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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fenwick Friends,

As you know, we officially celebrated Fenwick's 90th "birthday" on September 9. At an all-school Mass, our Dominican Provincial, Fr. James Marchionda, O.P., reminded us of how good God has been to the Fenwick community. As our 91st academic year began, we launched a new learning space in Room 57, named the Engineering & Innovation Laboratory. Through the generosity of our benefactors, we were able to invest some \$70,000 in this lab, which further enhances our excellent STEAM curriculum.

We are grateful that our alumni continue to "give back" to Fenwick. I'd like to highlight three who represent the best of our tradition:

- This month, English classes were visited by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer **Steve Twomey '69**, whose class celebrated its 50th Reunion last month.
- Also presenting on campus in November are **Darrell Noga '75**, an attorney/partner at law firm Brown Fox in Dallas, TX, and **Dan Chang '85**, a program manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA.

It's a bit early to be talking about the end of the school year, but I must admit that we will be thrilled to usher out 2019–20 by driving the first car into Fenwick's **Michael R. Quinlan '62 Parking Center**. The project is now well underway; we expect a June 2020 completion date!

Finally, we recognize that at Fenwick faith and education go hand-in-hand. Our cover story this issue explores the Dominican Pillar of Prayer — by focusing on our popular Kairos senior retreats. I think you will enjoy reading about how this program has deeply touched so many young lives. Shana Wang, a third-year English teacher, perhaps put it best in her October "Faculty Focus" profile: "Fenwick students are buoyed by their faith," wrote Ms. Wang, a mother of two teenagers. "They lean on and support each other. They still believe that they can improve the world and, because of that, they will!" Amen.

May your family's upcoming holiday season be blessed by God and his precious gift to us: Jesus, our brother.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Peddicord".

Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P.
President



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Kairos senior retreat attendees participate in group bonding exercises among other, more serious activities.

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What Does Fenwick Mean to You?

By John Barron '76, Board Chair



John Barron

Having celebrated our 90th birthday two months ago and now in our 91st school year, one would think that we would all have a standard response, a common answer, a similar catch phrase when someone asks, “What makes Fenwick so special?” It’s not so simple, is it?

Many of us know in our bones that Fenwick is special, that there is a certain something about it, but it is not always easy to articulate. We have used many phrases over the

years to describe the “je ne sais quoi” of Fenwick:

- Excellence, Leadership, Tradition
- Friar Nation
- Defending the Shield
- Prayer, Study, Community, Preaching
- The future is yours, own it!

Of course, these are all true. In some way, these all resonate with our own Fenwick experience. But do they capture the spirit of Fenwick across those 90 years? Will they continue to capture that spirit in our second century? When we hear those phrases, do we all think, “That is Fenwick?”

You may recall that Fenwick undertook a strategic planning process two years ago and began to implement that plan last year (for the full strategic plan, please see www.fenwickfriars.com/fenwick-strategic-plan/). Several key objectives of that plan have to do with articulating that message, distilling what Fenwick means into a few words, defining our “brand.”

This is especially critical in our age of instant communication, social media and viral messaging, when competition for students is ever more fierce. Fenwick’s marketing communication efforts have improved dramatically over the past several years, but it is time to define the “je ne sais quoi” of Fenwick.

In another step toward implementing the current strategic plan, Fenwick is in the process of undertaking a “marketing audit” to help define that message, to determine what we do well, what we don’t do so well, what we could do better, what types of media and kinds of messaging make sense in today’s world for all of our constituents, but especially for potential students and their families.

You may be asked to participate in a survey or focus group to answer, “What does Fenwick mean to you?” or similar questions. Please participate if you are able. Your feedback is vitally important to improving our overall marketing communication efforts and to articulating the essence of Fenwick. ✱

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The Powerful Pillar of Prayer

Kairos retreats — a senior rite at Fenwick for the past 34 years — are life-altering for many students, each of whom has ‘a story.’

By Mark Vruno

Most faithful Friars can recite the four pillars of Dominican life: 1) prayer, 2) study, 3) community and 4) preaching. Fenwick’s Kairos retreats blend together three of these pillars (community, preaching and praying), but it truly personifies prayer most of all. The nationally recognized Roman Catholic program is a two-and-a-half day, off-campus experience designed for high school students.

The word Kairos (from the Greek *καιρός*) “means ‘God’s time,’” translates former Theology Teacher Lucy White, who oversaw the senior retreat program at Fenwick for seven years before retiring in spring 2018.

“It is an opportunity for seniors to go apart and experience God, others and themselves in a new way. Fenwick is unique in that, in keeping with the Dominican tradition of preaching, the students, with adult supervision, are the leaders of the retreat,” Mrs. White continues. “We train the student leaders to give talks, lead small groups and guide the retreat. It is an opportunity for the students to be honest, open and supportive of each other in a safe, prayerful environment. Students open up and are supported by their peers in their struggles, pressures and fears as well as their successes. The senior class bonds as a whole, making life-long friendships. Many seniors say that it is their best experience of Fenwick.”

Young alumnus **Kyle Gruszka ’17**, from Chicago and now a third-class (year) cadet at the United States Air Force Academy, recounts: “Kairos really opened my eyes and helped me connect to my classmates in ways I couldn’t even imagine.” A graduate of St. Giles School in Oak Park, Gruszka is studying astronautical engineering in Colorado Springs.

Over more than three decades, nearly 10,000 Friar students have embarked on the student-run retreats. “I was on the very first Fenwick Kairos in December of 1985,” recalls former Campus Minister **Fr. Dennis Woerter, O.P., D.Min. ’86**, adding that fellow alumnus **John Quinn ’76** was a faculty team member present at that inaugural retreat. Mr. Quinn remembers Kairos’ roots at Fenwick. “Father Peter Heidenrich, O.P., now deceased, was the driving force/founder of the program [here],” reports the long-time history/social studies teacher and former basketball coach.

Spanish Teacher and alumnus **Jim Reardon ’86** served as a captain of that first Kairos, which was held at the Dominican House of Studies (Priory) in River Forest. A decade later, ’96 classmates turned Spanish and science teachers, respectively, **Samantha Carraher** and **Brigid Esposito**, were among the first female/co-ed retreatants at Fenwick.

Fr. Heidenrich sought a spiritual component beyond classroom instruction. “He wanted to create a cutting-edge retreat program,” Mr. Quinn elaborates, wherein students could serve as living examples for each other. He traveled around the United States to different Catholic high schools and conferences, “probing and mining,” according to Quinn. “The vision was to seek out young people of great leadership and faith potential to be ministers of their own.”

With the school being comprised solely of boys during Kairos' inception, the wise priest thought it was critical to obtain buy-in from coaches at the time, including Jim Nudera (football and wrestling) and **Mike Latz '81** (wrestling) in addition to theology teachers such as Br. Carlos Griego. "Young men were being asked to take on very different roles as faith leaders," explains Quinn, then the Friars' head varsity basketball coach. "Bringing in coaches as part of the Kairos leadership team was an integral part of Heidenrich's strategy." Strong support from the top down came from then-President Fr. William Bernacki, O.P., notes Quinn, followed later by Fr. Robert Botthof, O.P. and **Fr. Richard LaPata, O.P. '50**.

Adds Athletic Director/alumnus **Scott Thies '99**, "Kairos is a great tool for breaking down the barriers that often exist among different groups of teenagers."

Fr. Woerter continues: "We all have an inherent desire to be and feel loved. Despite what may be going on in a student's life, Kairos is an opportunity for him or her to simply experience love. Love of God and love of neighbor are two elements of the Great Commandment," notes Woerter, who left Fenwick this past spring to become associate pastor with the St. Paul Catholic Center (Newman Center) at Indiana University. "Kairos allows the student to feel loved by both God and neighbor. I have witnessed the life-changing effect of Kairos, not only for individuals, but for entire classes."

Embracing emotions

In mid-October, 51 members of the Class of 2020 — 25 boys and 26 girls — bused to the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL, some 50 miles northwest of Oak Park and Chicago. Fenwick facilitates six such retreats each school year, explains Math Teacher Maria Nowicki, who is in her second year of directing Kairos, which falls under the Campus Ministry umbrella. Two similar groups had their Kairos this past June and September, and three more will occur in December and next January and March.

"Our hope is that these young people grow stronger in their faith, get closer to God and actually feel His love during



Class of 2020 team-building and bonding at October Kairos.

their time at Kairos," Mrs. Nowicki says, emphasizing that the program is run by the students. A core team of 10 seniors, "who have made their own Kairos," lead each retreat, she points out, while two others serve as rectors. "These students put on the retreats for their peers," Nowicki notes, "and are assisted by a team of six adults."

Kairos days and nights are rich in personal, heart-felt reflections and intimate sharing. More often than not, hearing their peers open up emotionally forges bonds and strengthens connections between classmates. What does it mean to Fenwick students chosen to be retreat leaders?

Joe Zawacki '20, one member of the current senior leadership team, shares: "The opportunity to be a Kairos leader has to be the blessing for which I am most grateful in my life right now. The chance you have to preach God's love and then witness it in action among the retreatants as they learn to embrace Kairos is indescribable," says Zawacki, a musician and soccer player who hails from Oak



Park and is a member of the Fenwick Math Team. "I don't see anything better in life than this retreat and its power to bring our grade together, from one retreat to the next."

Classmate **Kennedy Berschel '20** adds, "As a Kairos leader, I have never grown more respect or appreciation for the people I surround myself with every day at Fenwick. The overwhelming sense of trust, vulnerability and love displayed on every retreat is something that can only be described as God's presence." Berschel plans to study and play women's soccer (she is a midfielder) at the University of Illinois next year.

Fellow senior and soccer defender **Joe Sedlacek** asserts, "The Kairos retreat has by far been the highlight of my four years here at Fenwick as I have actively been part of a life-changing program that unites an entire class into one, loving family. It taught me that no matter how different we may seem from each other, we are similar in a multitude of ways and can build lasting relationships." Sedlacek, who grew up in La Grange Park and attended Park Junior High School, adds, "I am eternally grateful for the Kairos experience and hope every student feels the same."

What recent alumni are saying

Young alumna **Meredith Kisla '15**, who graduated from high school four and a half years ago, relates, "Leading and rectoring Kairos was my greatest experience at Fenwick. I had the opportunity to deepen my relationships with my classmates, myself and my faith over the course of three days, and truly believe it has shaped the way I carry out my life."



October Kairos participants at the Bellarmine Retreat House, situated on 80 acres in northwest suburban Barrington, Illinois (www.jesuitretreat.org).

Kisla, who hails from Western Springs (St. Francis Xavier) and graduated from Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN) added, "Kairos is such a wonderful experience, and I am forever grateful for the many lessons, friends and memories I gained from each retreat." This past spring, she began a career in public accounting in London, U.K.

Her 2015 classmate **Pete Salvino**, a former Friar football player and recent neuroscience/electrical engineering graduate of Johns Hopkins, "was lucky enough to take part in Kairos twice; the second time as a leader. It really was unlike any other experience I had at Fenwick and gave me new appreciation for the type of people my classmates are."

Salvino grew up in River Forest and went to Roosevelt Middle School.

Other recent Fenwick graduates echo Salvino's praise for the retreats. **Daniela Echiveste '16** credits Kairos as the one Fenwick experience that changed her the most. "The experience made me realize how blessed I am and to always

MORE PRAISE FOR KAIROS

"I would love to relive Kairos," admits alumna **Eryn Kulik '16**, a senior advertising major at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. "Kairos is a retreat that will bring classmates together to form life-long friendships. It is also a way for students to get to know God and themselves. Through Kairos I have learned to love and appreciate everything and everyone around me in a more positive way!" says Kulik, a double Friar (St. Vincent Ferrer) from Elmwood Park.

"My Kairos experiences shaped who I am today," reveals **Katie Vulich '15**, a former college swimmer at Bellarmine University in Louisville. "I learned something different as a retreatant, leader and rector. The retreat that stands out the most was my final Kairos and helping Fr. Dennis navigate the process. I owe that retreat for making me believe in my leadership skills," recalls Vulich, a La Grange Park native (Cossitt Elementary and Park Junior High); she now is a Wellness and Recreation Graduate Assistant at St. Ambrose University in Iowa.

"The Fenwick experience that changed me was Kairos," says **Lorenzano Blakeney '18**, who plays football with his twin brother, Lorente, at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL, where he is majoring in health science. "Before attending the trip, I had my doubts on whether I would even enjoy myself. I ended up reconnecting with a lot of people I used to talk to and meeting people who I'd never had a conversation with before." The Blakeney brothers grew up in Chicago and attended Washington Irving Elementary School.

Rachel McCarthy '17, an English literature/psychology double major at Illinois Wesleyan University, adds: "To me, Kairos was a powerful experience of acceptance and healing." Ms. McCarthy grew up in Riverside and attended St. Mary School there.

keep in mind what other people are going through in life,” says the native Chicagoan (John Spry Community School) who is majoring in advertising management at Michigan State.

“Kairos really helped each person become closer to those around them and helped us realize that everyone has a story, and we don’t know what others have been through,” adds Elmhurst native and fellow alumna **Margaret McLean ’16**, now a senior nursing student at Saint Louis University. “Showing kindness to someone who is secretly going through a rough time can make a world of difference to them. I am going to carry this with me through my nursing career and offer love and kindness in all that I do.”

Jakarie Gates, their 2016 classmate and a senior at Morehouse College in Atlanta, notes, “Kairos taught me not to take the important things in life for granted: love and appreciation. Kairos made me appreciate time more.” Gates, who aspires to work in public relations/social media after graduation, also grew up in Chicago and attended St. Malachy Catholic School. He has been active in the North Lawndale Reads project through the Steans Family Foundation.

Anastasia Velliotis, another ’16 classmate, notes, “I absolutely loved Kairos because I feel that is when our class really connected the most. Being able to hear everyone’s story was incredibly inspirational and something that I will truly cherish and remember forever.” Velliotis, originally from Western Springs (La Grange Highlands Middle School), now is a senior in the University of Illinois’ Gies College of Business.

Adds Lina, Anastasia’s mother, “I do believe the Fenwick Mission that inspires excellence and educates each student to lead, achieve and serve resonates with Friars long after they graduate. Fenwick should be proud!” ✱

“The Fenwick Mission — that inspires excellence and educates each student to lead, achieve and serve — resonates with Friars long after they graduate.”

— past parent

SO WHAT GOES ON AT KAIROS?

There is an air of mystery surrounding Kairos. Seniors sort of know what it is, but they are not truly certain of what happens at the big retreat. There are wake-up and clean-up logistics, of course. “Kairos is simply something which needs to be experienced,” stresses Brother Joseph Trout, O.P., Chair of Fenwick’s Theology Department. “Knowing the sequence of events does not tell you what Kairos is any more than outlining a married couple’s daily schedule really tells you what it is like to be married.”



Alumnus **Charlie Myers ’17** reflected on his own retreat experience three years ago. “Kairos was hands down the Fenwick experience that changed me most,” concludes Myers, a junior marketing major at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, who was raised in Chicago (Catalyst Circle Rock Elementary School). “But I won’t say too much — to not spoil it for the younger Friars.”

Classmate **Lauren Lombard ’17**, of Western Springs (St. John of the Cross), perhaps says it best. “Kairos at the beginning of my senior year showed me the love that surrounded me at Fenwick and allowed our grade to unite around each other for the remainder of our time together.” Now a college junior, Lombard is a chemical engineering major at the University of Notre Dame.

The environment of Kairos is extraordinarily supportive, explains **Isabelle Bucolo ’20**, a senior retreat co-leader for the 2019-20 school year.

“Because of this, most people have found it to be a comfortable outlet for them to open up to others and to themselves. I am typically an open book,” admits Bucolo, an Elmhurst resident and accomplished alto singer (All-District) in the Fenwick Choir, “but Kairos has given me even more of an opportunity, and a great platform, for me to tell my story in order to help others. Kairos shows us that we have our own built-in support system. I think Kairos is incredible for this reason: not only are you helping yourself, but you are helping others.”

Amen.



Fenwick Launches Engineering and Innovation Laboratory

Facility represents the ‘steam’ that powers course offerings in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

By Mark Vruno

Fenwick High School has ushered in its 91st academic year with a new Engineering & Innovation Laboratory. At Fall Open Houses, prospective students and their families had an opportunity to see the modular classroom (Room 57), which features 25 new drafting and programming laptop computers, six 3D printers and five interactive, “smart” monitors. These technology equipment upgrades are a major part of the more than \$70,000 investment in the refurbished lab space.

“We are teaching in the lab to packed computer-science classes,” Science Dept. Co-chair Dave Kleinhans reports. In an effort to prepare students for business and STEAM (science/technology/engineering/art/math) degrees in college, he adds, many of these courses were co-developed with a University of Illinois, student-run consulting organization. At professional-development

sessions in mid-September, faculty members received training on the three-dimensional (additive-manufacturing) printers.

Principal Peter Groom adds, “The development of our Computer Science curriculum has been a collaborative effort. We put a lot of faith in our faculty, and they really ran with it. In some cases, our teachers took existing courses and tailored them to the 21st-century world,” Mr. Groom explains. “In other cases, we started brand new courses. The opening of the new lab is just the beginning of a facilities transformation that will allow our excellent CS/Physics faculty to maximize the student experience.”



3D printers are part of the revamped room.

Fenwick’s Engineering & Innovation Lab “is what software labs look like at some of the companies I still communicate with in the private sector,” notes Mr. Kleinhans, who started up three software firms over two decades before embarking on a career change to become a teacher. IBM (Cognos) acquired one of his companies, but Kleinhans insists that teaching and mentoring young people bring him far more satisfaction and joy “than any bonus check for selling a company or being a CEO.”

Joining the Fenwick faculty for this school year is Donald Nelson, who is taking over a lot of our CS [computer science] classes. “Principal Groom made a great, strategic new hire in Nelson,” Kleinhans believes. “Don is a 30-year business person/nuclear



Mr. Don Nelson (center) joined the Fenwick faculty this year to help run the computer-science segments of the new lab.

engineer who wants to be involved with students as a second career.” Nelson, who previously has taught at the Illinois Institute of Technology and DePaul Prep, holds a B.S. in engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an M.S. in computer science engineering from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Student input and involvement

“It was inspiring to watch Dave Kleinhans empower recent graduates and current Friars to be project managers for the new lab,” adds Math Teacher and alumnus **Kevin Roche ’05**. “**Kevin Brosnan ’20**, **Spencer Gallagher ’19** and **Jack Vomacka ’18** [helped] make it all happen. They met with architects, researched the best equipment, presented to the Board and even were present for the painting and carpeting subcontractors to ensure the job got done. That was my favorite part of it all: those three gain valuable project-management experience thanks to Dave.

“The room itself is my second favorite part,” Mr. Roche continues. “It is an incredible, open space for hands-on and collaborative learning, which is what much of CS entails. This room before was almost dead space (though one of the largest classrooms in the building). Now it is used for nearly every period for multiple classes. It is a great spot that Fenwick students will benefit from for years to come. The few tens of thousands of dollars needed to upgrade the room and to get the equipment as it is now will pay back dividends.”

Math Dept. colleague Dave Setum, who teaches Computer Aided Design (CAD) courses, adds: “The new Innovation Lab is helping our students direct their education into areas they are passionate about. While we have taught STEAM-based ideas for years, the new lab allows our students to create objects of their own design,” Mr. Setum explains. “They have a lot of freedom to learn through creating and refining their ideas in a lab-based setting. Once the students see that first idea get developed into a physical object, their excitement skyrockets and they have that internal drive to create more. It is a great space for combining science with design and art. Plenty of kids who might not have developed traditional 2D art skills can work with the technology and create in a new and different way.”

Kleinhans concludes, “It really is an exceptional environment.” He encourages alumni to come back to campus and see it, adding that Phase II of his vision for Fenwick is to build a “Garage Lab” where we can teach robotics and advanced CS classes. I envision converting the old Math Lab that is adjacent to the faculty cafeteria to a ‘Robotics Garage.’”

Fenwick offers a full spectrum of college-prep mathematics and sciences courses, including five in Computer Science:

- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Computer Skills for Business
- Introduction to Computer Science
- AP Computer Science
- Data Structures and Algorithms

Details are available in the Course Selection Guide for 2019-20. ✨



Science Department Co-chair Mr. Dave Kleinhans (right) works with a student on a laptop computer in the new STEAM-focused facility.

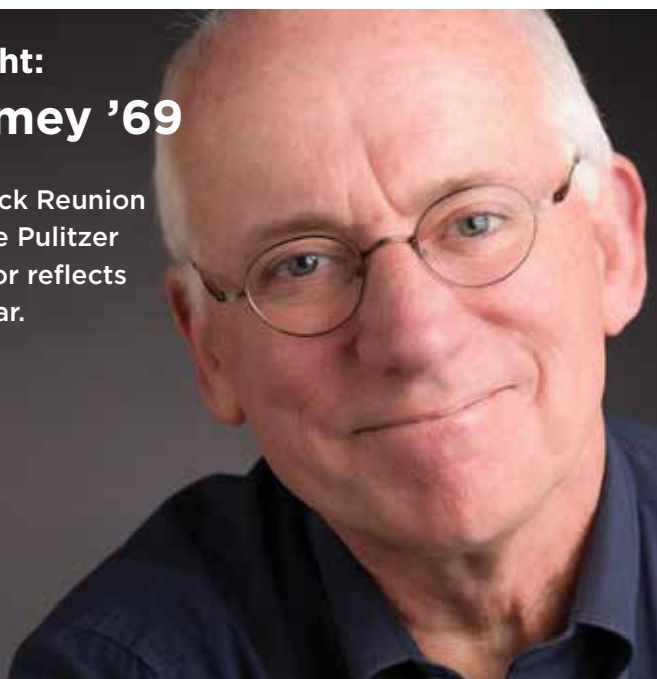


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Alumni Spotlight: Steve Twomey '69

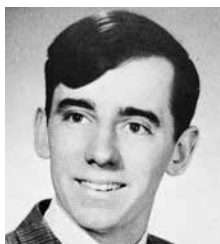
With his 50th Fenwick Reunion one month past, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author reflects on his days as a Friar.

By Mark Vruno



Friar alumnus **Steve Twomey '69** is busy researching and writing, again — this time, for another book about World War II. And, he's thinking. Twomey thinks a lot about, well, thought. Blame all that insight and thoughtfulness on Fenwick, he says.

"I took a course in high school that I loved. I think it was a religion class. Its premise was logic and explaining the rational processes by which we think," recalls



Twomey, a retired reporter/journalist and present author/freelance writer who has taught journalism at New York University. "At Fenwick we discussed the fallacies of logic and the traps that people get into with their thinking," he relates. "This information was imparted on my brain forever." (He also remembers classmates throwing fetal pigs on Scoville Ave. from the top window of a science classroom, while young Biology Teacher John Polka tried to remain calm. However, that's a story for another article!)

Twomey began his career in journalism as a weekend copyboy at the *Chicago Tribune* as a 16-year-old kid. An uncle worked in the business office there and

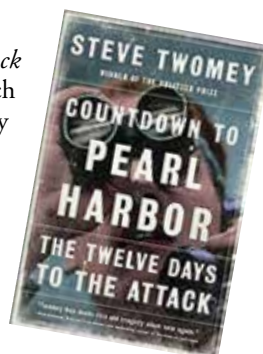
helped him land the summer job. "I loved being in a newsroom where people were finding out things," he admits. Young Steve was hooked.

"I've distributed words for 30 years," Twomey declared 15 years ago, upon occasion of Fenwick's 75th anniversary. "You might not like journalism — so many folks don't, be they of the political Left or Right," he added then, somewhat prophetically. "But ever since Fenwick, being a newspaper guy has seemed the perfect way to sate a lust to know stuff, to see my name in black-and-white and to get paid for both."

Over the course of a 27-year media career Twomey traveled extensively and:

- shook hands with Queen Elizabeth II aboard her yacht;
- drank tea with Polish labor activist/ politician Lech Walesa in his Warsaw apartment;
- took cover in the Sahara Desert from shellfire from Polisario rebels.

In 2016 he published *Countdown to Pearl Harbor: The 12 Days to the Attack* (365 pages; Simon & Schuster), which traces the miscommunications, faulty assumptions and foul-ups that led to the ill-fated "day which will live in infamy" 78 years ago this December.



A critical thinker

A sweet 16 years have passed since Fenwick inducted Twomey into the its Hall of Fame. His prestigious Pulitzer recognition in journalism (feature writing/reporting category for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* while in Paris, France) came in 1987 for his illuminating profile of life aboard the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. America*, which had launched planes that took part in a United States' attack on Libya in mid-1986. Twomey, who was 35 years old when he won his Pulitzer Prize, wrote about daily life for the mega ship's personnel. He also questioned the strategic value of the U.S. military/government spending \$500,000 a day (at the time, 32 years ago) to operate the massive vessel.

Twomey, a 1973 graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, went on to write for the *Washington Post*. He was born in Niles, Michigan. His family moved to Naperville, Illinois, and then to Oak Park. As a Friar student, he wrote for *The Wick* student newspaper all four years.

He attests that studying logic his senior year illuminated his path as a young man. "My experience at Fenwick was everything that education should be — because it made me parse statements, allegations and claims in ways that have served me well ever since. It was thinking about thought, and in the ensuing years most of what I have done professionally involves that. If and when I conclude that something does not make sense, I have Fenwick to thank." ✱

Editor's note: Mr. Twomey returned to Fenwick November 4 to speak with students in English, history and journalism classes.



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Successes and Challenges

By Chris Ritten, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

The 2019 fiscal year (7/1/18 thru 6/30/19) was a year of philanthropic successes and challenges for Fenwick High School and our institutional advancement (IA) efforts. We have you to thank for the successes, and we are actively working to address the challenges.

Successes:

- Fenwick had a net operating surplus for the year with increased restricted giving.
- Nearly \$2.5 million in financial aid was provided to deserving families.
- The IL tax credit scholarship (TCS) program (see sidebar) remains a force with nearly \$1.2 million directed to Fenwick students in calendar years 2018 and 2019, saving Fenwick supporters almost \$900,000 on their IL state income taxes.
- \$6.2 million was committed to the Centennial Campaign (see sidebar).
- Seven more “named” scholarship funds were established (see sidebar).

Challenges:

- Unrestricted annual giving (Fenwick Fund) declined.
- Alumni participation in annual giving remains stubbornly stuck at about 10% and parent participation declined. (To

some degree these two points were impacted by the success of the TCS program).

- The “pipeline” of four-, five- and six-figure gifts to the Centennial Campaign — vital for long-term success — hasn’t fully developed as expected by now.

Overall, fundraising revenue increased \$2.7 million to \$9.4 million (not including the tax credit scholarship grants to students) while total institutional advancement expenses rose marginally (please see table below). Investment returns and Centennial Campaign gifts also drove a \$7.8 million positive change to net assets.

Some of this can be seen in the annual report insert in this *Friar Reporter*, and we encourage you to look for much more detail on our website: www.fenwickfriars.com/annualreport/

Fenwick is not alone in the challenges we face. Many of our peer institutions and non-profits in general are experiencing the same issues: lower participation rates, fewer “smaller” annual donors (despite the importance of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 gifts), increased donor interest in seeing the specific benefits of a donation to the mission, changing tax laws, and so on.

INVEST IN KIDS ACT

Signed into law in August 2017, the Invest in Kids Act created the Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) program which enables IL state residents to make a contribution to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and direct their gift to a private elementary or high school. **Donors receive a 75% tax credit on their IL state income tax bill for this contribution.**

There was talk during the recent IL gubernatorial campaign that this program might be rescinded. Not only has it survived the change in state government, it appears increasingly likely that it will remain in place through the original expiration date at the end of calendar year 2022.

All of the tax credits for 2019 have not yet been claimed! You can still take advantage of the TCS program before December 31, 2019, to support

Fenwick students and reduce your tax bill.

There are stringent income requirements for families to qualify for grants through this state program. Priority is given to a family of four whose income does not exceed \$46,435 and \$73,800 is the upper limit to qualify. **Fenwick has well over 100 families who qualify.** To date over 80 Fenwick students/families have benefited from this program.

Thanks to all who have taken advantage of the TCS program! If you haven’t done it yet, help deserving Fenwick kids and get a big tax break!

For more information, please see www.revenue.state.il.us/InvestInKids/ or contact Chris Ritten at Fenwick: 708-948-0350, critten@fenwickfriars.com

Our group is actively working on and implementing practices to address these challenges:

- More opportunities for the broader community to engage with Fenwick, such as the 2nd annual winter carnival in February and community-wide events in the auditorium.
- More “affinity” group events, such as Black Friars Guild gatherings and the Black Student Union/alumni gathering.
- Greater emphasis on the specific effects of your support on Fenwick students in our solicitation and stewardship efforts.
- Increased opportunities to restrict your gifts to specific programs or activities.
- Greater segmentation of messaging of all kinds to better suit your needs.
- A marketing/communications audit to improve Fenwick’s overall “brand” messaging.

With your help, I look forward to reporting next year on how well we’ve met our challenges. If you haven’t donated to Fenwick in some time, please consider supporting our students, one-third of whom receive financial assistance from Fenwick (via donors like you!). If you are a regular donor, please keep your streak going. If you were a first-time donor in FY ’19, please consider making it two years in a row. If you haven’t recently assessed your priority of giving to Fenwick in the context of your other philanthropic priorities, please consider what Fenwick means to you.

Despite challenges, the IA team remains optimistic for the future because we know that Friar Nation is second to none, and we continue to meet “new” Fenwick supporters regularly. We remain honored and privileged to work on behalf of Fenwick and to further our relationship with you.

Thank you very much for your continued interest in and support of Fenwick High School. We are very grateful for your steadfast generosity and partnership. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns: critten@fenwickfriars.com, 708-948-0350. ✱

FY ’19 Institutional Advancement Revenue and Expenses

	Total Expenses for IA Department*	IA Expenses less MarCom^
	\$1,799,246	\$1,498,184
Total IA Revenue=	\$9,407,980	\$9,407,980
Cost per \$ Raised	19.1%	15.9%
FY ’18	26.3%	22.2%
FY ’17	31.6%	25.5%

*Includes all salaries, benefits and expenses for four functions: philanthropy, alumni relations, marketing communications and events/honors/awards

^Includes all salaries, benefits and expenses for three functions: philanthropy, alumni relations and events (ex marketing communications)



Facilities

Construction of the **Michael R. Quinlan '62** Parking Center is underway! Next June Fenwick will cut the ribbon on a 325-space parking garage immediately adjacent to the fieldhouse with easy access to the atrium entrance. About \$5 million is still required to fully fund the parking center.

This is a game-changer for Fenwick. From an admissions standpoint, no more parent concerns about easily-accessible, safe and secure parking, and no parking tickets to worry about! Fenwick will be a more welcoming host for all events. We can’t wait to host the annual Golden Friars mass and luncheon next summer with no worries about on-site parking!

Endowment and Tuition Assistance

A total of seven endowed or expendable scholarship funds completed funding in FY ’19 and made their first financial aid distributions this school year. Those funds are:

- Class of ’74 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- ’68 Class of Champions Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Class of ’62 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- The Jay C. Tonne and George P. Korzeniewski ’58 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Frank Capitanini Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Richard Honquest ’52 Scholarship Fund
- Class of ’92 Scholarship Fund

Thanks to all of the generous donors who made these funds possible!

For a full description of all “named” funds and the requirements to establish one, please see www.fenwickfriars.com/support/class-givingnamed-funds/. Please see www.fenwickfriars.com/fenwick2029/ for more detail and regular updates on the Centennial Campaign.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Future Alumni: Meet the Friars' Class of 2023!

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR MARIA NOWICKI

Congratulations to Math Teacher and 13-year Fenwick veteran Maria Nowicki, the Friars' Educator of the Year! The annual award is named for former Math Teacher Father Conway and nominated/voted on by fellow faculty. Mrs. Nowicki also moderates the KAIROS Retreat Program (see page 6).



FENWICK PRODUCED MORE THAN 120 AP SCHOLARS IN 2018-2019

When it comes to the Friars' highest-achieving students, demand drives supply for course offerings. Last year, Fenwick administered 843 AP tests in 26 subject areas.

"The AP program at Fenwick gives our students a clear advantage when they reach college," asserts Principal Peter Groom. "In some cases, students benefit from the same type of rigor they will see in their college classes. In other cases, students earn college credit, which enables them to focus on upper-level classes at the collegiate level."

Last school year, nearly one in 10 of Fenwick's students was recognized as an AP Scholar at one of these levels:



Even freshman biology students get into the AP "game" at Fenwick!

- 49 Friars were named AP Scholars, a distinction granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. (Scoring is based on a scale of 5, with 5 being the highest.)
- 17 students were named AP Scholars with Honors, which means they received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- 44 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction. They received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these tests.
- 11 students were named National AP Scholars for receiving an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

Four Fenwick Students Qualify as 2019–20 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists

The Friars' quartet is competing for 7,600 scholarships valued at more than \$31 million.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced those students who have qualified as Semi-finalists in this year's Merit competition. Fenwick High School is pleased to report that it has four seniors who have qualified for this honor. Of the nearly 1.5 million students who sat for last year's PSAT/NMSQT examination, these students placed in approximately the top 1%. Of the 16,000 Semi-finalists, about half will be awarded scholarships under the auspices of the National Merit program, earning the "Merit Scholar" title.

"These seniors now move on to the next phase of the contest," explains Richard Borsch, Director of College Counseling at Fenwick. "Congratulations to them — and best wishes in the continuing competition!" The four Fenwick semifinalists, with grade schools and cities of residence, are: **Eva Homberger** (Oak Park, Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School); **Joseph Zawacki** (Oak Park, St. Giles Catholic School); **Jacob Arquette** (Oak Park, Percy Julian Middle School); and **Elizabeth Rogowski** (Hinsdale, St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School).

These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$31 million, announced between April and July 2020. A Semi-finalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

10 Seniors to Receive National Merit Commendations

Ten Fenwick students are among some 34,000 high-school seniors from across the United States who will receive letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). They are, in alphabetical order with their hometowns and grade schools:

- **Katherine Casagrande**, Elmhurst, Bryan Middle School
- **Kaitlyn Cassidy**, La Grange, St. Cletus School



From left: Eva Homberger, Joseph Zawacki, Jacob Arquette and Elizabeth Rogowski.

- **Nathan Crowell**, Elmhurst, Bryan Middle School
- **Clark Davis**, Elmhurst, Immaculate Conception Grade School
- **Michael Kapsch**, Elmhurst, Immaculate Conception Grade School
- **Jordan Nigro**, Chicago, Lane Tech Academic Center
- **Joshua Richards**, Riverside, Hauser Junior High
- **Margaret Scudder**, Western Springs, St. John of the Cross School
- **Sebastian Torres**, Franklin Park, St. Cyprian School
- **Grace Vomacka**, Riverside, St. Mary School

These commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers.

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," comments a NMSC spokesperson. Based in Evanston, NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that has awarded scholarships to more than 330,000 deserving students since its establishment in 1955.



From left: Sebastian Torres, Kaitlyn Cassidy, Nathan Crowell, Katherine Casagrande, Joshua Richards, Michael Kapsch, Margaret Scudder, Clark Davis, Jordan Nigro and Grace Vomacka.

TRIO OF COLLEGE BOARD HISPANIC SCHOLARS FOR 2019-20

Last year more than 140,000 Hispanic or Latino juniors from high schools around the country applied for the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). Now seniors, three of these students from Fenwick High School have been named as National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board. Selection is based on Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). This trio of Fenwick Friars scored in the top 2.5% of all PSAT test-takers.

- **Jonathan Izurieta**, *Grace Lutheran, Elmwood Park*
- **Jordan Nigro**, *Lane Tech Academic Center, Chicago*
- **Julian Maldonado**, *Immaculate Conception, Chicago*



From left: Jonathan Izurieta, Jordan Nigro and Julian Maldonado

"Some 17% of Fenwick's student body comprises children of either Hispanic or Latino ethnicity," reports Peter Groom, Principal of Fenwick High School. "We are fortunate to enroll young men and women who possess incredible talent and who work to maximize those abilities. Fenwick's faculty, staff and administration are extremely proud of Jonathan, Julian and Jordan.

"As a result of this accomplishment, their names will be sent to colleges for scholarship consideration," Mr. Groom continues. The College Board encourages all National Hispanic Scholars to communicate their achievement to prospective colleges and universities. Based in New York City, the College Board is an American not-for-profit organization formed in late 1899 as the College Entrance Examination Board to expand access to higher education.

Congratulazioni!

Fenwick's "Italian Room" (Room 14) has been renamed in honor of late alumnus/ restaurateur (The Italian Village) **Frank Capitanini '50**. In addition to their generous classroom-naming donation, the Capitanini family also has created an endowed scholarship in their father's memory. The fund will provide tuition assistance for a Friar student in need.

The Capitanini Family (from left): son Alfredo '81, Raymond (Frank's brother) '53, daughters Lisa and Gina (Trinity alumni), and son Frank '78.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Making Progress on the Parking Center

Slated for mid-2020 completion, construction on Fenwick's **Michael R. Quinlan '62** Parking Center is moving along on schedule.

A "Garage Party" is in the planning stages for late June!



Friar Classic Golfers Raise \$30,000+

Thanks to the generosity of more than 300 golfers, the 50th Annual Friar Classic Golf Outing in June raised more than \$30,000 net for tuition assistance at Fenwick. The new venue at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton was a big hit. The Class of 1992 passed the Bernacki Cup on to **John Donoghue '06**, Gregg Hague, Tim Hague and **Timothy Hague '10**!



Father-son foursome: Former Friar football players Sean Heslin '17 (from left) with his dad, Pat, and Jack Henige '17 with his dad, Monte.





Happy Birthday Fenwick

On September 9, Fenwick officially celebrated its 90th “birthday.” Congratulations, Friars!



FENWICK PRODUCES “DAVID COPPERFIELD” AS ITS 50TH FALL PLAY



Dublin Football Showcase '20 - Fenwick Friends & Family Air & Land Package

PLEASE JOIN FENWICK IN IRELAND!

Fenwick High School is proud to announce a trip to Dublin in August 2020 that will celebrate the Dominican heritage in Ireland, Fenwick’s special and historical relationship with the University of Notre Dame and the U.S. Naval Academy, and its own storied football tradition!

For trip details and to register, please visit book.anthonystravel.com/d/dublin-high-school-football?fenwick-high-school



Members of the Class of 1969 celebrated their 50th Reunion in October!

Pass the Torch Raises Over \$100,000 for New Endowed Scholarship!

Some 116 Friars gathered on a beautiful, September day at Oak Park Country Club for the ninth annual Pass the Torch Golf Outing. We honored alumni **Michael J. Androwich, Sr. '83**, **John D. Heiberger '88** and **Daniel B. O'Neill '89** with the Pass the Torch Legacy Award for their numerous contributions to the golf outing and to Fenwick.

Fenwick is proud to announce that funds from this year's event have established the "Pass the Torch Endowed Scholarship," which will provide financial assistance to deserving students in perpetuity. Thank you to all those who participated in the Auction and Golden Ticket Raffle, and thanks to our generous sponsors and donors!

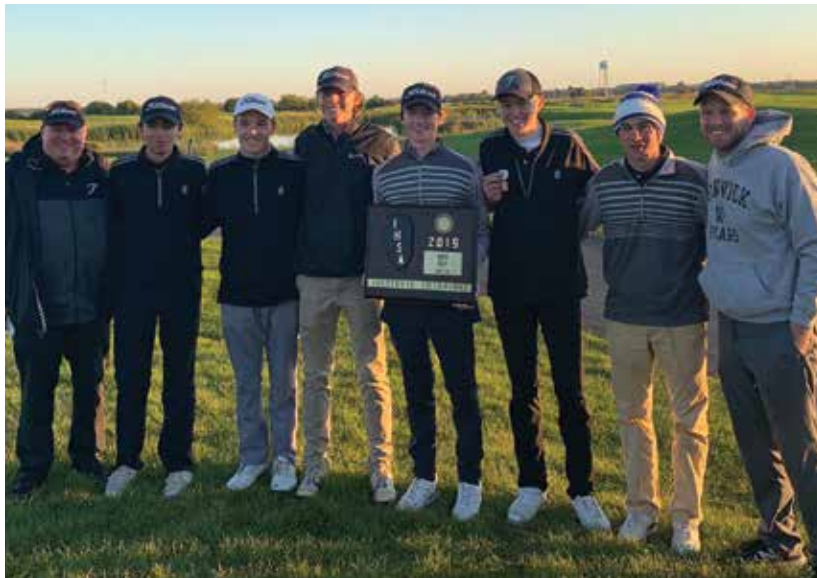


ABOVE: Fenwick student caddies (center) flanked by (from left) Bill West, Brian Mazzocchi, Bill Przybylski '88 and Catherine Adduci.

LEFT: Alumni honorees Dan O'Neill '89 (from left), Mike Androwich '83 and John Heiberger '88.



2019 FALL SPORTS RECAP



BOYS' GOLF

- 2nd in CCL
- Regional Champs
- Sectional Champs (pictured)
- 8th in State
- Junior **Jake Wiktor** Regional Medalist

Sectional Champs (from left): Clark Davis, Jackson Schaeffer, Jake Owens, Brad Domke, Jake Wiktor and Nick Scudder.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

- 7 All-Conference Runners
- 3rd Place in GCAC
- 4th in State!

Girls XC All-Conference

(from left): Maria Quinn, Maggie O'Malley, Captain Marie O'Brien, Ava Martinez, Bella Daley, Mia Scharpf and Delaney Seligmann.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

- 7th Place in CCL

Boys XC (from left): Chris Bajda, Grayden Rill, Jonathon Mahomes, Chris Brady, Carl Lukas, Tommy Nettleton, Zach Daley, Will DeGroff and James Linares. (Not Pictured Finley Huggins.)

OTHER ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Golf

- 4th in GCAC

Boys' Soccer

- Top 20 Ranking in Illinois
- First win over OPRF in 11 years



Girls' Swimmer **Katie Drumm** is headed to the pool at Boston College next year!

FOOTBALL

The Friars' football team qualified for the IHSA state playoffs for the sixth time in the past eight seasons, advancing to the second round.



Fenwick Football captains (from left): LB Bryce Legan, LB Thomas Dvorak, QB Kaden Cobb and OT Sean Carpenter.



Tennis captains (from left): Abby Tymick, Grace McNamara, Mary Heneghan, Kelsey Hayes and Emma Dugan.

GIRLS' TENNIS

- Varsity placed 3rd in GCAC
- 2nd Place in IHSA Sectional

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

- GCAC Champions!
- Junior **Beau Vanderlaan** (right) is conference Player of the Year!!



CLASS NOTES

PATRICK BRESNAN '55 of Los Gatos, CA, is the author of the college-level textbook *Awakening: An Introduction to the History of Eastern Thought*. Routledge published the sixth edition in August 2018. Bresnan also created a companion website for the text.



Fenwick Life Trustee **TOM CASHMAN '56** has received a lifetime achievement award from 100 Club of Chicago, which helps families of first responders who have died on duty. Cashman, whose father was a Chicago Fire Department captain, is pictured with great-niece **CAMILLE NOURIE '22**.

Hunter's Moon, a new novel by **PHIL CAPUTO '59**, received a glowing review in the Chicago Tribune in August.

In September, **JACK FARRELL '59** hosted alumni in Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin for a celebratory evening at the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis.



Congratulazioni to **RICHARD MONTALBANO, SR. '64** on receiving the prestigious Joseph P. Cianci Humanitarian Award at UNICO National's annual convention in July. Montalbano is a retired furniture executive residing in Oak Brook.



This summer, **JOHN Q. ADAMS '65** reunited with the trophy he won 54 years ago as part of a national design contest sponsored by Fisher Automotive (part of General Motors at the time). Adams, who now resides in Arizona, had a 20+ year career as a car designer for GM!

JAMES CAREY '61

(left) reconnected over the summer with fellow football alumnus **RUDY GADDINI '57**, "my backfield coach." Gaddini played at Michigan State and went to a Rose Bowl. "As a grad assistant at Nebraska, Rudy coached in Cotton and Orange Bowls," Jamie reports, and then was Milton College's head coach.



Fine artist **GEOFFREY**

GNEUHS '66 (right) paints landscapes, cityscapes and portraits from his New York City studio.



PHILIP NOVAK '68 (ND '72; MA/PhD from Syracuse) is a professor of philosophy and religion at Dominican University of California, where he has taught since 1980. Novak also served as Dean of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

Long-time television broadcasting executive **LARRY WERT '74** accepted the Justinian Society of Lawyers' Communications Award at its annual dinner in September at the Palmer House Hilton.



JOHN BART '76 is associate professor of communication studies at Augustana University, South Dakota, where he has taught since 1986. Bart received a PhD. at KU (Kansas), master's at Wayne State (Detroit) and B.A. at Auggie in Rock Island, IL.



After retiring from 28 years as Chief Law Librarian for the City of Chicago Department of Law Library in June 2017, **SCOTT BURGH '76** received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award in May 2018 from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. He has also received the Bethany J. Ochal Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Law Librarianship in July 2018 from the Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. He has additionally received in

July 2018 the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for activism which included books to Madagascar and fundraising on behalf of the American Cancer Society. Most recently, in June 2019, he received from the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences their Distinguished Alumnus Award.



FRANK SOMMARIO '93 (right) was sworn in as the secretary of the National Italian American Bar Association. Sommario's partner at Chicago law firm Romanucci & Blandin is a fellow Friar **ANTONIO ROMANUCCI '78** (left), president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

WGN-TV news producer **DANA BALLARD '96** was Fenwick's first female All-State athlete. Ballard received a scholarship to play softball at the University of Minnesota. In high school, the ESCC Hall-of-Famer played three sports (basketball & volleyball, too).

Congratulations to **JEFF WIMER '77**, a retired fire fighter, who has led the Stevenson High School girls' water polo program to four state championships! Coach Wimer was honored in October along with 16 other inaugural members of the Patriots' Athletic Hall of Fame.



JOHN GIANNINI, PH.D. '80 taught and motivated players on collegiate basketball courts for 29 years, including one special season

when his La Salle University team "danced" from Philadelphia to the NCAA Sweet 16. Today, he is the athletic director at Rowan University in New Jersey.



QUIWANA REED BELL '96 is chief operating officer of Westside Health Authority, an organization that serves more than 25,000 residents annually

through grassroots community organizing, youth development, and re-entry and employment services for the residents of Chicago and Cook County. **MORRIS REED '92**, her brother, is CEO.

ROBERT FISHER '90, associate professor of physics at UMass Dartmouth, writes: "Thanks in large part to the outstanding CS [computer science] education I received at Fenwick from Mrs. Diana Caponigri, my research students and I will be using the world's fastest supercomputer to simulate exploding stars. "Rockin' Bob" graduated with honors from the California Institute of Technology (Pasadena) in 1994 and earned his PhD in physics from Cal - Berkeley in 2002.



THANKS TO ALL VETERANS FROM FENWICK

The **SULLIVAN** brothers, from left, **GENE '84**, **PETER '85** and **FRANK '86**, got together in Colorado Springs in June to celebrate Col. Peter Sullivan's retirement from the U.S. Army following 30 years of service to our country. The Friars thank you, sir!



This past August, **MICHAEL NEGRON '97** became assistant director of the Illinois Department

of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. The U.S. Navy veteran and Georgetown/Harvard Law graduate was policy chief under former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel for five years and last spring ran (unsuccessfully) for 47th Ward alderman in the city.



In August, Georgetown and Fenwick alumna **CORTNEY HALL '99** moved on to a new, on-air TV gig at NBC.



MICHAEL PONZIO '01 left Medinah Country Club after six years to become executive chef at the Union League

Club of Chicago.

Protect, Serve and Play: CPD Detective **JOE BARRERA '02** is president of the Chicago Police Hockey Club, which partners with the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks to use hockey to connect with inner-city youths. Together, the Hawks and the police have introduced more than 100,000 Chicago students to hockey. The CPD hockey club, which is 70+ members strong, includes several other Fenwick alumni, Barrera reports.



Natalie Carol was born July 24 (8 lbs. 6 oz., 21 inches long) to **MICHAEL '07** and **CLAIRE JAKUBISIN**.



RYAN FITZGERALD '12

was named the Minor League Defensive Player of the Year by the Boston Red Sox. Fitzgerald, who describes himself as "a hockey player playing baseball," attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.



As she continues to train for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Friar swimmer turned paratriathlete **MARY KATE CALLAHAN '13** (of LaGrange) is featured in

Gatorade Endurance's "My Fuel, My Journey" advertising campaign.



Darcy Banks, born May 11, 2019, to **BIANCA '04** and **KEVIN FLAHERTY '04**, joins big sister Lana Adair.

Charles Roggi, born June 5, 2019, to **PETER '03** and Carol Durkin.



ROBERT SPILLANE '14, a grandson of the late, great **JOHNNY LATTNER '50**, is a linebacker with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers. Spillane played his college football at Western Michigan in the MAC.

Northwestern student **SEAN GOLDMAN '16** (right) met fellow Friar **MICHAEL BELTRAN '03**

in Evanston, where he lectures on mechanical engineering. Beltran (M.S. NU; B.S. MIT) is co-founder of a non-profit creating new science/engineering curriculum for grade school students.



IN MEMORIAM

From April 21, 2019, through November 4, 2019

ALUMNI

Class of 1944

William Bell
Joseph Geiger
Arthur Kaindl

Class of 1945

William Higgins

Class of 1946

Francis Valentine

Class of 1947

Rudolph Toffenetti

Class of 1948

William Drennan
Charles Fisher
Howard Maskill
Dominic Rauzi

Class of 1949

Thomas Miller

Class of 1950

William Haggerty
George Schumann

Class of 1952

Robert A. Gonnella
Thomas Lackovic
Peter Metrik

Class of 1953

Gerald Higgins
Walter O'Brien

Class of 1954

George Curran
Nick Haviland

Class of 1955

Carl Kempka

Class of 1956

John Bowler
John Burns
John L. Kelly

Class of 1957

Bernard Judge
Thomas Sullivan
Blaine Vincent Williams

Class of 1958

Frederick Cappetta
William Finn
Vincent Harnett

Class of 1959

John Halloran
John McGinley, Jr.

Class of 1961

Louis Buffardi
Leslie Spinner
John Walters

Class of 1962

Kent Lyons

Class of 1963

Brian O'Hara
Kenneth Wolf

Class of 1965

George Krug

Class of 1966

James Baloun

Class of 1968

Robert Hosty

Class of 1972

Thomas Roehl, Jr.

Class of 1973

Rev. Phillip Cioffi
Gregg Pill

Class of 1985

Stephen Hill

Class of 1989

John Kellogg Gage III

Class of 1991

Brian Johnson

Class of 2009

Josh Zmijewski

Class of 2014

Christopher Lasek

NON-ALUMNI MEMBERS OF THE FENWICK FAMILY

Regina Cahill

Past Parent

Terence Donlin

Past Parent

Patricia Fitzgerald

Past Parent

Robert Gorman

Current Parent

Ethel Grobe

Grandparent

Marilyn Hayes

Past Parent

Frederick Heiss

Past Parent

Jeffrey Marek

Past Parent

Rich Matthies

Father of Staff, Kristin Matthies

Rev. Neal McDermott O.P.

Dominicans

Colette McNichols

*Past Parent, Widow of Alumnus,
Grandparent*

Alice Murphy

Friend

Michael Nardella

Past Parent

Scott Nelson

Current Parent

Lorraine Nettleton

Past Parent, Grandparent

Bridget Ori

Past Parent, Grandparent

Margaret Martin Paulett

Mother of Faculty, John Paulett

Lt. Christian J. Schmuck

Son of Past Faculty,

Laura Schmuck

Lillian Sullivan

Past Parent

Judith Wynne

Past Parent

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, February 7 & 8, 2020
BANUA

Sunday, February 9, 2020
WINTER CARNIVAL

Thursday, February 20, 2020
RAISE THE SHIELD

Sunday, March 15, 2020
**ARIZONA SPRING
TRAINING GAME**

Friday, April 24, 2020
**68TH ANNUAL
BLACKFRIARS GALA**

Friday, June 12, 2020
FRIAR CLASSIC

Summer 2020
GOLDEN FRIARS

Thursday, September 24, 2020
PASS THE TORCH

Fall 2020
**HOMECOMING/REUNION
WEEKEND**

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