



# The "Socially Distant" Lance



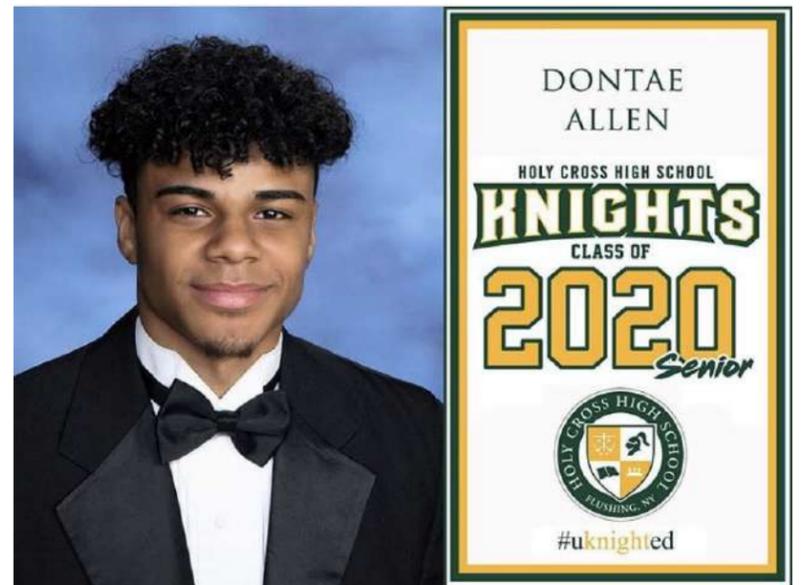
## A Senior Year From Home

By: Dontae Allen

On March 16th, 2020, Holy Cross High School was closed due to a virus that had been growing in the United States. A month later, this virus is still growing and Holy Cross High School has been performing Distance Learning, which is a way for all students to participate in their classes at-home and on their chromebooks. I feel that Distance Learning has been successful because all students are able to visit Google Classroom and get the work that they need for every class with the help and guidance of the teachers who are open to any emails for questions that students may have. I am personally going to miss my senior year at Holy Cross along with all of my

friends, classmates, and faculty. Although my senior year is possibly over because of the coronavirus, I will carry my experience and memories from my high school career with me forever. Currently, I am staying indoors trying to be as productive as possible; however, I do truly miss going out and doing activities with the boys! During my time at home, I have been focusing on my physical and mental health. I have not only been staying up to date with all of my school work and continuing to edu-

cate myself, but staying in shape and doing at home exercises to keep my body in a healthy and stable state. I truly advise that everyone takes time to focus on themselves, stay healthy, stay indoors, and pray for our country in this time of need.



By: Alexandra Lynch

## A Freshman Navigating the Pandemic

My name is Alexandra and though it is an extremely sad time, I think it is important to make the best of it and stay positive. Everyone is having different experiences, but for me I am trying to work on the things I love, like art. I have been practicing my singing, and have even started a new painting project. I have also been working on skills I am not so good at, like drawing. I try to sketch every other day in quarantine and watch tutorials so that maybe by the end of this I will have acquired a new skill. Luckily, I get to Face-Time my friends every day, but that does not make up for the structure of school that I am now missing. Distance learning is going great, but it can be hard to

keep a daily routine and to focus at home. With five other people in my house, and a dog, it can be hard to get quiet time to really focus on what I need to get done. Distance learning has helped me to understand the curriculum a lot more, and I know several others who feel the same way. In my opinion, this new system for Holy Cross is working out great, we really have made the best of a terrible situation, but I do still miss my friends, teachers, and being at school. When looking at this situation from afar, I feel incredibly blessed with my life, but staying home is not the easiest for everyone. There are many, many groups of people who cannot

bear to stay home, and it is especially important to remember those who rely on getting out of the house just to be happy. Like I said, there are so many people impacted by what is going on today. Overall, I would like to especially thank all of the essential workers during this time. Every little act counts during this crisis, and with their help this insane time should be over soon enough.



By: Briana Tola

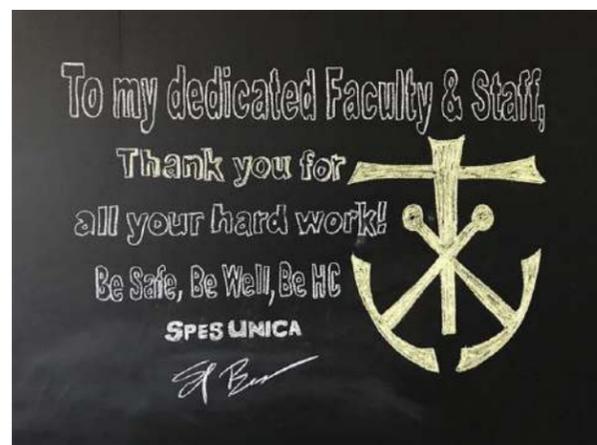
Hi everyone, I am Briana Tola, the freshman class president.



I hope everyone is staying safe during these difficult times. I definitely miss being at Holy Cross. Distance learning hasn't been bad, but I would rather be in the classroom learning. I am very thankful for the teachers and staff who

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have been making distance learning as easy as possible for us. I miss seeing the staff and my fellow classmates at school everyday. I hope to be back very soon. At home I have been keeping myself occupied by doing remote learning. The coronavirus has created a great sense of fear in people. We have to keep ourselves isolated.



I know that this is a very dangerous situation and we need to be safe. Please stay safe everyone and the Holy Cross Community will be back together soon.

## Practice Social Distancing

By: Maria Ropic



Without a doubt, I like distant learning, as I get the chance to tackle things on my own terms. I find it easier than having to wake up for school every day and I am able to get my work done when I want and need to. Regardless, there are still some downsides to distance learning. Unfortunately, I don't get the chance to see my teachers, friends, and family who I normally love seeing every day.

Originally, this situation was a very surprising change, but we are now over two months in and it's much more straightforward

and less complex than it was.

There are no words to portray how much I miss Holy Cross. I never thought I would be expressing that I miss school, yet I do. At home, I am trying to clean and help my mom anyway that I can. I usually get my work done in the morning and then either go for a walk or find something else to do.

The coronavirus is extremely serious because when you go outside you are placing yourself, and anyone at home with you in harm's

way. These are uncertain times. Close to the beginning of the coronavirus, I anticipated this to be much less serious, envisioning it to last only two or three days; however, it has extended much further with social-distancing measures still in place and a lot of other changes. It is still important to adjust to these circumstances and learn to understand these guidelines. I hope you all stay safe.

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**PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

# Rest in Peace Henry Franco

It is with heavy hearts that we share the loss of our beloved Director of Maintenance, Henry Franco, who passed away on April 15, 2020. Henry was a pillar of our school community and was always quick with a smile or a helping hand. He brightened the lives of all who were fortunate to have met him.



spect who cherished his family. As a community of Faith, we know that he now rests in the eternal embrace of Christ. We ask that you join us in keeping the Franco family in your hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

A former Marine, he was a man of integrity and re-



## HCHS Staying Connected



## THE LANCE STAFF



- Dontae Allen
- Nicholas Cogliandro
- Christian Delapaz
- Elena Delgado
- Olivia Giakoumas
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- Brandon Knight
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- Ryan Panagakos

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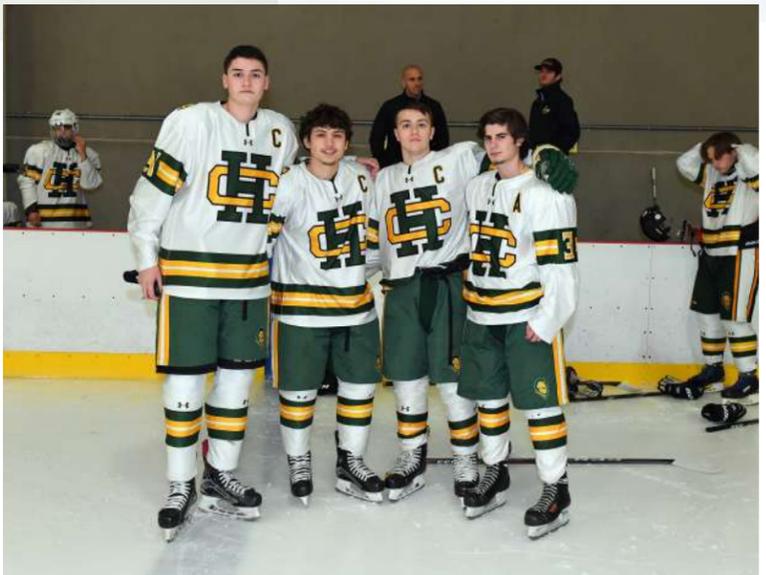
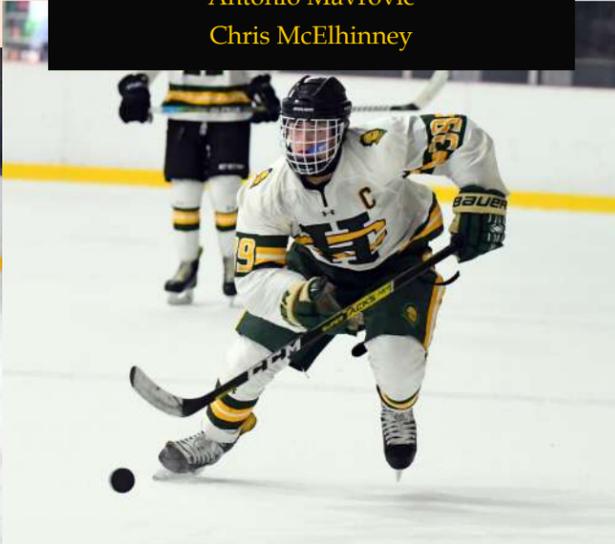


Thank you Seniors!



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 Greg Papantoniou  
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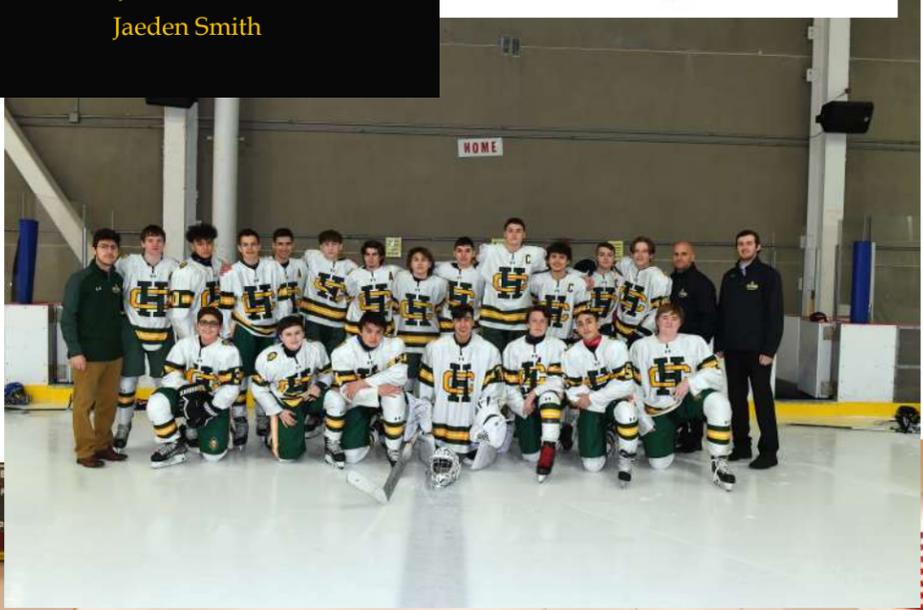


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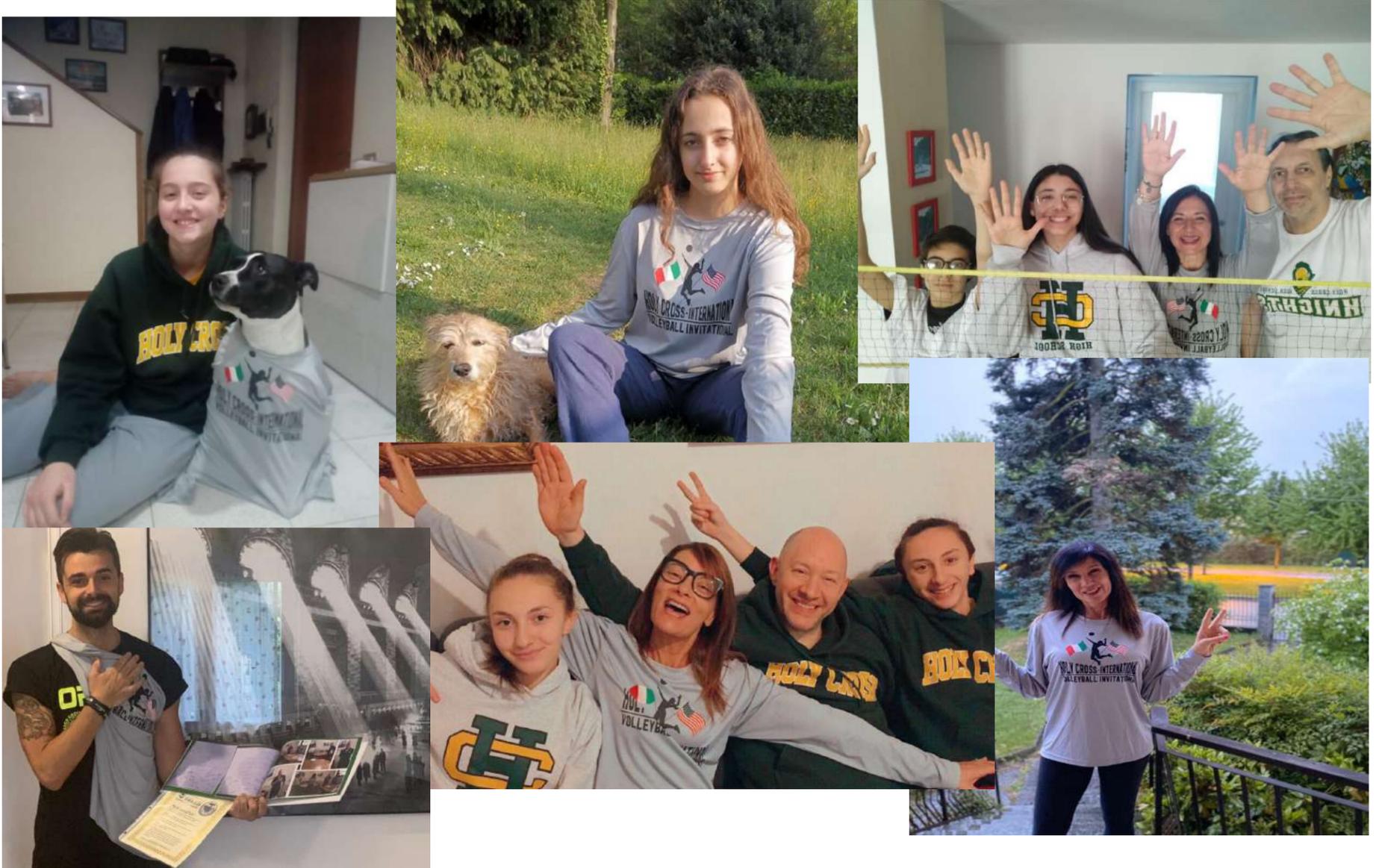


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# Holy Cross Friends Abroad



Through all the craziness in the world, our Holy Cross Community has stay connected in many ways. In September we were lucky to host an International Women's Volleyball game with the Orago Volleyball Team from Varese, Italy. The competition was strong, but our newfound friendship was even stronger. To show their support for our community, pictured here are the players, the coaches, and their families sporting their Holy Cross gear! Holy Cross is thrilled to be able to stay connected with our Italian friends during these unprecedented times. We wish them all the best and hope to be able to play against them in the future.

