



The Lance



International Women's Volleyball

By: Elena Delgado

This year was the first year that Holy Cross hosted an International Women's Volleyball Game. There were 4 teams involved: Kellenburg, McClancy, Holy Cross, and the international team was from Orago, Italy. The games



ment, Holy Cross won against McClancy. Although Orago came here for the tournament, they were able to bond with the Holy Cross team and create unforgettable memories.

took place on the 5th and 6th of September. The games that were played on the 5th were Kellenburg vs McClancy and Holy Cross vs Orago. The teams that played on the 6th were Holy Cross vs McClancy and Kellenburg vs Orago. Though Orago won the tourna-



By: Sara Keenan

Fallen Heroes

September 11th, 2001, was a tragic day. Many lives were taken and many lives will never be the same. Now 18 years later, the new class of FDNY probationary firefighters are made up of a record number of children of fallen 9/11 heroes. Fire Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro says "Bravery runs in these extraordinary families who have sacrificed so much for our city. I'm proud of the commitment these probes have already demonstrated to the department and look forward to



celebrating with them at their graduation." One of these brave young men is Holy Cross graduate, Marc Asero. Marc's father Carl lost his life on September 11, 2001 in the collapse of the World Trade Center, while serving as a NYC fire-

fighter. He left behind a wife, and six children. Marc and his sister Rebecca are joining their sibling's, Matthew and Carl Jr., to follow in their father's footsteps. Both have been sworn in as probationary firefighters. It is no surprise that Marc has entered into the Fire Department and a career of community service. Besides having his father as a role model, Marc had the principles of service instilled in him right here during his Holy Cross education.

By: Briana Tola

Open House 2019

On Sunday, October 20th, Holy Cross hosted their annual Open House. The Open House was an opportunity for eighth grade students to come and see



our wonderful school. Eighth grade students and their families came and got to meet with students and faculty to see if they would want to become a future Knight. Down in the Gymna-

sium, Holy Cross featured all of our clubs and sports teams, and answered any questions about our extracurricular activities. We also had cotton candy in the gym that all were able to enjoy. On the first floor we had our TV Studio, the Band Room, the Cafeteria and Room 111 with Ms. Burchik where she spoke about theology. On the second

floor, we had our Bio Lab where there were fun experiments with Ms. Garzon and Ms. Gianna. The Auditorium opened with a presentation about the school. On the third floor, we

had our Chemistry and Physics Lab opened which contained more fun experiments. We also

had the Art Room and the Media Center opened. On the fourth floor we had our Guidance Offices and our Holy Family Chapel opened. Many fami-



lies came and enjoyed their visit here at Holy Cross and we hope to have many more future Knights.

Hall of Fame Interview

By: Maria Ropic

There are many people in the Hall of Fame here at Holy Cross. Mr. Gibney, Mr. Aufieri, Ms. Kenny, Mr. Vallar, and most recently Ms. Diez. There are over 200+ inductees in the Hall of Fame. In order to be in the Hall of Fame a teacher would have to be nominated. The nominee has to demonstrate a significant level of achievement in one or more of the following areas: public service, government, religion, athletics, education, science and medicine, the arts, law, and/or finance. If they qualify then there's a vote on who should be inducted into the Hall of Fame

for that year.

We were able to interview Ms. Diez. Our interview with her below:

When did you start working here at Holy Cross?

"I started working at Holy Cross so many years ago. It was 1980 something. It's been about 35 years."

What makes Holy Cross special to you?

"Holy Cross has become a family to me! I have met so many special people here at HC. We have a very dedicated faculty and staff at HC that makes this institution a special and unique school community. Teaching Spanish to so many hard-working and amazing students has been a very gratifying experience for me at Holy Cross and I can honestly say I am very proud of their accomplishments."

What has been the highlight of your time here at Holy Cross?

"The highlight of my time here has been making lifelong friends who have become like family members. The support and friendship I have experienced and continue to encounter is priceless. Teaching the daughters and sons of former students has been a rewarding experience in my teaching career. I have met many of my former students in restaurants, hospitals, airports, etc. These graduates are always the most respectful and kind men who are always so ready and happy to talk about HC and are very appreciative of the education they received from their Alma Mater."

As you can see what Ms. Diez have stated. She have had a wonderful time here at holy cross and will continue to have an amazing time here.



By: Paige Mahon

2019 World Series

The Washington Nationals won the 2019 World Series by beating the Houston Astros 6-2 in the 7th



game of the series. This gave the Nationals their first ever World Series win and the city's first baseball championship since 1924. In the beginning of the 2019 regular season, the Nationals were 19-31 which put them in fourth place in the National League East division. They then finished the season with an "MLB-best" 74-38 record to earn the top NL Wild



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By: Nicholas Cogliandro & Philip Karathanasis

Rolling Loud 2019

Rolling Loud Festival is a music event that started in Miami, FL and is now the largest hip-hop festival in the world. In early October, Rolling Loud came to New York and was located at Citi Field. I attended Rolling Loud with some of my friends. It was a huge hit and over 60,000 people attended over two days. There were some big artists which included Lil Uzi Vert, Travis Scott, Asap Rocky, Playboi Carti, A Boogie and Gunna. In my opinion, the top performances during the festival were Lil Uzi Vert, Playboi Carti and Da Baby. Travis Scott was doing well until he broke his knee.



The first artist we saw was Sauce. The Fashion Nova Stage had the most famous artists performing, Dryp had the second most famous artists, and the Sauce Stage featured the least popular artists.

ABG Neal. As we tried to make our way in the crowd, it was very hot and tight, but we managed to make our way to the front to get a good view of the artist. When he came out, the entire crowd instantly became electric. Since we were too hot and wanted to save our energy for our preferred artists, we left the Sauce Stage and went to the Fashion Nova Stage. There were 3 stages at Rolling Loud: Fashion Nova, Dryp, and

Our favorite artist that we watched was Travis Scott. Since Travis Scott is our favorite musician, we were most hyped to see him out of anyone else at Rolling Loud. The anticipation was high for him because people all over the country and the world came to Rolling Loud just to see him perform. Although the performance was awesome, unfortunately, he broke his knee on stage; however, this did not stop him from putting on an amazing show.

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HOLY CROSS FALL SPORTS



Men's Varsity Football

We had the opportunity to speak to some of our football players about the 2019 season. Jelani Bonne-Anne said the season was "Pretty good, we could have done better, [but] we have improved from last year. Next year we're bringing [home] the chip." The football team finished the season 4-5 overall and in the league 3-3. Jalani said the best moment of their season was when they beat Hanover High School in New Jersey.



Women's JV Volleyball

This past volleyball season showed growth since last season. The girls were given the opportunity to compete internationally against a team from Italy. The women's volleyball team played in the CHSAA first round of playoffs, although the outcome wasn't in their favor, they are very hopeful for the next upcoming season. Next season the girls will be entering into varsity competition. We asked one of the team's captains, Sara Keenan, about her expectations for next season, "As our next season approaches, we will have three classes of girls. This will



bring our team closer and spark a positive attitude throughout the season on and off the court".

Men's Varsity Soccer

The men's varsity soccer team had a strong 2019 season. A milestone during the season was their win against Stepanic when Holy Cross defeated them 2-1. Holy Cross scored the first goal of the game, but then Stepanic answered with a goal before the half ended. Holy Cross then came out in the second half with a goal and held Stepanic off for more than 20 minutes. Holy Cross ended their season in the first round of the CHSAA soccer playoff against Xavier. Two Knights were honored on the All-League Team: senior Guiseppe Prainito and junior Luca Nitti. Men's Varsity Soccer team is hoping for a strong 2020 season.



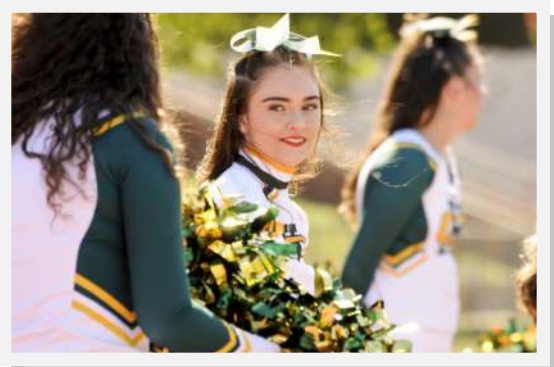
Cross Country

After an amazing 2018 season with our school's first ever womens team, the team looked to build off of that and have an even better 2019 season. When senior captain Gregory Papantoniou was asked about his senior experience, he said, "It could have been better but we made great memories." Following this statement, co-captain Michael Vitale said, "I feel it was a successful year, we had a lot of new members who worked hard and all of the teammates pushed each other." This was coach Cathy Quinn's first year coaching with senior runners. Overall, this team showed great improvement over the course of the season and are excited to come back next year.



Women's Cheerleading

It is Holy Cross's second year of cheerleading! The cheerleaders entered the winter season to cheer for varsity basketball. There were 21 girls on the team after the recent tryout on November 6th for the winter season. On October 18th, the cheerleaders performed at the pep rally with a dance choreographed by Sara Bhuyan. They also participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Light The Night Walk on October 26th. The girls helped boost everyone's spirit by cheering the participants on during the walk. With the coaching of Ms. Sanzo, the cheerleading team has grown immensely from last year, and have so much more to come!



Bowling

When speaking to the Varsity and JV coach Mr. LaGreca, he gave us great insight on the past season. The team had a great season this year, despite the varsity losing half their starters from last year and the JV only had one returning player. With the help of players who moved up to Varsity the team secured the 6th seed in the playoffs. Some highlights included when two of the team's captains, Christopher Palmisano and Nicholas Farkash, broke 200 multiple times during the season. Their season ended with a close match against Xevarian in the playoffs.



