now working exclusively as a mediator and arbitrator. He and wife Michelle both attended the alumni reunion in NY in April and they have three children and two granddaughters. They live in Charlestown, MA. jamesduane73@gmail.com

THE SEVENTIES

During Black History Month, the Nassau County Legislature honored **Judge Jerald Carter '70** for his integrity, commitment and concern for the community. Judge Carter received his BA from Fisk University in 1974 and his JD from Howard University in 1977. His career began in 1977 first as an Assistant District Attorney for the Town of Hempstead and then in private practice with his father, specializing in criminal, labor and sports law. His judicial career began in 1989 as a Judge of the Hempstead Village Court. In 1996 he was appointed as an Interim Judge for the Nassau County District Court, joined the County Court in 1998 and was appointed an acting Supreme Court Justice in 1999. He served as Senior Judge of the County Court until 2017. At his farewell party, Judge Thomas Adams, Administrative Judge of Nassau County, stated that "Judge Carter has served the Nassau County Courts for decades with unparalleled integrity, fairness and transparency. He treaded all those who came before him with profound respect and dignity. He is a brilliant and hardworking judge who will be missed by all, and has left an indelible mark on the Nassau County Courts."



Thomas Messana '76, founding partner of Messana P.A. was awarded the Chief Judge's Pro Bono Award in January from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. He is the second recipient of the award, which recognizes practitioners for a lifetime of achievement in pro bono matters related to bankruptcy

As reported in the Courthouse Beacon News, Chief Judge Isicoff stated:

"Tom has been a passionate supporter of pro bono his entire adult life and was very active in pro bono activities before he moved to South Florida [in 1993]. Once here, Tom continued to represent indigent clients in need of legal assistance. When Tom was president-elect of the BBA, he reached out to several members of the bankruptcy community to form the Bankruptcy Bar Foundation. Tom believed it was necessary to have a vehicle through which funds could be raised to finance pro bono activities in the Southern District of Florida. The BBF was formed in 2000 and continues to collect funds for support of pro bono services in our District. Also, while president-elect of the BBA, at the request of Judge Ray, Tom put together a team of lawyers to assist a bankruptcy attorney who had approximately twenty clients who had all lost their homes in a mortgage rescue scheme to the same group. Thanks to the efforts of those lawyers (including Tom) eventually all the victims got back their homes or money. More recently, Tom participated in my Pro Bono Summit and led the task force that addressed our existing pro bono programs and whether, and in what ways, those programs could be improved. ...Tom created a pamphlet that is now available at all pro se clinics, clerks' offices and some courtrooms, outlining for pro se parties situations that present themselves in bankruptcy cases and how legal advice may be a good idea. Tom, of course, continues with his commitment to pro bono, taking cases, and serving on the Court's Pro Bono Committee."

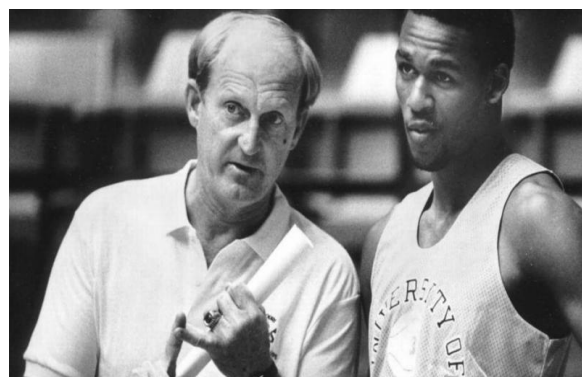
Mr. Messana has been personally recognized in "Best Lawyers" since 2008 for Bankruptcy Law and Bankruptcy Litigation and was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Bankruptcy Litigation in Fort Lauderdale in 2017. Messana P.A. was recently named to the U.S. News & World Report – "Best Law Firms" list for 2019 and Messana P.A. Tier 1 for regional Bankruptcy Law and Bankruptcy Litigation.



Six classmates from the Class of 1974 gathered at Rosie O'Grady's in Manhattan for an informal class reunion in December. Pictured left from front to rear: **Rich Napoli, Rich O'Donnell and Steve Lalor**. Pictured right front to rear: **Brian Downing, Rich Stiglic, and Bill O'Connell**.

THE EIGHTIES

A member of the Holy Cross Legends Hall of Fame **Derrick Chievous '84** was the first McDonald All American in Holy Cross history, averaging 29.6 points from the foul line and 17 rebounds. In his collegiate career at University of Missouri (Mizzou), he averaged 24 points per game and finished as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,580 points, remaining the University's recording-holder for career points, single-season points (821), career



scoring average (19.9 ppg), career free throws made (784) and single season free throws made (244). Derrick was selected by the Houston Rockets in the first round of the 1988 NBA draft, playing in the NBA from 1988 to 1991 for the Rockets and Cleveland Cavaliers. He was also inducted in Mizzou's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. In February 2019, his Number 3 jersey was officially retired during a ceremony at half-time during the Kentucky game.

THE NINETIES

Carlo Acquista '96, a New York Red Bulls scout and former head coach at Adelphi University and St. Francis College, was named the fifth head coach of the Fordham men's soccer program in January 2019. He comes to Fordham after serving as a New York Red Bulls scout since February 2018.

Prior to that, Carlo spent 11 seasons as the head of men's soccer at Adelphi University, as well as serving as a Senior Assistant Athletic Director in the Adelphi athletics department, posting a 120-69-19 record with the Panthers. He came to Adelphi from St. Francis College (NY), where he held the position of head coach for five seasons. In addition to his college coaching, he has been a part of One Goal Sport, serving as owner and director of soccer and coaching education.

Carlo was a four-year member of the St. John's men's soccer team, which reached the NCAA tournament in each of his four seasons. He helped St. John's capture an NCAA Division I national title in 1996 and also had a hand in two Big East Championship teams. He has a degree in sports management from St. John's and a master's degree in sports management from Adelphi. Carlo and his wife Lauren have twin boys.

On March 19th, the electorate of the Village of Freeport, NY elected **Christopher Squeri '90** to the Freeport Village Board of Trustees, which is the Legislative branch for the Village.



THE 2000'S

Father Brian Ching, C.S.C. '03 was named the new Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. After graduating Holy Cross, Brian attended the University of Notre Dame and enrolled in Old College in his sophomore year. He graduated with a BA in 2007 and an M.Div in 2013 when he was ordained a priest at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Brian was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend, IN and returned to Old College in 2015 where he served as Director before being appointed Assistant Rector of the Basilica in July 2018.

Kieran Mahoney '09 was named Aide to the Grand Marshal in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019, marching directly behind Grand Marshal Brian O'Dwyer. He represented the Queens County Ancient Order of Hibernian. Kieran became President of Division 9 Flushing/Bayside in 2014 and Queens County VP in 2018 when he also inaugurated the Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade. He graduated from John Jay College with a degree in Public Administration and is currently a Specialist for the NYC Human Resources Administration working on the Mayor's initiative for stable housing for veterans' and shelter tenants.



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NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Joseph Benik '63
February 2019

John Brant '74
July 2018

Joseph Caminiti '73
March 2019

Kevin Conboy
Father of James Conboy '83,
VP, Institutional Advancement
Kevin Conboy '79, Daniel Conboy '80 and Thomas Conboy
January 2019

Joseph Gunderson
Father of Barry Gunderson '76 and Brian Gunderson '78
May 2019

Edward Farrell '68
April 2019

Richard J. Goggin '64
Father of Keith Goggin '92, Faculty
January 2019

Norma Harman
Grandmother of Ryan Sobeck '10
Mother-in-Law of Annette Sobeck, Staff
April 2019

John Macinick '60
October 2018

Gerard Molly '85
January 2019

Alan R. Truesdell
Father of Mike Truesdell
President, Holy Cross High School
May 2019

Margaret Turk
Mother of Michael Turk
Past Fathers' Club President
January 2019

To submit a notification or schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, contact Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@holycrosshs.org

FLORIDA ALUMNI REUNION

On February 27, 2019 Holy Cross alumni gathered for a second outing to see the Mets beat the Marlins during spring training at Port. St. Lucie. Thank you to Neil Filomena '71 who, once again, generously hosted a post-game reception at PGA Village.



2019 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND



On Friday, April 5, 2019, over 40 graduates from the first graduating Class of 1959 and their guests gathered for an intimate pre-reunion reception at Bourbon Street Restaurant to celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Reunion Committee Co-Chairs, Denny Golden and Terry Tarpey, compiled a program for the special event that included reflections from guest student speakers (among them Knights from the first co-ed class) and distribution of award certificates for all Class of 1959 Reunion Challenge participants. Denny and Terry

were pleased to announce that the Class of 1959 surpassed their “60 for 60” goal, raising over \$60,000 in memory of beloved Principal Brother John Donoghue, C.S.C. Also on hand for the festivities were Holy Cross President Mike Truesdell, VP of Advancement Jim Conboy '83, Principal Ed Burns '84 and members of the Advancement Staff who shared a promotional video about the school featuring Holy Cross students and staff.

Around the corner at One Station Plaza the members of the Class of 1959 congregated in a pre-event celebration reminiscing on 50 years since their graduation from Holy Cross High School. Thank you to Reunion Committee Co-Chairs John Asselta, George Groom, Bob Larkin, Bill Schaeffer and Tom Sullivan for rallying their classmates to attend.



To view photos from the 2019 Alumni Reunion, click here: <https://holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/alumni-reunion-2019/>

The following evening, the class of 1959 joined fellow alums celebrating their Anniversary years, with a Mass and Celebration in the gymnasium. Former faculty also attended. Collectively, the Classes in attendance raised over \$110,000 for the School. The night was a spectacular evening for all Knights in attendance.

ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKERS

Continuing the alumni guest speaker series, Holy Cross was pleased to host visitors from across various professions who shared their stories with Holy Cross students in Mr. Maher's Introduction to Occupations class and Mr. McCarthy's Finance classes.

Mr. Frank Chiarello '72, an extraordinarily gifted leader in the real estate industry, schooled the students on how to handle real-world job interviews and how to succeed in ventures through perseverance. The essence of his advice for winning was "Be Persistent!"

Mr. Richard P. Nespola '62, founder of The Management Network Group, passed along sage advice about the importance of creating an atmosphere of "respectful irreverence," rather than being surrounded by "yes-men." Most importantly, Mr. Nespola pointed out that his moral compass was what guided him when a job asked him to violate his values. By stepping away from that company, he was motivated to found his own company.

Seniors learned about maritime engineering from the first-hand experiences of a veteran Navy Diver, Mr. Gerard Neumann '59.

Mr. Joseph Sparacio '78, Chief Financial Officer at Entertainment One, shared his career experience as CFO at numerous entertainment industry powerhouses, including IMAX and inDemand. His advice: to move ahead, you have to know when it's time to move on.

Mr. John Kelly '72, CEO and President of Frenkel & Company, visited Holy Cross with his wife, Patrice. He spoke about careers as a broker in the global insurance world. Discussions centered around humility and being a good listener and problem solver. After his presentation Mr. and Mrs. Kelly visited the Holy Cross chapel where they were married in 1985!

Holy Cross seniors were delighted to welcome Monsignor Steven Aguggia '79 who spoke on vocations to the Priesthood. Msgr. Aguggia shared his experiences responding to the calling, pointing out that "it's not just something you do, it's something you are...24/7."

If you are interested in visiting Holy Cross High School as an Alumni Guest Speaker, please fill out the Speaker Profile at holycrosshs.org/guestspeaker.



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Upcoming Events

2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND DINNER

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Immaculate Conception Center

Visit <https://holycrosshs.org/alumni/hall-of-fame/>
for more information or call Gail Sicoli at (718) 886-
7250, Ext. 577.

2020 ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Celebrating Classes 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980,
1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015.

For information, contact Maria Kaloidas at (718) 886-
7250, Ext. 544

38TH ANNUAL GOLF AND DINNER CLASSIC

Monday, June 15, 2020

38th Annual Golf and Dinner Classic
Old Westbury Golf and Country Club

Visit holycrosshs.org/golf for more information or
call Gail Sicoli at (718) 886-7250, Ext. 577.

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