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WELCOME "A BOARD"

Father Vaillancourt and Chair Joe Costello '58 hold the Hall of Fame Award, surrounded by Kennedy's new trustees Warren Lucas '72, Nancy Boutross-Knight '76, Rev. Robert McKeon and Larry Dwyer '61.



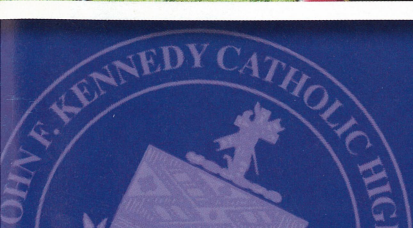
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Left to right: The boys celebrate outside following the commencement ceremony. • Coach Larry Elliott congratulates Nneka Ekwerekwu '09 and Breeda Mannion '10 after they combined with Danielle Asaro '11 and Jessica Kendzor '10 to break the school record in the 4-by-400-meter relay with a time of 4:10. • Kennedy's Dance Ensemble showcases its talent at the spring fundraiser Evening of the Arts and Wine Tasting.



PRESIDENT'S DINNER INTRODUCES FIRST SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Since January, when it was first announced that Kennedy would be appointing an inaugural board of directors to govern the school, alumni and parents alike have wondered who the first trustees would be.

The wait is over.

The Rev. Mark Vaillancourt, president of the school, formally introduced the five-person board to the Kennedy community at the annual President's Dinner on June 19 by inducting Joseph Costello '58, Lawrence Dwyer '61, Nancy Boutross-Knight '76, Warren Lucas '72 and the Rev. Robert McKeon into the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Speaking to those in attendance, Costello, who will serve as chair, noted that the five bring a wealth of experience in industries ranging from education, finance and government to law, marketing and public relations. He concluded his speech by asking the Kennedy community for its patience, prayers and support.

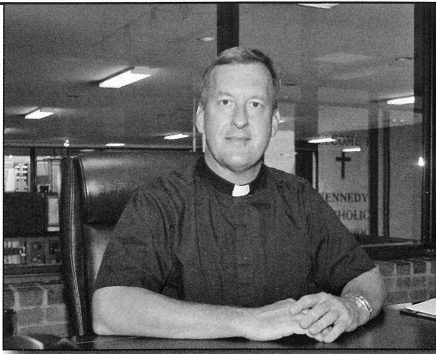
Honored with the Divine Compassion Medal for her many years of service to Kennedy and the greater Westchester community was Monica Guidotti, mother of alumni Sarah '00, Robby '04, Cindy '08 and Lindsey '08. And no President's Dinner would be complete without the presentation of Certificates of Excellence to select members of the graduating class. This year's Students of Excellence are Daniel Carinci, Matthew DiSalvo, Chelsea Dwyer, Jessica Figa, Katelyn Heintz, Ebony James, Mardi Mazzari, Anthony Pais, Joseph Rock, Theresa Tolan and Francis Visovsky.

For more information on all the evening's honorees, visit www.kennedy-catholic.org/alumni.

Counter-clockwise from top left: Chair of the newly formed board of directors, Joe Costello '58 raises his glass as Vice President for Advancement Anthony Casella toasts Kennedy Catholic • Mary Vasile '10 picks the winning Super 50-50 raffle ticket from Father Vaillancourt, proving no presidential fix was involved • Divine Compassion Medal recipient Monica Guidotti with her family and friends: Jolynne Sannicandro '05, Lindsey '08, Cindy '08, Sarah '00, Robert and Robby '04; as well as Father Vaillancourt and Sisters Janet, Barbara, Kelly, Celesta, Ellen (McGrath), Caroline, Christopher and Marie. • Your 2009 Students of Excellence: Chelsea Dwyer, Theresa Tolan, Anthony Pais, Jessica Figa, Matthew DiSalvo, Mardi Mazzari, Daniel Carinci, Ebony James, Francis Visovsky and Katelyn Heintz.



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Dear Alumni and Parents,

As you are reading this newsletter, Kennedy is preparing for her maiden voyage under the guidance of its first-ever Board of Directors (*read the full story on your left*). So while our students are enjoying a well-deserved summer vacation, the administration and staff is working hard to ensure that this transition is not only seamless, but will provide even more opportunities for our alumni, faculty, parents, students and the surrounding community to have a stake and a say in the upward trajectory of Kennedy Catholic.

In addition to new leadership, this transition means changes that will serve the St. Mary's-Kennedy Catholic tradition well going forward. These include new initiatives such as the St. John's University College Advantage Program, which gives our students 44 college credits per year to choose from that will be accepted at colleges and universities nationwide. We are currently developing a four-year progression in a language other than English, coupled with an optional speech and writing seminar for seniors, as well as the addition of college-level physics, advanced chemistry and general engineering to our science curriculum, which already has general physics in the mix for the fall. We will also have a more comprehensive PSAT/SAT prep program, which will mean more Advance Regents Diplomas and more National Merit Scholars.

Athletically and in the Fine Arts, we are looking to continue our current string of successes. We enjoyed another five league titles this year, four by our runners alone (*see full story on Page 10*), and tallied three Youth Theater Award nominations in 2009.

One thing that won't change—that will *never* change—is our strong Catholic identity. Rooted in the St. Mary's tradition of lively formation through theological instruction and a vibrant spiritual life, Kennedy now offers sacramental preparation and a Christian Community Service program that enables our students to live as the Sisters have taught countless generations—with courage and compassion.

As I wrote to our parents recently, Kennedy's financial situation is sound and we are moving forward with great enthusiasm, confident that we have the programs and personnel in place that will take us to even greater heights. And so I pledge to this community—the alumni, parents, students and teachers who have and who continue to make it unique—that we will continue working hard for this school, your school, so that it will continue to be a place of faith, formation and, above all else, family.

PISCITELL '07 PUTTING PEDAL TO THE METAL

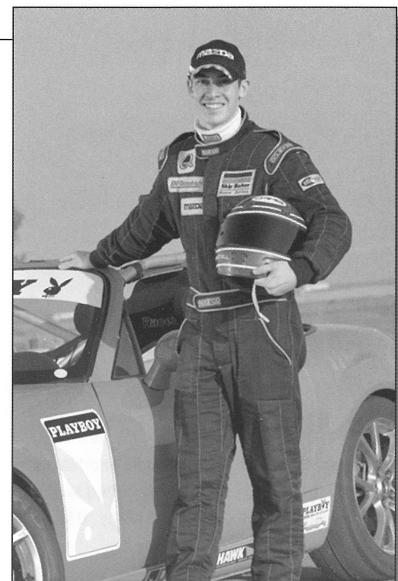
Inaugural Skip Barber MAZDASPEED Challenge champion Justin Piscitell won the third annual "Mazda Club Racing Champions Shootout" at Buttonwillow Raceway, a prize worth \$70,000. Piscitell will hook up with a front-running MX-5 Cup team for 2009, bringing \$50,000 for a car, another \$10,000 for parts, a new set of tires for each race weekend and, courtesy of SCCA Pro Racing, a waiver of the races' entry fees.

Piscitell raced the inaugural Skip Barber MAZDASPEED Challenge in 2008, just months after having graduated from a MAZDASPEED Three Day School, and proceeded to win the championship. That title got him an invite to the MX-5 Cup shootout, where Piscitell beat out 10 other Mazda racers—all NASA and/or SCCA Club Racing champions in their own right.

"Winning Skip Barber's MAZDASPEED Challenge opened up the world to me," Piscitell said. "I mean, I'm a 19-year-old kid from Patterson, N.Y., who's only been racing for one year. I was elated to even have just the opportunity to get to Mazda's club racing shootout. Winning it? Beyond comprehension..."

God Bless,

Fr. Mark G. Vaillancourt, Ph.D.
President



Dan Carinci illustrates just how hard it is to graduate with honors, and he's in good company—salutarian Anthony Pais and valedictorian Matthew DiSalvo.

For more photos from Graduation, visit www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni or friend "Kennedy Gaels" on Facebook.

Congratulations to THE CLASS OF 2009

Matthew DiSalvo
VALEDICTORIAN

Anthony Pais
SALUTARIAN

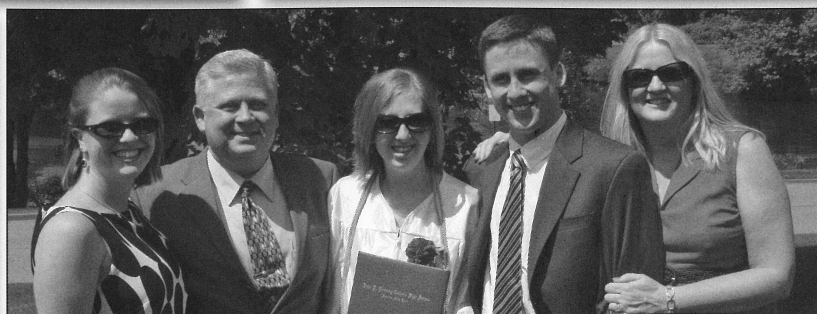
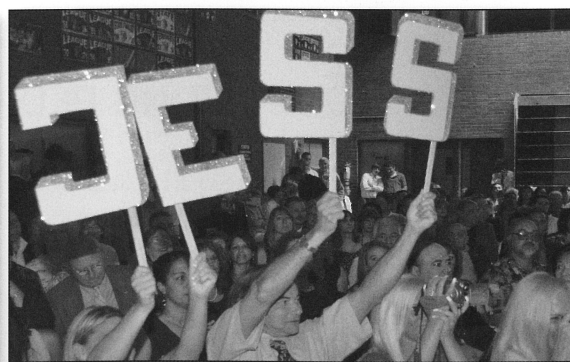
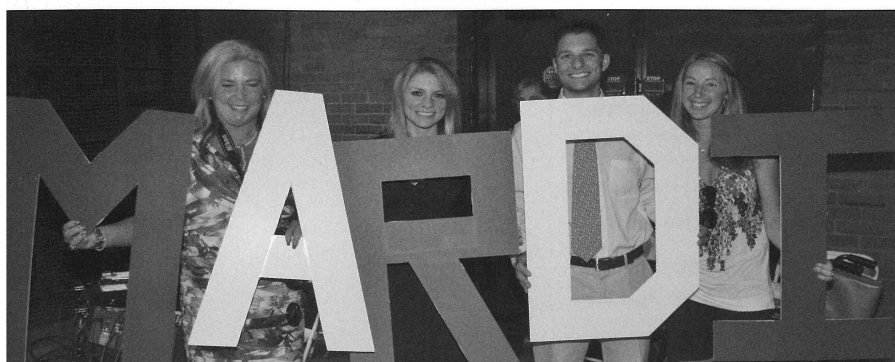
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Bryan Gomes
Luis Gonzalez
Raymond Granata
Amanda Grande
Katelyn Heintz
Catherine Heinzinger
Abigail Henry

Megan Hickey
Daniel Hofer
Paige Hoffmann
Amanda Huntington
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Tyler Jacobs
Timothy Jacoby
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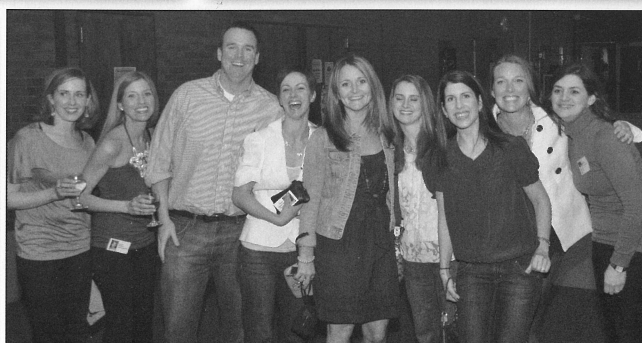
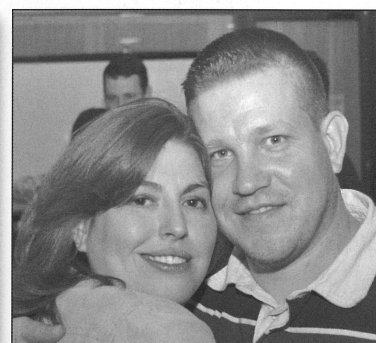
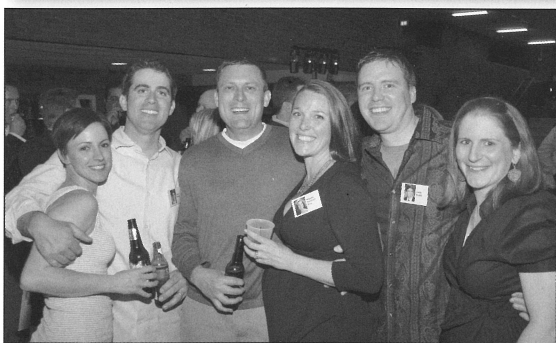


Clockwise from above left: The Mazzari and Martabano families were ready to cheer on their Mardi as she delivered the invocation. • Jessica Figa enjoyed a similar reception from her family upon being called to the dais. • For the second year in a row, the Staib family gets to celebrate a Kennedy grad as Francesca joins her brother, Erich '08. • Shannon '02, William, Billy '01, and Carol, an English teacher at Kennedy, share in Megan's joy.

Photos by Anthony Casella & Alex Malecki

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Class of '93 celebrates 15th in March



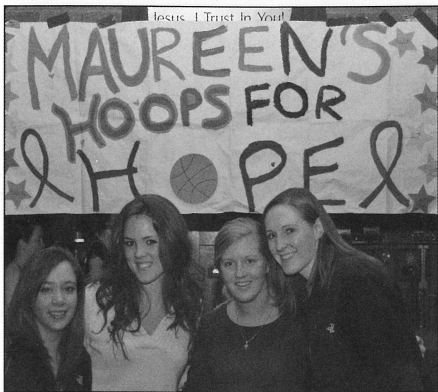
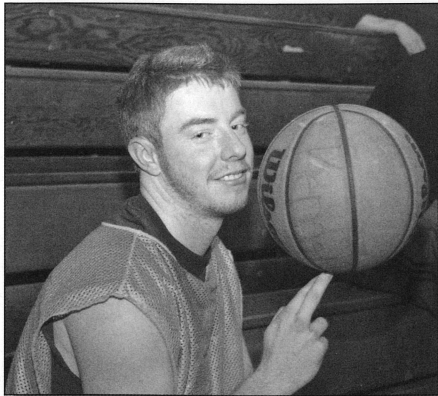
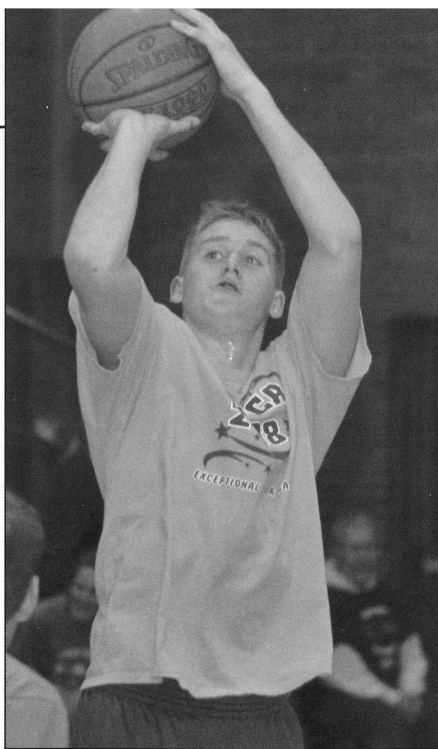
Though it took a little longer for Kennedy to round everyone up, the Class of 1993 had just as much fun celebrating its 15-year reunion on March 28. Special thanks to Megan Lapicki Landers for connecting with her classmates and making sure they got to enjoy a proper celebration in the Commons.

For more photos from the Reunion, visit www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni or friend "Kennedy Gaels" on Facebook.

Top right: Marty Doherty is flanked by classmates Clare Kearney Rigano, a former Kennedy guidance counselor, and Jessica Arceri, one of Saratoga Springs' premier business owners. • **Top left:** Ladies and gentlemen...the Class of 1993. • **Second from top left:** Members of the 1993 bowl championship team—John Walton, Jack Duffy, Mario Schiavone, Jack Ross, Matt Walker, Sean Kelly, Vic Errico, Patrick Ross, Marty Doherty, Mark

Orsell, Mark Rutkowski and John Leardi—couldn't leave without popping by the gym to check out their banner. • **Middle left to right:** Amy Pizzurro Civetta '93 and John Civetta '97, Megan Roussel Yox '93 and Matt Yox, and Jack '93 and Tara Duffy pause for a couples shot. • John Leardi '93, Mark Rutkowski '93, Jill Schwartz Jativa and her husband, Carlos, were all smiles at the 15-year shindig. • Reunion rep Megan Lapicki Landers snuggles up with hubby

Bill, earning a well-deserved hug for putting together a memorable evening. • **Bottom left to right:** Bridget O'Donnell '93 and Amy Nickerson Goldstein '93 take a break from the slideshow to pose for the camera. • Old friends reunite during the Class of 1993's 15-year reunion on March 28. • Megan Roussel Yox '93 and Tom O'Reilly '93 share a moment with Mark '93 and Beth Orsell.



Counter-clockwise from top left: Dan "The OC" O'Connell '06 lights it up from outside, just like old times. • Pete Sieminski '06 gives his spin on this year's tournament. • Marie Normile '09, Kelsie Sheridan '08, Theresa Tolan '09 and Siobhan McAvoy '06 pose beneath this year's banner. • With three families to pull from, the Courtney, McAvoy and O'Donnell collective is always tough to beat. • Fittingly, 2006 classmates Shane Pais, Siobhan McAvoy and Gina Bartolomeo watch the Hoops for Hope Tournament from Maureen's corner.

HOOPS FOR HOPE BREAKS \$10K Hundreds get 'ballin' in memory of Maureen McAvoy '06

For the second consecutive year, Maureen's Hoops for Hope filled the gym and its scholarship coffer as the friends and family of Maureen McAvoy came out to remember the effervescent 2006 grad on Dec. 23.

Teams of five took to the hardwood in the spirit of friendly competition. A number of alumni suited up, and that suited the crowd just fine as several former Gaels treated spectators to some crisp passing, lights-out shooting and even some dunks.

But the real winner was a current Kennedy family that has also been touched by illness. At the request of the McAvoy family, half of the proceeds from Maureen's Hoops for Hope were once again put toward the fund in her name at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The other half covered the tuition balance of the aforementioned family for 2008-2009.

Kudos to Kristen Johannes '06 and the Baker's Dozen for spearheading the festivities once again. The group has an even bigger surprise in store for this winter as the Dozen is teaming up with girls' varsity basketball coach Al Morales to bring back the Big Four Tourney between Carmel, Kennedy, Mahopac and Somers as part of Hoops for Hope.

For more on Maureen's Hoops for Hope, visit www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni.

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAUREEN MCAVOY (1988-2007)***



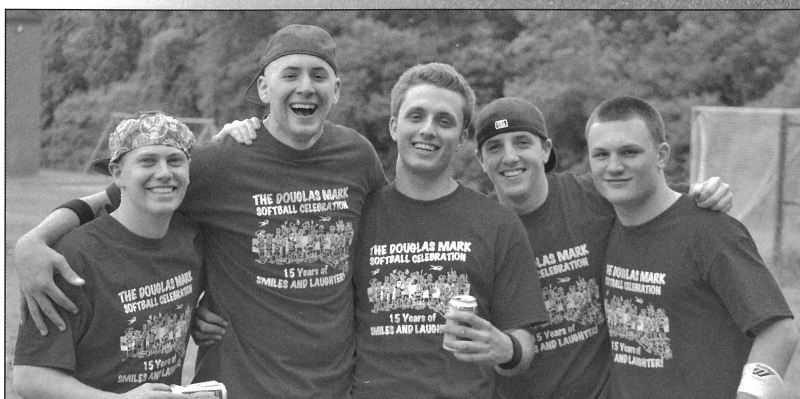
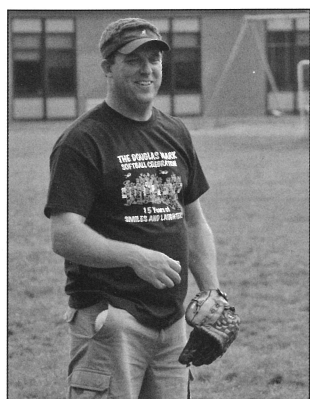
15 YEARS OF SMILES AND LAUGHTER

Though it's been 15 years since a tragic accident claimed the life of Doug Mark '94, his vivacious spirit is no less alive among his family and friends. And nowhere was that more evident than on May 23, as those family and friends got together for the 15th consecutive year to play in the Doug Mark Softball Celebration.

Four teams gathered at Crompond Elementary School in Yorktown for a friendly beer-ball tournament, plus the ever-popular Rainbow All-Star Game. Each participant received a T-shirt with Doug's No. 87 on the back. Afterward, the participants all headed back to the Mark residence to continue the festivities with a family barbecue.

This year's game featured the usual occurrences—Brian Duffy '92 randomly tackling base runners and displaying his range at second base (from the bag to the cooler)—as well as some firsts. For starters, it marked the first time in several years the Red Team made the final (though it had nothing to do with the lackluster play of this alumni director). It was also the first time that a Doug Mark Scholarship winner returned to play. Rich Podlovits '08 was applauded not just for his classiness, but for his bat in helping the Navy Team to this year's title.

For more pictures from this year's game, visit www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni.



Top right: This Blue Team outfielder climbs the ladder to steal one from the Red Team. • **Top row, left to right:** Tim Beyrer '92 rocks the old hidden ball trick; see if you can find it. • Red, RED, RED! • In a tribute to A-Rod, base runners tried to knock the ball loose. • **Middle, left to right:** The family and friends of Doug Mark '94 kicked back and watched the afternoon's hilarity ensue. • Ladies and gentlemen, your Rainbow Game All-Stars. • **Bottom, left to right:** Cognizant of Brian Duffy's fielding skills, the Black Team gave the 1992 graduate some backup at second. • Brendan Beyrer '94, Mike Cosentino '94, John Sullivan '94 and Rich Podlovits '08 celebrate the Navy Team's victory.



SAVE THE DATE
Turkey Bowl 2009
 Friday, Nov. 27
 1 pm Kickoff

ALUMS BRING TURKEY BOWL BACK TO KENNEDY

Graciously donate \$600 to alma mater

After years of the game being held off-campus, Kennedy was thrilled to have more than 30 of its alumni on the football field the day after Thanksgiving for the annual Turkey Bowl game.

Tunes pumped through the press box sound system as the friendly game of flag football quickly turned into rough touch. But despite the following day's bruises, pulled muscles and sprains, everyone had a great time reconnecting with their fellow alumni.

As token of their appreciation and testament to their love of Kennedy, the alumni also donated \$600 to the school on behalf of the Turkey Bowl. Special thanks to Mike "Duff" Duffy '94 and Brendan Beyrer '94 for helping to bring the game back home.

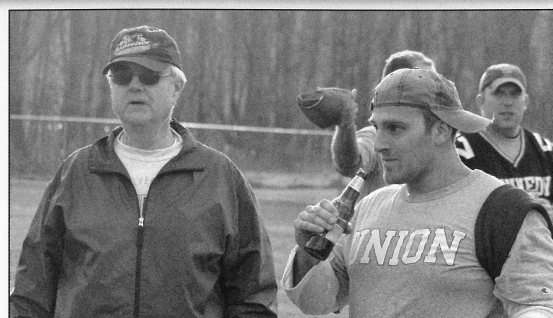
EGG-CELLENT EVENT

Kennedy's second annual Easter Egg Hunt and Palm Sunday Breakfast was everything it was cracked up to be, drawing more than 115 to the school on April 5. Following Mass celebrated by the Rev. Mark Vaillancourt, alumni, parents and their children were treated to a sumptuous breakfast followed by an egg hunt that sent kids racing through the building and out onto the grounds. Special thanks to Warren Lucas '11, who hammed it up as the hare this year, as well as the Community Outreach Club for making sure all the children had an "egg-cellent" time.

Next year's Egg Hunt & Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010, so save the date.



Clockwise from top right: The defense shows blitz. • More than 30 alumni were on hand as the annual Turkey Bowl game was play at Kennedy for the first time this past November. • Athletic Hall of Famer Matthew Braunwart '94 enjoys a cold one and some conversation with Mr. O'Reilly, father of Tom '93, Terry '94 and Tim '99



*Photos by Warren Lucas '10 and
 Anthony Ruperto '11*

KENNEDY INDUCTS 2ND ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS 12 athletes, 2 coaches attain immortality

Kennedy added 14 new members to its Athletic Hall of Fame on May 14 during the second-ever enshrinement ceremony at the Pinnacle Restaurant in Somers.



This year's class included an All-American in swimming star Alison Porteus '01; soccer supers Eileen Kenna '84 and Stephanie Damiano Paulmeno '92; three-sport standouts Bob Girolamo '74 and Ed Sterling '73; track phenoms Kevin Brocks '72, Maureen Young Launzinger '89 and Anna Apap Trainor '86; a nationally-ranked 3,200-meter relay team comprised of John Carron '89, Mike Hanney '88, Tom Piazza '88 and Matt Searles '88; and two legendary running coaches in Steve Arnett and John Viniello.

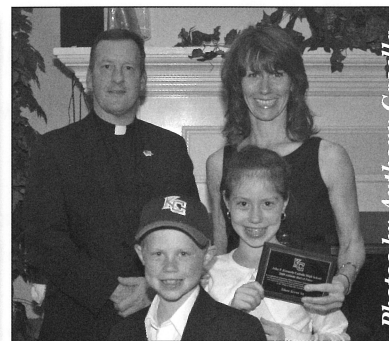
While their collective accomplishments are too many to name here, you can learn more about this year's honorees by visiting www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni.

NOMINATE THE NEXT HALL OF FAMER

Kennedy is looking for nominations for its next Athletic Hall of Fame induction class. E-mail yours to alumni@kennedycatholic.org.



Left: Matt Searles '88, Coach Steve Arnett and John Carron '89 accept their Hall of Fame awards from the Rev. Mark Vaillancourt for their roles on Kennedy's nationally ranked 3,200-meter relay team. • **Right:** Soccer star Eileen Kenna '84 accepts her Hall of Fame plaque with the help of her daughter and son, who is donning a Kennedy cap. • **Top:** The second-ever Kennedy Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame Class.



Below: Dirt flies as the game gets underway with former coach Bob Kear watching over the action.
Photo by Alex Malecki



ALUMNI RETURN FOR PICK-UP LACROSSE GAME

More than a dozen alumni and some 25 guys in all came back to Kennedy Catholic on June 21, 2008, for a pick-up game of lacrosse on the Main Athletics field. With coolers on the sidelines at the ready and former coach Bob Kear keeping the time and the men honest, the alums and their friends played three spirited quarters of lacrosse.

Some 2008 grads, Lacrosse Coach Mr. Andres Soltren and students Sean Sullivan '09 and Jesse Aprile '10 joined in the fun. Among the alumni who played were Dan Beyrer '95, Tim O'Reilly '99, Dan '00 and Chris '04 Wolpert, Jeff Monaco '01 (an assistant varsity coach in 2008), Mike Boccardi '04, Matt Diterichs '04, Brett Kearney '04, Chris Pricola '07 and Rich Podlovits '08, as well as Peter Giner, who was an assistant coach under Bob Kear back in 2002.

2009 ALUMNI LACROSSE GAME

The Alumni Office is working on putting together a second game. E-mail alumni@kennedycatholic.org to be on the mailing list once a date and time are set.



Left: Jennifer Cicchetti '09 takes to the air in the long jump.



Below: Breeda Mannion '10, third from the left, paces herself at Sectionals after recording her third 1,500-meter run league title in as many years in early May.

FOOTNOTES

This spring's track and field teams featured:



12 All-League Champions
(6 different students)

5 Boys on Triple Crown teams

4 League Titles
(All by Dylan Schuck)

3 Consecutive 1500-Meter Run Titles
(Breeda Mannion '10)

2 School Records
(Girls' 4-by-400-Meter Relay Team,
Dylan Schuck in the Javelin)

1 Sectional Champion
(Jessica Kendzor in the 800-Meter Run)



KENNEDY RUNS WILD IN '09 Boys win Triple Crown; Kendzor, Schuck make states

The rich got richer in 2009, at least when it comes to Kennedy's storied cross-country and track and field teams. The boys won league titles in all three running seasons—cross-country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field—for the coveted Triple Crown, while the girls added an indoor title to the mix.



The Gaels also recorded a number of individual accomplishments, not the least of which was Jessica Kendzor '10 qualifying for states in each of the three running seasons. Kendzor saved her best for last, winning the 800-meter run at Divisionals, being named All-County in the 800 and finishing second in the state with a personal best of 2:15.38.



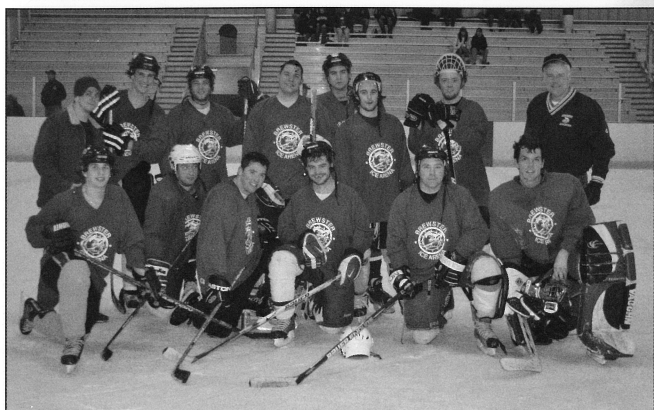
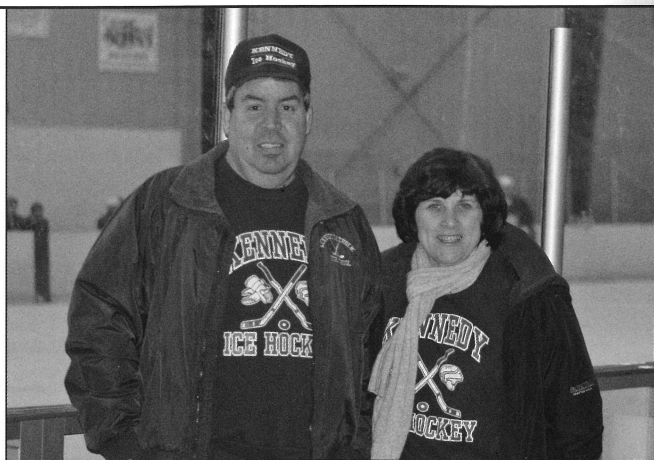
Not to be outdone was super sophomore Dylan Schuck, who made his first trip to states in the long jump, clearing 20-feet-1-inch to take the Division II title. He also took home silver in the javelin at Sectionals, for which he earned All-County honors.

For more on your Gaels, visit www.kchsrc.blogspot.com.



Above: Sophomore Danielle Asaro kicks it into high gear. • **Right, top to bottom:** Freshman Michael Campobasso easily clears the hurdle. • Jessica Kendzor '10 runs with the pack before breaking away for a Sectional title in the 800-meter run. • Dylan Schuck '11 is in form as he begins his Sectional-winning long jump.

Photos by Jacob Bergmeier of NoDo Photography Inc.



CLOHERTY '04 SPEARHEADS FIRST-EVER ALUMNI ICE HOCKEY GAME

Though the newest of Kennedy's athletic programs, introduced at the onset of the new millennium, the ice hockey team was among the first to have its own alumni game this past year.

Thanks to the inquisitiveness of A.J. Cloherty '04, who wondered to this alumni director if such a game could be put together, the first-ever Alumni Ice Hockey Game was born.

A dozen players came out for the inaugural ice-capade at the Brewster Ice Arena. Despite the infrequent line changes, a good time was had by all. Afterward, the alums headed upstairs to the Players Restaurant for a spread of wings, sausage and peppers, and pasta, along with a bird's-eye-view of the Gaels 8-3 victory over Horace Greeley.

Special thanks to long-time coach Steve Santini, who graciously hosted the event. Keep your winters available for the second installment of the Alumni Ice Hockey Game.

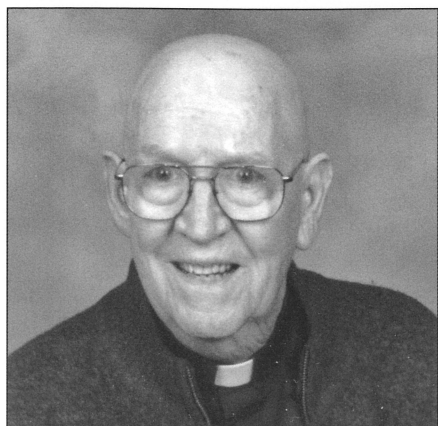
For more pictures from the Alumni Ice Hockey Game, visit www.kennedycatholic.org/alumni.

Above: Mike Espejo '05 gives a smile as he brings the puck up the ice. • **Left, top to bottom:** Two of the original Kennedy ice hockey parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackett, came out to support the program's first alumni game. • The inaugural game's skaters included Mike Boccardi '04, A.J. Cloherty '04, Matt Diterichs '04, Tim Donaghy '91, Mike Espejo '05, Ian Garrison '04, Dan Morris '04, Brian Murphy '04, Ted Shipper '06, Tom Hackett '01 and Kevin Whalen '04. • A.J. Cloherty '04 shows off his puck-handling skills. • Apparently, A.J. Cloherty '04 brought his own fan club in Laura Cloherty '06, Erin Symons '06, Gina Bartolomeo '06, Joanna Cloherty '06 and Kristina Lambertus '06.

AlumniNEWS

We want to hear from you! Please fax (914-509-1401), phone (914-232-5061 ext. 135), or e-mail (alumni@kennedycatholic.org) in news about you to share with your classmates. Here is a list of notes that fellow alumni shared with us via our website since our last newsletter.

CLASS OF 1947



The Rev. Edward Donovan celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 1. The first years of his ministry in the Paulist Fathers were spent in campus ministry as a college chaplain. More recently, he has worked with various Spanish-speaking populations such as the migrant workers of the Coachella Valley. He is the former coordinator of Hispanic Ministry in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and is now in senior ministry at the Paulist parish in L.A.

CLASS OF 1953

Lt. Col. Arney and Veronica Slawson Johnson married on April 10, 1955, while Arney was a corporal in the Marine Corps. Arney retired in October 1983 after 30 years of service. Over the years, Veronica has been a medical assistant, horse trainer, equestrian, archaeologist and museum volunteer. They currently live on a farm and still have quarter horses, along with a herd

of Angus cattle. Since Arney retired, the couple has done a lot of overseas traveling.

CLASS OF 1971

Dr. Philip Doyle lives in Norwich, Conn., with his wife Anne. Together they have raised three children who have all graduated from college: two from Villanova University and one from George Washington University. Phil enjoys running and has logged about 100,000 miles in his life on the roads and trails. He does lots of ballroom dancing, thrives on rock climbing and hiking, and occasionally can be seen on the golf course. He spent a week in Jeremie, Haiti, this past April, as a volunteer with the Haitian Health Foundation (HHF), taking care of people with infected teeth and facial traumas to doing dental restorations for the many patients in need. Kennedy's very own Dr. Phil has been donating his services to HHF for the past 12 years. *For more on Dr. Phil Doyle and his work with the HHF, read the next edition of **The Gael**.*

Robert Peyton and his wife, Bettie, recently relocated from Brewster to Sun City Center, Fla. There the couple has formed B & B Bookkeeping and Accounting. A Certified Public Accountant, Bob will retain his New York State practice and license, traveling back to the Empire State when necessary.

CLASS OF 1976

Kathleen Hart, formerly of Bedford Hills, now lives in Longview, Texas,

where she works as a teacher and is a published poet. Both of her parents, Patrick Hart '46 and Mary Flynn Hart '46, are St. Mary's graduates.

CLASS OF 1981

Mary McHugh Reilly and her husband of 17 years, Charlie, were relocated to Annandale, N.J., in 2005. They have settled into the community and love it! Mary is Vice President of Business & Client Development for Orion Mobility. Charlie works for Verizon Communications in the Basking Ridge Finance Department. Their daughter, Kathleen "Katie," is now 14 and in her freshman year at North Hunterdon High School.

CLASS OF 1986

David LeFebvre, a 1990 graduate of Boston University and a 1994 graduate of Harvard, annually rides in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge to raise money for cancer research. A three-day, 290-mile bike ride, the Pan-Mass is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon for charity. While he rides to honor several people, "Mostly, I ride so my daughter Gretchen will never know what cancer is."

*For more on David LeFebvre and the Pan-Mass Challenge, check out the next edition of **The Gael**.*

CLASS OF 1987

David Ranghelli recently completed production on his documentary, "The Calling," which presents candid portraits of three people drawn to religious life. David has already held successful screenings at Seton Hall University, Our Lady of the Holy Cross College, Fairfield University and Fordham, and "The Calling" was most recently selected for the 29th Annual Breckenridge Film Festival last month. David is presently working with Kennedy to bring the documentary back to his alma mater. For more on his film, visit www.thecallingdocumentary.com.

CLASS OF 1989

Karin Loibl Lamprecht has been living in Germany for more than 15 years

and happily married to her husband, Rudolf, for the past 10. The couple has two daughters: Theresa, 7, and Johanna, 4.

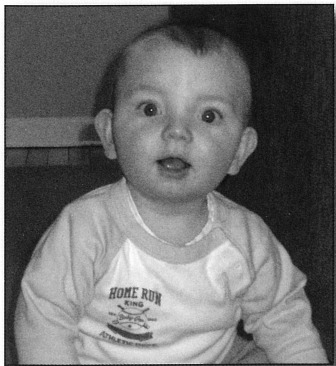
CLASS OF 1990

Janet Almeida Graves and her husband just welcomed their fourth child, Connor, in January. The six-month-old joins Abigail, 7, Lily, 4, and Tyler, 3, at the family's home in Stormville, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1995

James Hansen is currently the assistant manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Hamburg, N.J. When not helping others get where they're going, you can find him at home in Highland Lakes.

CLASS OF 1998



Joseph Anthony and his wife, Rebecca, are pleased to announce the birth of Jude Francis, who joins Benjamin as the newest addition to the Anthony family. The couple and their two sons live in Bryn Mawr, Penn.

CLASS OF 2004



Michael Boccardi and **Scott Johnson** successfully organized the very first RunAmuck Mud & Music Festival on April 25 in Rockville, Md. The event combined a unique, 5K footrace through trails, water, mud pits and man-made obstacles, with an outdoor festival complete with bands, food and vendors.

Mike and Scott are the co-founders of Amboro Events Inc., a company that seeks to create new and unique events that will provide a forum to promote an active lifestyle and raise awareness of social and environmental issues. For more on Mike and Scott, visit www.runamuckfestival.com.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. William J. Boldt,
Principal 1972 – 1978
Rose Mary Sandow Kavana '61
The Rev. John Keefer '47
Lucille Held Lacy '41
Barbara MacMenamin Mahon '59
Mike Musilio '59

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INFORMATION UPDATE

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Photo courtesy of Mary Hart '46

CLASS OF '46 READIES FOR 63RD

Typically, class reunions are held every five years. Guess the Class of 1946 likes to party, because they've been gathering annually for some time now.

Last September, 14 St. Mary's classmates got together at Le Fontane Ristorante in Somers in celebration of their 62nd high school reunion. Others though scattered across the country, sent letters that got the memories flowing.

Memories like the 1946 Upper Westchester Putnam League championship basketball team, which went 24-0 en route to the East Coast Prep School Tournament Final against 25-0 Milford Prep. The Gaels would fall two points short, Patrick Hart '46 recalled, as a last-second basket by Dick Nagle did not count because it was still teetering on the rim when time ran out.

Memories like the Pot Luck suppers that literally had people lining-up down the driveway, the Snow Ball the seniors would put on each December, or the intense noon basketball games. How

about the time two upperclassmen played hooky, went to see a movie in New York City, and were ultimately caught when their photographs appeared in the next edition of Life Magazine?

Then, of course, there was the pinball machine at Fred's Restaurant (now the Hair Wharf), the classmate who borrowed Father Fitzgerald's car and ran it into a tree, or the real fountain sodas you could get at noontime at Phelps Pharmacy (now Etcetera). The memories go on and on.

Which is exactly what the Class of '46 intends to do this Sept. 12 when it gathers again, this time at Somerfield's, to continue reminiscing. Afterward, the class has been invited back to Kennedy Catholic for Mass in St. Mary's Chapel.

For more information on the Sept. 12 Reunion or Mass, please contact Alex Malecki in the Alumni Office at (914) 232-5061 Ext. 135 or alumni@kennedycatholic.org.

REUNION 2009

Planning is already underway for class years ending in 4s and 9s. Look below to see who is heading up your reunion. If you don't see your class listed, call the Alumni Office at (914) 232-5061 or e-mail alumni@kennedycatholic.org to get the ball rolling for your class.

Class of 1946

Saturday, Sept. 12
Mass 4 p.m.
Mary Flynn Hart

Class of 1989

Weekend of Oct. 10-11
Maureen McArdle O'Donnell

Class of 1994

Christine Connelly Brooks
Brendan Beyrer
H. Michael Duffy

From left to right: the Class of 1946's Pat Malsbury Leonaggeo, Ray Lovell, Kathleen Haran Melahn, Bill Nellis, Gloria Marshall O'Connor, Mary Flynn Hart, Pat Hart, Grace Purpura Panetta, Don Fitzgerald, Mary McGarry Crew, Catherine Towey, Renza "Larry" Guidarelli, Vincenza Zimma Guidarelli, Ellen Schneider and Anne Fitzgerald.

TAKING CARE OF 'BUSINESS' Kennedy Catholic Players earn Metro nominations

The Kennedy Catholic Players were nominated for three Metropolitan High School Theater Awards—formerly the Helens—this year for its spring production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The three nominations gives the Players a dozen nods in just the past four years.

The Players' rendition of "Coffee

Break" was in the running for Outstanding Production Number, while Jesse Aprile, Robert Bittlingmaier, Michael Campobasso, Matthew Espejo, Thomas Greco, Warren Lucas, Christian Paulmann, Matthew Pereira, Anthony Ruperto and Nico Van den Bergh were nominated



collectively as "The Executives" for Featured Ensemble Group. Rounding out the Players' nominations was Production Assistant LeeAnn Lisella, who was up for the Technical Merit Award.



EVENING OF THE ARTS & WINE TASTING POURS IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE First Family Association fundraiser tastes success

The first event of the newly formed Family Association tasted success on March 21 with its *Evening of the Arts & Wine Tasting* to benefit Kennedy's Fine Arts programs.

Kennedy needed a minimum of 150 people before partner Marlin Arts could donate a percentage of its art sales back to the school. The Family Association blew that number right out of the Lakeview Room, packing close to 300 in the cafeteria for the evening's art auction of some 155 pieces. As the first gavel sounded, custodian Jose Rama could be seen feverishly putting out additional chairs.

The night also included a wine tasting, courtesy of alumnus Michael Koehler '91 of Suburban Wines and Liquors in Yorktown. Michael brought a selection that included a merlot, shiraz, one white and a South African dessert wine. Twenty percent of all the wine sold went back to Kennedy.

Special thanks to Ledley Food Service, for providing the fine fare, and to parent Anna Torchia for bringing some delectable desserts. And, of course, kudos to co-presidents Rene Bloch and Susan Lucas, as well as parent and Advancement Associate Donna Ruperto, for making the Family Association's first-ever fundraiser a success.

Photos by Jesse Aprile '10



Top: Michael Koehler '91, wine director for Suburban Wine & Spirits in Yorktown, pours a sample of Cormon's collio Bianco. • **Above left to right:** Director Deborah Spahr leads the Kennedy Chorus in song. • Members of the Concert Band show why Kennedy boasts the finest in Fine Arts. • Maeghan Casale '09 and LeeAnn Lisella '09 showcase the talent of Kennedy's Dance Ensemble.



FAIR SHARE COUPON BOOKLETS

Fresh on the heels of its first successful event, the Family Association has already come up with a second fundraiser that will not only help the school, but benefit parents, as well. Introducing the "Fair Share Coupon Booklet," which is chock full of savings for Kennedy parents in the form of coupons that can be used at events such as the Golf Outing and Auction.

All families must have purchased their \$100 Fair Share Booklets by the time school reopens on Sept. 9. Call (914) 232-5061 Ext. 134 for more information.

GOLF WITH THE FAMILY



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For more information, e-mail
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Homecoming

Saturday, Oct. 3
 Main Athletics Field

Kennedy Catholic Golf Classic

Thursday, Oct. 8
 Centennial Golf Club

Auction 2009

Saturday, Nov. 7
 Kennedy Catholic High School

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