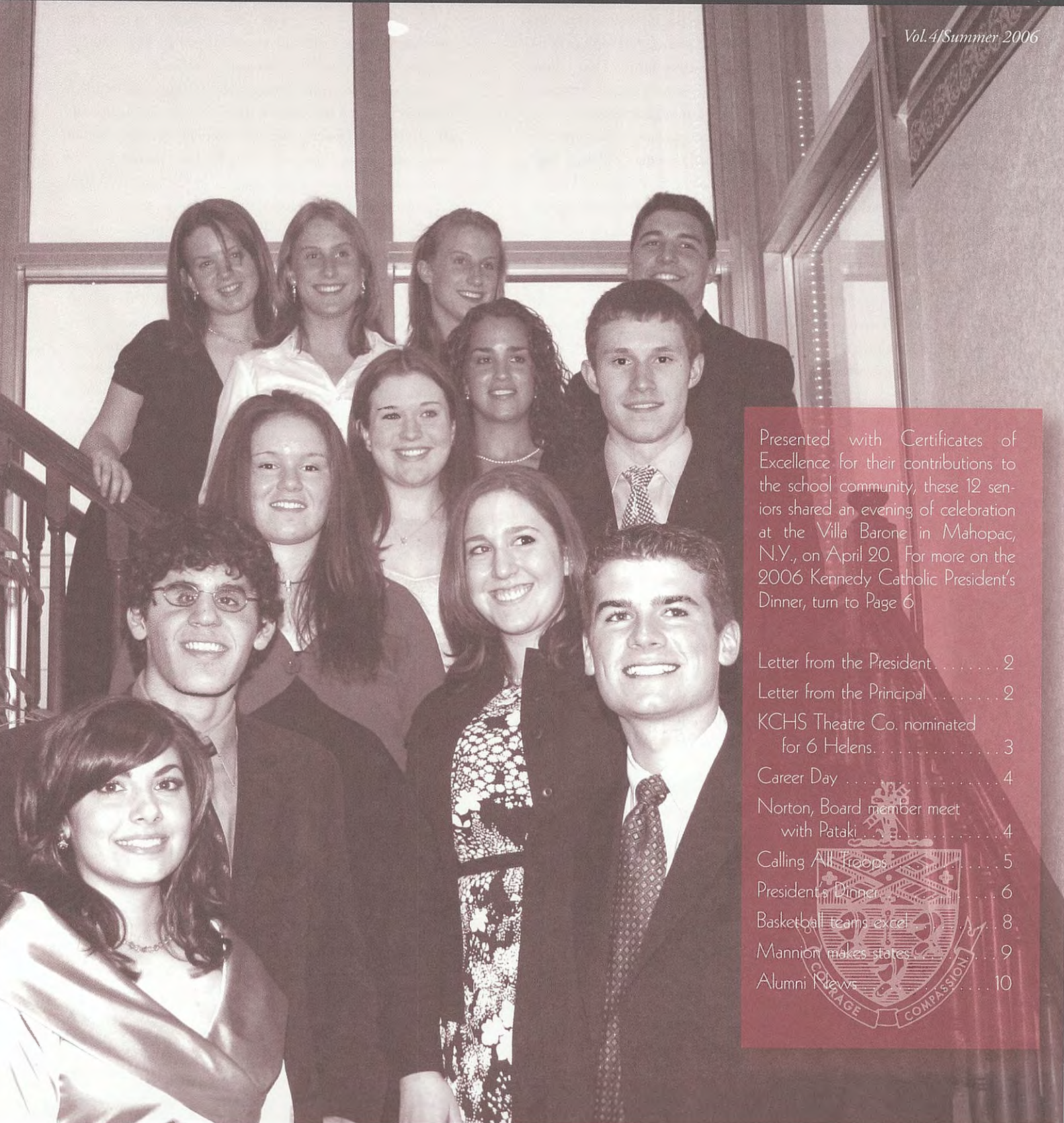


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A Newsletter for St. Mary's/Kennedy Catholic Alumni

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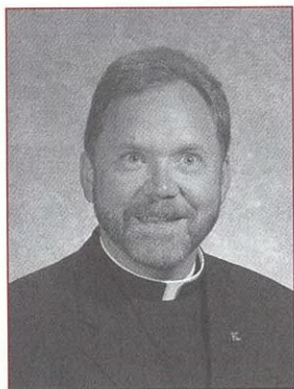
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Presented with Certificates of Excellence for their contributions to the school community, these 12 seniors shared an evening of celebration at the Villa Barone, in Mahopac, N.Y., on April 20. For more on the 2006 Kennedy Catholic President's Dinner, turn to Page 6

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

June 2006

With each new school year, I see so many progressive changes occurring within the building. Indeed, God has blessed me with the opportunity to be in the position I am today, as the President of Kennedy Catholic (formally Saint Mary's of Katonah).

The change to my current role in the building is actually the ability to leave it periodically. Being President of this wonderful school allows me the time to get out and meet you, our treasured alums. As I look to continue providing Kennedy Catholic with a strong future, I am confident this new position will enable me to better serve the present parents and students, as well as our growing alumni community.

Over the past year, I have met with graduates at numerous Kennedy Catholic events, such as the annual President's Dinner held at the Villa Barone in Mahopac, NY, this past April. Next year, I anticipate traveling to the New England region, as well as the Washington, D.C. and Virginia areas, to meet with alums and talk about ways we can improve the relationship between Kennedy Catholic and its graduates. If you live near any of these areas, I encourage you to contact me to set up a meeting. That meeting can be as informal as a simple cup of coffee to share your memories of high school or suggestions for a better future, or a formal gathering that you are hosting and would like for me to attend.

Speaking of get-togethers, I would like to personally invite you to come back to Kennedy Catholic and the Somers, N.Y. area for our 2006 Alumni Weekend, to be held Oct. 12-15. The festivities will include class reunions (to which every single one of you are invited), our annual Homecoming football game, and the third annual Alumni Barbeque.

Following in the footsteps of last year's graduating class, the Class of 2006 has left behind a permanent reminder of its high school years. This year, the senior class has remodeled the walkway that leads from the main parking lot near the pond to the Lakeview Room with lighted bricks donning the name of each senior and a handrail for safety.

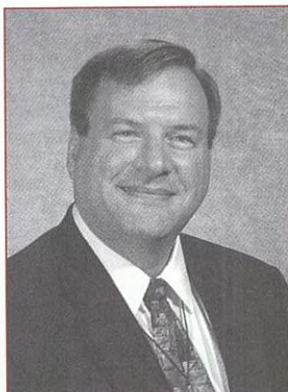
When you come back to visit our beautiful campus, you will be welcomed by a marble sign at the entrance of the school bearing the name of each student that graduated in 2005 and memorializing the late Nolan Morales '05. The entrance sign and walkway will serve as a legacy by which the two classes will be remembered at Kennedy Catholic.

As always, if you are in the area, please stop by to reacquaint yourself with Kennedy Catholic and take a tour of your alma mater. Please also feel free to e-mail me any time at snorton@kennedy-catholic.org. Kennedy Catholic should always be a place you can call home.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Stephen P. Norton

Fr. Stephen P. Norton
President



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

June 2006

"Wow" is a typical reaction from alumni who have come back to Kennedy Catholic for a visit. I often hear them say how many great memories flood into their minds when they look into the classrooms where they spent so much time, or when they step onto the basketball court where

they saw countless sporting events. If you walked the halls, you too, would share this common experience.

At the same time, you get the feeling that Kennedy Catholic is going somewhere special. Both the faculty and the students work extremely hard to make the place you all once called home the best Catholic high school in New York, as well as one of the top 50 in the country (2005 Catholic High School Honor Roll).

In my first year as the Principal of Kennedy Catholic, many wonderful things have happened. Enrollment has continued to rise. In fact, it has risen so much that there is a waiting list almost as long as the list of accepted students. Education has continued to move in a technological direction as the administration has given its educators the tools necessary to teach in today's society. Next year, Kennedy Catholic will be using a program called Parent Connect. This program allows teachers to enter grades or progress reports, and gives parents the ability to sign on to a specific Web site to see those grades and teacher comments in real time.

As colleges become more and more competitive, Kennedy Catholic continues to strive to keep our students at the top so they might gain entrance into the same institutions you have attended. Each year we add more Advanced Placement and Honors classes, with History and Spanish 3 on the docket for the fall.

As always, our sports program is ever-growing and strives for success during each competition. The men's basketball team had another extremely successful year, and many Kennedy Catholic athletes have garnered individual accolades in their respective sports. You can read more about them in this edition of The Gael.

As we move forward, I encourage you all—as I know Father Norton does—to come back and visit us here at Kennedy Catholic. Please reconnect with us to share your experiences, and know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Schmidt

Mr. Stephen T. Schmidt
Principal

Kennedy Catholic Theatre Co. nominated for 6 Helen *Vasile, Giordano garner individual performance nods*

If, as lead character Julian Marsh told his ragtag group of dancers during "42nd Street," that the two most beautiful words in the English language are "musical theater," then they've just been replaced.

With six theater award nominations announced last month, the Kennedy Catholic Theatre Co. has two new ones—Helen Hayes.

"The students and all the staff associated with '42nd Street' did an amazing job," said the Rev. Stephen Norton, who took a break from his normal role as school president to serve as producer for the show. "Everyone worked long, hard hours in order to have such an outstanding performance, like Mr. Charles Gray and the musicians, Dehbie Spahr-Puja with the choreography, and all the students who sang and acted so well."

The "42nd Street" cast was led by

senior Claire Vasile, who garnered an Outstanding Dramatic Performance nomination for her portrayal of diva Dorothy Brock. Following close on her heels, both in the musical as last-minute understudy Peggy Sawyer and in terms of nominations, is sophomore Tricia Giordano. "Allentown," as she is affectionately called by Marsh in the show, earned hers for Outstanding Solo Vocal Performance.

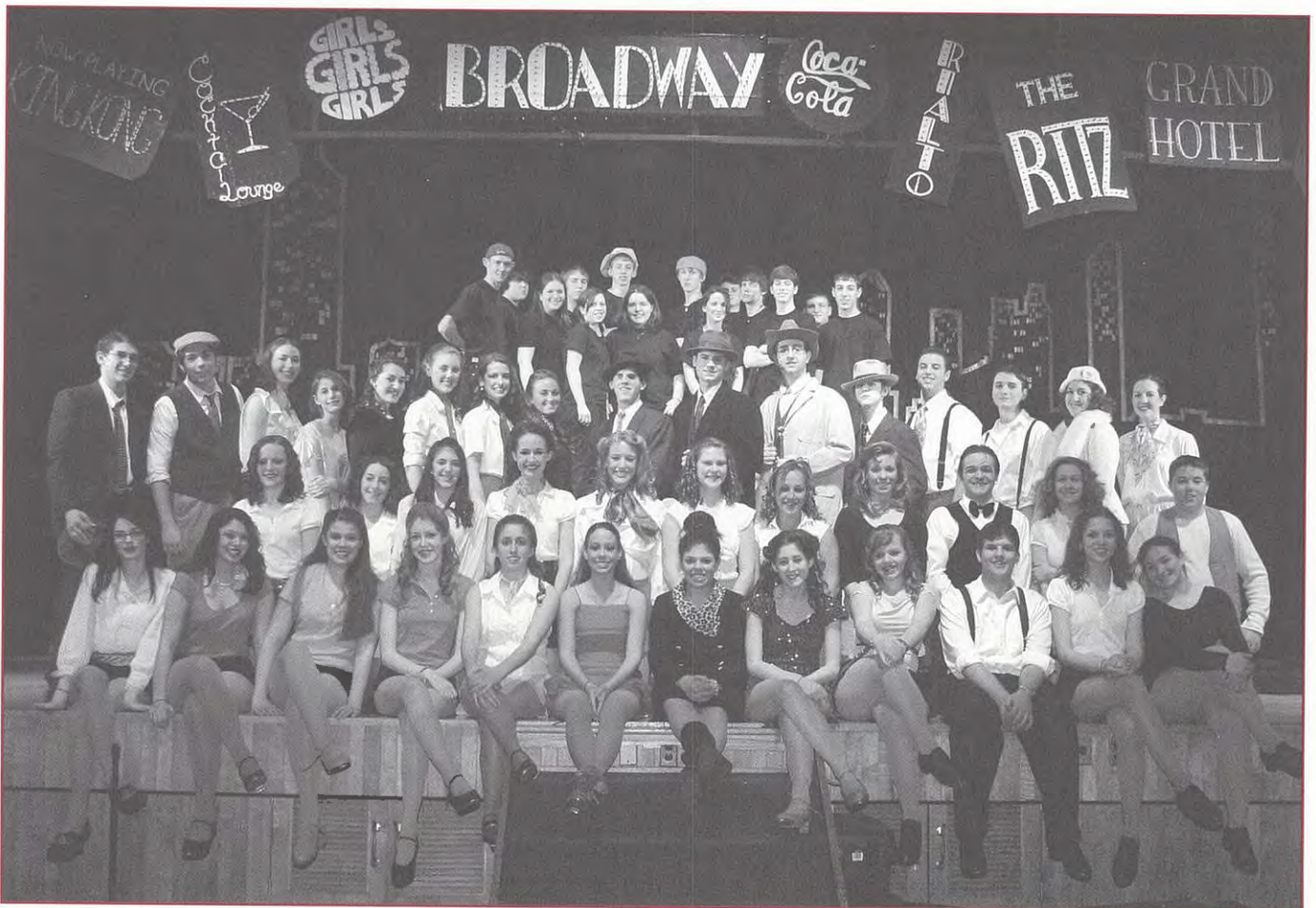
A dance-intensive production, "42nd Street" also earned nominations for its fleet feet and the person responsible for them. One of the four primary tap numbers, "We're in the Money" is up for Outstanding Production Number. Also up for a Helen is choreographer Deborah Spahr-Puja, who transformed countless pairs of left feet into a sure-footed symphony.

"I promised the cast from Day One that if they worked hard enough, they

would see the benefits of their efforts," Spahr-Puja said. "The choreography for this show was very challenging, especially for those who had never tapped before. I'm very proud of them."

Even the pit band—conducted by Charles Gray—got into the act, adding an Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra nomination for good measure. Rounding out the nominations was Public Relations Coordinator and English teacher Alex Malecki, who brought the production staff's idea for a unique, 1930s-style newspaper to life as the show's program.

Winners were announced during a formal awards ceremony at the Paramount Performing Arts Center in Peekskill, N.Y., on June 5. For a complete list of winners, please visit www.helenhayesyouththeatre.com.



The Kennedy Catholic Theatre Co. earned its first-ever Helen Hayes nominations with this spring's production of "42nd Street."

Kennedy Alumni return for revitalized Career Day

"People are a product of their environment," said Diana Mejias '98. And on March 16, Mejias joined parents and other alumni for Career Day 2006, giving students a taste of what life is like after Kennedy Catholic.

Twenty-two participants in all, representing a myriad of different professions, gave students straight answers on what it takes to make it in the real "real world." From politics and medicine to communications and technology, the revitalized Career Fair had a little something for everyone.

Mejias, who is engaged to Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and current Spanish teacher Jacob Bergmeier, is presently finishing up her doctorate in clinical and school psychology at Pace University in Manhattan and completing an ex-internship at Four Winds Hospital. The impetus for her career track was an intro to psychology course she took at Kennedy Catholic. She advises students to attend the college of their choice, for there is no "better" school for psychology. Rather, Mejias said putting hard work into one's major and getting into a quality graduate school is paramount.

For Colleen Walsh '98, the Manhattan assistant district attorney with a competitive streak and strong desire to help people, law was the perfect combination. If she wanted a challenge, her 200-file caseload and sometimes 18-20-hour days certainly provide more than enough. Then again, law school and the bar exam, which she passed in



From left, Kennedy Catholic graduates Susan Crowe '98, Jennifer Veljacic '98, Dana Morando '98, Colleen Walsh '98, Lisa Mastroianni, Dr. Warren Frisina '74 and Diana Mejias '98.

November, were far from a cakewalk.

Perhaps the most important part of choosing the legal profession, she said, is making sure you really want it. Walsh noted that many things can get in the way of such work, so to do it well, passion and dedication are a must.

For Walsh, it's all about aiding the victims. It's a calling she first heard at Kennedy Catholic, assisting the school in areas such as the Emmaus Retreat.

"I really love doing justice for somebody," Walsh said.

For Memorial Sloan Kettering nurse Susan Crowe '98, it is not so much bringing justice as it is a healing hand. She finds the patient interaction most rewarding, and often grows close to them and their loved ones during extended stays.

"I like helping the families," she said.

Certainly, schooling is important. Crowe did hers with the Lienhard School of Nursing at Pace. But the biggest secret, she said, is just going to work happy every day. And her classmate, Jennifer, agreed.

A physical therapist at Lawrence Hospital Center in Bronxville, N.Y., Jennifer Veljacic '98 admits the medical profession can be "a long haul." Six years of schooling to be exact. So what makes it all worth it?

"Seeing people get better," Veljacic said.

An assistant professor of religion and philosophy at Hofstra University, Dr. Warren Frisina's presence at Career Day lets you know the Lord still works in mysterious ways. Absent from the building since graduating in '74, Frisina received an invite after his father ran into the Rev. Stephen Norton, president of Kennedy Catholic, at a Mass in White Plains, N.Y.

"There's a visceral feeling," he said of being back at his alma mater.

Spending some time afterward to tour the building, Frisina said he was impressed at how well it has been kept up. He noted how important the school was to him, as evidenced by the memories that came flooding back once inside again. Frisina remarked how his career path began with great classes in history and other subjects at Kennedy Catholic—learning limits and vectors from Sister Christopher O'Toole—that led him toward philosophy and religion.

"All these things were starting points for me," Frisina said.

According to sophomore Guidance Counselor Dana Morando '98, who brought back the Career Fair after nearly a decade, the hope is that the morning will likewise be a starting point for many more career tracks.

Norton, Parent Advisory Board member meet with Pataki over tax credits

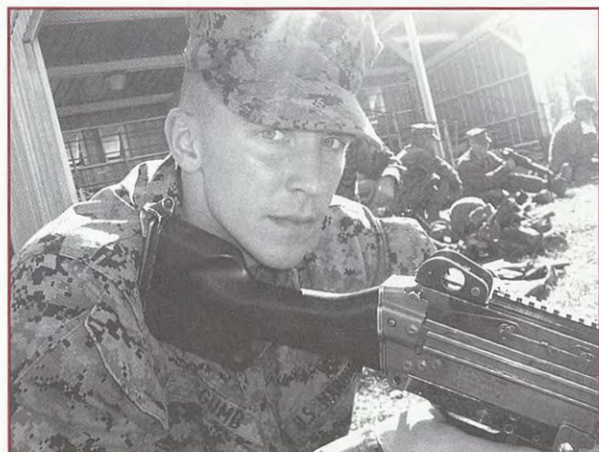
Accompanied by Parent Advisory Board member and gubernatorial friend Jean Moczarski, the Rev. Stephen Norton, president of Kennedy Catholic, joined Cardinal Egan and other delegations in rallying for tuition tax credits. Under the governor's plan, education tax credits of up to \$500 would be given to low- to-middle-income parents of public and private school-children.

Arranged by Moczarski, a longtime friend of Pataki, the Kennedy Catholic delegation met with the governor for a quarter

of an hour. According to Moczarski, Pataki was particularly interested in hearing about the school's proposed plans for future expansion, along with Kennedy's most recent accolades such as being named among the nation's top 50 parochial high schools by the Catholic High School Honor Roll.

Kennedy Catholic is currently working closely with the state on a grant that would enhance the school's science labs and instructional technology. Though early in the process, the gubernatorial meeting certainly helped to get the ball rolling.

Calling All Troops



Second Lt. Michael Gumb '01.

Editors Note: *In every edition of The Gael, the staff chooses to “spotlight.” This season we have decided to expand the spotlight out to a group of people worthy of much more than any thanks we could ever offer to them. These alums are none other than the courageous, caring, faithful soldiers who have and continue to serve our country.*

By land, by sea or by air, these people have made the choice to be our protectors against those who would do us harm. They have chosen to be the keepers of our American way of life. Not all of them have served in foreign wars; some have helped here at home in cases of extreme emergencies, like the Hurricane Katrina disaster off the Gulf Coast. Some are just beginning their careers, but will certainly make a great contribution to society through their time in the military.

No matter what they have done in their service time, these alums have unquestionably done our country a great service that deserves our sincere thanks. Our records show numerous Kennedy Catholic-St. Mary's alumni with military backgrounds, and we hope more will share their experiences with us in the future. These are just a few of the many stories that have passed through our hallways.

Second Lt. Michael Gumb grew up in Patterson, N.Y., and graduated from Kennedy Catholic in 2001. While in high school, Michael was part of a Kennedy

Catholic basketball team that went on to play in the state semifinals in Glens Falls, N.Y.

“Michael was a very focused student athlete when he attended Kennedy Catholic,” said Thomas Povall, his former physical education teacher. “He was intense, absolute, and saw life in black and white.”

Undoubtedly, this way of thinking will lead Michael to a successful career in the Marine Corps. After high school, Michael attended

Norwich University in Vermont and chose to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserves. In 2003, Michael graduated from Parris Island as the company honor graduate. Now an officer, he is going through basic courses and this August, will be assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Division, a distinguished artillery regiment.

Michael looks back fondly on his high school years, stating “my experience at Kennedy simply taught me the importance of wearing a uniform, and adhering to the virtues of how a moral person should live. Those values I learned at Kennedy, basically standing out from the norm and acting professional, led me toward the military.”

Retired Lt. Col. Dennis McGuckian graduated from Kennedy Catholic in 1970. He was commissioned as an armor officer in 1974 after graduating from Siena College. During his 21 years of dedicated service, he received the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Dennis explains that two of the most positive experiences in his military career would be when he met his wife, Gabriele, in Berlin, and his opportunity to teach at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. During his service, Dennis was stationed in Fort Knox, Ky.; Berlin; Garlsted, Germany; and Shippensburg, Pa.

Cmdr. Peter Dunn graduated from Kennedy Catholic in 1980. Peter served in Kuwait with the Atlantic Ordinance Command Expeditionary Force during

2003. For his service, he was given the Navy Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Overseas Service Ribbon. When asked to share some of his positive experiences, Peter states that leading great young people and helping them work through their problems to achieve their goals brings him unquestionable satisfaction.

“My religious education and fellowship experience at Kennedy Catholic helped me to have the faith in God I needed to see myself through a difficult mission and the separation from my wife and children,” Peter said. “It also helped me focus on my duty to show support for fellow sailors in the unit, each of whom experienced their own difficulties.”

Maj. Leo Cunningham graduated from Kennedy Catholic in 1985 and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Force in 1989 after completing four years as a cadet at the Air Force Academy.

During his time in the Air Force, Leo garnered an Air Medal with oak leaf clusters for his participation in Operation Southern Watch. The operation was part of a No-Fly Zone in southern Iraq in which Leo was a pilot of the EF-111 Raven, a fighter-bomber that was converted to a radar-jamming platform. He completed three 90-day tours in 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Following his three tours, Leo was assigned a position as an instructor pilot in the T-38 Talon for the next five years at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. During those five years, Leo was an instructor of young pilots for the NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program. In 1998, Leo returned to Putnam County and joined the Air Force Reserve where he serves as an Admissions Liaison to local high schools for the Air Force Academy and the Air Force ROTC scholarship program.

When asked how Kennedy Catholic influenced his military career, Leo stated that “Kennedy served to reinforce and develop the important value of integrity that I was originally taught at home. It is the single most important quality of a good leader, and it is vital to leadership in the military. The rigorous academic load and athletic activities also prepared me well for the demanding challenges that I faced later on in military service.”

MAKE A WISH

Tom Conklin Enters KCHS Hall of Fame

With presenter Monsignor Brennan having already described newly minted Hall of Famer Thomas J. Conklin as a "five-tool player" during the induction ceremony at the Kennedy Catholic

He began his career as a teacher, fielding questions from inquiring young minds, before shifting to the Main Office as dean and doing stints as a coach.

Along the way, he became a Kennedy

President's Dinner on April 20, it is only fitting that the baseball references continue.

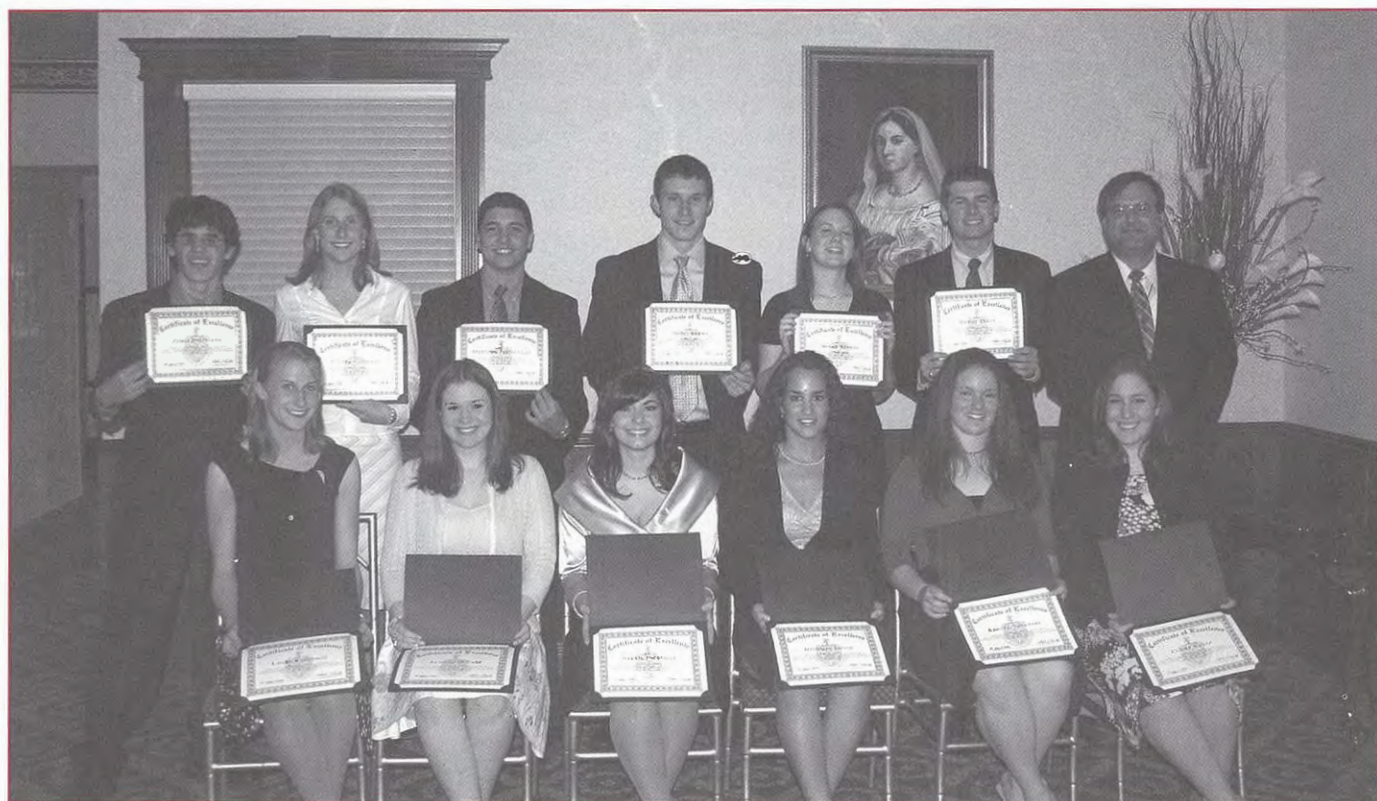
Indeed, Conklin has played every position for Kennedy Catholic High School.

Catholic parent. Daughters Kris and Jenn came up through the farm system in '93 and '97, respectively, along with son-in-law John Russo '97. He even served as president of the Parents Association for a time.

Yet today, nearly a decade after his youngest daughter graduated, Conklin continues to play an integral role in the livelihood of Kennedy Catholic. His continued support is both visible and symbolic—a physical presence at annual events such as the spring musical and a driving force behind the establishment of



Make-A-Wish Club President Richard Podlovits presents honoree Tom Conklin with a promise for one wish to be granted by school year's end.



Recipients of the 2006 Kennedy Catholic Certificate of Excellence were Devin Brown, Joanna Cloherty, Laura Cloherty, James DeStefano, Alexis Imprescia, Kristen Johannes, Megan Kearns, Brianne O'Hare, Matthew Perciavalle, Michelle Smyth, Daniel Tracy and Claire Vasile.



New York State Sen. Vincent Leibell addresses the crowd.



Newly-minted Hall of Famer Tom Conklin with Alumni Director Sister Christopher O'Toole and Patrick Geraghty '77, a longtime friend of the honoree.

the Make-A-Wish Club on campus.

Now president and CEO of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Conklin continues to devote his time and energy to youth, making wishes come true for children with life-threatening illnesses. And so it was for all these reasons—a life that continues to be underscored by the ideals of courage and compassion—that Conklin was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Joining Conklin in the limelight at the Villa Barone Hilltop Manor in Mahopac, N.Y., were 12 seniors—Devin Brown, Joanna Cloherty, Laura Cloherty,

James DeStefano, Alexis Imprescia, Kristen Johannes, Megan Kearns, Brianne O'Hare, Matthew Perciavalle, Michelle Smyth, Daniel Tracy and Claire Vasile—each presented with a Certificate of Excellence for their contributions to the greater school community.

In a surprise presentation, sophomore Richard Podlovits said the Kennedy Catholic Make-A-Wish Club would make good on its promise of one wish fulfilled by year's end. The club has already raised \$4,000 of the \$6,000 needed to grant a wish.

Conklin also received a special proclamation from the New York State Legislature, hand-delivered by Kennedy Catholic friend and state Sen. Vincent Leibell. His induction was also cause for the unveiling of an oil painting of the front of the school, crafted by Eastchester, N.Y., artisan Dr. Nicholas DiRusso. The start of a new tradition, it will be given annually to the Hall of Fame inductee.

For the nearly 200 in attendance, it was an evening to remember—one Kennedy Catholic hopes to continue for years to come.



Monsignor Brennan introduces Conklin.



Instrumental Music Director Charles Gray (on sax) and the band provided entertainment for the evening.

Basketball team ends memorable run with heartbreaker

By Matt Spillane '06

For the second consecutive season, the Kennedy boys' basketball team earned a trip to the state final four in Glens Falls. And for the second consecutive season, it went home after a heartbreaking defeat.

After losing last year's semifinal with nine players suspended, Kennedy looked to be in better position this year. Following their win over Ogdensburg Free Academy in this year's semifinals, the Gaels were set to battle western New York's Lackawanna High School for the state Class B championship.

However, on the morning of the game, star forward Devin Brown woke up feeling nauseous and had a 103 degree fever. The senior captain went to the hospital for an IV, but the sudden sickness kept him out of his last high school game.

Without Brown's athleticism and leadership, Kennedy was hampered, falling 67-50 with him watching from the sideline. The crushing loss brought an end to a memorable season, and a remarkable three- year run for the Gaels,

who advanced to Glens Falls each of the last three seasons.

Kennedy, 23-4 this year, has been one of the state's top Class B teams during that period. The Gaels have lost only one game to a Class B opponent in Section 1 (Lincoln Hall this year), while putting together the best winning percentage in Section 1 over the past three seasons.

The loss also marks the end of an incredible run for seniors Brown, Tyrell Thompson, and Dan O'Connell. The three captains have been key players on the last three Glens Falls teams, winning a state championship as sophomores. For them, the defeat was especially crushing.

O'Connell called the loss a "devastating tragedy," but added that "being number two isn't bad." He said that just making it to Glens Falls is an outstanding

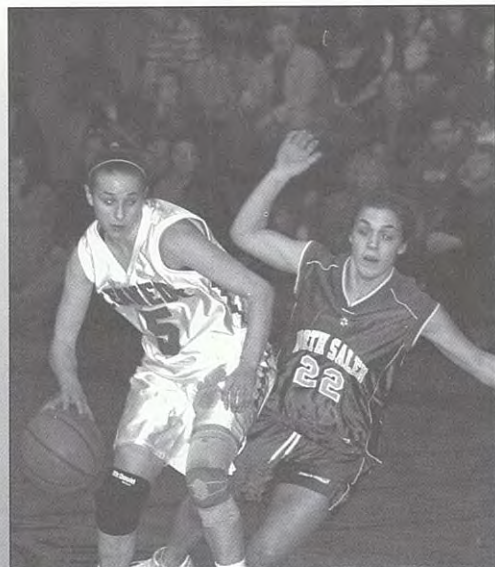


Senior guard Tyrell Thompson drives upcourt against the Ogdensburg Blue Devils in the state semifinals.

accomplishment, let alone doing it three years in a row.

Looking ahead to next year, the Gaels will have its work cut out for it. They will have to replace eight seniors, including all five starters, along with a move up to Class A.

The losses from graduation and the step up in competition will present a formidable challenge, but key returnees Ryan Clauss, Mike Wynne, and Edmund O'Connell will lead the Gaels in their bid to continue Kennedy's winning tradition.



Senior guard and captain Justine Gray raised her game this past postseason, scoring 68 points in two playoff games en route to earning All-State honors.

KENNEDY TEAMS CONVERGE AT COUNTY CENTER Boys not only team making postseason headlines

If this year's Section 1 tourney has taught us anything, it's that the Lady Gaels varsity basketball team can hang with the league's best.

Apparently taking umbrage with its 12th seed, Kennedy went on a rampage. Behind the play of fiery point guard Justine Gray, the Lady Gaels traveled north to beat No. 5 Pawling by 22 on its home court before knocking off the Hastings Yellow Jackets, 57-56, at Hastings.

Gray recorded game-highs in both contests, scoring 32 and 36 points respectively. Her two free throws in the closing seconds of the Hastings contest iced the game for Kennedy.

While the Lady Gael's romp through the rankings ended with a 56-37 loss to top-seeded Pelham, it marked the first time in a long while that Kennedy Catholic had both varsity squads in Section 1's Final Four at the County Center. The Lady Gaels played so well, in fact, that it was easy to forget it was a 5-9 team entering February.

Behind solid senior leadership and some hard-nosed play, the girls turned their season around, winning their last five games to earn the next-to-last playoff spot. Such momentum certainly spilled over into their postseason play, and few will forget the Lady Gaels impressive turnaround in 2006.



A four-year member of the men's cross-country team, senior Luke Mannion kicked it into high gear for a trip to the states this past fall.

BRINGING SEVEN

Mannion makes states, earns All-County honors

When next year's varsity men's cross-country team takes to the trails behind Kennedy Catholic, there will be one thought on its collective mind – "Bring Seven."

Seven is the total number of runners on the team. Not coincidentally, it's also the same number the team is hoping to have make states in 2006 after busing up to Queensbury High School in November to watch captain Luke Mannion become the first to compete since Richard DelMonaco in 2001.

So what did this senior have to say about a year in which he ran all the way into the New York State Boys Cross Country Championships and took home All-County accolades to boot?

"About time."

Dissatisfied with his performance in 2004, Mannion said he modified his summer training to "come back this season with a vengeance." Dropping the speed work for additional mileage, the senior improved his distance running to the tune of seven top-25 finishes, including two top-fivers.

The biggest came in early November at the Section 1 – Class C Championships, where his fourth-place finish earned him a right to compete against New York's best and a place in Kennedy Catholic lore. Mannion would go on to place 18th in the state with a time of 16:51.9.

"He brought back the Kennedy tradition," coach Lawrence Elliott said.

But like any good coach, such was the challenge he posed to Mannion four years

ago when both arrived at the school and a program that had fallen on hard times. Elliott said Mannion was up to the task, adding a diligent work ethic to his natural ability. The result was a trip no other Kennedy runner has taken in four years, and a seven-man team newly inspired.

Mannion looks to continue running competitively at the U.S. Naval Academy in 2007, which is where he'll be as a likely recipient of a Naval Academy Foundation Scholarship. The latter means Mannion be placed at the junior college of the Navy's choice for one year; he's hoping for Valley Forge Military College and Vermont Academy.

Even so, you can bet there'll still be room for one more next year when the Kennedy Catholic bus "brings seven."

AROUND THE HORN

Kennedy's winter athletes earn multiple honors

ALL-LEAGUE

Mary Anderson (track/field)

Devin Brown (basketball)

Jamie DeStefano (bowling)

Justine Gray (basketball)

Kristen Johannes (track/field)

Jennifer Matteson (bowling)

Brigid McKeon (track/field)

Dan O'Connell (basketball)

Shane Pais (basketball)

Louis Peisel (bowling)

Michelle Smyth (basketball)

Tyrell Thompson (basketball)

ALL-SECTION

Devin Brown (basketball)

Justine Gray (basketball)

Dan O'Connell (basketball)

Tyrell Thompson (basketball)

ALL-STATE

Justine Gray (basketball)

AlumniNEWS

We want to hear from you! Please fax (914-509-1401), email (alumni@kennedycatholic.org) or phone (914-232-5061 Ext. 118) in news about you to share with your classmates. Here is a list of notes that fellow alumni shared with us via our Web site since our last newsletter:

Class of 1958

Walter Lingard has been married now for 46 years and has 2 sons with 5 grandchildren. He resides in Florida and works as a building account manager.

Class of 1972

Monica Chambers Neumann is married to Greg with six children; three are still at home and one is married. Monica and Greg celebrated 30 years of marriage in May and are currently living in Holland, N.Y. She is currently working on a children's book and has recently submitted some work to Catholic Digest.

Class of 1986

Mark Lakis is currently married to Beth and has two children, Kate 3½ and Jack 8 months. They live in Grafton, MA. He is the Controller of a Plastic Injection Molding plant in Clinton, Ma. After high school, Mark received a BS and an MBA from Northeastern University.

Class of 1987

Jean Sanchez-Maddalon is currently living in Englewood, NJ with her husband Will. The couple was married in June of 2004. Jean is currently Chief Operating Officer of American Business Media, a non-profit association located in NYC.

Class of 1993

Megan F. Landers (Lapicki) is happily married to her husband, William, with a son, Declan, born May 14th, 2004. Megan is an attorney for RIA, a Thomson Company, which is the premier provider of advanced research, practice materials, and compliance tools for tax accounting and corporate finance professionals. She and her family are currently living in Tarrytown along with their two cats and two English bulldogs, Winston and Truman.

Class of 1993

Eric Lawton was married to Hilary Donofrio of Southport, CT in 2002. They have a 7 month old son born June 29th 2005 named Eric Lawton IV. They reside in Newtown, CT. In November of 2005 Eric accepted an offer to become First Vice President and Investment Officer of Wachovia Securities.

Class of 1993

Matthew Walker is pleased to announce that his wife, Erica, is pregnant with their first child.

Class of 1994

Michelle McCaffrey is an artist living in Wayne, Pa. Shelley's paintings can be found in private and corporate collections nationwide, online, and in galleries in the Philadelphia area. She also dances with Contempra Dance Theatre.

Class of 1997

James Capozza received a Bachelors and Masters degree in Management Information Systems from the University of Central Florida. He is also training to become an Oracle Certified Professional. He still resides in Orlando, FL and has been working at the Kennedy Space Center since 2001.

Class of 1998

Christine Macken, formerly Christine Dillion of the class of 1998, was married to John Macken of Rye on April 29th, 2006. Their wedding was in held in Meredith, NH. Mr. and Mrs. Macken have recently moved to Connecticut after purchasing their first home. Christine was also accepted by Yale Medical Hospital to do her residency in Pediatric Medicine.

Class of 1998

Diana Mejias was proposed to by Mr. Jacob Bergmeier on November 19th, 2005. Diana is a doctoral candidate at Pace University in clinical and school psychology. Jacob is a teacher and the Assistant Director of Alumni at Kennedy Catholic. A July 2007 wedding is planned.

Class of 2002

Kyia (Jones) Angelicia is currently working as a Closer for ABC Marketing. She is currently living in Dallas, Texas.

INFORMATION UPDATE

Do you have any news? Have you moved? Let us know!

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Name _____ Class _____

Married Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Alumni E-Mail Address _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business _____ Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Alumni Class Notes _____

Alumnus: if you have news about your family or your job, please let us know. If you are moving, please let us know your new address. **Parents:** If your son/daughter no longer maintains a permanent residence at your home, please send us his/her new address. We would like to keep both parents and sons/daughters in touch with Kennedy Catholic. Please check below to continue receiving *The Gael*.

☐ Please keep me on the mailing list. My son's/daughter's new address is listed below

Name _____ Class _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

KENNEDY CATHOLIC TO HONOR 9/11 VICTIMS

The Alumni Office is presently undertaking a project to memorialize the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, on campus. To do that, we're going to need your help. If you know of any Kennedy Catholic or St. Mary's graduates who were lost during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, please provide their names and class years to the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@kennedycatholic.org, or by calling (914) 232-5061 Ext. 118.

ALUMNI WEEKEND

Get your date books out alumni, because you're going to want to jot these dates down. Please consider this a standing invitation to each.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Kennedy Catholic Classic Golf Outing

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Young Alumni Networking Night
Norm's Pub, Brewster, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

HOMECOMING
(RSVP for FREE alumni parking)

REUNION 2006
Classes '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96 & '01
Lakeview Room, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Alumni Mass, 12 p.m.
(for all tristate alumni)

For more information regarding any of the aforementioned events, please contact the Alumni Office at (914) 232-5061 or e-mail alumni@kennedycatholic.org.

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