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Eagles bring home school's **first-ever**
New York CHSAA Archdiocesan
baseball championship

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From the **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

With the end of another school year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the many blessings we have received. Although summer may see us go our separate ways, no Eagle is ever far from home. The bonds we've made in our hallowed halls will forever unite us. I hold this sentiment dear as I await the start of our next semester.

Looking back on our 2022-2023 school year, students have excelled in all areas of their studies and have achieved great success in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, court and beyond. To witness young men evolve with their lessons is one of my greatest joys, and I eagerly await news of our new graduates' future successes — of which I am sure will be many!

To you, our generous alumni, I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation. Your continued support has helped St. Peter's evolve into a modern institution fit to meet the spiritual, academic and extracurricular needs of today's young men. Your contributions, be they monetary, time-based or other, have helped our students, families, staff and community experience the greatness that a true St. Peter's education can provide.

As we close out this school year, I want to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to this family we've forged. I am thrilled for all we have accomplished together and look forward to all that is to come. Until next time, please enjoy this special issue of The Eagle Review.

God bless,



John A. Fodera

JOHN A. FODERA '62
President
Principal, 1991–2017



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From the Desk of **PRINCIPAL COSENTINO**

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we end another successful academic season, I am proud to share some notable highlights and achievements from our school's incredible year.

First, I would like to congratulate our graduating seniors on their college decisions. These young men have chosen to pursue higher education at prestigious institutions such as Binghamton; Catholic University; Clemson, Duquesne, Fordham, La Salle and Syracuse universities; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Stevens Institute of Technology. We wish them the best as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

Speaking of academic excellence, we've also inducted 23 new members into our National Honor Society who exemplified the Society's four pillars: Service, Character, Scholarship and Citizenship. I could not be prouder of their accomplishments.

Meanwhile, our St. Peter's family continued to immerse itself in our community. Our International Night was a great success, with students and families representing 12 countries from around the world. Through food, music and dance, we showcased our cultures and fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for diversity.

Our Eagles for a Cause fundraiser saw immense success as well. This event embodies our Lasallian tradition of uniting for those in need, and I commend our students for their remarkable efforts. Our hockey program's sled hockey event also raised funds for the Handicapped Long Island Rough Riders Organization. More on these to come!

This year's Career Night gave juniors valuable insights and guidance for future endeavors. Thank you to the 30 alumni volunteers who educated our young men about their respective careers, including Vincent Innocente '08, who organized the event.

In keeping with tradition, Frank Cafaro, John Mancuso '98 and Mike DiSalvo '07 led a group of 22 students on a memorable trip to Switzerland and Italy over the Easter break.

In athletics, our bowling team emerged as the Staten Island champions, with junior Joe Guarneri placing an impressive third in the 5 Borough/Long Island Bowling Tournament.

Meanwhile, football star Elijah Campbell was honored for his academic achievements and outstanding performance on the field. And in track, our 4x100 relay team placed third at the Penn Relays, while eight students also competed in the New York State Intersectional Championships.

Additionally, junior Qadir Martin was recognized as the best basketball player on Staten Island with the prestigious Jaques Award. Our lacrosse team competed in the CHSAA B City Championship for the second consecutive year, while our baseball team made history by winning the CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship for the first time in St. Peter's history. The team is now set to compete for the overall city championship against St. Francis and the state title.

Moreover, our newly formed powerlifting team made a remarkable debut by winning their first meet against Donovan Catholic. The team broke numerous state and world records during their performance. Meanwhile, on a different stage, the St. Peter's Drama Club wowed audiences with its spring production of The Addams Family. This was a performance for the ages!

Lastly, our junior and senior proms were unforgettable nights for our students. Seventy juniors enjoyed their prom at Ligreci's Staaten, while 80 seniors celebrated at The Gramercy. These events served as memorable milestones in their high school journey.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our blessings this year, and, of course, congratulations once again to the graduates of our 106th Commencement!

God bless,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Cosentino".

MICHAEL COSENTINO '03
Principal
Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

FEATURED STORY



Throwing Heat

St. Peter's claims school's first-ever
CHSAA Archdiocesan crown

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Eddie Mayrose, 5/27/23

(All photos courtesy of Staten Island Advance/Kara Buzga)



St. Peter's rode the dominant pitching of junior southpaw **Christopher Laieta** and an airtight infield defense to its first-ever New York CHSAA Archdiocesan baseball championship in a 4-0 blanking of Iona Prep at Fordham University, the Bronx.

It was the second playoff victory over top-seeded Iona for the Eagles, who (would next) face the Brooklyn-Queens champion in a three-game series to determine the CHSAA city champion.

"We've played like that all season," said Eagles head coach Bobby Glennerster, whose squad was sporting new black, yellow and royal blue uniforms with the words 'Brighton Boys' for the school which hails from New Brighton. *"The defense has been phenomenal all year. We encourage our pitchers to pitch to contact because our defense is so good."*

Laieta needed that defense in the second inning, the only one in which Iona was able to mount a threat. After a walk and a hit batter, the Gaels had runners on first and second with no one out, prompting a mound visit by Glennerster.



Laieta and the Eagles responded. First baseman **Chris Bedford** made a beautiful play; pouncing on a bunt and getting the lead runner at third before Laieta induced a grounder to third where **Joe Mennella** started an around-the-horn double play to get the Eagles out of the inning.

In the meantime, St. Peter's was patient at the plate, working deep into counts and elevating the pitch count of Iona starter Marcel Kulik.

"That's something we talk about all the time, not swinging to just swing and good pitch selection," said Glennerster. *"That is part of our game plan every game."*

"That's part of my game and our game," said Eagle second baseman **Ty Mainolfi**, who was 2 for 2 with two walks. *"Get quality at-bats, raise the pitch count and get their starter out of the game early."*

The Eagles, who left runners in scoring position in each of the second, third and fourth innings, finally broke through in the fifth inning. Mainolfi drew a one-out walk, bringing Mennella to the plate.

FEATURED STORY

"It was a 3-2 count and I knew I wasn't going to strikeout," said the senior. "He hung a curveball and I crushed it. One of the best swings in my entire life."

Mennella drilled a double to deep left-center that sent Mainolfi home with the game's first run. After three walks and a groundout, St. Peter's found themselves with a 2-0 lead as left-fielder **Steve Martinez** stepped into the box with two outs. Martinez quickly fell behind in the count before delivering a back-breaking blow to Iona.

"That was a big spot," said Martinez. "With an 0-2 count. I just tried to shorten my swing and he made a mistake."

Martinez laced a single into center that plated two; the second on a beautiful slide by **Jack Kehoe**, who just beat the tag.

From there, it was all about Laieta, who struck out the side in the sixth; getting each guy to chase a wicked curveball that had baffled Iona all night.

"Usually, that's my pitch.," said Laieta. "When it's on, I feel like I can tell you it's coming and you still won't be able to hit it."

"When he's like that he's very tough," said Glennerster.

So are the Eagles.

NOTES: Laieta struck out eight and allowed just three hits in the complete game while, amazingly, never allowing a ball to leave the infield. The Eagles were very aware of just how significant their first championship is. *"To leave a mark like this on the school is an amazing feeling,"* said Mainolfi.

Glennerster cited his team's resilience as one of the reasons his Eagles made the title run and pointed to a tough spot in the middle of the season as the starting point. *"We lost four in a row then were able to bounce back,"* the coach recalled.

"It wasn't one specific game. At some point, everything just fell into place. The lineup, pitching, even their confidence levels all just came around. Everyone seemed to find a rhythm. During a run like we're on, you obviously have to be good, you have to have a little luck on your side and the ball has to go your way. It's just been a great few weeks."



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Recovering St. Peter's president

didn't miss a pitch during Eagles' run
to Archdiocesan crown

Excerpt from article published in Staten Island Advance by Charlie De Bias Jr., 5/28/23

John Fodera is not one to miss big games in person as far as St. Peter's is concerned.

Fodera, who is currently St. Peter's president and has been associated with the New Brighton school for all but his four years of college since 1958, is more often than not in attendance when the stakes are high for the Eagles.

Suffice it to say Fodera would have been front and center when STP's varsity baseball team played its biggest game in program history — the CHSAA Archdiocesan championship game against defending champion Iona Prep. The Eagles, of course, took home the Archdiocesan crown with a 4-0 triumph over the Gaels.

"I would have been in the dugout with the boys," he proudly proclaims.

But Fodera (was) just three weeks removed from having total hip replacement surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. The Castleton Corners resident, who was principal at St. Peter's between 1990-2017, has made significant strides since his surgery, but it was still too soon for him to make the long trip to Fordham University in the Bronx.

"I would have loved to have been there, but fortunately I was able to watch the game, first pitch to last, on LocalLive," explained the 1962 St. Peter's alum. "It's something I wouldn't have missed for the world otherwise. I was crushed that I couldn't be there."

Fodera, of course, (had) been keeping close tabs on St. Peter's incredible run, which (included) a stretch of 13 victories in 14 games and a seven-game winning streak in the playoffs. He was



thrilled to watch Friday's nip-and-tuck contest, which included a huge pitching performance from junior southpaw Chris Laieta.

"This was a long-time coming for a group of very talented athletes and a coach (Bobby Glennerster) who has given 110 percent to the team and St. Peter's," the president said. "It's a landmark win for St. Peter's and something we are so proud to bring to Staten Island.

"Our sports program has put yet another stamp on its great reputation," Fodera continued. "We are so grateful to all our alumni and parents, who have been so supportive all season."

Glennerster, of course, was aware Fodera wasn't in attendance, but was thrilled to deliver St. Peter's first Archdiocesan title.

"Mr. Fodera has been able to watch on the livestream and has texted me after every playoff game this year," said Glennerster, who is also STP's admissions coordinator. "And he always gives me a breakdown of what he saw, which is awesome.

"He truly cares about the program and school and we, of course, appreciate his support."

HOCKEY

St. Peter's hockey hosts 12th annual charity 'sled hockey' game

On May 6, St. Peter's Hockey hosted its greatly anticipated 12th-annual sled hockey game against the Long Island Rough Riders – a local team of handicapped players who take to the ice using sleds. The team shows an inspiring display of skill, with several amputee members and special olympic athletes.

Over the years our school has donated over \$110,000 (while St. Peter's players are still chasing their first victory)! While skilled themselves, our Eagles have a hard time playing in these unfamiliar sleds. This game is more than a friendly competition, providing each of our players perspective on how difficult life is for these handicapped athletes.

Over the years the St. Peter's Eagles have looked forward to this game. They see the players must be treated with respect and passion. We are all passionate about these games. Coach Ed Blackburn has been the driving force behind these successful fundraisers.



(Staten Island Advance)

BASKETBALL



Denis Driscoll boasted a 285-156 record during a 19-year career as St. Peter's freshman basketball coach. (Courtesy of Jenny Driscoll)

St. Peter's long-time freshman basketball coach retires; welcomes nephew to take over

Excerpt from article published in Staten Island Advance by Charlie De Biase Jr., 6/1/23

Denis Driscoll, who guided St. Peter's freshman basketball team to numerous championships during a near two-decade career, has decided to retire, the Advance/SILive.com has learned.

Driscoll, who joined the Eagles' coaching staff prior to the 2004-05 season under former, long-time varsity coach and brother Charlie Driscoll, coached on the high school level for 26 years overall. Prior to joining St. Peter's, Denis Driscoll guided Notre Dame Academy's junior varsity for seven seasons.

"She was very helpful, always did the (uniforms) laundry after games and I appreciate everything she did."

Driscoll will be replaced at the freshman level by his nephew, Jake DeForest.

DENIS DRISCOLL BY THE NUMBERS

Driscoll, a retired FDNY lieutenant and currently the Fire & Life Safety Director at JLL Real Estate in Manhattan, boasted a career record of 285-156 (.640 winning percentage) in 18 full seasons (one season wasn't played because of Covid) and 441 total games with the Eagles. A good portion of his record came against



CHSAA AA competition. He kept records on every season from results to rosters, coached a total of 291 student-athletes and not only won 12 CHSAA Staten Island Division crowns, but six SIHSL Freshman Tourneys in the nine years it existed.

Driscoll is especially thankful to his brother Charlie, as well as the many administrators he crossed paths with through the years, including president John Fodera, former athletic director Patricia Mulligan, current principal Michael Cosentino and current athletic director Mark DeCristoforo.

"Charlie is my best friend and my mentor — he taught me the St. Peter's way to play basketball and I really appreciate the opportunity he gave me," Denis Driscoll said. *"And I can't say enough about John (Fodera), as well as (Mulligan and DeCristoforo). They always gave me anything I needed."*

The West Brighton resident said he understood the importance of a freshman coach and enjoyed every minute of his tenure.

"The job is to get the new kids ready for the next level — it's a learning and development year," he said. *"And that's what I really loved about the job. It was very rewarding to see the kids develop and become varsity contributors, especially on the occasions when you see a kid who was eighth, ninth or 10th in the rotation as a freshman and they developed to become a varsity starter. Very rewarding."*

"I didn't know Joe before we started coaching together and now he's a lifelong

friend," said Denis Driscoll. *"We just hit it off from the very start and I'm thankful to every coach who assisted me, but especially Joe — we were always on the same page."*

Denis Driscoll said he also enjoyed his coaching stint at NDA, especially since he got to coach his daughter.



Jake DeForest, standing second from right, is St. Peter's new freshman basketball coach. DeForest, a 2014 graduate of the New Brighton school, previously assisted Ryan Woods (Kneeling, second from left) on both the junior varsity and varsity levels. (Staten Island Advance/Charlie De Biase Jr.)

JAKE DEFOREST TAKES OVER

Woods announced that DeForest, who has been around St. Peter's basketball in one capacity or another his entire life, will take over the reins at the freshman level.

"Jake definitely has big shoes to fill, but we're very excited about him stepping into a major role in our program," said Woods, who guided the Eagles to an 18-9 overall record, the SIHSL Tournament crown and a CHSAA AA Intersectional quarterfinal appearance during his rookie season. "He's got a very good rapport with the kids in our program. They respect him and this is a great opportunity for Jake to grow.

We believe he'll do a good job getting our kids ready."

DeForest, a 2014 graduate of St. Peter's, was the manager for Charlie Driscoll's varsity teams during his high school years. After joining Charlie Donohue's coaching staff at McKee/Staten Island Tech for a season, he returned to St. Peter's and assisted Woods on the junior varsity level for four years.

DeForest, who has also coached at the CYO level, joined Woods and fellow assistants Mike Spisto and Mike Sanborn when Woods made the jump to varsity head coach prior to the 2022-23 season.

"Without a doubt, he has the stability, discipline and toughness you need to have with this job," added Woods.

"He's got good basketball genes," laughed Denis Driscoll of DeForest, who is the son of his sister Joyce. "Jake's an alum, he's been around the basketball program since he was young and he just bleeds blue and gold.

"I think he's learned a lot and is ready," the former coach continued. "He's 100 percent ready to take over the reins."

Read the full story with additional staff and administration commentary on [SILIVE.COM](https://www.silive.com).

WHAT'S GOING ON *at our Alma Mater?*



Kirk Emanuelsen

1973-1978 Teacher - Physics, Chemistry,
Living Environment,
Earth Science

1978-1985 Science Department
Chairperson & Teacher

1985-1990 Dean of Students

1990-2018 Assistant Principal of Academics

2018-PRESENT Academic Consultant

Kirk has had a huge impact on St. Peter's from behind the scenes over the past 50 years, known to some as the backbone of the whole institution and the brain behind the operations. Aside from his impact as an educator, Kirk was also active on several school ski trips throughout the 1980s and continues to act as emcee for our Basket Auction and graduation ceremonies each year.

Kirk is the father of Kirk Emanuelsen Jr., LCDR USN '99, who went on to the U.S. Naval Academy and currently serves his country as a lieutenant commander at Navy Command Southeast in Jacksonville, FL.



Frank Cafaro

Frank Cafaro has dedicated his life to serving and shaping the St. Peter's Boys High School community. Hired in 1973 by Brother Robert, Frank began as a History and Religion teacher. One year later, he established the school's hockey program and league, serving as its president several times over the years.

In 1975, he became the freshman guidance counselor, and served as Parents Club and History Club moderator and driver's education teacher until 1982. His commitment extended beyond academics, as he moderated the Student Council and organized monthly dances for nearly three decades (1979-2004).

Frank's impact on student life was felt through the initiation of traditions like the senior trips to Hawaii, which he began in 1980 and spanned an impressive 39 years. He also pioneered the school's ongoing blood drive and the Dance Marathon, raising awareness and funds for worthy causes.

As a senior guidance counselor and later as the director of guidance, Frank provided invaluable support to students



when they needed it most. His dedication earned him recognition as the Staten Island Continuum for Education's "Teacher of the Year" in 1994.

Frank's commitment to the Lasallian ideals led him to establish the Lasallian Youth Group at St. Peter's. He moderated the group and organized yearly summer trips to the Brothers Lasallian Youth program from 1990-2017, inspiring countless students along the way. He also initiated annual trips to Europe, fostering cultural exploration and personal growth.

Over the course of his career, Frank received numerous accolades, including being named the Lasallian Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1997, and in 2018 was affiliated by the Brothers of the Christian schools with the honorary title of A.F.S.C. and had Nov 5, 2018 declared Frank Cafaro Day by Borough President Jim Oddo.

It is clear that Frank Cafaro's contributions to St. Peter's Boys High School have left an indelible mark. His dedication to students, his commitment to service, and his embodiment of the Lasallian ideals have shaped the institution's legacy. Frank's impact will continue to be felt by students and staff for years to come.



Richmond University Medical Center Internship

Congratulations to all of our Seniors who completed their Internship with Richmond University Medical Center this morning. Thanks to the RUMC staff for making it possible!



College Decision Day

On College Decision Day, some of our seniors dressed up in their college merch to show support for the next level of their life. We will miss you guys!



Eagles Find Victory at the Staten Island Catholic HS Bowling League

Congratulations to our bowling team and coach Pat Calchi for winning the Staten Island Catholic HS Bowling League!

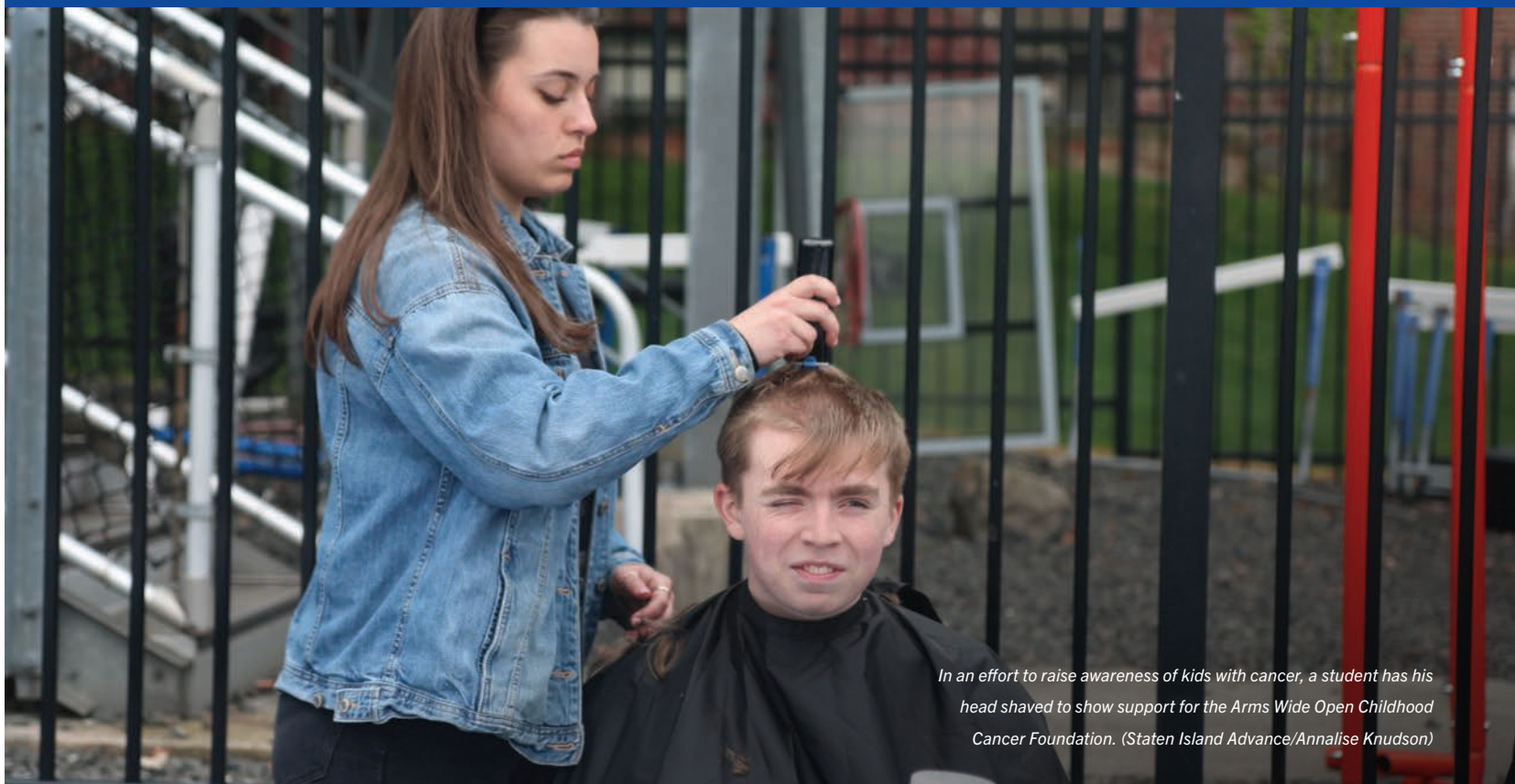


An Award-Worthy Performance

Congratulations to our St. Peter's Drama Club on another show stopping production! This year's show, The Addams Family, received much recognition from the 2023 Minty Awards, winning the Best Actress, Best Chorus and Outstanding Artistic Design categories. We'd like to once again congratulate Mattea Ricciardi who was awarded the Theater Player of the Year for St. Peter's!



WHAT'S GOING ON *at our Alma Mater?*



In an effort to raise awareness of kids with cancer, a student has his head shaved to show support for the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation. (Staten Island Advance/Annalise Knudson)

A mission to help those in need:

St. Peter's Boys High School raises over \$10K to benefit 2 organizations

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Annalise Knudson, 5/1/23

Giving back to people in need was the message among students at St. Peter's Boys High School, which celebrated the culmination of its annual fundraising efforts at a field day event.

Every year, the New Brighton school holds the Eagles for a Cause fundraising campaign that urges students to give back to their community and people who need help.

"Our school is a LaSallian school, part of that mission is to help those in need,

especially the poor," said Principal Michael Cosentino.

Eagles for a Cause was started years ago by a former faculty member, according to the principal.

Current teacher John Mancuso has taken on a role in helping plan the events and fundraising. Students donned yellow T-shirts on Thursday during a field day event to meet with organization members and enjoy outdoor activities and sports. Students took to the school's football field

to play several sports, like basketball, football, baseball and more.

"We do a lot of community service throughout the year, but this is the culmination at the end of the year, where it's easy to get the kids to participate in a field day and get out of class," explained Cosentino. *"So naturally, they want to be participating, but at the true meaning of it, these kids are donating money to these great causes to help these people out and our community. That's the premise behind it."*



Left: St. Peter's Boys High School, New Brighton, held its Eagles for a Cause field day fundraising event, which raised money for two organizations. (Staten Island Advance/Annalise Knudson)

Below: Principal Michael Cosentino speaks to students during the event. (Staten Island Advance/Annalise Knudson)



According to Mancuso, the high school raised more than \$10,000 this year, in partnership with a St. Peter's alum, to benefit both the Live Like Lou Foundation and the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation.

"You guys taking the time to be a part of this, to understand a little bit — we talked about it earlier, the financial aspect of it — is massively helpful. More importantly, is making awareness. The fact that all your families are aware now, all the people of St. Peter's, the alumni who are involved, is going to make a tremendous difference," said Beale.

About 14 students even shaved their hair off in solidarity with the organization during Thursday's event. One of the ways Arms

Wide Open raises awareness of childhood cancer each year is through its fall event, Shave 4 A Cure.

"We are thankful that St. Peter's has come alongside us to help children with cancer and their families," said Dena Sherwood, president of Arms Wide Open. *"That the boys have selflessly given of their time and themselves to shave in solidarity of children with cancer who lose their hair."*

Dominick Valentine, a 2022 graduate at St. Peter's High School who now attends Seton Hall University, asked for the school community's help with his fraternity's philanthropic endeavors involving Live Like Lou, a foundation that supports families affected by ALS, funds research to find

treatments or cures for Lou Gehrig's disease while honoring Gehrig's legacy.

Valentine explained that his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, has focused its philanthropic efforts to raise funds for Live Like Lou.

"I'm glad that St. Peter's remains a constant in my life, joining me in this next chapter, this foundation, and my new family I found. I hope you guys could really help us out, we appreciate it and thank you," said Valentine.

For more information about Arms Wide Open, visit www.awoccf.org, and for more information about Live Like Lou, visit www.livelikelou.org.

WHAT'S GOING ON *at our Alma Mater?*



Class Valedictorian Deen Radoncic laughs during his speech at the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2023 graduation, held at the Eagles' Cardinal Spellman Auditorium in New Brighton. June 3, 2023. (Staten Island Advance/Jason Paderon)



Graduate Sean Ryan Danis plays the bagpipes as the faculty enters at the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2023 graduation, held at the Eagles' Cardinal Spellman Auditorium in New Brighton. June 3, 2023. (left). Scenes from the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2023 graduation (above/right). (Staten Island Advance/Jason Paderon).

St. Peter's Boys High School graduates 101 students

*Article published in Staten Island Advance
by Jason Paderon, 6/3/23*

Hundreds of family members and friends gathered in the Cardinal Spellman Auditorium at St. Peter's to witness the commencement of the 101 graduates from the class of 2023.

Graduate Sean Ryan Danis set the scene, performing the bagpipes as the faculty made their entrance.

Class Salutatorian Christopher D'Addesa opened the ceremony with his address, using a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson to describe his experiences at the school.

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be," quoted D'Addesa.

"I truly believe that every single person here is capable of achieving what they want in life if they set their mind to it," he added.

Valedictorian Deen Radoncic added his perspective.

"Our time at St. Peter's has been defined, by among other things, brotherhood, faith, sports, and family," said Radoncic. *"These themes have been woven into the fabric of our high school experience, shaping us into the young men we are today. We are here today because we have embraced these values, and I know that we will carry them with us as we move forward in life."*

[View the full gallery of 76 photos on SILIVE.COM](#)



Congratulations to our seniors!

Class of 2023

John Joseph Abitino
Nicholas Abrahamsen
Ayden R. Acevedo
Tyler Albergo
Anthony P. Basile
Jonathan James Beale
Andrew James Bedford
Michael Bourdon
Sean Christopher Bowden
Steven Bradley
Kevin Bruns
Christopher Bucaro
Elijah Campbell
Max Caputo
Joseph Caravaglio
Alexander Chi
Frank C. Chianese
Anthony D. Ciaramella
Andrew W. Creech
John Criscuoli
Marco Cundari
James Curran
Christopher Joseph D'Addesa
James Anthony D'Addesa
Sean Ryan Danis
David DeLeon
Joseph - Diego DeNicola
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John P. Duffy
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Ahmet Ivackovic
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Nicholas Kokolis
Allan Lankamer
John Joseph Latona
Christian Joseph Lee
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Lucas LoMonaco
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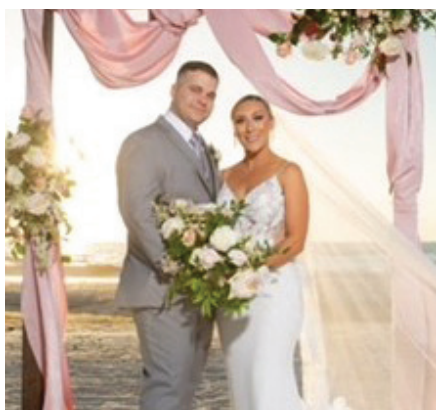
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Deen Radoncic
Christopher Raimonda
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Nicholas Silvestro
Erdet Smailovic
Ramon I. Sorte III
John Tacetta
Luke Vincent Tarantino
Tyler Turnbull
Henry Max Vathi
Jonathan Andrew Viera
James Whitford
Jordan Williams
Deven Zajac

EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

Raymand Bayer, John Mason, Bryan Mason, Martin Moog & Paul Gavin

Class of '11, '21, '18, '08 & '07

(Left) Raymond Bayer '11 and his new wife, Brianna, were married in Marco Island, Fla., on November 11, 2022. (Right) Raymond was joined by his groomsmen, from the left, his brother John Mason '21, Bryan Mason '18, best man Martin Moog '08 and brother-in-law Paul Gavin '07.



Bob Nobile, John Best, Jim McNamara & Matthew Kelleher

Class of '78 & '77

Bob Nobile '78, John Best '78, Jim McNamara '77 and Matthew Kelleher '77 celebrated together at Bob's daughter's wedding.



Tom Parsons, Jim Cashman & Ken Decker

Class of '61

Tom Parsons, Jim Cashman and Ken Decker reunited at their third-annual St. Peter's Boys High School Class of '61 Florida reunion in Punta Gorda.



A St. Peter's "Boots and Blue Jeans" Meetup

Several Eagles met up to support the event "Boots and Blue Jeans" event to benefit Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc! From left to right: Mark Russo '85, James Imbro '00, Tom Crimmins '77, Vin Innocente '08, Pat Clifford '03, Jack McCarthy '03, Chris Daniti '03 and John Bilotti '83.





Vinny Innocente, STP Advisory Board Member

Class of '08

"I was proud to help organize Career Night at St. Peter's Boys High School with over 30 of my fellow alumni coming back to speak to the juniors and seniors about their various career paths. Thank you to all the incredible Eagles who came back to share their time, talents and experiences with the students, especially our featured speakers Judge Eric Vitaliano '64, Mark Lamberti '90, Andre Lewis '08 and Sal Fabozzi '10, plus my Northfield Bank colleagues James Imbro '00, Shon Sealy '14, and so many more!"



Class of '85 Celebrates

Andrew Toth, Thomas Mormino, Pete McGovern, Scott Cutaneo (chef and owner), Mike McHugh and Pete Rappa met up at Scott's new restaurant, Uproot Restaurant, in Warren, NJ.



A Musical Meetup

Class of '82

Joe Miglionico, Nick Patti and Sly Willis of '82 met at The Stone Pony where Joe's band, "Illegally Blind", was playing. You can catch them playing in New Jersey all summer!



EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

Frank Fertitta

Class of '06

Congratulations to Frank '06 and Valerie Fertitta on their wedding celebration at Excellence, Rivera Maya.



OD Anosike **Class of '09**

Congratulations OD Anosike on starting his 10th year of playing professional basketball in Turkey.



Erik Bille **Class of '88**

Erik Bille '88 (left) celebrated with his son, Connor John Bille, as he embarked on a career in the NYPD!



John Caravella

Class of '86

John Caravella, wife Silvia and son Johnny as he won a Gold & Bronze medal at his latest Karate Tournament.



Tom Casatelli

Class of '88

Tom Casatelli '88 and his family celebrated their son Tristan's First Holy Communion.



Eddie DeCurtis

Class of '86

Congratulations to Eddie '86 and Jennifer DeCurtis on their 25th wedding anniversary.



Donald Skinner **Class of '47**

Donald Skinner pictured here out with his wife and children.





Frank Rubano

Class of '05

God Bless Frank Rubano '05 and his wife and son Frankie Paul on his Christening.



James West

Class of '09

James West '09 celebrated his father Jim Sr.'s 60th birthday. James was also selected by Super Lawyers as a 2023 New York Metro Rising Star.



Joe Capuano

Class of '06

Joe Capuano '06 with client and customer Nick Trombetta. Joe operates Solo Fitness and Wellness as well as NRS Kicks (Never Ride Stock) custom sneakers shop on Hlyan Blvd.



WHERE ARE YOU?

Hey Eagles! We know moving has a lot of components already, but please remember to let us know your new address and contact information to stay in the loop on all things St. Peter's. Our current database has a number of outdated addresses, so ask your friends and fellow alumni to send current addresses to communications@stpetersboyshs.org.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Class of '03 Unites for 20th-Anniversary Celebration

A reunion committee headed by Dan Russo, principal Mike Cosentino, Pat Clifford and Jack McCarthy rounded up close to 50 classmates for a great afternoon of laughs and memories at Jody's Club Forest which is owned by fellow alum, Terence Haggerty '00.



FEATURED ALUMNI



Ex-St. Peter's star Chris Ledlum (30) was an All-Ivy league selection at Harvard. (Staten Island Advance)

Former St. Peter's HS and Harvard star Chris Ledlum **makes a decision, will attend this Power-5 school**

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Nick Regina, 4/19/23

S-E-C you later.

Former St. Peter's HS and Harvard University star Chris Ledlum will take his talents to the Southeastern Conference next season. The 6-foot-6 forward announced on Wednesday that he will attend the University of Tennessee to play for coach Rick Barnes in the fall.

According to 247 Sports, the former Staten Islander took an official visit to Tennessee that began last Thursday and ended on Saturday afternoon. Ledlum reportedly flew straight to New York for an official visit with St. John's that concluded on Monday. He also visited Indiana earlier this month, though he ultimately opted for Knoxville in the end.

This year, Ledlum led the Crimson in points per game (18.8), rebounds per game (8.5), and steals per game (1.8). He was a

unanimous All-League selection. In 70 career NCAA games, he has averaged 13.6 points, 6.7 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 1.2 steals.

He joins a Volunteers squad that went 25-11 last season and lost in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16.

During an impressive two-year varsity run at St. Peter's, Ledlum posted similarly impressive numbers. He averaged 20.3 points and 9.0 rebounds per game as a junior en route to being named the SIHSL South division Player of the Year. He transferred to Northfield Mount Hermon in Gill, Mass. for his senior year, where he was named the state's Gatorade Player of the Year in 2019.

Ledlum was a top-150 recruit coming out of HS and a four-star talent, according to 247 Sports. He's expected to log heavy minutes for a Tennessee squad that figures to vie for a conference crown.

FEATURED ALUMNI

St. Peter's HS alum returns to college baseball after undergoing two brain surgeries

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Nick Regina, 4/17/23

In early April, Daniel Sedutto took the mound for Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Devils for the first time in nearly a year. Trailing 15-2 against Arcadia, the St. Peter's HS alum came on to record the final out in defeat.

But this appearance was far greater than one-third of an inning, or any final result. For Sedutto, it was his first time taking the ball since undergoing two brain surgeries last summer.

The Morristown Daily Record reported that Sedutto suffers from a Type-1 Chiari malformation, a rare congenital condition that renders his brain too large for his skull. He also had a buildup of cerebrospinal fluid and the combination left him with painful, recurring headaches.

The 21-year-old senior underwent a six-hour brain operation at Staten Island University Hospital in July. Two weeks later, he was back under the knife to reopen the incision, which had become inflamed, and clean out the wound.

After a lengthy recovery and arduous rehab process, Sedutto was back on the ball field. The Farmingdale, N.J. resident, who was a team captain at St. Peter's, has faced plenty of adversity during his college career. He missed out on his freshman season due to the

pandemic and the following year he was sidelined after undergoing arthroscopic shoulder surgery.

The 5-foot-9, 200-pound right-hander finally made his college debut last season and he's excited for the remaining games on this year's schedule.

"He embodies what you want in every one of your kids," FDU-Florham pitching coach Kyle Murphy told the Daily Record. *"He's a program kid with a heart of gold. It's nice having a true fighter in the dugout every day with us."*

After Sedutto's performance against Arcadia, both teams came out of their respective dugouts to applaud the young man.

"It was awesome," he told the Daily Record. *"Coming off the field, I definitely got choked up just looking back at the summer I had."*

Nevertheless, he's looking forward to more.

"I'm happy to have gotten that one out, but if coach calls on me again, I'd be more than happy to come out there," concluded Sedutto. *"There are still some chances to play a little bit more before I go into the real world."*



Editor's Note

St. Peter's Boys High School would like to thank the Staten Island Advance for their continued dedication to the school and alumni. Their coverage of our activities both on and off campus is invaluable.

Staten Island band beats out 10,000

to win spot in Ohio music festival

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Luke Petely, 3/5/23

Every aspiring artist dreams of playing before droves of adoring fans. "Over the Moon," a Staten Island alt/emo rock band led by St. Peter's graduate Nick Mahoney '15, is one leap closer to that scene.

Recently, "Over the Moon" took part in a nationwide competition on the live-streaming platform, Twitch. Danny Wimmer Presents (DWP), one of the world's leading independent concert promoters and producer of the Sonic Temple Music Festival in Ohio, hosted a live-streamed tournament on Twitch as part of "That Space Zebra Show." The winner of the tournament would go on to showcase their skills at the renowned festival alongside headliner acts, such as legendary rock bands KISS and Foo Fighters.

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 bands across the nation tried their hand and submitted entries in the hopes of competing. Of the multitude, only 36 earned the chance to officially compete in the "Battle to the Big Stage" tournament. The virtual bout allowed viewers to vote for who they wanted to move on, similar to something you would see on American Idol. After the opposition had been narrowed down to four, "Over the Moon" withstood the test and came out on top — securing the singular spot in the festival.

"Over the Moon" features Mahoney as lead singer/songwriter, Anthony Aquino and Eric Kirkland on guitars, Tyler Shand on drums, and Sean Scotto on bass.

Mahoney put together the band's first song four years ago. However, the band just started releasing music together last year.

Mahoney, who is now 25, has been working at his passion since sophomore/junior year of high school when he played as part of a metal band. He took pride in his accomplishment after finding out the band had claimed victory.



A promotional image of the band as seen on Instagram. (Courtesy of @overthemoonus)

"To be completely honest with you, I guess I was kind of in shock when it happened," he said. "I remember I was actually sitting there and I was just like 'I guess on to the next thing'. That's kinda just how I work I guess, which is like a blessing and a curse...I wish I could put it into words how much I work at this."

"My whole life legitimately revolves around making this happen for myself and the guys in the band," Mahoney said. "I work super hard on my mindset every day. Every job I have revolves where I can have time and money to do this and it's just what my life revolves around. It feels good knowing that I am representing Staten Island, because I know I work extremely hard."

The Sonic Temple Art and Music Festival took place at the Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, from May 25 to May 28. The showcase of epic proportions featured more than 78 bands, among them household staple rock bands.

"I remember I was watching a band on a tour bus in my room in high school and it was just a click, I was like 'yeah, that's what I'm gonna do,'" Mahoney said. "...It's just a matter of when I'm going to get it done."

FEATURED ALUMNI



Physician Assistant Department Chair Matthew McQuillan '83, M.S.

Honored with National Master Faculty Award

Colleagues have praised Matthew McQuillan as an outstanding educator and compassionate leader, who has shaped the careers of thousands of students and been instrumental in advancing the physician assistant profession.

His impact on students and the professional community was recently recognized by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA), which presented its 2022 Master Faculty Award to McQuillan, chair and associate professor of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies and Practice at Rutgers School of Health Professions.

"Matt is a tireless advocate, an inspirational leader, and a consummate professional.

He teaches with passion, leads with vision, and serves with empathy, all with a touch of good humor," said Ryan D. White, assistant professor and director of the department's clinical site development, in a nominating statement to the PAEA.

McQuillan has been a part of the school for 30 years, beginning as a student then returning as faculty. He became the program director in 2018 and assumed the role of department chair in 2021.

Under McQuillan's leadership, graduates have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the board licensure exam over the past five

years. The school consistently ranks above the national average in its passing rate.

He has supported the department's move to holistic admissions to widen the diversity of the student body. In 2018, the program was honored by PAEA with a national award for its success in attracting top candidates from different racial, ethnic, sexual, and economic backgrounds. The incoming Class of 2025 is 53 percent persons of color, with 22 percent African Americans, three of whom are males — one of the most underrepresented minorities in the profession

"Our students reflect the patient population they serve, and are better practitioners because of that," said McQuillan.

Even as head of the department, he continues to stay connected to the classroom. He pioneered and continues to teach two courses, one on medical ethics and another that explores what it means to be a professional physician assistant.

Using film, writings and poetry, his medical ethics class examines complex issues such as informed consent and euthanasia as well as real-life dilemmas such as what to do if a patient wants to date you. In his professional practice course, students not only learn how to negotiate salaries,

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What an honor to be nominated by my Rutgers PA faculty colleagues, with whom I am privileged to work with every day. And thank you, Physician Assistant Education Association, for this recognition. I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity to do work that I love.

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but they also understand what it means to practice with empathy and integrity.

"Students often arrive to PA school motivated to tackle the medicine: they want to learn everything they can about diseases and treatments. However, Matt opens their eyes to the much wider responsibility that is part of being a PA," said Claire O'Connell, associate professor in physician assistant studies and director of didactic education, who also submitted a nominating statement to the professional association in support of McQuillan.

In an educational environment notorious for its high levels of pressure and stress, McQuillan is proud of the school's nurturing culture for students. He recalls feeling

supported by faculty when he needed to take a leave of absence while a student.

"That began my love for this program," McQuillan said. *"This is a hard program. We have high standards to uphold, and students must meet competencies. But if we are training students to care for people, these students must believe they are cared for here."*

He has held leadership positions in national physician assistant professional associations and been an active advocate for the profession. For two decades, he sat on committees that have influenced the path of the profession – including paving the way for legislation that allows New Jersey PAs to prescribe controlled

substances. Currently, as a member of the national accrediting body, he is working with a committee weighing whether the profession should move toward awarding an entry-level doctorate upon program completion rather than a master's.

Of all he has accomplished, McQuillan said he gets his most satisfaction from working with students.

"When I see them grow through the program and then flourish in the healthcare arena, it is amazing and inspiring. It's the aspect of the job that keeps me focused and it is why I'm here," he said.



Congratulations to our signing seniors!

Baseball

Joe Mennella - *Hofstra University*

Steven Martinez -
Dominican University

Chris Raimonda - *Rowan University*

Jon Beale - *SUNY Plattsburgh*

John Duffy -
University of Scranton

Marco Cundari -
New Jersey City University

Basketball

Alex Chi -
College of Mount Saint Vincent

Steve Bradley - *SUNY Oswego*

Football

Elijah Campbell -
Stony Brook University

Lacrosse

JD Denicola-rakvin -
University of Joseph's College (CT)

Soccer

David Deleon -
College of Mount St. Vincent

John Criscuoli -
Stevens Institute of Technology

Wrestling

Deen Radoncic -
Stevens Institute of Technology

Swimming

James Curran -
College of Staten Island

IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH (JOE) CANNIZZARO '76 passed away on May 5, 2023, at the age of 65. He was a well-respected member of the Staten Island community, a driven entrepreneur, and, in his free time, a passionate and knowledgeable motorcycle and classic car enthusiast.

WILLIAM COKE '57 passed away on Feb. 3, 2023, at the age of 83. Bill was an avid sportsman and a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, known for his unique sense of humor.

WILLIAM (BILL) STASIUK JR. '61 passed away on Aug. 15, 2022, at the age of 77. Before his retirement, Bill enjoyed a successful lifelong career in public health with the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

WILLIAM ROANE '50 passed away on Jan. 7, 2023, at the age of 76.

WILLIAM (BILL) FRANK DEPEPPE '53 passed away on Nov. 12, 2022, at the age of 87. Bill proudly served in the U.S. Navy after his graduation from NYU and, later became an English teacher, guidance counselor and then Director of Guidance for Freehold Township High School.

LOUIS CORONATO '59 passed away on April 18, 2023, at the age of 80. Louis enjoyed a varied career, holding positions as an engineer, salesman and, later, founding his own manufacturer's representative business. Louis worked as a CT&G Corp partner until retirement.

NICHOLAS RUSO '20 passed away on March 22, 2023, at the age of 20. Nicholas was an aspiring English/history teacher prior to his passing and was pursuing a degree at the College of Staten Island.

GREGORY V. DRISCOLL '62 passed away on April 1, 2023, at the age of 79. Gregory graduated as valedictorian of his St. Peter's class and, enjoyed a loving family life with his wife and three children. Gregory was also a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam.



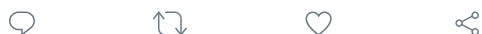
From @Principal_Cos

A selection of tweets from @StPetersBoysHS principal Cosentino.

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Congratulations to Junior Joe Guarneri for placing 3rd in the 5 Borough/Long Island Bowling Tournament
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STP cooking in Florence [@StPetersBoysHS](#) [@STP_Eagles](#)
[@Johnmmancuso](#)



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Career Night was a huge success [@StPetersBoysHS](#) [@STP_Eagles](#). Thanks to all the alums who came out especially Vinny Innocente for making it happen.



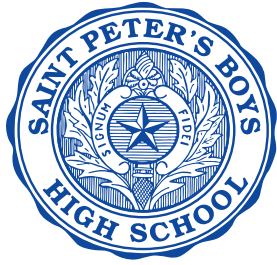
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Congratulations to 7 of our young men for making confirmation last night. Thank you to Fr. Jerome for all of the work done with them over the past several months. This is a beautiful accomplishment especially during Holy Week!!!
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La Scala Santa, The Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain on final day!!!



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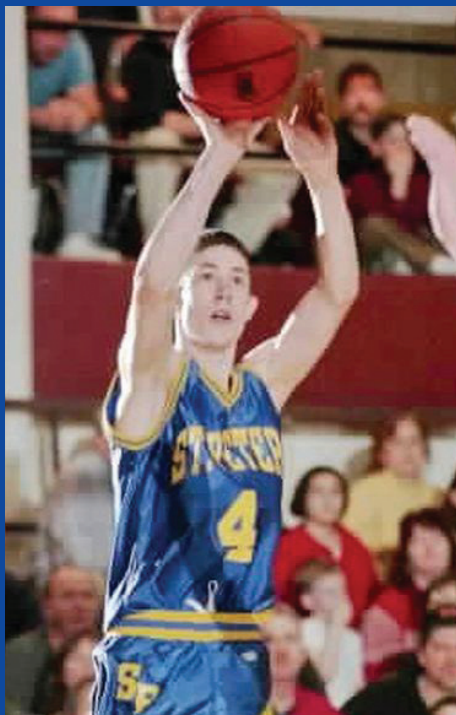
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Another Eagle makes the SI Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations Andrew Wisniewski '99!

Excerpt from article published in Staten Island Advance by Charlie De Biase Jr., 4/2/23

Even as an under-sized guard at St. Peter's High School, Andrew Wisniewski had a head for the game, a motor that never stopped, and a chip on his shoulder that helped make him the 1999 Jaques Award winner as the best high school basketball player on Staten Island, a college star, and a stalwart of the European professional leagues.

After one season at St. Peter's College, Wisniewski transferred to Centenary

College in Louisiana, where he led the Gents in scoring, assists, shooting percentage and steals for three straight seasons. His pro career included all-star seasons in Germany, where he led the Bundesliga in scoring; Croatia, where he won a championship; and Israel, where his Maccabi Tel Aviv team won the National Cup and Wisniewski was MVP of the title game.