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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

While the summer months have brought welcome rest and relaxation, there is no denying my excitement for the returning academic year. I hope this season has left you with memories you'll always treasure. The upcoming fall is sure to bring many more!

Each passing day has allowed our school to prepare for what is bound to be a celebration for the ages—our second-ever St. Peter's Boys High School Hall of Fame. It is an honor and a privilege to highlight our school and community's legacy, and it is even greater to do so with you by our side.

As we look forward to this and all that the future holds, I am reminded of the incredible camaraderie that defines our St. Peter's family. It is a testament to the enduring spirit of brotherhood that unites us all, regardless of the passage of time. I look forward to welcoming our new 150 freshmen – the largest incoming class in six years – into this community.

Your steadfast support is the foundation upon which our school thrives, and it fills my heart to witness this generosity's impact so clearly reflected in our students. To our alumni, staff and all within our beloved community, thank you for ensuring the future.

God bless,



John A. Fodera

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



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From the Desk of **PRINCIPAL COSENTINO**

Hello Friends,

Another memorable school year has come and gone, and I am grateful to reflect on it all here with you.

We celebrated our 107th commencement ceremony, where our 2024 graduates joined our institution's storied history. This ceremony is one of the longest-standing Catholic education traditions in Staten Island and New York City. Together, we joined in a beautiful mass celebrated by Fr. Louis Jerome and Bishop John O'Hara and heard heartfelt, inspirational speeches from valedictorian Steven Tejada and salutatorian Thomas Smith.

We also inducted 20 new students into our National Honor Society and named four new officers for the '24-'25 school year. Congratulations to John Liantonio (president), Michael Triano (vice president), Derek O'Leary (secretary) and Brendan Silver (treasurer). The new officers were decided under the leadership of Jake DeForest '14, then student council moderator. These new officers are Brody Turnbull (president), Thomas Kain (vice president), Dylan Bligh (secretary) and Harrison Roche (treasurer).

This was just one of many exciting events! Under the direction of science teacher Andrew Monteleone, our drama program earned six Minty Awards for its outstanding performance of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Learn more about this later in the newsletter! The production also took home awards for Outstanding Supporting Actress, Outstanding Chorus, Outstanding Production Number and more.

Our boys' stage presence continued at the annual fashion show, where students put on another unforgettable event with the tireless support of St. Peter's mothers. The joy carried over through the year to our senior and junior proms.

St. Peter's students also shared their vigor with the community. In April, our fine young men participated in the Bread of Life, donating dozens of boxes of food for Staten Island families in need with Mrs. Calchi's help. Mr. Cafaro and Dr. Colvin took many of our seniors to represent St. Peter's at the yearly Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Our very own Joseph Puca was an altar server for the Mass.

Finally, senior Chris Dantoni was honored with the Service Above Self award and a scholarship from the SI Rotary.

Eagles athletes also had much to celebrate. To start, we had 23 total college signings, across baseball, lacrosse, football, basketball, bowling, swimming, and track and field.

Coach Bobby Glennerster and the St. Peter's baseball team saw a record-setting season, marked by back-to-back Archdiocesan championships and our first-ever intersectional championship and CHSAA Player of the Year Jack Kehoe, with two walk-offs in both games.

Our lacrosse players brought home the gold at the City Championship, Island Championship and Intersectional. Hockey kept the tradition of sled hockey fundraisers for disabled athletes.

Finally, in track, Jaden Hobbs was named Island Champion in both the 100 and 200-meter dash, the "Island's Fastest Man," second place in the 4x100 at Penn Relays and a "Staten Island All-Star." Meanwhile, eight Eagles qualified for the New York State Outdoor Intersectional Championship and five for Eastern States. Ed Cruz Gomez was the first St. Peter's freshman to break five minutes for the mile indoors in over a decade. Moreover, St. Peter's athletic director Mark DeCristoforo was named recipient of this prestigious Catholic Charities of Staten Island award.

As with all newsletters, there is much more to share, including details on our Hall of Fame and honored inductees. Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey.

God bless,



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

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

FEATURED STORY

St. Peter's Hall of Fame

*A celebration of values and
brotherhood*



The St. Peter's Hall of Fame is more than a record of our school's rich legacy. It is a celebration of our values and brotherhood. It is a reflection of the model Eagle and citizen. This prestigious nomination honors alumni, Catholic leaders, parents, teachers, administrations, friends and educational institutions that help define and advance our school's mission.

Over the years, our family has been blessed with many alumni and friends who continue to live in the true Lasallian spirit. This highly anticipated evening marks the second-ever event of its kind for our school, and with it, a new deserving class of inductees will etch their name and image into eternity in our St. Peter's Hall of Fame.

These individuals are our Golden Eagles and Honorary Alumni.

The Golden Eagle Award honors alumni who have significant lifetime achievements and have shown exceptional service to others and their communities. This recognition honors alumni who have exemplified dedication and faithfulness to the mission and ideals of St. Peter's Boys High School through remarkable personal or professional accomplishment.

The Honorary Alumni Award recognizes non-alumni who represent St. Peter's beliefs and ideals, have dedicated substantial time and effort to our school, and whose outstanding achievement has uplifted the school and community, personifying St. Peter's mission.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, we will gather once again to commemorate these honored inductees' achievements and contributions. Each an example of what makes an Eagle, individuals were selected exclusively by those who know that criterion best – our very own St. Peter's family.

We are thrilled to introduce you now to this year's Golden Eagles and Honorary Alumni.

Reserve your seat!

Purchase your ticket and read
extended bios for all of our inductees
at stpetersboyshs.org/hall-of-fame.





Harry P. Doherty '59

(Posthumously)

Mr. Doherty, a Marine Corps veteran and CEO of Staten Island Bank and Trust, attributes success to Catholic education and the values instilled by his Irish immigrant parents. Doherty has supported various charitable causes, including the SI March of Dimes Golf Outing and the Staten Island Foundation.



John A. Fodera '62

From student to the first laity president, Mr. Fodera's journey is a testament to the power of St. Peter's. Over 58 years at the school, he has led as an educator, helped grow the student body to record numbers and successfully navigated us out of a financial deficit.



Dr. Harold F. Reilly '50

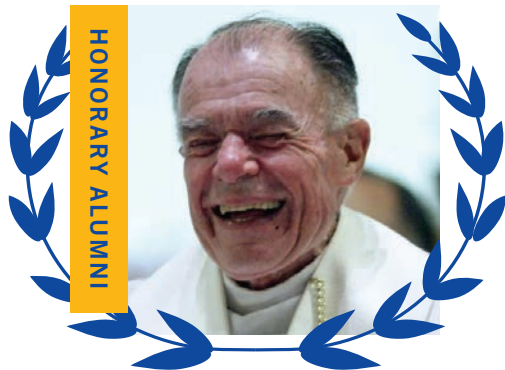
A former St. Peter's varsity baseball star, Dr. Reilly's compassion and expertise in the medical field have brought comfort and healing to the Staten Island community for nearly 50 years.



Frank C. Siller '71

Inspired by loss and love for his brother, Mr. Siller founded the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a charity providing support to military and first responders impacted by 9/11. He lives by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi – "While we have time, let us do good."

FEATURED STORY



Monsignor James Dorney

(Posthumously)

A priest of Jesus Christ. A pastor of the parish of St. Peter's. A father and brother to all at St. Peter's Boys High School. Msgr. Dorney dedicated 32 years of service to the parish of St. Peter's. His faithful leadership has united our school, parish and community.



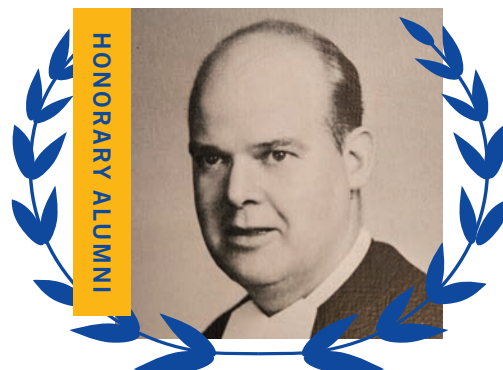
Charles Driscoll

Former St. Peter's JV and varsity basketball coach Mr. Driscoll's long and storied career has inspired success on and off the court. Coach Driscoll has led our Eagles to 10 championships and 14 CHSAA division titles and is the first coach to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Eamon Shields

From the Emerald Isle to the Empire State, Mr. Shields' success is a testament to the American dream and the importance and power of education. As the owner of Daggart Construction, he is the driving force behind impactful projects that help advance our school and local community.



Br. Kevin McDonnell, F.S.C. (Posthumously)

Br. McDonnell was a member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and a teacher and track coach at St. Peter's Boys High School for over 40 years. Br. McDonnell taught history, math and religion.



The 14 Catholic Elementary Schools of Staten Island

We are honored to be part of Staten Island's network helping guide youth in discovering their full potential. St. Peter's is proud to highlight these fellow academic institutions that strengthen the role of Catholic education in the lives of young people.

Academy of St. Dorothy

Founded in 1932, this private elementary school administered by the Sisters of St. Dorothy strives to instill in students the values of community, service, reverence and leadership.

Blessed Sacrament School

Serving Staten Island since 1917, Blessed Sacrament School provides students with the opportunity to recognize their unique talents and gifts.

Fr. Vincent Capodanno Catholic Academy

Through academics and a focus on faith, the Academy helps students excel in academics while promoting patriotism and their role as global citizens.

Notre Dame Academy Elementary School of Staten Island

Inspired by the Congregation of Notre Dame, this academy serves girls and young women with an education that teaches them to "become an agent of their own transformation and the transformation of society."

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Founded by the Augustinian Friars, this Catholic parish elementary school works to foster the formation of the whole child, helping them acquire modern schools and timeless virtues.

Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Through encouragement and devotion, Our Lady Queen of Peace School allows students to discover excellence as they explore their potential and strengthen their faith.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Founded by the Sisters of Charity, this Staten Island elementary school seeks to inspire and challenge students as they form a rich understanding of the world.

Sacred Heart School

Courage and compassion lead Sacred Heart School in its mission to become champions for children and their rights of expression, individuality and differences.

St. Ann School

True to its original mission, St. Ann School views children as our world's most valuable asset, helping each develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

St. Charles School

As a blended learning school, this institution utilizes both online and in-person learning opportunities to help children develop unique learning paths that cater to their unique needs.

St. Clare School

This Pre-K to eight-grade school exists to "provide every student with an exceptional academic and spiritual foundation, with Jesus as the focus of all we do, within a safe and nurturing environment."

St. Joseph Hill Academy Elementary School

Founded by the Daughters of Divine Charity, SJHA empowers students with a strong, Gospel-rooted education that prepares them for faith, services and a lifelong love of learning.

St. Patrick's School

A sense of family and devotion guide St. Patrick's School, creating a safe, secure and engaging learning environment where children develop into the person they are meant to be.

St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy

With a focus on science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math (STREAM), this academy provides students with the skills to be productive and positive members in and outside of the church.

FLYING HIGH

Updates from St. Peter's Athletic Department

*St. Peter's Jack Kehoe (38)
records the putout. (Kara Buzga
for Staten Island Advance)*

St. Peter's Tandem Sweeps Both SIBO 2024 Awards

for Second Straight Year

*Article published in Staten Island Advance by Nick Regina,
June 10, 2024*

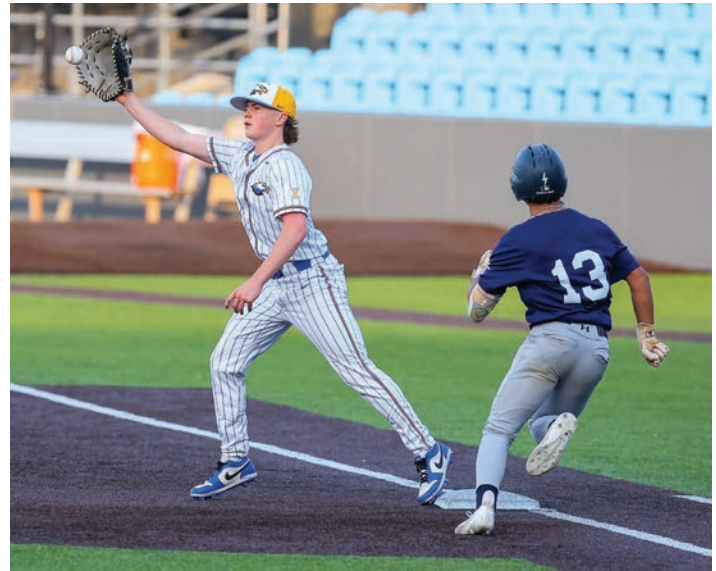
Another high school baseball season in the books comes with new hardware, though it will be staying with the same school. For the second straight year, a pair of St. Peter's Eagles will be taking home the Staten Island Baseball Oldtimers' Most Outstanding Player and Pitcher awards, the Advance has learned.

Senior first baseman **Jack Kehoe** and senior right-hander **Chris Bedford** were tabbed SIBO's 2024 Most Outstanding Player and Pitcher, according to SIBO President John Mattera.

Last year, St. Peter's standouts **Joe Mennella** and **Chris Laieta** took home the respective honors.

This year's pair marks the eighth and ninth Eagles to be named SIBO award winners since its inception in 1965. It's the fifth consecutive year that both awards have gone to CHSAA players.

The St. Peter's tandem led the New Brighton school, which posted a 23-3 record, to its second consecutive Archdiocesan crown. The Eagles also took home the school's first Intersectional title and reached the New York State championship game.



MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER: JACK KEHOE

The CHSAA's Player of the Year is also Staten Island's. The lefty slugger hit .448 with 3 home runs, 42 RBI and 26 runs scored.

Kehoe was never outmatched at the dish and rarely struck out in 2024, often lacing the ball with authority to all fields.

The southpaw also shined on the mound, where he went 4-0 with a 1.10 ERA and struck out 31 in just 20 frames. He struck out 14 in a no-hit performance against Moore Catholic in April.

Kehoe's defense was equally impressive and he anchored a stout Eagles defense that rarely committed errors, sometimes thanks to the first baseman's abilities as a receiver. He was no slouch on the bases either, where he showcased above average speed and a high motor, but his bat, of course, was his calling card in 2024.

Mattera noted that he "had a tremendous season and seemed to always get up in big spots and deliver." And deliver he did.

Kehoe roped the walk-off knock to defeat Kennedy Catholic in the Archdiocesan championship game and then clobbered an extra innings walk-off home run to defeat Archbishop Molloy for the Intersectional title.

St. Peter's Chris Bedford (32) fires one toward the plate during the CHSAA Intersectional championship game. (Owen Reiter for the Staten Island Advance)



MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER: CHRIS BEDFORD

The hard-throwing right-hander was among the city's best on the bump in 2024, posting a 7-1 record to go along with a minuscule 0.51 ERA. He showcased pristine command and wrought havoc on opposing hitters with a mid-80s heater that he coupled with a lethal curveball en route to 61 strikeouts.

Like his teammate Kehoe, Bedford stepped up when he was needed most. He took over as the ace of the staff after Laieta missed the start of the season due to injury.

He took the ball on opening day and kicked off the campaign with five shutout innings in a win over St. Ray's and never looked back. Mattera noted that he had a "big part in St. Peter's amazing season" and also had strong performances against division foes Fordham Prep, Spellman and local rival Monsignor Farrell.

Bedford took the ball in a battle for first place against the Lions and emerged with a 3-2 win. He also twirled a shutout in a 1-0 win over Island foe St. Joseph-by-the-Sea down the stretch as the Eagles made their push toward the postseason.

He was shut down by tendinitis but returned for the city playoffs, where he tossed 3.1 innings of one-hit ball in relief to pick up the 'W' in the Intersectional title game.

Walk-off 'Jack'!

Kehoe's Moonshot In Extras Lifts St. Peter's to First City Baseball Crown

Summary of article published in Staten Island Advance by Nick Regina, May 30, 2024

Jack Kehoe, CHSAA's Player of the Year, led St. Peter's to a historic victory with his remarkable postseason performance. Kehoe hit a walk-off two-run homer in the eighth inning to clinch a 7-5 win over Archbishop Molloy, securing St. Peter's first-ever city baseball championship.

The team's dynamic duo, Kehoe and **Ty Mainolfi**, played pivotal roles throughout the series, combining timely hits with aggressive base-running to secure their place in history. This championship victory followed a series of standout plays from Kehoe, including a combined no-hitter and a previous walk-off hit.



St. Peter's players run out to greet Jack Kehoe (38) after the senior smashes a walk-off home run to send the Eagles home with the crown as they defeat Archbishop Molloy 7-5 on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at Jack Coffey Field at Fordham University in the Bronx. (Owen Reiter for the Staten Island Advance)

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Updates from St. Peter's Athletic Department



St. Peter's tallies three runs in the seventh inning to capture its 2nd straight CHSAA "AA" Archdiocesan crown against the Kennedy Gaels at Fordham University, in the Bronx, on Friday, May 24, 2024. Courtesy of Kara Buzga via silive.com.

Repeat! St. Peter's Tallies 3 Times In Home Seventh to Capture Second Straight CHSAA Archdiocesan Crown

Article published in Staten Island Advance by James Speciale, May 25, 2024

For the better portion of Friday night's CHSAA AA Archdiocesan championship game, the outlook was looking grim for St. Peter's, and a pending return trip to Fordham University in the Bronx for a deciding game was beginning to look like a reality.

The Eagles offense couldn't come up with a big knock. Their usually lock-down defense uncharacteristically was faltering, and to make matters even more complicated, Kennedy Catholic ace Connor Spidal was dealing.

Spidal, a senior righty, who hurled 6.1 innings of two-run ball, fanning seven in an early season 3-2 win over St. Peter's at SIUH Community Park, was making his own bid to force a rubber match between the two teams.

Well, that April 9 loss was the last time Bobby Glennerster's squad would lose a game.

The defending CHSAA AA Archdiocesan champions proved their mettle and season-long resilience by rallying for three runs

with one-out in the bottom of the seventh to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat to become back-to-back champions for the first time in school history with an improbable 3-2 come-from-behind triumph at Jack Coffey Field, the Bronx.

The Eagles improved to 20-2 in the league, including playoffs and advanced to a best-of-three Intersectional series at Fordham. St. Peter's advanced to the Intersectional round last season but came up empty in pursuit of the school's first such crown in baseball.



Chris Villalona laced a one-out single to left to get the Island squad's heartbeat back, but more importantly it chased Spidal (6.1 IP, four hits, five K's) from the game after the Gaels ace reached the 105-pitch limit. Kieran McCormack entered and threw four pitches way out of the strike zone in a free pass to **Mateo Gordon**. Up came Eagles leadoff man **Ty Mainolfi**. Two more pitches from McCormack missed miserably again and with a 2-0 count KC coach Bob Fletcher lifted his junior for Ryan D'Ambrosio, who promptly walked Mainolfi to load the bases.

D'Ambrosio's first offering to No. 2 hitter **Kelvin Rodriguez** went to the backstop and Villalona raced home to cut the deficit to 2-1. Both runners moved up and now the speedy Mainolfi was in scoring position, representing the championship winning run. The lefty swinging Rodriguez also

worked a walk to load the bases bringing up **Jack Kehoe**, who was named the CHSAA Player of the Year prior to the game's first pitch.

Kehoe, a tough strike out all year long, went down in his first two plate appearances and singled to left in his third at-bat, smoked D'Ambrosio's second pitch of the at-bat inside the bag at first to score. Gordon, followed by Mainolfi and the Eagles came all the way back to annex the school's second-straight title and send the New Brighton faithful into a delirious celebration in the stands and on the field.

"We knew we had to get Spidal out of the game; he pitched a phenomenal game, but I really just felt if we could get to the top of the lineup no matter what we would have a shot," admitted Glennerster. "I say it all the time our kids are resilient, they're battle



tested, they find a way because they have been in this environment."

CONFIDENT AT THE PLATE

"Even after those first two times up I was just trying to stay confident at the plate and not let the moment get too big," offered Kehoe. "I got the hit in the third at-bat and I got some confidence back, and I was just trying to make hard contact and put the ball in play and happy I was able to and pick the team up."

Chris Laieta (knee injury) made his first start of the season after a pair of relief outings and was looking to become a back-to-back championship game-winner, but one shaky inning nixed that plan. The senior southpaw looked anything but rusty as he allowed two hits and one unearned run over six stellar frames, while throwing only 79 pitches.

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But Laieta was his own worst enemy in the visiting fourth. With one out, he fielded a two-hopper to the right of the mound and threw wide to first to put a runner on. The miscue seemed to have a snowball effect as he walked back-to-back Gaels to load the bases. Chris Echols' swinging bunt plated the first run, but Laieta bore down, got the grounder he needed, and Mainolfi started a 6-4-3 double play to end the threat with just a lone run crossing the plate.

"I can't say enough about the start Laieta gave us tonight," praised Glennerster. "It was his first start of the year and, even though he's been throwing bullpens, we wanted to keep him around 75-80 pitches and we did that. He's a workhorse and he went out there and was amazing.

After walking the leadoff man in the fifth, Laieta induced **Lorenzo Jorge** to ground to

Villalona at second and the slick fielding senior turned a tidy 4-3 double play keep the score 1-0.

Laieta exited after six and the Gaels tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh setting the stage for Kehoe's walk-off heroics.

"If you tell me there is an opportunity to have Jack up with the bases loaded and less than two outs at any time of the game, I'm signing for it," lauded Glennerster.

"He's a special player and him and Ty (Mainolfi) have done it all year for us. They're a phenomenal duo. I'm happy for Jack winning the Player of the Year, but in the same breath if you told me Ty won it, I wouldn't have been the least bit surprised."

"They have left their mark on this program," added the league's Manager of the Year.

"The experiences I've had playing at St. Peter's and the family atmosphere that it is, is completely amazing," claimed playoff MVP Mainolfi. "Back-to-back championships, I've really grown as a player and as a person; I'm so happy I made the decision to come to St. Peter's and play for coach Bobby."

For Kehoe the feeling was mutual.

"Bobby Glennerster - the best coach on the planet," praised Kehoe. "We've won two titles and it has been an incredible four years. It's been an honor to play here, and I want to carry the Eagle legacy on forever."

NOTES: *Justin Levine and Varvaro each had a safety for STP ... The Eagle faithful, known mostly for their boisterousness at basketball and football games, were loud and proud in their support of their baseball team.*



St. Peter's Comes Back On Holy Trinity to Capture CHSAA B Intersectionals

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Joe D'Amodio, May 22, 2024

St. Peter's varsity lacrosse team won its second crown in five days by beating host Holy Trinity, 10-5, Wednesday in the CHSAA B Intersectional championship.

It's the first Intersectional crown the school has won in the six short years of existence. The Eagles claimed the CHSAA B Archdiocesan crown on Saturday, a 14-2 win over Mount St. Michael.

"It's been a long season with a lot of ups and some downs," said Clyne, who is assisted by Vin Dimare and Charlie Hoffman. "This is a huge moment for our program and we as a coaching staff couldn't be prouder."

Patrick Manning paced the Eagles, who finished with a 14-4 mark, with a hat trick and two assists, while **Ryan Callahan** (three assists) and **James Gioia** had two goals apiece.

After a four-hour bus ride to Long Island, it seemed like the day would get even longer as Holy Trinity jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening stanza.

But the Eagles scored the next two goals to pull within 3-2 after the first. The Eagles then took a 4-3 lead early in the second, before Holy Trinity knotted the score at 4.

St. Peter's scored the last two of the period to go up 6-4 at the half.

"From this point on, we never gave up the lead," said Clyne.

Anthony Lotito, **Derek O'Leary** (two assists) and **Dom Piervinanzi** scored one goal each. **Michael Russo** kicked in two assists.

The defense of **Will Olsen**, **Tim Hayes** and **Chris Dantoni** played outstanding. Goalie **Gavin Bacchio** finished with nine saves on the day.



St. Peter's tops Mount St. Michael to claim 2024 CHSAA "B" Lacrosse Championship, at St. Peter's, West New Brighton, on Saturday May 18, 2024. (Kara Buzga for Staten Island Advance)



Among St. Peter's varsity football players who will compete at the collegiate level next season are, left to right, Liam McBratney, Frank Langello, Joe Laureano, Dom Capuano, James Howard and Gabriel Hoffer. (Courtesy of St. Peter's athletics)

These Teammates Will Continue Their Basketball Careers at the Next Level

Excerpt of article published in Staten Island Advance by Charlie De Biase Jr., May 20, 2024

A pair of St. Peter's basketball teammates are in a New York State of mind when it comes to competing in hoops on the next level.

In fact, the Eagles starters won't be leaving the state to continue their basketball careers at Division 3 schools.

Although the schools of choice are both SUNY institutions, one of the teams competes in the SUNYAC while the other is a part of the Skyline Conference. So although it's possible for the soon-to-be graduates to square off in college somewhere along the way, it's not set in stone.

Congratulations and good luck to these two star St. Peter's players!

Jorel Monroe
SUNY-Oswego State,
Business Administration

Michael Spisto
SUNY-Farmingdale State,
Sports Management

These 8 Gridders Are Gung Ho

About Continuing Football Careers

Excerpt of article published in Staten Island Advance by Charlie De Biase Jr., June 19, 2024

St. Peter's varsity football team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in quite some time last fall and now—eight of its seniors have decided to continue their careers on the gridiron.

The New Brighton school, which finished 8-3 last season, held a signing ceremony for its seniors and honored their gridders in the process. Four of the graduates are headed to D1 programs, three will be attending D3 schools and one has opted to take advantage of a post-graduate opportunity.

Some of those St. Peter's gridders will leave the state while a few others will remain very close to home. Meet these celebrated players here:

Dom Capuano
Wagner College, Undecided

Gabriel Hoffer
Long Island University,
Computer Science

James Howard
Wagner College,
Business Administration

Frank Langello
Western Connecticut State,
Cyber Security

Joe Laureano
United States Merchant
Marine Academy (USMMA),
Marine Science

Aiden Ledlum
East Coast Prep (ECP) in
Great Barrington, Undecided

Liam McBratney
SUNY-Brockport,
Business Management

Matt Sweeney
SUNY-Maritime of the Bronx,
Marine Engineering

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



Justin Chi, Outstanding
Featured Actor for "How
to Succeed..." (Left)
Christopher Bonifacio,
Outstanding Artistic
Design for "How to
Succeed..." (Right)

13 Annual Minty Awards Ceremony Honors Staten Island Catholic High School's Musical Theater Productions

Excerpt of article published in Staten Island Advance by Dr. Gracelyn Santos, June 3, 2024

The Minty Awards, Staten Island's revered answer to the Tony Awards for Catholic high school musical theater productions, celebrated its 13th annual awards ceremony on Sunday, June 2, in the historic St. George Theatre with a record-breaking crowd of 1,200 students, faculty, families, friends and dignitaries in attendance.

Minty Award winner and Broadway veteran Analise Scarpaci presented the top award for the evening, the St. Genesius Award for Outstanding Musical, to St. Peter's Boys High School for its production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." This marks the third time St. Peter's won the St. Genesius Award. Previous Minty Award wins were "Les Miserables" in 2012 and "Jekyll & Hyde" in 2014.

As the St. Genesius Award winner, St. Peter's Boys High School will receive \$5,000 for its performing arts program.

Hosted by James McKeon and Francesca Saccomagno, the event featured a specially commissioned opening number medley starring members of each show's cast as well as a seven-minute performance from each of the participating shows.

Jann Amato, regional superintendent of the Catholic Schools of Staten Island, presented the 2024 Theatre Players of the Year

Award to this year's recipients, which included St. Peter's own Chris Bonifacio and Luke Bonifacio.

Other presenters included City Councilman David Carr and past cast members as part of the 60th anniversary celebration of Staten Island high school musicals.

During the awards ceremony, the Minty Awards also honored each Staten Island Catholic high school's first Broadway musical, including "Oklahoma!" by St. Peter's Boys High School (1964). Cast members from these productions were recognized.

Since its inception in 2010, the Minty Organization has donated more than \$150,000 back to the Staten Island high schools' performing arts departments.

"We hope to start a tradition which honors the sacrifice and dedication of Catholic high school students in dramatic arts programs," according to the Minty Organization. "The Minty Awards aims to promote these programs, performers and all who support them.

"We believe that these students and their schools provide excellent examples of self-discipline, teamwork and faith, and we should celebrate their efforts and achievements."

More information on the 2024 Minty Awards can be found in the online SILive article.

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

Zoology Club Gets Support for Its Animal Program

*Article published in Staten Island Advance
by Carol Ann Benanti, May 4, 2024*

In partnership with the Staten Island Zoo, the Bruce G. Geary Foundation presented a check for \$1,000 to the St. Peter's Boys High School Zoology Club on Thursday, May 2, to support their animal program.

The check was presented to St. Peter's president John Fodera, principal Michael Cosentino, science teacher Robert Colt and the Zoology Club's student members.

Funding from the Bruce G. Geary Foundation will support the Zoology Club's efforts to raise awareness about wildlife conservation, obtain educational materials for students, and provide day-by-day care for the several small wildlife species exhibited in the New Brighton school's biology classroom.

Among the species in the classroom are a bearded dragon, corn snake, ball python and tree frog.

The Staten Island Zoo served as an advisor to the Zoology Club on the animal care and exhibit requirements for each species, also designing and printing informational graphics for each of the animals in the classroom.

Zoo Executive Director Ken Mitchell noted: "The Staten Island Zoo is pleased to partner with the Geary Foundation to support the work of the St. Peter's Zoology Club. The Zoo has a long association of working with the Zoology Club, and several students are active docents here at the Zoo.

"The students work with our Education Department on presenting 'ambassador animals' at various stations around the Zoo. They give our visitors an up-close look at the animals and raise public awareness about wildlife conservation. We are all impressed with how knowledgeable these students are about animals and zoology.

St. Peter's Boys High School students, Raymond Pezzoli, Robert Colt and Ken Mitchell, center. (Courtesy/Tiffany Feo)



So our team at the Zoo was delighted to help the students with the school's animal habitats and informational graphics."

President of the Bruce G. Geary Foundation, Raymond S. Pezzoli, affirmed the Geary Foundation is thrilled to support the St. Peter's Zoology Club.

"These students are clearly committed to learning about wildlife and sharing their knowledge with others. When they gave us a tour of their classroom animal collection, every student gave us precise details and background on the snakes, lizards, frogs and other animals in their care. Their enthusiasm and commitment are extraordinary. We hope our partnership with the Zoology Club will help provide hands-on experience for students who may one day pursue an interest in veterinary science, conservation management and environmental studies as careers."

The Foundation and the Zoo believe this support will help empower students to embrace their roles as stewards of their wildlife collection. The school reports that student participation in the Zoology Club has grown in popularity since these efforts have been underway. The private foundation was created to support animal care groups.

For additional information, contact Tiffany Feo, director of External Affairs, at tfeo@statenislandzoo.org.

Congratulations to our seniors!

Class of 2024

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Nicholas Antonacci
Jose Arce III
Gavin J. Bacchio
John Patrick Baker
Olawale James Bankole
Alexander D. Barbato
Daniel Baroz
Vincent Battino
Christopher John Bedford
Andrew Bellina
Brendan Blomquist
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Luke Bonifacio
Nicholas Borges
Justin Briscoe
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John Caddell
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Francesco Cali
Ryan Callahan
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Kyle Patrick Senk
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Michael David Spisto
Matthew Joseph Sweeny
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Anthony Tuite
Jordan Joseph Varvaro
Matthew Vecchione
Matthew T. Venditti
Christopher Villalona
Daniel Alessandro Yubini

EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

John Goffred

Class of '06

John Goffred '06 has had plenty to celebrate since graduating from St. Peter's. After getting an associate's degree in culinary arts from Brookdale Community College, Goffred first worked for celebrity chef Mario Batali at Esca Restaurant in NYC.

In 2013, Goffred changed jobs to become a patient food service cook at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and was promoted to sous chef in Dec. 2023.

Goffred married his high school sweetheart in Oct. 2015, and they have since welcomed three daughters, Francesca in April, 2019, Gianna in March, 2021 and Alessandra in Oct. 2023.



Jim Kane & Bill Wolfe

Class of '50

Jim Kane '50 and Bill Wolfe '50 in Bennington, VT. Close friends from childhood, Wolfe (left) and Kane (right) are shown at a recent meeting in January.



Scholars Alumni

Class of '97

Some of our 1997 Scholars Alumni (left to right) Greg Faljean, Chris Ropiak, Ken Grassia, James Marinello and Chris Fredericks met for their latest quarterly dinner get together.



Michael Cosentino

Class of '03

Principal Michael Cosentino '03 is presented with the Distinguished Lasallian Teacher/Principal Of The Year-2024 by Mr. Frank Cafaro, AFSC.



Brian Clarke & Vincent Innocente

Class of '08

Joining Brian Clarke '08 at his wedding in Saratoga are Vincent Innocente '08..Mr. Frank Cafaro AFSC..Brother Augustine Nicoletti..St. Peters Faculty in the 70's..Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and two Lasallian volunteers.





Tommy Lotito

Class of '19

Congratulations to Tommy Lotito '19, D3Hoops All-Region Selection! As a graduate player for Manhattanville College's men's basketball team, has been named to the D3Hoops.com All-Region 3 Third Team for the 2023-24 season, marking his second consecutive All-Region accolade. He is the first in the program's history to earn First Team honors and the Skyline Conference Player of the Year twice.



Anthony Monroe

Class of '05

Congratulations to Anthony Monroe '05 (pictured with his wife Lana and their twin girls) on being promoted to General Superintendent in the DSNY, New York's strongest!



Michael Scaramuzzo

Class of '11

Michael P. Scaramuzzo II '11 has been named the first president of La Salle Educational Center in Homestead, Florida, effective July 1, 2024.



Vincent Innocente *Class of '08*

Vincent Innocente '08 helped organize and participate in the second annual Career Night at St. Peter's Boys High School along with nearly 50 fellow alumni.



Kevin Medefindt

Class of '86

Kevin Medefindt '86, was honored by the Iron Hills Civic Association following his retirement from the NYPD after 25 years of service.



EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

Albert Bilotti

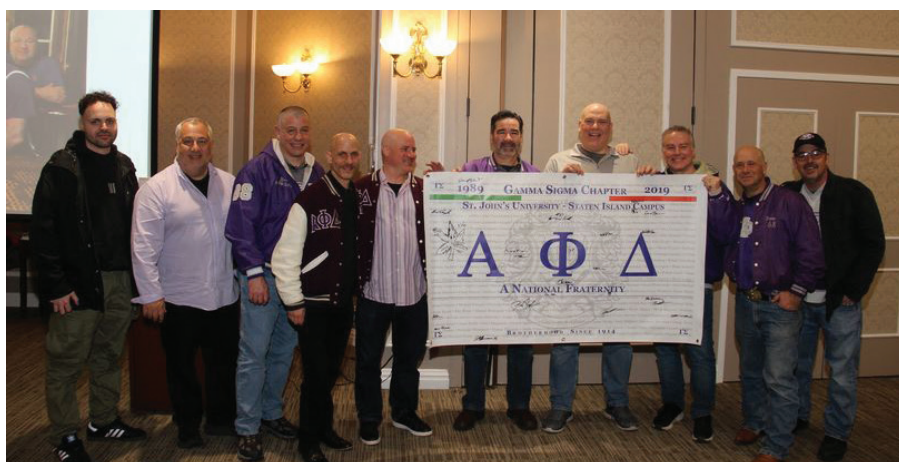
Class of '80

Albert Bilotti '80 fished the FRLA tournament with Main Attraction Fishing Charters and came in second place with his Mahi Mahi.



Alpha Phi Delta alums **Class of '88 - '15**

St. Peter's and Alpha Phi Delta alums reunited to say farewell to St. John's University's Staten Island Campus. From left to right, Louis Gregorio, Marc Andreo, Joe Friedman, Adolfo Lunardi, Brian Reilly, Dan Burns, Jeff Breen, Sean Allen, Tom Gambino and Craig Iannacone.



Anthony Salony

Class of '13

Congratulations to Anthony Salony '13 and Stacey Gitto on their engagement.



Frank DeNuzzie

Class of '87

Frank DeNuzzie '87 celebrates his son's 2024 Bushkill Championship season with 21 wins in a row!



John Lee **Class of '70**

Congratulations to Marilyn and John Lee '70 on their 43rd wedding anniversary.





Shibu Thomas

Class of '89

Congratulations to Mary and Shibu Thomas '89 on their 29th wedding anniversary.



Terrence Buckley

Class of '80

Rev. Terrence Buckley '80 was called to be the "Priest-in-Charge" for Saint Andrew's Anglican Church in Richmondtown, Staten Island.



Anthony Lotito

Class of '94

Anthony Lotito '94 (center) with his sons Anthony '24 (left) and Christian '27 (right).



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 '64 Renew Lifelong Friendships at 60th-Anniversary Celebration

The Class of 1964 celebrated their 60-year reunion this past June at the Staaten. Organized by Larry Burke and Dennis Cotter, 32 classmates came together and renewed lifelong friendships.





*A street renaming for Charles LaGanga was held on May 19
(Steve White for the Staten Island Advance) Steve White*

A Street Sign Honors the Memory of Dedicated Community Leader Charles LaGanga

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Carol Ann Benanti, May 21, 2024

To honor the memory of community advocate Charles LaGanga, the corner of Todt Hill Road and Flagg Place has been renamed as a way to pay tribute to the dedicated, lifelong Staten Islander.

LaGanga was a champion for the less fortunate and someone who wanted to make a difference in the lives of the developmentally challenged, the elderly and infirm and children.

His generosity of spirit and unwavering service to the community was contagious, and his diligence and perseverance inspired those around him to be more giving. Throughout his life, he contributed to dozens of organizations in his hometown.

As a way to ensure that LaGanga's memory be preserved, Dr. Mohammad Khalid,

president of the Iron Hills Civic Association, board members, LaGanga's family and friends gathered in Dongan Hills to remember the dapper community advocate who could always be spotted sporting a pinstriped suit.

COMMENTS FROM THE CROWD

Dr. Khalid, who was responsible for securing the new street sign, welcomed community leaders and friends to the formal ceremony that opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by David LaGanga, LaGanga's cousin.

"Charlie was a special friend to the Iron Hills Civic Association," Dr. Khalid said.

He recalled that years back at the street renaming for retired NYPD Assistant Chief and Borough Commander Eugene S. Devlin, LaGanga approached Dr. Khalid with a thought. Looking into the future, he asked if there was a possibility of a street being co-named for the two men.

He asked that if he passed away first, was it a possibility that Dr. Khalid could step to the plate and inquire about having a street named in his honor, noting that if Dr. Khalid passed away first, he would initiate a street being renamed in his honor.

"Today, I fulfilled that promise," Dr. Khalid said. "And thanks to all for allowing this to happen and to all who are in attendance today. The weather cooperated, and I know Charlie is up there looking down on all of us."

EAGLES *in the* NEWS

Featured Alumni

Charlie LaGanga during a friend's 90th birthday and block party on Fremont Avenue in Grant City in 2007. (Staten Island Advance)



Dr. Mohammad Khalid and David LaGanga. (Steve White)



District Attorney Michael McMahon called LaGanga a best friend to Staten Island. "This is a wonderful honor that's been bestowed upon Charlie," McMahon said. "He would love friends coming together. If he saw something in the Advance, he would clip it and send it to me. The Staten Island ferry isn't the same without Charlie. He was a success. He saw all the different places that needed him the most. He was behind the fundraisers. He loved the people of Staten Island. Ann (Charlie's longtime partner) and relatives thank you for sharing in Charlie's love."

Assemblyman Michael Tannousis: "I first met Charlie when I was 22 and working for Jimmy Oddo in the City Council. He was a sharp dresser no matter what event we were at. Staten Island is a great place to live. But it is better because of Charlie."

Thomas Fahmy, a representative from Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis' office:

"Though I didn't know Mr. LaGanga, I knew him through his work that will live on through generations. We thank the family for sharing this with us."

E.J. LaGanga, Mr. LaGanga's cousin: "Thanks to Dr. Khalid for organizing all of this. It is so greatly appreciated by all of us. Charlie was a philanthropic icon and a tireless force. Through his physical presence from raising funds for student scholarships to his work with cerebral palsy to his work with hospice patients, he loved life and loved people who he brought together in time of need. He was a man of faith, and he was on a God-given mission to touch as many lives as he could on this earth. Charlie was successful and led a life worth living. Charlie made this world and Staten Island a better place. May Charlie's life shine forever."

Ann Marinello, Mr. LaGanga's longtime partner: "Thanks to Dr. Khalid for all of your

work putting this event together. Charlie deserved this honor. He helped people on Staten Island and his community here and on Wall Street. He was a God-fearing man. He loved God and St. Teresa. Today is a great honor for him. I'm sure he is looking down with a big smile. Thanks to my family here who gathered today for this honor for Charlie."

A LITTLE ABOUT LAGANGA

LaGanga was born Sebastian Charles LaGanga on July 9, 1937, in the original Staten Island Hospital on Castleton Avenue, the only child of William LaGanga, who emigrated from Sicily, and the former Rose landorio of New Brighton.

He passed away just a few days after his 86th birthday.

He grew up on Cromwell Avenue in Dongan Hills and attended nearby PS 11, where he



was elected president of his eighth-grade class. He served as an altar boy and a longtime usher at his neighborhood parish, St. Ann's.

After graduating from St. Peter's Boys High School in 1955, he studied business at Fordham University and Wagner College.

He joined the workforce at age 19, first as a page on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange — a position that would lead to a six-decade career in finance.

He rose to the position of assistant vice president with Drexel Burnham Lambert and later worked at Janney Montgomery Scott. At the time of his death, he was serving as director of business development for R.F. Lafferty & Co.

In his obituary, Claire Regan noted his steady role with the Iron Hills Civic

Association, where he worked with Dr. Khalid on issues impacting Todt Hill and surrounding areas, to his work with the Staten Island Friends of Hospice Care and Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta School in West Brighton.

He also partnered with Dr. Khalid to establish a Child Advocacy Center in the former convent of St. Peter's R.C. Church, New Brighton. He supported the Staten Island Children's Campaign and was chairman of the board for the Hard of Hearing/Visually Impaired Children on Staten Island.

LaGanga shared his life with Ann Marinello, his partner of 46 years whom he met during morning commutes on the ferry to Manhattan, who was his biggest supporter and enjoyed hearing about his community

work and offered to get involved. Their first date was, appropriately, a fundraising dinner-dance at the former Pavilion on the Terrace in New Brighton.

Mr. LaGanga embraced Marinello's two daughters and their growing families as his own.

LaGanga earned a Lifetime Achievement Liberty Medal, a community service award from the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and a 2004 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which he proudly wore on his lapel.

LaGanga once noted, "I'm a person who cares for other people."

"Although I realize you can't live in a Utopia, I want the best for everyone. I want to make a difference in people's lives. If I can't, I will have at least tried."



(Above) From the left, Assemblyman Michael Tannousis, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Ann Marinello and District Attorney Michael McMahon, elected officials, representatives, and family members and friends. (Steve White)

(Left) Bagpipes at a street renaming for Charles LaGanga. (Steve White)



Charlie De Biase Jr. is all smiles after being named the Golden Media award recipient for his outstanding commitment to covering high school basketball on Staten Island. (Staten Island Advance/Annie De Biase)

Long-time Advance Sportswriter Charlie De Biase Jr. '87

Named Winner of Golden Media Award

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Annie De Biase, June 26, 2024

Charlie De Biase Jr. has been honored with the Golden Media Award by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York for his exceptional contributions to Staten Island high school basketball.

With over 37 years at the Advance, De Biase has covered every SIHSL Tournament since its inception and has built strong personal bonds with local coaches.

His consistent dedication and passion for the sport earned him the nomination by Staten Island Academy athletic director Mike

Mazella, who said, "My God, he's so deserving of the award, especially with everything he's given over the years."

De Biase's lifelong involvement in basketball, from playing and coaching to reporting, has made him an iconic and respected figure in the community.

Read the full touching profile by De Biase's daughter, Annie De Biase, on SILive.



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.



Iron Hills Civic Association Honors Kevin Medefindt with Staten Island community leaders

Excerpt from article published in Staten Island Advance by Annie De Biase, June 26, 2024

Kevin Medefindt '86 joined the NYPD in July of 1999, was promoted to detective in 2009, to detective second grade in 2016 and to detective first grade in 2021.

Mendfindt was the community affairs officer at the 122nd Police Precinct from November 2004 until he was transferred to Community Affairs Patrol Borough Staten Island in September 2021.

He is retiring in July after 25 years of service with the NYPD.

A Westerleigh resident, Mendefindt is a graduate of St. Peter's Boys High School and Kingsborough Community College, where he received a degree in fisheries and marine technology.

"The community of Staten Island is like no other," he said. "Sometimes I received phone calls in the middle of the night. But that's OK. Because I've had a great career. And my heart is in Staten Island. It was an honor to be a police officer here, and anyone who needs me can call me anytime."

Former Borough Commander Toscano (Tony) Simonetti was on hand to present the award to Medefindt:

"I know all of the good work that Kevin does on Staten Island," he said. "We have good people running the command. And it's going to continue. We are fortunate to have our politicians serving us. We've had a good friendship throughout the years. I served for 46 years. Staten Island is different from the other boroughs. We are fortunate to live here and do business here. It takes a good community to keep that going. The police are here to serve you. And we are so blessed to have people here like Dr. Khalid."



*Honoree NYPD Detective Kevin Medefindt
(Courtesy of Steve White)*



NYPD Detective Kevin Medefindt, center right and his family, retired Borough Commander Toscano (Tony) Simonetti, center, members of the NYPD, Medefindt's family and members of the Iron Hills Civic Association. (Courtesy of Steve White)



Former Staten Islander Robert Eccleston's sculpture for the National Desert Storm Memorial, in Washington, D.C. (Courtesy The National Desert Storm Memorial Association)



The Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial in Washington D.C. (Courtesy The National Desert Storm Memorial Association)

Former Staten Islander, a U.S. Army Veteran, Creates Sculpture **for Memorial at National Mall in Washington, D.C.**

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Dr. Gracelyn Santos, Sept. 16, 2023

Former Staten Islander Robert J. Eccleston, a sculptor and U.S. Army veteran, has created a sculpture for the National Desert Storm Memorial at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., a project on which he has been working since 2018.

The National Desert Storm Memorial Association (NDSMA) board of directors, an all-veteran board, is hosting a private event in Loveland, Colorado, on Sept. 16 to showcase the progress of a historic sculpture, one of the commemorative elements of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial.

"Robert Eccleston is a remarkable artist," said Scott C. Stump, CEO/president of the NDSMA. "His talent will soon be permanently and prominently displayed in our nation's capital within the historic National Mall, America's most visited national park.

"As we prepare to begin construction on the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial, we are elated to be in Colorado to highlight

the progress of this historic sculpture prior to its journey to Washington, D.C."

"Designing a sculpture for a National Memorial transcends art for art's sake," said Eccleston. "It's a profound journey where every stroke of creativity must meticulously weave the threads of history, ensuring the sculpture resonates with the Memorial's poignant narrative.

"Throughout the design process, I, along with the rest of the design team, collaborated with the National Park Service and the Commission of Fine Arts to create a memorial worthy of the hallowed ground it will occupy and the veterans who fought and died during Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm."

To learn about Eccleston and his inspiring monument, including more on how this work came to be, read the full article on SILive.com.



"Salt Of the Earth"

Excerpts of article published by Amanda McCoy in Industry, March 29, 2024 | Photos by Amesse Photography

Peter Van Alphen Jr. '89, a dedicated Staten Islander, has upheld the values of hard work and community service taught by his father, the founder of Van Alphen Bros., Inc. Growing up, he spent weekends learning the trade, driving dump trucks to school, and mastering skills such as mixing and finishing concrete. After graduating in 1989, he joined the family business full-time and took over as principal in 2000, with his wife Sandra managing the office operations. Van Alphen Jr. stresses the importance of consistent quality, saying, "Throughout my years in business, I've learned you're only as good as your last job."

Van Alphen Bros., Inc. specializes in a wide range of construction services, including demolition, design, installation, repair and code violation assistance for both residential and commercial clients. The company's growth has been fueled by word-of-mouth referrals, with satisfied customers recommending Van Alphen Bros., Inc. to others. Notably, Van Alphen Jr. secured a three-year snow removal contract for Staten Island University Hospital, demonstrating how small jobs can lead to larger opportunities. His approach to every project with the same level of dedication has cemented his reputation for reliability and excellence.

Beyond his business, Van Alphen Jr. is deeply involved in community service. He supports local churches, schools and nonprofit organizations and is an active member of the Cornerstones Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association. This group, known for their motorcycle rides and charity work, raised \$70,000 for the Florina Cancer Center at SIUH through grassroots efforts like a bowl-a-thon and raffle ticket sales. "It's so important to give back in our yard," said Van Alphen Jr., highlighting the group's commitment to supporting local healthcare and the community.

The legacy of community service initiated by Van Alphen Sr. continues with his grandchildren, as both of Van Alphen Jr.'s sons, Peter III '18 and Thomas '22, are now actively involved in the family business and its charitable activities. Van Alphen Jr. proudly reflects on the impact of his work and the values passed down through generations, stating, "My parents taught me that if you do good things and put good out into the world, it always comes back. I'm extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish."



IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM B. NEWMAN '49 passed away on Dec. 26, 2023. William was a U.S. Navy Korean War veteran and a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, among many other things.

DANIEL MAHALA '51 passed away on Jan. 3, 2024, at the age of 89. Daniel was a U.S. Army veteran, a former public school teacher and a native Staten Islander who loved to travel.

JAMES "JIMMY" F. SILLS JR. '66 passed away on Jan. 22, 2024. An avid New York sports fan and local sanitation worker, James will be missed by the community.

ROBERT "BOCCI" LA TOUR '73 passed away in January 2024. He will be dearly missed by friends and family.

JOHN "JOHNNY" C. REPAGE '81 passed away on Dec. 25, 2023. As a man with many passions, Johnny spent his life serving others through a distinguished healthcare career as an EMT at Richmond University Medical Center, as the Chief of the North Shore Rescue Squad, and as an ER nurse at Maimonides and Staten Island South hospitals.

RICHARD DOWNING '70 passed away on Jan. 20, 2024, at the age of 71. Raised on Staten Island, Richie was a tugboat deckhand for Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, eventually working for the Reinhauer Transportation Company post-graduation.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER PH.D. '61 passed away on Dec. 20, 2023, at the age of 80. Over a 40-year academic career, John authored numerous books and articles, including "Traditions of Inquiry" (1985) and "The Origins of Composition Studies in the American College, 1875-1925" (1995). He was co-editor of the well-known "Norton Reader" for 25 years and also wrote several textbooks.

GEORGE RUSSELL SMITH '68 passed away on Dec. 3, 2023, at the age of 72. Born in Staten Island, George held a distinguished career in the financial world, retiring as the Finance Director of The Steak-Umm Corporation.

FRANCIS A. "FRANK" FOY '54 passed away on March 31, 2024, at the age of 88. He was a U.S. Army veteran, an F.D.N.Y. firefighter of 23 years and an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

FRANK J. BORTLE '87 passed away on May 13, 2024, at the age of 54. Aside from his career as a senior marketing consultant for ValPak, Frank was a loving husband and father.

CHARLES L. "BOONIE" RICCARDI JR. '52 passed away on July 22, 2024, at the age of 89. He was a dedicated public transportation servant, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad and New Jersey Transit for 42 years, and a proud U.S. Army veteran.

JOHN ROBERT CREWS '61 passed away on April 26, 2024, at the age of 81. Throughout his educational career, John led students, staff and his field as a principal, assistant superintendent, professor and on the planning committee for the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C.

DR. WILLIAM F. WOLFE JR. '50 passed away on May 24, 2024. After graduating from St. Peter's, Bill served as a Merchant Marine on oil tankers for the ESSO Company followed by serving in the US Army from 1953-1955. He practiced Chiropractic in New York and Vermont.

ALBERT "AL THE KAT" DEWINTER '64 passed away on Feb. 27, 2021. After serving in the military, Al became a prominent figure in the New York social scene, became a sommelier and established himself in the Wine and Spirits industry.



BERNARD BOWDEN '62 passed away on May 9, 2024, at the age of 79. Bernard held a long career in the insurance and reinsurance businesses, including time as the CFO of J.L.Kelley Inc. and as Executive Vice President at Guy Carpenter & Co.

ANDREW LAMBERTI '64 passed away on May 6, 2024, at the age of 77. After retiring from education, Lamberti enjoyed a 30-year career as a self-employed comedy writer, with sales to Marvel Comics, PBS, "Cracked," "Humor Magazine" and hundreds of national magazines, as well as grade school textbooks and performable comedy material through comedy services in Hollywood, California.

LARRY MCGURK '64 passed away on March 8, 2024, at the age of 77. He will be dearly missed by friends and family.

GERALD F. MURPHY, P.E. '65 passed away on June 9, 2024. Gerald was a skilled engineer, a pioneer in renewable energy and founder, president and Owner of Nordling Dean Electric Co, Inc.

FARRELL M. KANE '50 passed away on June 10, 2024, at the age of 91. A U.S. Army veteran, Farrell loved history and writing and authored the novel, "The Secondary," as well as many short stories for his grandchildren.

BENNY LIANTONIO '90 passed away on June 24, 2024, at the age of 51. Benny served others throughout his personal life and professionally, working with his father at "Liantonio Contracting," masterfully building residential and commercial projects together. Benny also served with the NYC Department of Sanitation.

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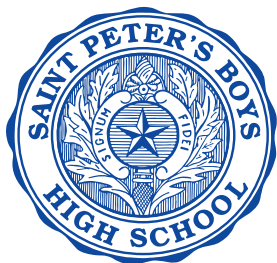
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