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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fenwick Friends,

Throughout the Easter season to the celebration of Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles figures prominently in the liturgy. It's almost always the first reading for every celebration of the Eucharist. This is because of all the books of the New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles is most focused on the effects of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection on human history. It is the story of how the Risen Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit brought the Church into being and guided the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

If the Acts of the Apostles were to have a subtitle, "It isn't easy to be an apostle" could be an apt contender. The Apostle Paul, in particular, is presented with one obstacle after another in fulfilling his mandate to preach the Good News. Paul faced hostility from his own people, beatings, stonings, riots, imprisonments and even shipwreck. He knew the realities of hard work, the anxieties of sleepless nights and the pangs of hunger. And yet, Paul knew lasting peace and received countless consolations in his ministry. The Spirit of the Risen Christ sustained him through it all and assured his perseverance.

As the 2020-21 school year comes to a close, it strikes me that "It wasn't easy to be a Friar." We faced the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenge to live up to our ideals as a Catholic institution — one that gives witness to the unity of the human family and the intrinsic beauty and worth of every single human being.

Like the apostles, we placed our faith and trust in the Lord, and we met the challenges. We've moved forward with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts, most recently with our partnership with St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy School. (See page 18.)

Our faculty and staff rose to the occasion with our hybrid-learning model and, at the same time, abiding by the mandates from public health authorities. Moderators "fielded" two state champions: one for TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) and one for ACES (Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science)! (Read more on page 6.) The average ACT score for the Class of 2021 is 27.24, and three of our seniors posted perfect scores! This academic year, Fenwick students submitted 2,841 applications to a total of 323 colleges, including all of the Ivy League schools. One student has committed to the U.S. Naval Academy, another to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. To date, our students have attained nearly \$30 million in scholarships, with figures still being submitted as of mid-May. Athletically, 40 of our Friars earned All-Conference honors and two were named All-State in Illinois. We also have three Academic All-State nominees. In total, 28 Fenwick student-athletes have committed to play various sports at the collegiate level. (You can read more on page 21.)

There is an ancient theological dictum, often attributed to St. Augustine: *in necessariis unitas; in dubiis libertas; in omnibus caritas* — "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity." Certainly, the boundary between "essential" and "non-essential" is the stuff of ongoing debate. This year, however, our Dominican Catholic mission has led us to enunciate clearly that overcoming racism, working toward greater inclusivity, and paying attention to the health and welfare of all is essential to our very identity.

The Holy Spirit that was poured out upon the first disciples on Pentecost is the Spirit of Love. Please join me in recognizing that we, too, have received that same Spirit. In a world threatening to grow ever more fractured, may we take to heart the challenge of *in omnibus caritas*. God bless you and your family,

Sincerely,



Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P.
President

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Fenwick High School, guided by Dominican Catholic values, inspires excellence and educates each student to **lead, achieve and serve.**

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For 90 years and counting, Fenwick parents have been involved in enriching the lives of their young Friars.

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ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Spring 2021

By Chris Ritten, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Dear Fenwick Community,

As Fr. Peddicord wrote in a January cover letter to a *Centennial Campaign* update (**which you can read online**):

“one lesson decisively learned at Fenwick is that the twin goals of the *Centennial Campaign — facilities improvement and tuition assistance/endowment growth* — have only been reinforced ...

“Fenwick students want to be in the school building ... They want to see their teachers, their classmates and friends in person... this argues for upgraded facilities: greater open space, more flexible learning environments, more state-of-the-art teaching facilities...”

“We need to create partnerships in the broader community to create an encouraging and welcoming admission pathway for all academically qualified students, and to expand outreach to new areas and communities ... All of this argues for greater ... *availability of tuition assistance today and in the future, through endowment ...*”

These twin goals for the Centennial Campaign — *facilities improvement and tuition assistance/endowment growth* — remain firmly in place and equally important as we work toward a successful completion of the Campaign by our Centennial celebration in 2029!

Specifically as it relates to activity in the institutional advancement office, our team has also drawn lessons from the past 14 or 15 months related to the above. Now more than ever, we all recognize and value the need for personal interaction, but it is undeniable that technological innovation has enabled many of us to largely do our jobs, even if remotely, and in some ways, do them more efficiently.

The institutional advancement office has implemented several new “technology” innovations that have enabled us to more effectively and efficiently broaden our reach, express our gratitude and hopefully serve your needs. We have implemented the following:

- new matching gift software to much more easily help you determine if your employer matches gifts and, if so, to start the process with you immediately
- an email tracking system to help us avoid “over-communicating” and keep better records of what you have received, opened and/or read
- significantly increased live-streaming and virtual viewing capability of school activities, sports and events

- backend data management software to more accurately input, record and de-duplicate your information
- e-receipting and acknowledgement of many gifts for more accurate and timely reporting of your generosity
- an AI-driven software program that enables much greater personal outreach to you
- digital wallet donation options via Venmo, Apple Pay and Google Pay. We are even researching the possibility of donating cryptocurrency to Fenwick!

Especially with the run-up in asset prices (largely due to tech stocks and cryptocurrency!), we also learned that planned (i.e., asset-based) giving is increasingly important to achieve donors’ and Fenwick’s goals. With potential income, capital gains and estate tax law changes looming — whether a donor may be interested in helping to fund today’s facilities improvements, current tuition assistance, or endowment growth in the present or future — asset-based giving is an increasingly attractive option for donors:

- use donor advised funds, which have had tremendous growth, to make regular donations
- donate long-term appreciated stock to avoid capital gains taxes
- use part of one’s required minimum distribution from IRAs to make a charitable IRA rollover gift and avoid income taxes on the distribution
- establish a charitable remainder trust to take a large income tax deduction today, avoid long-term capital gains taxes, reduce your taxable estate, create an income stream for yourself or others, and leave a legacy gift to Fenwick
- establish a charitable lead trust to take a large income tax deduction today, reduce your taxable estate, create an income stream for Fenwick, and leave a legacy gift to heirs

As our society slowly returns to “normal,” the lessons learned and processes we have implemented in the advancement office are here to stay. They will be part of our “new normal” to serve you in a way that reflects our gratitude for all you do and provides ample resources for Fenwick to continue its mission to educate students to “lead, achieve and serve.”

Please contact Jen Iarrobino (jiarrobino@fenwickfrairs.com, 708-948-0311) with any questions about the giving options above (and others), or contact me (critten@fenwickfrairs.com, 708-948-0350) with any other questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support. ✨

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

CHALKING UP TWO MORE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ACES wins state (again) and so does TEAMS! Fenwick finished first in Illinois in the Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) competition, formerly known as the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) program. “I am elated and proud to announce that Fenwick finished first again in Illinois,” Dave Kleinhans, ACES moderator and chair of the school’s Physics/Computer Science Department, reported in April. “We are the top STEM school in a division that includes all Illinois schools with 1,500 students or fewer. Twenty-four schools competed at the State competition in our division.” Over the last 10 years, Fenwick is the only Illinois school to win a first, second or third place State trophy each year — and the only Catholic school to finish in the top three spots. The Friars also won the ACES state title for the 2019-20 academic year! [Meet our ACES champions online.](#)



The Fenwick TEAMS team also has won State! They defeated their main rivals, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) and University of Chicago Lab School, to be the highest ranked selective school in Illinois for Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS). Our score places Fenwick second in the nation among large selective schools. [Read more online about the TEAMS champs.](#)



MATHEMATICALLY, THE FRIARS ARE NUMBER 1!

Fenwick won the 3AA Illinois Regional competition in 2021 and placed sixth at the State Meet, where it was one of only two Catholic/private school teams in the Top 10 field. “Thank you so much to all 40 team members and [to] Ms. Sabbia, who put in so much time and effort to get Fenwick ranked once again as the No. 1 Catholic school,” praises long-time Moderator/Coach **Roger Finnell ’59**. The State Meet is organized into four divisions, by school enrollment, Mr. Finnell explains, and this year “no Catholic school had a better score [than Fenwick’s 541] in the two most difficult divisions.” [Read more online.](#)

YOUNG WOMEN OF CLASS OF ’21 SHINE

Katie Bartlett ’21 (Forest Park, IL) is one of five recipients of the Oak Park Area Arts Council Fine Arts Scholarship. Katie will be continuing her fine arts studies by majoring in production and design at Fordham University in the Bronx, NYC.



Bartlett

Lauren Hall ’21 (River Forest, IL) created a film short that was named an official selection for the 2021 CinéStudent Film Festival! (Lauren has not yet finalized her college choice.) [See Lauren’s film short online.](#)



Hall

Devan Pietrzak ’21 (La Grange, IL) took first place at Regionals and State for the 2021 Optimists Oratorical Contest and moves on to the National competition this summer! She will be awarded a monetary college scholarship for her efforts — and will attend Tulane University in New Orleans in the autumn.



Pietrzak



Double Friar

This year’s Fenwick - Providence College Scholarship recipient is senior **Sarah Turcich ’21** of Willow Springs, IL. Congratulations to Sarah and her family. Rhode Island, here she comes!

Friars Lead Nation in Evans Caddie Scholarships

The Western Golf Association (WGA) and its Evans Scholars Foundation released the names of four seniors who will receive the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship for the 2021-25 school years:

- **Jason Cruz** of Chicago/Chicago Academy Elementary School (Sunset Ridge Country Club, Northfield) — Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- **Cristian Garcia** of Chicago/George Rogers Clark Elementary School (Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield) — University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign)
- **Rafal Sieklucki** of Chicago/St. Constance (Ridgemoor Country Club, Harwood Heights) — Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)
- **Allesandra Zuleta** of Cicero, IL/Saint Frances of Rome School (Glen View Club, Golf, IL) — Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois), probable

The Friars have more alumni Evans Scholars presently attending college than any other high school in the United States! [Read more online about our latest recipients.](#)



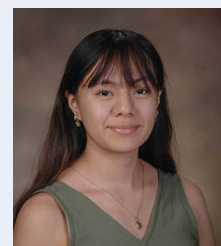
Cruz



Garcia



Sieklucki



Zuleta



LACROSSE PLAYER HEADING TO U OF I ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Diego Salinas '21 (Chicago, above) has earned an academic scholarship to attend the Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign!

FROSH FRIARS POST HIGHEST ALGEBRA SCORES

Fenwick posted the highest team score in this year's National Freshman Algebra League. **Grace Kapsch '24** (Elmhurst, Immaculate Conception Grade School) tallied the highest individual score!



Kapsch



Garcia



Huggins



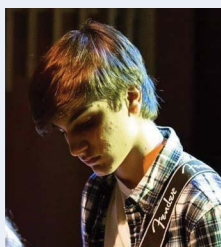
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LATIN 3 GOLD AND SILVER

A quintet of Fenwick juniors won gold in Latin 3 on this year's National Latin Exam: **Tirza Garcia** (Berwyn), **Finley Huggins** (perfect score, Oak Park), **Zach Dahhan** (Elmwood Park) are pictured above. Not pictured: **Erica Stehlik** (Chicago) and **Grace Simmons** (Riverside). **Caroline Morrissey** (Western Springs) and **Eamonn Odum** (Berwyn) won silver.

SPINGOLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the winner of the Spingola Family Scholarship! Each year, the Spingola family funds a scholarship to be granted to a student who is notable in their service efforts, both at Fenwick and in their community. This scholarship is named in memory of family members who attended Fenwick and taught at the school. This year's recipient is rising senior **Zechariah Daley** (Oak Park, IL), who will be credited \$1,000 toward next year's tuition expenses.



Bucolo



Hart



Nottoli



Sobkowiak



Turner

FRIAR QUINTET EARNS ALL-STATE MUSICAL HONORS

Five performing-arts students from Fenwick have been selected as “All-State Musicians” by the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) for the 2020-21 school year. “These four singers and one composer scored in the top percentage of more than 6,000 high-schoolers from throughout the state of Illinois,” explains Ms. Rizelle Capito, chairperson of Fenwick’s Expressive Arts Department. “To say that we are proud of them would be quite an under-statement!” The All-State performers are:

- **Michael Bucolo '22** — Elmhurst (Sandburg Middle School) Rock Band Composition Contest with his song “Hearts to Eleven”
- **Belle Hart '21** — Oak Brook (Timothy Christian School, Elmhurst) All-State Choir, Soprano 2
- **Dante Nottoli '22** — River Grove (St. Vincent Ferrer School, River Forest) All-State Choir, Tenor 2
- **David Sobkowiak '22** — Downers Grove (St. Mary of Gostyn Parish School) All-State Choir, Tenor 2
- **Kate Turner '21** — Hinsdale (St. Isaac Jougues Parish School) All-State Choir, Soprano 1

[Read more online about our All-State performers.](#)

FENWICK'S GOLD MEDAL POET

Raina Ford '23 (Bolingbrook) won a gold medal in poetry at NAACP’s Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics! She competed nationally in mid-May against students from different chapters across the United States. A true student-athlete, the rising junior also plays basketball for the Friars.



Ford

Senior Earns Full Scholarship to Duke

Fenwick student **Vaughn-Regan Bledsoe '21**, a resident of Maywood, IL, has been named a LINK Unlimited Class of 2021 QuestBridge Match Scholar. Ms. Bledsoe, a Friars’ Cheerleading Team captain and Black Student Union president, will attend Duke University on a full scholarship!



[Read more about Bledsoe online.](#)



Hamilton



Androwich



Saunders

ASPIRING YOUNG JOURNALISTS

At the IHSA Journalism competition this spring, sophomore **Mae Hamilton '23** (Clarendon Hills) placed first at Sectionals for Yearbook Theme Development. **Rose Androwich '21** (Berwyn) took third place for Broadcast News, and **Ava Saunders '23** (Wheaton) was fourth in Editorial Writing.

RIISING SENIOR TO ATTEND U OF C SUMMER PSYCH PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Jordan Opoka '22** (La Grange), who has been accepted into the University of Chicago Summer Psychology Program. Based on his merits, Jordan was awarded a generous monetary amount to help cover course costs, books and materials!



Opoka



COVID Can't Stop Kairos!

Fenwick's senior-class retreats have been different in 2021, but things are slowly returning to a more "normal" state.

Call it "Pandemic Prayer Power" perhaps, but the coronavirus could not stop the Fenwick Friars' KAIROS senior retreats, which took place — safely and socially distanced — this winter and spring for members of the Class of 2021!

"This year has brought many different challenges," says Kairos Director and Math Teacher Mrs. Maria Nowicki, "but getting back to Bellarmine [retreat house in Barrington, IL] in February was needed, and I know that God had a hand in helping us get there. Our young people have a lot to deal with, and they need God and [need] to know His great love for all of us.

"It has been beautiful to see our students sharing stories of faith and inspiration or simple moments, like 30 kids trying to build a snowman together, especially after the many hardships of the last year," Mrs. Nowicki continues. "My heart has been touched with the incredible amount of gratitude the senior class has shown when there is so much they could be down about." What three recent retreatants took away:

"I know I am young, but I can say truthfully that I am going to try and 'Live the 4th' every day for the rest of my life. I believe it has shaped me more into the person I am supposed to be and will have a forever impact on how I choose to live my life."

"I learned to value my friendships and family more, to never forget everyone has hardships that I may not be aware of, and that God loves me and everyone He created so much."

"On Kairos I found that if God brought you to it, He will bring you through it." ✱



Masked Fellowship: Students were happy to see each other again in person! **View the Fenwick Kairos '21 Photo Gallery online.**

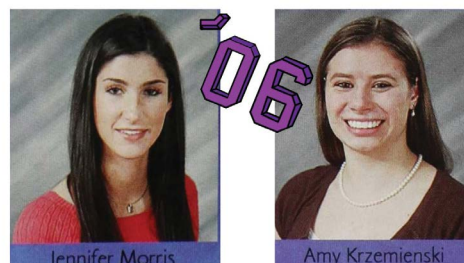
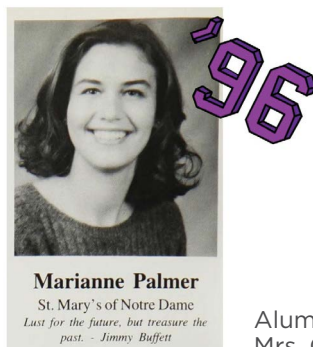
From Students to Faculty: Fenwick Alumnae Come Home

By Kathryn Nairn '22, *The Wick* Features Editor

From the moment we step foot into the hallowed halls of Fenwick, we hear rumors of that elusive “Fenwick moment” — that one Friar memory that unmistakably defines high school. For some students, pinpointing this experience is easy, as they fondly remember a single class, an inspiring teacher, a thrilling game, an exhilarating performance, or a successful competition. For others, this moment represents a brave new path forged, or a courageous decision taken. Indeed, for the women who graduated in Fenwick’s first co-educational class, this Fenwick moment was a groundbreaking step forward which paved the way for so many of us who dared to dream of our own Fenwick moments.

Our First Female Graduates: The Class of 1996 will be honored in October with Fenwick’s Lumen Tranquillum (“Quiet Light”) Award.

Currently, Fenwick’s faculty boasts three such female Fenwick alumnae, from the Class of 1996: **Samantha Carraher**, **Marianne Carrozza**, and **Brigid Esposito**. In total, the 14 Fenwick alumnae currently on staff span all academic departments, from areas as diverse as Computer Science and Physics to English and Theology, to Psychology and World Languages. Fenwick’s administration also proudly includes Friar alumnae as an assistant principal, a Learning Resource Coordinator and a college counselor. They lead countless extracurricular activities and sports from Spanish Club to *The Wick* and yearbook, from WYSE to Women’s STEAM Coalition, from Girls’ Swimming and



Alumnae Mrs. Carrozza (from left) teaches Spanish; Mrs. Ori teaches English; and Mrs. Christophell teaches science.

Water Polo to Volleyball and Tennis. Indeed, there are few aspects of Fenwick that have not been touched by these incredible role models.

Yet, when asked about their contributions to Fenwick, these teachers are as consistent in their modesty about their own contributions, as they are proud of their alma mater. While contemplating her experience in Fenwick’s first co-ed class, Mrs. Carrozza said that this infamous quote immediately came to mind. Since 1929, Fenwick has taken pride in educating hard-working, talented and driven students, but for over 60 years, the Friars were fundamentally similar in another way: they were all men. In 1992, the first class of female Friars entered the school, irrevocably changing Fenwick’s legacy and traditions. “We absolutely set the tone and example for other female Friars,” said Mrs. Carrozza as she reflected on how the Class of 1996 developed a distinct culture. From choosing the plaid for the Fenwick uniform skirts, to selecting smaller class rings, the women of Fenwick “paved the way for new traditions, not only through material items, but also by showing others we belonged at Fenwick,” she continued. Ten years later, the Class of 2006 continued to establish that female Friars were just as capable in academics and sports. As Mrs. Ori said, “We had to find our own identity, what a female Friar would look like. And we did so by competing with

and sometimes exceeding the efforts and abilities of the boys.” The male students at Fenwick have always had an intrinsic brotherhood, as their connected ancestry from fathers and grandfathers often runs through the many pictures and trophies that adorn Fenwick’s halls. Such sisterhoods between the female Friars have thrived and indeed been made possible because of the bravery and excellence of these amazing women.

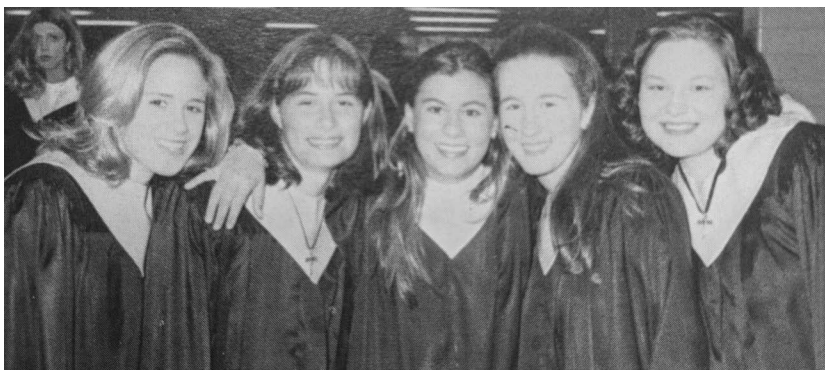
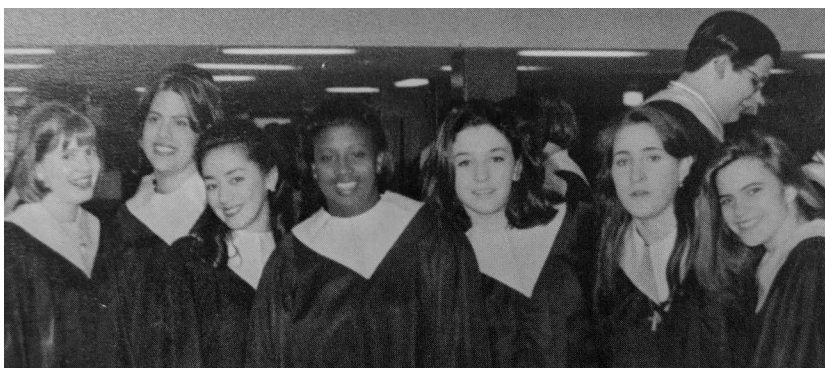
For Biology teacher and Women’s STEAM Coalition Moderator, **Mrs. Christophell ’06**, this competition between male and female Friars reflects a broader disparity in the scientific community and has become a sort of personal mission. Through the Coalition, she hopes to “help women get a foothold in the Fenwick and scientific communities.” In fact, Mrs. Carrozza says that “making my way in the man’s world of Fenwick taught me how to speak up, be heard, and how to use my voice. It gave me a stronger sense of self confidence I did not know I had.”

When asked about the biggest changes to Fenwick through the years, any Fenwick alumnus would tell you about the physical modifications to the building, the addition of science laboratories and, of course, the new parking garage. However, these female faculty members also spoke about the plethora of extracurriculars available to Fenwick students today.

"I'm jealous, sometimes, because there are so many organizations that I would have loved to have been a part of as a student," said Mrs. Christophell of the new clubs and activities. Despite all of these changes, the teachers agreed that Fenwick students are fundamentally the same—dedicated, talented, sympathetic and driven.

When asked about her decision to return to Fenwick as a teacher, Mrs. Ori said that those fundamentals were a major factor in deciding to come home to Fenwick. This perspective perhaps makes the alumnae uniquely suited to guiding future generations of students, for as Mrs. Christophell advises, "You should always be learning," not just from books but from the many experiences with other people. But, Mrs. Ori remarked that the opportunity to become part of the Fenwick family comes with the responsibility to "Be kind! Be open to meeting and being friends with different kinds of people. Try new things and don't be afraid if they're considered 'cool.'" Ultimately, it is this willingness to immerse oneself in all of what Fenwick offers that makes our school such a diverse, inclusive and remarkable community.

When I asked each of these fantastic faculty members about their "Fenwick moments," they instantly paused. After a few moments, and an inevitable smile, they all agreed, "Do I have to choose just one?" Speaking for the Friars who have



All members of the trailblazing Class of '96 will be honored this fall with Fenwick's *Lumen Tranquillum* Award.

come after them, perhaps one of the best Fenwick moments for many of the female students has been the opportunity to learn from these incredible women. So, from all of Fenwick's female Friars, past and present, thank you, **Eleanor Cain '06, Samantha Carraher '96, Marianne Carrozza '96, Amy Christophell '06, Grace David '08, Brigid Esposito '96, Marilyn Nicodemo '98, Cristina Lilek**

'05, Igho Oraka '03, Jennifer Ori '06, Erin Power '07, Theresa Steinmeyer '12, Elizabeth Timmons '04, Lauren Trifilio '97, and Kate Whitman '01. You paved the way and continue to make it possible for future female Friars to realize their own Fenwick dreams and relish their own special moments. ✨

52ND FRIAR CLASSIC

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FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

The Friar Classic is sold out, but you can still participate by bidding on the items in the silent auction.

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Acts of Kindness: Fighting COVID in Ohio

More than a year into the coronavirus pandemic, a Fenwick alumnus, whose class is celebrating its 50th reunion this fall, reflects on the pandemic from the perspective of a front-line health care professional.

By Dr. James Tita '71, Chief Medical Officer, Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center (Toledo)

The COVID-19 pandemic has been the greatest public health crisis of our lifetime. Most physicians go through their entire career and never experience an event of this magnitude. As a physician who specializes in pulmonary and critical-care medicine, I found myself confronting an illness that had never afflicted humans.

The SARS-Cov-2 virus, identified only in bats previously, was reported in late 2019 from Wuhan, China, as the cause of an outbreak of a severe viral pneumonia. The illness appeared to be very contagious and frequently deadly. There had been limited outbreaks of two other similar coronavirus illnesses within the last 15 to 20 years, but SARS-Cov-2 virus appeared to be much more contagious. Our fascination with the medical reports coming out of China soon turned to dread as the virus spread to Europe and beyond.



Dr. Tita

I recall our public health authorities estimating that, based on a handful of positive tests in Ohio, the virus had infected 6,000 people across the state

by mid-March 2020. By the end of that month, our hospitals went into crisis mode as they were overwhelmed by the number of patients with COVID pneumonia. Elective surgeries were canceled, and most of the hospital was filled with critically ill COVID patients on ventilators. Many were elderly and frail. Supplies such as N-95 masks, gloves

and gowns were in short supply and had to be re-used.

Since there were no effective treatments, we offered largely supportive care. Because of the need for strict isolation, families were not allowed to visit, even at end of life. The isolation this caused only added to the anguish and despair. We tried to facilitate video visits, but most times the patients were too sedated to communicate.

[Watch the heart-wrenching video from a Toledo, local TV news station.]

Caring for patients became difficult because of the constant need for personal protective equipment. The fear that any of us could become infected, and potentially spread the disease to our families, was always present. And yet, despite the long hours and difficult and stressful conditions, our nurses, respiratory therapists and staff demonstrated a level of professionalism, teamwork and compassion that was inspirational. Acts of kindness were easy to find.

Ebb and flow

By summer, the number of new cases had fallen dramatically, and our COVID caseloads dropped. The hospitals started to open for elective surgeries. People grew tired of masking and social distancing and began to let their guard down. It was not uncommon to see large gatherings of people at a party or other event. Unfortunately, the virus was not gone and, by late fall and winter, our case numbers began to skyrocket. Hospital beds again filled with COVID patients.

This second surge was different, however. The average age was about 10 years younger than in the spring. We don't know why exactly but believe it was related to the fact that the nursing homes, through strictly limiting visitation, were able to keep their residents safe. I think we got better at managing the illness as well. We used more alternatives to invasive ventilation, such as high-flow oxygen. We also had a drug (dexamethasone), which was modestly effective at treating those who had severe pneumonia. (Dexamethasone is a corticosteroid used in a wide range of conditions for its anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressant effects.)

But despite these small improvements, the United States recorded its highest daily COVID death numbers in January this year at more than 4,000 deaths. We are closing in on nearly 600,000 deaths in the U.S. since the beginning of the pandemic.

Vaccine relief

From my perspective, a turning point came in late November when the FDA gave Emergency Use Authorization to the Pfizer vaccine and, shortly thereafter, to the Moderna vaccine. Last summer we could only dream about an effective vaccine for this illness. While some worry that these vaccines were "rushed into production," the technology for mRNA vaccines was developed nearly 10 years ago. The Chinese, early in the pandemic, were able to map out the entire viral genome. From there, we were able to find the sequence that coded for the spike protein on the surface of the virus; insert this sequence using nanotechnology into a

lipid coat, and the vaccine was complete. These mRNA vaccines have been extraordinarily safe and effective. I was among the first to receive the vaccine in December and strongly recommend the same to all members of the community. The more people we get vaccinated, the less the virus can replicate and the less chance for variants to occur. (Fenwick faculty and staff received first shots in late February.)

For those who recover from COVID, approximately 10% to 30% develop post-acute syndrome. These “long-haulers,” as they are referred to, can suffer lingering symptoms for weeks to months after the infection. Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, racing heart, cough and headache. Many other symptoms have been described including prolonged loss of taste and smell, sleep disturbances and GI [gastrointestinal] problems. Most people with this syndrome were not

hospitalized and reported relatively mild COVID symptoms.

We cannot know how and when the pandemic will end. It has been said “the virus will do what the virus will do.” However, given the outbreaks occurring in India and South America, it is likely that COVID will become endemic. [An endemic is a disease that belongs to a particular people or country.] Vaccine hesitancy has stalled vaccination rates in our communities and does not bode well for the U.S. to reach herd immunity. Local outbreaks, such as the one occurring in Michigan currently, are likely to continue until more of the population becomes vaccinated.

Pandemics change history, and it is likely our lives and world will be changed as well. Only in retrospect will we understand the significance of this pandemic. ★



James Tita's Blackfriars yearbook photo from 1971: The Berwyn boy was a member of the National Honor Society and German Club as well as a debater and Illinois State Scholar semi-finalist.

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FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL FRIAR COURTYARD

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Parent Role Models Help to Guide Our Young Friars

With roots dating back nine decades, the Fenwick Mothers and Fathers' Clubs enjoy a rich tradition of parental involvement. However, none of those previous school years was anything like 2020-21!

By Mark Vruno

Academic and social success begin in the home. From Oak Park and River Forest to Chicago, Elmhurst and Western Springs, no truer words ever have been written about Fenwick students — and their parents. Perhaps nowhere is parental/community involvement more prevalent at the Dominican school than within its mothers and fathers' clubs, each of which has rich traditions within the annals of Fenwick High School.

In 1932, the Fenwick Fathers' Club (FFC) inaugural officers were President Dr. T.E. Meany, Treasurer Mr. J.W. Collins and Secretary Mr. R.S. Kane. Serving as the FFC's first moderator was Fr. Graham, O.P. Those trail-blazing dads were preceded by the Fenwick Mothers' Club (FMC), established one year earlier. Its first president, in 1931, was Mrs. Frank Smith, according to a 124-page FMC Directory from 1968-69.

Recent past-President Mary Mavrogenes (2011-12 school year) smiles when she recalls hearing that the FMC began as a ladies' card party some 90 years ago.

"Through the vision and tenacity of those founding members, we have grown into such a wellspring of service and support to Fenwick," she reflects. "Whether expressing gratitude for our peerless faculty and staff, enriching the student experience academically and socially or serving as a welcoming focal point, the Mothers' Club is a remarkable school-parent partnership," says the mother of two Friars (**George '07** and **Elizabeth '13**) and mother-in-law to alumna **Jessica Canfora Mavrogenes '07**.

"The Dominican pillar of community is clearly reflected in the Mothers' Club mission," the elder Mrs. Mavrogenes continues. "FMC members truly open their arms and their hearts to all, and embrace change and challenges while upholding the traditions that are the hallmark of the transformative Fenwick experience for our children. I walked in the doors of Fenwick alone on a Mothers' Club raffle counting day and walked out a few hours later with some new, lifelong friends — and a deep and abiding connection to Fenwick — for which I am forever grateful."

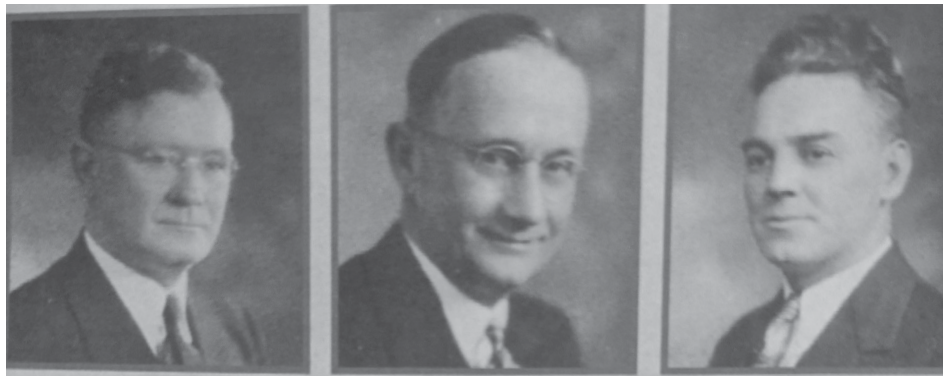
Indeed, the Mothers' Club is all about community-building, notes outgoing President Debi Gonzalez Seligmann, parent of new alumna **Delaney '21** and young alumni **Russell '13** and **Rorey '14**. "We are a community of parents who support the school, the students and each other. Our monthly meetings offer parents PTA-style information such as what to expect of your student at each grade level and features faculty and staff speakers. Membership is open to all primary care-givers."

New leadership

Last month, Jennifer Polston took over as FMC president for the 2021-22 school year, while Lou Leonardi stepped into the FFC's lead role. The Leonardis presently have three sons enrolled as Friars: **Louis '22**, **Jake '23** and **James '23**. Mrs. Polston is the wife of alumnus **Rob '91**, who moved his family 4,000 miles — back to the Chicago area from Paris, France — so that his children **Alec '17**, **Jack '18**, **Nick '21** and **Olivia '23** could attend Fenwick.

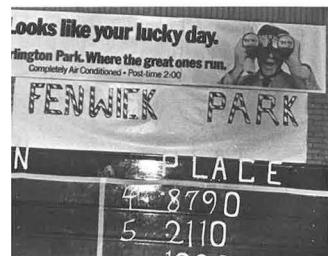
Outgoing FFC president and alumnus **Frank Sullivan '86** calls the Fenwick Fathers' Club "a fun volunteer social organization with a commitment to serve the Fenwick Community. Through our many events and meetings, we offer a welcoming atmosphere to make new friends, create networking opportunities and support Fenwick students in need through our Tuition Continuation Fund."

Past FFC president and alumnus **Pat Leone '83** (2016-17) comments: "Alleviating the financial burden of a family in need is a small contribution to the Fenwick Community, which finds



In 1932, the Fenwick Fathers' Club (FFC) inaugural officers President Dr. T.E. Meany (from left), Treasurer Mr. J.W. Collins and Secretary Mr. R.S. Kane.

THE MOTHERS' AND FATHERS' CLUB



Mrs. L. P. Martin (Pres. Elect); Mrs. W. Guncheon (President); Fr. Joseph Hren (Moderator).



Board, Seated: Mrs. R. Cremons; Mrs. W. Guncheon (Pres.); Fr. Joseph Hren (Moderator); Mrs. S. Meyerjack; Mrs. W. Hosty; Standing: Mrs. T. Griffin; Mrs. E. Mudjer; Mrs. J. McDonald; Mrs. R. Kennedy; Mrs. H. Morris; Not Pictured: Mrs. J. Reedy; Mrs. W. Gallagher; Mrs. J. Bailey; Mrs. J. Farley; Mrs. M. Urgo; Mrs. H. Burgh; Mrs. E. Arnold; Mrs. W. Yekigian; Mrs. J. Lawley; Mrs. H. Jirasek; Mrs. R. Sinnott; Mrs. A. Pipal; Mrs. J. Allagretti; Mrs. J. O'Connell; Mrs. S. F. Ruggio.



President: Dennis Bresnahan.



universal support among everyone who participates in our events supporting the Fenwick Fathers' Club Tuition Continuation Fund." (In addition to alumna daughter **Leila '17**, Leone has uncles, brothers and nephews who attended Fenwick.)

Fellow alumnus **Tom Stein '78**, another past-president (2012-14) and treasurer (2009-12), put five sons through Fenwick — **Tommy '11, Matt '12, Mike '13, Marty '17 and Danny '18**. "Of all the FFC memories of our member meetings and fundraising events, the phone calls to widows, telling them not to worry, [that] we will cover their tuition and ensure their child will walk across the stage at graduation, are the most memorable. We'd both cry," Tom says, adding: "This is the Fenwick Fathers' Club."

This past autumn, the FFC endowed its Tuition Continuation Fund into perpetuity. "People can now directly contribute to these efforts on behalf of the Fenwick Fathers' Club," notes

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THE MOTHERS' CLUB



Mrs. T. P. Collins



Mrs. J. H. McAuliffe



Mrs. F. J. Schaefer



Rev. R. B. Connolly, O.P.



Mrs. Matthew T. Finn



Mrs. O. A. Kreml



Mrs. John M. Lee

The seventh year of the Fenwick Mothers' Club drew to a close with the officers and chairmen of committees looking forward to another year of achievement in a financial way and to the sociability which has always been a part of the Club. The object of the Mothers' organization is to secure better mutual understanding between parents and teachers and also benefit the school. Any mother, guardian or friend interested in the purpose for which the Club is organized is eligible for membership. Regular meetings of the Club are held on the first Friday of every month in the school gymnasium. Benediction precedes the business meeting. Following this, there is a special program of entertainment.

With the new President, Mrs. Thomas F. Collins, at the helm, the Mothers' Club succeeded in all of its undertakings. The three past Presidents, Mrs. Frank J. Smith, Mrs. Edward J. Mulholland, and Mrs. Clarence W. Marquardt, still keenly interested in its activities, were always ready to lend their assistance. Noble and true are these women whose good deeds are recorded in the Annals of Fenwick and in the hearts of the students and Faculty. Reverend R. B. Connolly, O.P., Moderator of the Club, always wholeheartedly interested in anything pertaining to the Organization, was ready at all times with help and

suggestions. It is no wonder then, with all of the co-operation given, that each and every Fenwick party was a success. The afternoon and evening card parties were always very well attended. The annual Mother's Bazaar and Night Show sponsored by both the Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs was, as usual, a high light in the year's affairs. The dinner-dance given at the Stevens Hotel in December was considered most enjoyable.

It had been the custom in years previous for the Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs to hold a carnival in the school gym for three nights. A new plan was suggested—to hold a Grand Party in the Stevens Hotel in place of the carnival. This was given on May 7th, and proved very successful, both in a social and financial way.

The climax of the year's activities was the dinner given at the Lake Shore Athletic Club by the Mothers' Club in conjunction with the Father's Club for the graduates of 1938.

To express our gratitude fittingly for the many services which the Mothers' Club has rendered both to the school and the students would be quite impossible. We do want them to know that we appreciate their efforts in our behalf. Theirs has always been a labor of love and sacrifice.

The Grand March



Dinner Dance at the Stevens

The Fall Card Party in the Gym



Dancing at the Stevens

"St. Joseph, the worker, pray for us." What began as a ladies' card party in 1931 has evolved over nine decades into the Fenwick Mothers' Club as we know it today.



The new Fenwick Mothers' Club officers for the 2021-22 school year (from left): Jennifer Polston, president; Melanie Domke, president-elect; Kenna MacKinnon, VP; Carol Fox, corresponding secretary; Maggie McGarel, treasurer; and Amy O'Donoghue, recording secretary.

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Sullivan, whose son, **Danny**, is a rising senior and daughter, **Katherine**, will be a sophomore in August. "Contributions are tax-deductible and will only go to the cause of tuition continuation. We greatly appreciate the support of all the contributors!"

The COVID challenge

To combat the turmoil caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, modern-day Friar Moms and Dads have had to get creative over the past 15 months. Unable to host in-person events for most of 2020-21, the Fathers' Club has been running a message in the biweekly Bulletin read by parents: "We truly have missed the camaraderie of seeing all of our members since we have had to cancel multiple events over the course of the school year."

Nonetheless, last summer, FFC hosted an inaugural food drive with Catholic Charities. A dozen or so club members offered their homes as drop-off points to collect food donations for the Archdiocese of Chicago Food Pantry in Cicero. "The summer drive was so successful, we did it again in February and plan on making this an annual (at least) event for the FFC

to champion," reports Secretary Mark Murphy, who is one of 12 active FFC officers. There are coordinators for each class year (freshmen through seniors) as well as an alumni chair. The winter food drive brought in more than 200 bags and boxes of groceries.

"We are deeply grateful for your support, which means so much to us as we continue to help those affected by the COVID pandemic," West Cook regional director Mike Waters wrote in March. "Thank you for all you do for those in need."

In addition to the new food drives and regular monthly meetings, the Top 5 other FFC events in a "normal," non-pandemic year are (in chronological order):

1. The Dr. Gerald Lordan Freshman Family Picnic

At the beginning of each school year, the FFC hosts the annual Freshman Family Picnic/BBQ and Mass, where members welcome all of the new Freshman Friars and their families. This is a great way for new Friars to meet fellow classmates, and their families to start making new friendships.

2. Oktoberfest

Held in conjunction with the Fenwick Mothers' Club each fall, the Oktoberfest event is a fundraiser and an opportunity for Fenwick Mothers and Fathers to get together and have some fun in an awesome setting.



Some Fenwick dads enjoying the Fathers' Club "March Madness" NCAA basketball event in 2019.



More fathers of Friars sharing stories at FFC's "Cigar Night" outing in 2018.

3. Cigar Night

The FFC Cigar Night is held in December as a Christmas event, as well as the kickoff for Super Bowl fun! This is always a well attended event and typically has excellent guest speakers as well as plenty of holiday cheer (and of course cigars)!

4. March Madness

This event ties into the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament. If you enjoy college sports and "March Madness," this event is for you!

5. Welcome Steak Fry

The FFC has an annual Steak Fry toward the end of each school year, where it welcomes the Fathers of newly accepted Friars starting the fall semester. This gives new Fathers an opportunity to learn about Fenwick, the FFC and to meet fellow Friar Dads.

The Mothers' Club also is super-active throughout the school year. "Our committees begin the year by welcoming our new freshman families and students on the first day of school," says Mrs. Seligmann. "We end the year by celebrating with our annual Senior/Mother Mass & Brunch." The moms also create appreciation events for teachers and staff and host other social and

celebratory events. For example, this past school year, FMC presented a Giftware "Trunk Show" and a Mothers' Lenten Retreat in late March, followed by its 40th Annual Fashion Show on April 22. With "Masquerade" as their thematic inspiration, Fenwick seniors and faculty members modeled the latest fashions on the catwalk at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. (Watch a highlight video of the show.) And, those three big events only account for springtime!

Other FMC events in a typical school year:

- Annual Uniform Resale Event
- Black & White Shopping Night
- Post-Prom Party for Senior Class
- Freshman Mother Service Project & Social — An opportunity for freshmen mothers to meet each other while serving the surrounding community.
- Black & White Shopping Night — A fun evening of socializing with the Fenwick community while shopping our local vendors.
- Mothers' Club Christmas Mass & Brunch — A Mothers' Club member's only event that starts the Christmas season with a Mass with Father Peddicord, holiday shopping and brunch at the Oak Park Country Club.
- Faculty and Staff Christmas Luncheon & Raffle — A very festive event that



Fenwick President Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P. walking the runway during the 2021 fashion show.

includes an amazing raffle for the Fenwick faculty and staff to show appreciation for everything they do for Fenwick's students. ✨

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Decision Day

A great day to be a Friar! On Friday, May 14, the Class of 2021 celebrated a special Senior Day/College Declaration Day by wearing attire from the college of their choice.

[View our Graduation Photo Gallery.](#)

[Watch the two-hour commencement ceremony from May 29.](#)



NEW ROBOTICS LAB

Upgrade in Progress: For school year 2021-22, Fenwick's new Robotic Lab is being designed to provide critical, hands-on STEM experiences. "The CS-oriented lab will focus on coding and robotics," reports Computer Science/Physics Dept. Chair Mr. Dave Kleinhans. Young alumni **Jack Vomacka '18** (USC engineering) and **Spencer Gallagher '19** (U of Illinois engineering) are helping to design the school's new FRIAR Robotic Lab, coming soon!

FAREWELL TO SPANISH TEACHER

Alumnus **Mr. Jim Reardon '86**, who has been teaching Spanish to Friars for a decade, is moving on after this school year. The Reardon family ties with Fenwick go back three generations, to the early 1950s, when **Bob '56**, Jim's late father, entered the hallowed halls for the first time. Jim's three brothers all are Friars as are his four children: **Danny '16**, **Tommy '18**, **Lily '20** and **Molly '23**.



RENEWED PARTNERSHIP: ST. CATHERINE – ST. LUCY SCHOOL

Fenwick is officially partnering with St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy Catholic School, our Oak Park neighbor on Washington Blvd., to share resources and facilities. Over the past 91 years, the Friars have admitted hundreds of students from the former Catholic parish schools St. Catherine of Siena School and St. Lucy Schools, the predecessor schools to the now combined St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy School (SCSL), which serves approximately 200 children from preschool through eighth grade. Situated in Oak Park, less than one mile east of FHS, SCSL borders the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's West Side. [Read all about the agreement online.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

The 11th annual **Pass the Torch** Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at Oak Park Country Club.

WEB LOGS

Have you checked out Fenwick's "Friar Files" blogs online lately? New content posts almost weekly!

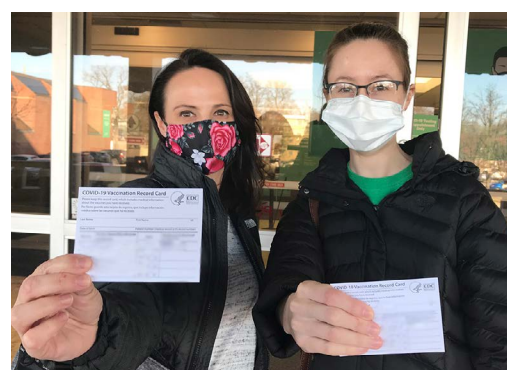
2021 Spring Musical

A few photos from the Blackfriars Guild's April performance of "**Cinderella.**" [Meet the cast members online.](#)



GOLDEN FRIARS LUNCHEON

On Friday, July 16, 2021, join fellow alumni who graduated from Fenwick 50+ years ago in celebration of life as a Fenwick Friar! Spouses and friends are welcome. The event is free of charge. Golden Friars Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and school tours to follow. [Register online.](#)



SUMMER CAMPS AT FENWICK

Academic and athletic enrichment options are available for rising 4th through 12th grade students. Camps run from June 14 through July 29, 2021. [Register for the camps online.](#)

SMEDINGHOFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Rising senior **Cody Johnson '22** (Chicago) is this year's recipient of the \$2,000 memorial scholarship named for late alumna/diplomat **Anne Smedinghoff '05** of River Forest, IL. [You can watch the 2021 Smedinghoff Lecture on Government Service online featuring alumnus Michael Negron '97.](#)



Johnson

Vax Events for Faculty

Some 140 of our "Status 1B Educators" rolled up their sleeves in late February. Fenwick teachers, coaches, staff and administrators received their first COVID-19 vaccinations at a Saturday event for Oak Park private schools. "We had a great turn out with approximately 265 Oak Park private school educators and staff," reports School Nurse Kathleen Monty, RN. "Of that, approximately 140 were Fenwick faculty/staff. The Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Board of Health were pleased with the turnout" In March, the faculty/staff returned for shot number two. [Read more online.](#)

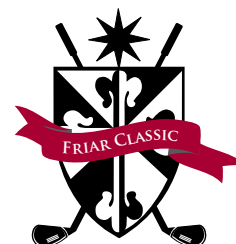
Reunions Are Back This Summer!

Fenwick Alumni, please mark your calendars: Here is the reunion schedule for the summer of 2021:

- June 26 — Classes of 2000 & 2001
- July 16 — Classes of 2015 & 2016
- July 17 — Classes of 2010 & 2011
- July 24 — Class of 2020
- August 6 — Class of 1995
- August 7 — Class of 1996

Friar Classic Is Sold Out

The 52nd annual Friar Classic Golf Outing on June 11 is **SOLD OUT**, but you can still participate by bidding on items in the silent auction. [Bid online here.](#)



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-21

ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

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Friars to Play
Collegiate Athletics

6

NCAA Athletic Grant
Awards

40

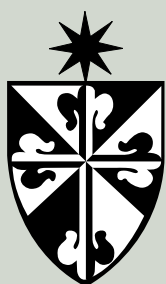
All-Conference
Athletes

2

All-State
Athletes

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Academic All-State
Nominees



ALL-STATE AND ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES

Fenwick had 40 athletes named All-Conference during the 2020-21 seasons and a pair of All-Staters: Kentucky-bound basketball player Bryce Hopkins (6'7" and 220 lbs., above left) and volleyball blocker Beau Vanderlaan (airborne in photo at right).

Boys' Soccer: Anders Luthringshausen, Jack Powers, Narayan Sharma, and Ari Velliotis

Football: Max Reese, Nick Polston, Eian Pugh, Marty Paris, Danny Kent, Rasheed Anderson and Billy McGee

Girls' Basketball: Amanda Hansen, Elise Heneghan, and Lauren Hall

Boys' Basketball: Bryce Hopkins (Lawless POY, above left), Denium Juette, Gabe Madej, David Gieser and Max Reese

Girls' Volleyball: Beau Vanderlaan, Maeve Welsh, and Elise Heneghan

Boys' Hockey: Jack Fortuna

Boys' Swimming: Michael Flynn, Connor McCarthy



All-Stater Beau Vanderlaan (going for the spike) is a 6'2" middle blocker headed to Brown University (Providence, RI) in the prestigious Ivy League.

Young Named New Boys' Basketball Head Coach

Fenwick High School named Antonio "Tony" Young as its new varsity boys' basketball Head Coach and Assistant Athletic Director. Mr. Young comes to the Friars from Marmion Academy in Aurora, IL, and brings a strong background in educational leadership, including a master's degree in student personnel administration. **Read more online.**

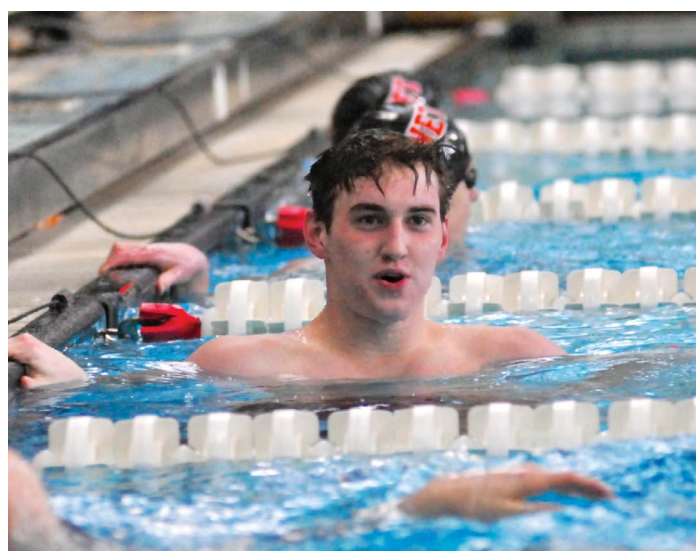


Young



APRIL SIGNING DAY

The 10 signers from Fenwick (from left): Dane Brazil (basketball, St. Mary's of Minnesota); Pete Buinauskas (water polo, Western Occidental College); Jonas Capek (football, Illinois Wesleyan University); Ben Groll (volleyball, Concordia of Milwaukee); Matt Falzone (baseball, North Central College); Emi Kapusta (soccer, DePauw University); Billy McGee (football, John Carroll University); Isaac Novak (football, John Carroll); Maggie O'Malley (XC & track, Saint Louis U.); and Lucas Waunn (baseball, not pictured, Illinois Institute of Technology).



RECORD TIME

Purdue-bound Connor McCarthy '21 (pictured, Elmhurst, IL) won the 200 Individual Medley with a new pool/school/MCAC record, while Michael Flynn '22 (River Forest, IL) set a 200 Freestyle pool/MCAC record. Both Fenwick Friars swimmers earned All-Conference honors.

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Christopher Lunardini 10/25/2018
Hello all!
Happy to join FriarsConnect!

Peter Durkin 10/24/2018
Check out the albums tab for pictures from this year's reunion weekend!

Tom Kunkel 10/19/2018
Hi Everyone!
This is a great platform. I look forward to many success stories...

Heather Geron 10/17/2018
Hi all!
You're invited to Cheer at the Pier, the Fifth Third Bank Winter...

Chris Ritten 10/17/2018
First job landed last week through a FriarsConnect

Events

Mass of Remembrance
Sunday, October 28, 2018
Edit your event

Blackfriars Guild presents "Quality Street" by J. M. Barrie
Friday, November 2, 2018
Fenwick High School 505 Washington Blvd Oak Park, IL
Edit your event

The Provincial's dinner
Thursday, November 15, 2018
6300 North Ridge Avenue Chicago, IL
Edit your event

FOUR FENWICK STUDENTS QUALIFY AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI-FINALISTS
Edit

6 New Jobs

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at Medical Home Network United States of America

Senior Healthcare Data Analyst
at Medical Home Network United States of America

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- Connect with and organize the powerful relationships available via the Fenwick community
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CLASS NOTES

FOREVER FRIARS

Three distinguished alumni who made their mark in the school's earlier days and are members of the Fenwick Hall of Fame. **Read more about our Hall of Famers online.**

Late alumnus **GEORGE KELLER '41** was chairman of Standard Oil Co. California (SoCal) in the '80s and oversaw the merger with Gulf Oil to form Chevron Corp. Mr. Keller gave kudos to his high school alma mater in a 1987 Fortune magazine piece, "Biggest Bosses."

The late **BILL DUCHON '46** was a very successful coach of the Glenbard West HS football team. The "Berwyn boy" coached our linemen with Friar legend Tony Lawless before joining the Hilltoppers' staff, where he was the head coach from 1961-76. The Glen Ellyn, IL facility is named "Duchon Field."

Late alumnus and great debater **JIM WOLFE '47** attended Georgetown University, then DePaul Law School. Mr. Wolfe ascended to become president, chief executive officer and chairman of Chicago & North Western Transportation/Railway (CNW Corp.).



GEORGE ELDER '40, at 98 years old, also is one of Fenwick's oldest living alumni. The WWII Marine veteran played basketball and football for the Friars, then went on to have a career as a pro baseball player. **Read more about George online.**

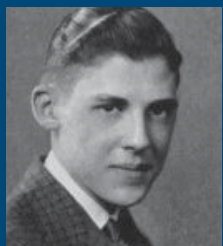
VERN BREEN '44 was recognized by the Chicago Bears last December as part of the NFL's "Salute to Service." Sgt. Breen served in the Army during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and helped to liberate the Dachau concentration camp. He received a Bronze Star for his heroics! **Read more online.**

BILL MALONEY '45 is working on a movie script. "It's about the capture of a Nazi submarine," reports Mr. Maloney, a former U.S. Navy sailor whose name is on the U-505 (plaque) displayed at Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry.

Rev. JOHN RICH '48 sent this photo to Fenwick in the 1970s, when he was unable to attend a class reunion. Fr. Rich holds a Master of Ministry (M.M.) degree and, later in life, became a chaplain at a veterans' (VA) medical center in Maryland. He is 91 years old.

JIM SHANAHAN '49 celebrated his 90th birthday in January. Happy Big 9-0, Jim, from the Friars!

JIM GOEDERT '50 was the first layman elected to the office of General Secretary of the Catholic Extension Society. He also served as the organization's Chief Accountant and Assistant General Secretary. **Read more online about the Catholic Extension Society.**



Gibson

JUSTIN GIBSON '37 born in 1920, celebrated his 101st birthday on April 20. He is Fenwick's oldest known, living alumnus! Mr. Gibson says he enjoyed his Friar days from 1933-37: "It was a brand new school and was fairly close to my home. I grew up on East Avenue."

The combat veteran was in the Middle East during World War II. "We were fighting against Erwin Rommel," the Nazi general known as the Desert Fox.

PAUL JARA '59 (Chicago, now Darien, IL), after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, served for six years on nuclear-powered submarines. He went on to careers with a cable company and in educational publishing.

BRIAN DUNIEC '61 was flying a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter in Vietnam in 1970, he somberly recalled on Veterans Day last November 11. His co-pilot, Marty Benson, was shot and later died from his wounds. Before the war, Brian played football for University of Illinois. [Read more online about Marty Benson.](#)



JAMIE CAREY '61 was recognized in March as an outstanding instructor by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for his longtime work as a faculty member of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Professor Carey also is the 2000 recipient of the Fenwick Bar Association's Accipiter Award. [Read more online about Jamie.](#)

Dr. TOM LESCHER '61 sent in this "sock-hop" photo of his wife, Pauline, and himself decked out in Fenwick sweaters. "Greeting from Florida," writes the former Friars' basketball team captain, who went on to become a preeminent colorectal surgeon.



KARL SUNDSTROM '62 shares his favorite Fenwick memory: "When we won the City Championship football game in December 1962. Fenwick defeated the Public League champion Schurz 40-0! The attending crowd numbered close to the record of many thousands to ever witness such a contest." In fact, 91,328 people were in attendance at Soldier Field for the '62 Prep Bowl. They watched Friar All-Stater **JIM DILULLO '63** score five touchdowns



BOB CHMIEL '64, inspired by a *Chicago Tribune* column about the North Lawndale neighborhood, made sure a hopeful four-year-old boy and his siblings got these bicycles delivered post-Christmas from South Bend, IN. He's planning to expand the initiative this coming December. [Read more about Bob online.](#)

and gain 224 yards on only 12 carries! However, only true Fenwick fans remember the Chicago Catholic League victories over St. Rita and Leo leading up to that day.

Fr. CARMEN MELE, O.P. '65 is a bilingual Dominican friar of the Province of St. Martin de Porres (New Orleans). Padre Carmelo has served as a parish priest, missionary, diocesan promoter of peace and justice, and adjunct professor. [Read more online about Fr. Mele.](#)

BOB CALLAHAN '67 was inducted into the Fenwick Hall of Fame last fall. Bob spent 32 years in the U.S. State Department, beginning as a press attaché and rising to ambassador. His career took him all over the world; he called eight foreign countries home, including Costa Rica, Honduras, Great Britain, Bolivia, Greece, Italy, Iraq and Nicaragua, where he served as U.S. ambassador. [Read more online.](#)

Remembering **DALE COWEL '67**, who was THE football team captain 55 years ago. After Dale passed away in 2018, his family's estate donated money for new-age helmets to the Friars, who honored him during their 2019 season with a "DC" sticker on their head gear.

JOE PUSATERI '67 reports that his niece, Michelle Pusateri, owns Nana Joes Granola, which is gluten-free and made in San Francisco. Michelle is the daughter of late alumnus **TONY PUSATERI '63** and granddaughter of Fenwick Hall of Famer Mrs. Ignatia Pusateri-Capone. [Read more online.](#)

NORMAN BARRY, JR. '68 reports that his father, the late **NORMAN "JACK" BARRY '39**, served on a D-Day landing craft in the first wave on Omaha Beach. An athlete and class officer at Fenwick, the elder Mr. Barry went to Notre Dame, then joined the U.S. Navy. Both father and son became successful lawyers.

BILL McGUIRE '68 was the longtime automotive/industrial arts teacher at Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream, IL. But in June of 1967, the track athlete broke a Chicago Catholic League record with a "blistering time of 10:02" in the two-mile run!

Dr. RALPH RYAN '69 is a retired cardiologist from Michigan who, during the pandemic last winter, helped out with Night Ministry. The CTA outreach program saw more than 100 homeless "L" riders every evening. Dr. Ryan also was the COVID liaison for the Fenwick Aquatics Program's home meets this past season. In January, Fenwick aquatics athletes made 200 sack suppers and hygiene kits that were distributed to Chicagoans experiencing homelessness or poverty. [Read more about Dr. Ryan.](#)

Major **TIM FITZPATRICK '71** retired from the U.S. Army last December — after nearly 24 years as a Department of the Army Civilian, 18 months as a contractor and 20 years on active duty. He was awarded the Army Superior Civilian Service Medal. Now that he has spare time, Tim wrote a book review about the radio propaganda "cold war" against East Germany. [Read more online.](#)

JACK TIERNEY '71 retired from Invesco on June 30, 2020. He serves as treasurer of the NIU Foundation Board of Directors at Northern Illinois University, his collegiate alma mater, and has been an active volunteer on the board for the past eight years. [Read more online.](#)

Col. OTTO RUTT '79 retired from a 31-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Ever a Renaissance Man, the former Fenwick and Harvard football player now is completing a Master of Fine Arts program. [Learn more about Col. Rutt online.](#)

FRAN BRANISH '82 is a blues-rock guitarist in California. The PhD. describes his playing style: "I mix rainbow tears with lightning bolts, warm rays of

sun with foggy moonlight, and throw in a fistful of chance." [Read more about Fran online.](#)

Fr. WAYNE WATTS '82, pastor of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish (Wilmette, IL), reflected on "Why I Love Being Catholic" during Lent. [Read his reflection online.](#)

JAMES BURKE '83 (Western Springs, IL), a financial advisor, was recognized in January by the Darien, Illinois, Chamber of Commerce for his dedication and service. James runs an Edward Jones Investments office out of southwest suburban Darien.

ANGRES THORPE '86 was in action at the NIT Tournament on March 19th as an assistant basketball coach for the No. 4 seeded State University of New York at Buffalo (16-10), which lost by two points to No. 1 seed Colorado State (20-6).



Thorpe

CARL BRIDGES '87 is procurement/property Vice President for Country Financial. "I manage \$500 million in annual spend and 2 million square feet of corporate space," writes Carl, who played basketball and earned a business degree at Viterbo University (LaCrosse, WI).

THOMAS LUBECK '91 is a Regional Manager at World Bank Group's International Finance Corp. Through private-sector investment, Tom helps to advance economic development and improve the lives of people in Europe and Central Asia: [Read more online about Tom online.](#)

SEBASTIAN LORENZO '92 is a fire-fighter in Melrose Park, IL. He also is the CEO of Signco Chicago and the father of young alumna **ANGELIQUE LORENZO '20** and rising junior Friar **TALIA LORENZO '23**.

AARON NIECKULA '94 is the new manager of the Joliet Slammers professional baseball team (independent Frontier League). After playing five years in the minor leagues, "Nuke" spent 17 years in the Oakland A's organization as a coach. [Learn more about Aaron online.](#)

STANLEY E. RULE II '95 is a Senior Attorney - Editor on the KeyRules team for Thomson Reuters in Eagan, MN. He received his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina - Columbia.



CYNTHIA MUNDT '96 competed on the popular TV game show “Jeopardy” in late March.

“Being on Math Team with Mr. Finnell encouraged my love of competition,” says Cyndi, “but all my Fenwick teachers made learning important for the sake of attaining knowledge rather than just getting good grades.”



VINCE PELLEGRINO '95, senior VP of tournaments for the Western Golf Association, discusses how winning an Evans Caddie Scholarship impacted his life (among other topics!) in this podcast. **Listen to the podcast online.**

THE CLASS OF 1996 and our First Women Graduates are to be honored this fall with the 2021 *Lumen Tranquillum* award! As trailblazers in the history of Fenwick, this class — particularly the women — will be formally recognized for its contributions to the school, particularly on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its groundbreaking senior year. Read more on page 10.

ZITA SMITH '96 conducted a recipe demo on WGN-TV this past winter. Zita says she is “humbled that [a] lil girl from the Westside of Chicago ... gets to share [her] gift with the world.” **Watch the demo online.**

MICHAEL NEGRON '97 was the featured speaker earlier this spring at Fenwick’s annual **ANNE SMEDINGHOFF '05** Memorial Lecture on Government Service. Negron, a former Naval officer turned attorney, served as special counsel for the Department of Defense. He now is an advisor to the U.S. Small Business Administration. **Watch a video online.**

LAUREN DAVIS TRIFILIO '97 returned to Fenwick four years ago to teach English. **Read her “Faculty Focus” Q&A online.**

CLAIRE MORONI SAYERS '98 is Development Director for Devices 4 the Disabled, a Chicago non-profit organization that provides medical equipment to those in need. **Read her “Alumni Service in Action” blog online.**

KATHLEEN BROWN '00 has found a way to turn into purpose her pain as a youth cancer survivor. She and her sister, **MEAGAN BROWN '07**, are changing the face of cancer support with buddhi, a digital wellness platform for those whose lives have been touched by the disease — patients, survivors, family and friends. **Read more about it online.**

ANTHONY PIATEK '00 co-wrote “Bad Cupid,” a movie starring John Rhys-Davies (of “Lord of the Rings” fame) as a god on a mission to ensure that true love always wins, which debuted in time for Valentine’s Day. **Learn more online about the film.**

KYLE PERRY '01, who teaches English at Fenwick and is the head boys’ varsity water polo coach, was featured as a “Faculty Focus” subject in February. **Read it online.**

CORY FULTON '02 is an Investment Analyst covering public-market equities for Capital Group in Los Angeles. Cory earned his MBA from Columbia Business School (undergrad at Cornell U) and served on Chicago’s Affirmative Action Advisory Board under Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

BRIDGET COMISKEY '03 directs global financial planning and analysis at engineering firm John Crane in London, U.K.

DONIER TYLER '03 is the Founding Theatre Arts Teacher and a Dean at DRW College Prep in Chicago, a Noble Charter School. She holds a B.A. (DePaul) and a master’s in English education (Dominican University). **Learn more about her online.**

RIC GRUBER '04 is Partner and Chief Operating Officer of Billy Bricks Wood Fired Pizza, which has nine locations in the Chicago area. [Learn more about the business online.](#)

LIZ PERRY TIMMONS '04 is the new varsity head coach for girls' water polo at Fenwick! The science teacher and former captain returns to the Friars' pool after a two-year stint at Niles West High School. [Learn more about Liz online.](#)

ELEANOR COMISKEY CAIN '06 serves as an Assistant Principal and Math Teacher at Fenwick. She was featured as the monthly "Faculty Focus" subject this past March. [Learn more about her online.](#)

FARREN RIXTER LAUX '06 is a U.S. Navy Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) First Class.

BRIEN ROONEY '07 and his wife are proud, new parents: meet baby Rory, Class of 2038! Brien, an All-State quarterback for the Friars who played collegiately at Illinois Wesleyan, has been coaching Fenwick's varsity QBs for the past five seasons — when he's not working for industrial supply firm W.W. Grainger.



LAURA ENRIQUEZ '08 was a gridiron trailblazer as the first girl to play on St. Mary's football team in Riverside, IL! Two decades later, the former Nazareth Academy teacher/softball coach has written a best-selling children's book entitled *Demons*. [Read the guest blog Laura wrote for Fenwick.](#)

RAVEN SMITH '08 serves as a Care Coordination Manager at the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago.

KELLI WASHINGTON '08 is a visual artist in Los Angeles, where she operates her own photography/painting business. She attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (undergrad) and the Maryland Institute College of Art (grad school). [Read more about Kelli's business online.](#)

MIKE BLACK '09 shares, "My journey to Fenwick was different from my fellow classmates. Unlike most of them, I didn't have any family members who were Friar alumni." [Read his blog online.](#)

PATRICK DOHERTY '09 is a biotech research scientist at MBL International Corp. as well as a volunteer moderator fighting disinformation on Reddit's largest coronavirus forum.

Lt. KEVIN MATUSZEWSKI '10 (NROTC, Notre Dame) is Nuclear Accessions Coordinator at Great Lakes Naval Base in northern Illinois. Previously, he deployed to the Middle East on the USS Kearsarge (Gunners Officer) and was Reactor Controls Division Officer on the USS Gerald R. Ford.

THOMAS LOGUE III '11 (Hinsdale, St. Isaac Jogues) in April celebrated his Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass with the Diocese of Joliet! He is one year away from becoming a priest.



Logue

MACKENZIE BERSCHEL '13 has been awarded an Undergraduate Research Fellowship for RNA Bulk Sequencing Analysis and Differential Gene Expression of Multiple Myeloma in Mice. She graduates in December from University of Iowa's Honors College and will pursue a master's degree in cell biology.

2013 Classmates **PATRICK REGAN** and **KATLYN WARTNER** were engaged to be married in late February in Union Pier, MI. Back in '09, they celebrated freshman-year homecoming together as a couple!



ADELAIDE CURRY '14, a former swim/dive student-athlete at the University of Illinois, is a manufacturing engineer at Ford Motor Co. in the Chicagoland area. Her father, **RUSSELL CURRY '77**, also is a Friar!

MAYA GARLAND '14 (Oak Park, IL) wrote a Black/Women's History Month guest blog to share what it was like to be a young woman of color at Fenwick. The *cum laude* UAB engineering graduate often felt prejudged and, perhaps worse, invisible. [Read more about Maya online.](#)

RASHEA MINOR '14 (Chicago) is a veterinary medical student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduating next May. "I want to specialize in zoological medicine," Rashea shares.



ANTONIO TRIGGIANO '13 (River Grove, IL) started a peanut-butter company last April called Tony Peanuts. "It pretty much is the most epic peanut butter ever made," he says. **Learn more about Tony Peanuts online.**

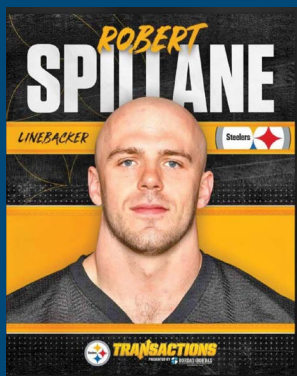
Five Class of 2014 alumni reunited on the golf course in Arizona this past February: **JIMMY DONAHUE, NICK LaBARBERA, JACK RAFFERTY, RICHARD SCHOEN** and **RYAN SMITH**. In mid-April, Smith left for Poland to play American football for the Wrocław Panthers! The 6'5", 255-lb. tight end signed a contract to play professionally in the Liga Futbolu Amerykańskiego and the Central European Football League. **Read more about it online.**

AARON GARLAND '15 (Oak Park, IL) shared his Fenwick experience during Black History Month — and the former UConn D1 football player "tackled" race relations in the process. Aaron also got engaged in April! **Read more about Aaron online.**

NIA JOHNSON '15 (Hillside, IL) graduated from Iowa State with a B.S. in chemical engineering. "I'm interested in pursuing research and technical sales," reports the former Fenwick percussionist.

JAKARIE GATES '16 is a teacher at North Lawndale College Prep, Chicago. His 9th grade Emerging Leaders course highlights ways people "of African descent transform their world through rhetorical means," explains the 2020 Morehouse College graduate.

ROBERT SPILLANE '14 signed a one-year contract to play linebacker for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, following a strong 2020 season helping to fortify the legendary "Steel Curtain." He is a grandson of late, great Friar and University of Notre Dame Heisman Trophy-winning running back **JOHNNY LATTNER '50**.



JAY MILITELLO '16 (Elmwood Park, IL) was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin CCIW Men's Basketball Player of the Week in mid-February, after averaging nearly a double-double over three Elmhurst College wins for the Bluejays. **Read more about Jay online.**

MIKE SMITH '16 dreams of being drafted by an NBA basketball team on July 29. After playing three years at Columbia University and graduating, he helped lead the University of Michigan to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight as a grad transfer this past season. Best of luck, Mike!



ISABELLA MARQUEZ '17, a graduate (and triple-major!) of the University of Illinois, is the 2021 recipient of the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award! Two years ago, "Issy" traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of the National Humanities Alliance. **Read more online about Issy.**



GARRETT MULCAHY '17 (Elmhurst, IL) has won a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation! The math/statistics double-major will pursue a PhD. in mathematics at the University of Washington. **Read more about Garrett online.**

ALANAH BUINAUSKAS '18 (Western Springs, IL) was the featured student for University of South Carolina's Engineering Program in January 2021. As a TechOps Engineering Co-op at Delta Airlines, she was a member of the Boeing 737 team.

THOMAS MILLS, JR '19 (Chicago) made history in January as part of the youngest officiating crew to ever referee a high-school basketball game in the state of Iowa. Thomas, a former Fenwick football player, studies at the University of Iowa.

SAM PATSTON '19 (Oak Park, IL) earned a spot on last fall's academic honor roll for the Landmark Conference. Sam studies and plays soccer at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. **Read more online.**

EMILY SALINAS '20 (Chicago) has launched her La Tienda De Em clothing brand. Classmate **JONATHAN IZURIETA '20** (Elmwood Park) and her brother, **DIEGO SALINAS '21**, posed wearing dinosaur sweaters at a downtown photo shoot.

IN MEMORIAM

From October 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021

ALUMNI

Class of 1941

Raymond Gleason
Charles Moysey

Class of 1944

Joseph Spanola

Class of 1946

William Goedert

Class of 1947

Lawrence Dell
Thomas McElroy
John Ryan
John Valentine

Class of 1948

Donald Amato
Daniel Duggan, Jr.
Paul Grant

Class of 1949

Kenneth Geiger
John Jenks
James O'Reilly
Charles Vrtis

Class of 1950

James Anderson
John Gustafson
John Gustainis, Jr.
Robert Keenley
Robert Rigali

Class of 1951

Peter Carey
John R. Feeley

Class of 1952

Leo Cannon
Robert Galassini

Class of 1953

Raymond Behrendt
Michael Kelly
James McCormick
Edward Shannon, Jr.

Class of 1954

Paul Bourjaily
Frank Larabee
Terence McGoldrick, Jr.
Robert Slota, Sr.

Class of 1955

William Dalton
William Grace

Class of 1956

Michael Ambrose
Michael Barnes
Robert Juckniess
Jerome Makowski
Paul Murphy
Wallace Whigam
Walter Willard, Jr.

Class of 1957

William Mitterer
Thomas Mulvenna
Timothy Taylor
Norbert Valentino

Class of 1959

Raymond Broderick
James McKnight
William Melzer

Class of 1960

John Lee
John Northen, Jr.

Class of 1961

John Lambke

Class of 1962

Michael McConnell

Class of 1963

Richard B. Bolger
Charles Leone
Joseph L. Vigna

Class of 1964

Lawrence Hosty
Kevin Huck
Jerome Loacker
John Meyers
Wayne Sandeen

Class of 1965

Lawrence Doyle
Charles Janovsky
Michael O'Connor

Class of 1966

Thomas Trankina

Class of 1967

William Horvath
Richard Kamm

Class of 1968

Michael Kuczvara

Class of 1969

David Robertson

Class of 1975

Patrick Liston
Kerry Pill

Class of 1976

Edward Kinsella

Class of 1977

Steven Bross

Class of 1982

Kevin Bergrud
Mario Lenzi

Class of 1986

Jason Smith

Class of 1990

Geoffrey Woitel

Class of 1998

Scott Zubor

Class of 1999

Michael O'Hearn

Class of 2000

Clinton Krisco

Class of 2003

Michael D'Agostino

NON-ALUMNI MEMBERS OF THE FENWICK FAMILY

Scott Bogumil

Past Parent

Virginia Cassin

Past Parent

Joyce O. Finan

Past Parent and Grandparent

Michelle Germanson O.P.

President Emeritus of Trinity High School

RoseMarie T. Hannon

Past Parent and Grandparent

James Karepin O.P.

Former Faculty

Andrew Kolzow O.P.

Life Trustee, Former President and Faculty

Patricia Liska

Past Parent

Michael Maly

Past Parent

Mary Ellen Matthies

Parent of Faculty Member

Merlyn McCallister

Past Parent

Marilou McGirr

Past Parent

Livio Parolin

Past Parent

Joanne Murphy Planek

Past Parent and Grandparent

Paula Saraceno

Past Parent

Dennis Sheehan

Past Parent

Frank Stone III

Past Parent

Derrick Tarrt

Past Parent

Robert Vernon

Past Parent

Teresa Williams

Sister of Staff Member

To notify Fenwick of members of the Fenwick community who have passed away, please contact Kristyn Rein, Development Associate, at krein@fenwickfriars.com or 708-948-0306.



Commencement for the Class of 2021
at Allstate Arena in Rosemont.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 11
FRIAR CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

Saturday, June 26
**CLASS OF 2000 & 2001 21ST/20TH
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Friday, July 16
**GOLDEN FRIARS LUNCHEON
(CLASS OF 1969 AND OLDER)
AT FENWICK**

Friday, July 16
**CLASS OF 2015 & 2016 6TH/5TH
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Saturday, July 17
**CLASS OF 2010 & 2011 11TH/10TH
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Saturday, July 24
**CLASS OF 2020 FENWICK
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Friday, August 5
**CLASS OF 1995 FENWICK 26TH
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Saturday, August 6
**CLASS OF 1996 FENWICK 25TH
REUNION AT FENWICK**

Thursday, August 12
**FENWICK YOUNG ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION BOAT CRUISE ON
LAKE MICHIGAN —
CLASSES '07 TO '17**

Thursday, September 16
**PASS THE TORCH GOLF OUTING
AT OAK PARK COUNTRY CLUB**

Saturday, September 25
**CLASS OF 1980 & 1981 41ST/40TH
REUNIONS — MASS AND DINNER
AT FENWICK**

Friday, October 22
**BLACKFRIARS GALA
AT DRURY LANE**

Saturday, October 23
**CLASS OF 1960 & 1961 61ST AND
60TH REUNIONS — MASS AND
DINNER AT FENWICK**

Saturday, November 13
**CLASS OF 1970 & 1971 51ST AND
50TH REUNIONS — MASS AND
DINNER AT FENWICK**

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