ST. HELENA/MONSIGNOR SCANLAN NEWSLETTER

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED!

Dear Alumni and Friends,

• At long last, on May 28, 2015, legal governance of Monsignor Scanlan High School transitioned from the Archdiocese of New York to our Board, and our alumni and supporters, under the continued guidance of the Archdiocese.

• This transition also marks the end of financial subsidization of our school by the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has provided a subsidy to the school for many years, but now they have too many other demands.

• We believe that we have fully replaced the Archdiocesan subsidy through a lease of the former Boys’ School building, Helena Hall, to a charter grammar school. Occupancy commences this July 1. More details will follow in the 2014-2015 Annual Report.

• Maintaining our Annual Giving Campaign at the $400,000-$500,000 level should ensure the continuity of Monsignor Scanlan High School for many years to come, and our mission of graduating 100% of our students, sending virtually all of our students to college, and dramatically transforming the lives of the inner city children that we serve through the Catholic values-based education that we provide.

• Now that our future is clear, we are in the process of putting together a Board Challenge, so that this June we can push the Annual Giving Campaign to the $400,000-$500,000 level for this year. We plan to announce this Board Challenge in a few days.

On behalf of the Monsignor Scanlan High School Family, we thank you for your continuing support and generosity, and the tremendous good that you make possible for these wonderful students.

Very truly yours,

Christopher F. Gallagher
Board Chair

COLLEGES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Scanlan Seniors are readying themselves for graduation and excitedly preparing for college in the fall.

So far our seniors have received nearly $4M in scholarships from a variety of schools.

Here is a partial list of the colleges that have sent acceptances to our students:

Alfred State
American International College
Babson College
College of Mt. Saint Vincent
College of St. Rose
Dominican College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Hunter College
Iona College
John Jay College
Johnson & Wales
LIU – Brooklyn
LIU - Post
Manhattan College
Mercy College
Monroe College
Mount St. Mary College
Pace University
Penn State
Queens College
Quinnipiac University
St. John’s University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime College
Utica College
Villanova
Dear Alumni and Friends of Monsignor Scanlan High School,

The warm Spring sun has transformed our campus from a stark, barren winter scene into a bright, multi colored tapestry of blooming flowers and trees.

Our enclosed, private and serene school setting is truly a special gift to enjoy and appreciate throughout the seasons.

Each day our boys and girls arrive here from a variety of neighborhoods eager to work, learn, play and pray together in this unique urban setting.

Each day our teachers and staff focus their energy on improving the lives of the children entrusted to their care.

Day after day, week after week, the students grow from tentative freshmen to mature young men and women by their senior year.

Although this transformation is not as immediately visible, as is nature's changing of the seasons, the student metamorphosis is lasting and forever. This school has been changing lives for decades.

The evidence of this daily miracle is obvious to any casual observer of our many alumni events, whether it was the Brother Declan Scholarship Dinner, Career Day, the Business/Commercial School Reunion, the Golf Classic or one of our basketball games, the response and generosity of our graduates has enabled us to continue our mission of serving the youth of our great city.

As you read this latest newsletter, please know that everyone here is dedicated to the vision of Monsignor Scanlan and we will continue to provide the highest quality education with our Christian values and dedication to community service.

On behalf of everyone at Monsignor Scanlan High School, I want to thank all of you for your continued support and good wishes. We have great challenges ahead but I know with your help, we can overcome them. Thank you for transforming our students’ lives!

God Bless all Crusaders!

Peter M. Doran
Principal

Kevin O’Shea Scholarship Fund

When Kevin O’Shea found out that his good friend and employee, Marilyn Valcin’s son, Kristopher wanted to attend Msgr. Scanlan HS in the Fall of 2014, Kevin made a few calls. Kevin believes in the importance of Catholic education, and although Kevin had not himself attended St. Helena/Scanlan HS, he had several friends who had. Kevin knew he could count on them to assist Ms. Valcin and her son with the significant costs associated with Catholic high school tuition.

As expected, Kevin’s friends enthusiastically responded. Krisstopher has had a great freshman year and is looking forward to his sophomore year here at Scanlan. Kevin O’Shea, Ms. Valcin, alumni and friends attended a Scanlan freshman basketball game on January 11th and rooted loudly for Krisstopher and his teammates. It was a good day for all and a winning day for his team.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Kevin O’Shea Scholarship Fund and continue to do so even today.

Kristopher Valcin & Kevin O’Shea at the Scanlan freshman basketball game.
Tuesday, April 28th. The 2015 Msgr. Scanlan HS Career Day was a huge success. More than 40 alumni and friends spent their day on the sunny campus of MSHS meeting with Scanlan sophomores, juniors and seniors and sharing their career experiences.

The presenters arrived early to the Gallagher Gym to meet and have breakfast and then it was time for our students to meet the presenters. Each presenter was visited by three groups of students who had expressed an interest in their career path. After a busy but enjoyable morning, the presenters came together for a delicious hot lunch generously catered by Anthony Domini, ’72 of Lange’s Deli. It was a great day for all and a most informative day for our Scanlan students. Our sincere thanks to all of the Career Day presenters for taking the time to spend their day with us.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015, scholarships were awarded to two of our Scanlan students. Senior, Yaeslin Rodriguez received the Thomas Fraher Scholarship and Freshman Daniel Infante received the John ‘Jack’ Pileski Scholarship. Both were donated by Bruce Bozzi ’57 in memory of his classmates Tom Fraher and Jack Pileski. Congratulations to Yaeslin & Daniel and much thanks to Bruce Bozzi for his continued generosity and support of Monsignor Scanlan High School.

IN MEMORIAM
gone but never forgotten
Virginia Duffy Wintle ’53
Eileen Reilly Luna ’53
Salvatore Pinto ’56
Carmine Croce ’57
Eileen MacDonald ’58
Barbara McWalters McMahon ’59
Fr. Robert Morrissey ’62
Richard Rainey – ’66
Frank Bohm – ’69
Anthony Insardi ’75
Dennis Flick ’77
Paula Fives-Taylor – former faculty
(formerly known as Sr. Dorothy Marie)

Correction: Elizabeth Snell ’72 is alive & well, our apologies

The new Trump Golf Links is now open beneath the Whitestone Bridge.

Thanks to the efforts of Michael Beckerich ’67, Scanlan has formed an alliance with the management of Trump Golf Links. They have already hired 12 of our Scanlan students and are planning to hire more. They are most interested in assisting us with our newly-formed Scanlan Golf Club and with our fundraising efforts. We are presently in discussions with them regarding next year’s Scanlan Golf Outing. We welcome Mr. Trump and all at the Trump Golf Links to our neighborhood. If you are interested in booking a tee time or in planning an event at Trump Golf Links call (718) 414-1555.
HISTORY BUFF

Helena Hall was built in 1882 at the cost of $13,000. Dominican - the girls’ school was built in 1895. The convent was built in 1762 (wow, that is an old building) and Silverberg Field House (boys’ gym) was built in 1933.

Last year we hosted an event in the Silverberg Field House that was attended by Lou Carnesecca, the former St. John’s Basketball coach. He told all in attendance that he remembered playing basketball on our campus (before it was St. Helena’s) in that same gym in the 40’s.

What great history we have here!

ALUMNI NEWS

MERCEDES DUKES ‘02

If you visit the Msgr. Scanlan HS Campus you will discover that the site of the old Business School has been transformed into a JUST 4 KIDS Day Care Center that is owned and managed by Mercedes Dukes ‘02. This is the fourth JUST 4 KIDS childcare center in the Bronx. In addition to running JUST 4 KIDS, Mercedes is the Scanlan Assistant Athletic Director and Assistant Coach of the girls’ varsity basketball team. We asked her to tell us how she got here and where she is going:

“After graduating from Scanlan I received a full 4-year scholarship to play Division 1 Basketball at St. John’s University in Queens where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and Sports Management.

I decided to stay connected to Scanlan because I remember how inspired and encouraged I was being a Gallagher scholarship award recipient. Being a mentor always made me want to give back and give someone the same opportunity I had. I have memories of award banquets with the Gallagher Family – those moments are still with me as an adult. I want to be able to give a student those same memories I still cherish today.

In my three years of working at Msgr. Scanlan HS, I have mentored and guided several young men and women and I have urged over 20 students to join the Monsignor Scanlan community. I plan to increase enrollment with my coaching ability and desire to encourage future young women and men to attend MSHS. This past year I had the privilege of bringing a Nigerian female student to the United States to study. The Scanlan community has really molded me into the woman I am today. I am currently getting my Master’s Degree at St. John’s University.

To see that there are still some of the same familiar faces in the school from when I was going to Scanlan lets me know that the future generation is in great hands.”

J is just finishing his freshman year here at Scanlan. J was able to attend Scanlan thanks to the financial assistance of his guidance counselors and teachers at the public middle school he had previously attended. They took up a collection so as to assist his mother with J’s freshman year tuition. Now as J is heading into his sophomore year his benefactors are still willing to assist him to some extent. J is an excellent student but he needs an additional $2,000 towards his 2015/2016 Scanlan tuition.

E is just finishing her sophomore year here at Scanlan. E transferred to Scanlan from public school and did not qualify for financial assistance intended for students transferring to a Catholic school from a public school – her grades were too high!! E is an excellent student and most enthusiastic. She wants to continue her studies here at Scanlan but she needs some financial help. E loves to learn and consistently strives to maintain a high average. E is a most deserving student. E needs about $6,000 towards her 2015/2016 Scanlan tuition.

To sponsor a Scanlan Scholar, please contact Karen Gennarelli at (718) 430-0100 X58

SCHOLAR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
Please make your plans to join us here on campus for your 50th reunion. Mass that morning will be at 11am in the school chapel followed by school tours by Scanlan students. Reunion reservations can be made at scanlanhs.edu – click on Alumni – then Events. $75 includes buffet lunch, beer, wine, soft drinks & dessert. Donations can be made via our website or by mailing a check to the Alumni Office.

Hotel rooms have been set aside for this event at the Residence Inn Bronx at Metro Center Atrium. You can make your room reservations on line by visiting cwp.marriott.com/nycbx/scanlan50 or by calling Group Sales at (718) 414-1480 and mentioning the Scanlan 50th Reunion. Room rates start at $169 a night for up to 4 persons in a room. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

The event was held at St. Mel’s Parish in Flushing, Queens thanks to the generosity of Father Gerard Sauer, the Pastor of St. Mel’s and an alumnus from the Class of 1981.

All in attendance enjoyed a great meal catered by our own Anthony Domini ’72. Many Declan stories were shared and it was great seeing so many Brothers, Sisters & past lay faculty all together in one place. It was quite a memorable evening.

Lou Santos, past faculty & present Scanlan board member was relentless in reaching out to so many and succeeded in raising nearly $30,000 for the Brother Declan Scholarship Fund.

We received many Declan stories for inclusion in the Declan booklet that was distributed at the event. Below is one of the stories submitted by Thomas Whelan ’64:

*I think it was freshman year, ’60-’61. Brother Declan was our Latin teacher in Room 106 down under the gym. One day the teacher was late. So Jimmy Ray was up in front of the class, cutting up (surprise, surprise). Suddenly Declan walked in, and he didn’t seem too pleased. He made a B-line for Jimmy Ray, glowering with menace, steam coming out of his ears. Jimmy looked stunned, like a deer in headlights. Dec grabbed him by the shoulders... and moved him aside, and went to his desk. A pause, and then, we all laughed, Jimmy Ray the loudest. It was schtick, Declan Schtick.*

To see Declan angry, why that would be like seeing Mr. Rogers “packing heat”! Declan didn’t get angry, he got results. We liked him. He was in on the joke. You couldn’t goof on Declan because he was one step ahead of you. You tried to keep up with his little asides. Brother Declan wouldn’t raise his hands to a student, except to gently move him aside. He wasn’t a bouncer, he was a guide. A tour guide through life. He was a wise man pretending to be a kidder. He gave you the aspirin in the applesauce, the wisdom with the joke. He was the epitome of a teacher.

If you wish to contribute to the Brother Declan Scholarship Fund, please contact the Scanlan Alumni Office at (718) 430-0100 X13.
We are making plans for the Saint Helena/Monsignor Scanlan High School Hall of Fame Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 24th (time TBA).

The dinner will take place here on the campus and all past recipients are urged to make your plans to attend.

We are in the process of putting together a Selection Committee as well as a Hall of Fame Committee to assist with the planning and execution of this very special event.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Hall of Fame Committee, please contact Rosalia in the Scanlan Alumni Office at (718) 430-0100 X13 or rcawley@scanlanhs.edu.

Additional information will be available soon.

ARE YOU A FACEBOOK FAN TOO?

If you answered yes, then you will want to take a look at the official Msgr. Scanlan HS Facebook page. Our Facebook Administrator extraordinaire, Nancy Rodrigo ’79, is updating our Facebook page daily and wants to invite you to visit and “like” us.

Simply search Monsignor Scanlan High School in the search box or click the link below to be directed to our page.

See you there!
LOST & FOUND

The Alumni Office has two (2) St. Helena Boys’ School rings that were found and returned to us. First ring is etched with the name Edward Bertero – Class of 1964 and the second ring is etched with the name JJ Reilly – Class of 1973. We have been unsuccessful in finding both Edward & JJ. If you are in contact with either of them, would you please ask them to call us at (718) 430-0100 X58.

WILLIAM MENDEZ WINS NY YANKEES LEADERSHIP AWARD

William Mendez, a Scanlan senior was one of 5 recipients of the NY Yankees Leadership Award from the Bronx Community Board #10. The awards, along with a check for $750, were presented to all recipients at a ceremony on February 23rd.

The NY Yankees Leadership Award recognizes a commitment to community service – those who volunteer in their schools and neighborhoods. William is a math tutor at Scanlan’s Peer Instructional Network, does clean up and tree planting with the Bronx River Alliance and is an assistant to clergy and community at Holy Cross Church. All recipients will take part in an on-field ceremony at Yankee Stadium this season. William is looking forward to this ceremony and is planning to attend St. John’s University School of Pharmacy in the fall. Please join us in congratulating William!

sports.

Varsity A Boys Basketball 15-12 overall, lost in the City Championship to Kennedy Catholic

Varsity B Boys 1 - 19 overall. Won their first game in 3 years!

Freshmen Boys Basketball Team Lost in the first round of playoffs

JV Boys Basketball 12-10 overall came in 4th in the League, Lost in the first round of playoffs.

Varsity Girls Basketball 17-10 overall, Undefeated in the league, Lost to Nazareth in the State Playoffs

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Msgr. Scanlan HS has a new club this year that’s all about fun and games. The Gaming Club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to play video games as a way of building community, sharpening problem-solving skills, and giving kids a different kind of outlet to relax and have fun.

The idea for a Gaming Club came about last year when Jian Costa, then a sophomore, had a conversation with a teacher about the video games she used to enjoy growing up. He was inspired to start a club where students and teachers alike could share in the joy of gaming! Jian began reaching out to teachers to see if someone would serve as moderator and sharing ideas with fellow students to gauge their level of interest. It didn’t take long before people started getting on board! Over the past year, the Gaming Club has grown from a couple of computers and a handful of interested students to an entire computer lab with multiple video game systems and an active membership of over 20 students.

Donations have played a key role in the growth of the organization. While members are asked to pay a small membership fee (about $1 a month), the proceeds generally go towards small prizes for members’ special achievements, like reaching a new level or finishing a new game. Games and systems are too expensive to be covered by membership fees. All of the club’s inventory, including a Nintendo Wii, a Sega Genesis, and dozens of games, has come from the generosity of students and other benefactors. The Gaming Club is always happy to accept donations of used video games or other hardware.

Today, Jian continues to help the Gaming Club grow and thrive as its President. Fellow Juniors Christian Morales and Valeria Chavez serve as the club’s VP and Treasurer. Mr. Sampson, from the English Dept., and Mr. McMahon, from the Math Dept. are the moderators.”

class notes

1953
JOAN CARDILLO FISHER (MA) writes ‘all is well!’

1954
DANIEL KELLEHER (NY) is retired.
WILLIAM KELLY (NY) is a retired FBI agent.
VIRGINIA SHERIDAN LUMZER (NC) is proud to say that she has five great-grandchildren and is known as Ggma. There are four boys; Joey, Ben, Paul and Dean. Her one girl is Willow Grace. ‘I am a very lucky lady.’

1955
DANIEL CARROLL (MA) Boston College graduate in ’57, received B.S. degree in marketing. He is a retired manufacturer in the metals and plastics industries. He and his wife, Cornelia, live on Cape Cod. They have five children.
THERESA LOMBARDI DILLON (VA) is enjoying every moment of retirement. She and her husband love to travel, especially cruising. They are visiting all the corners of the world. She and Gordon love their life.
AUDREY KRAMER FLEMING (NY) has been married for 56 years and has five children and seven grandchildren.

1956
MARY MARTIN COYLE (NY) thanks Msgr. Scanlan HS for making Catholic education a priority.
PETER GROSSO (FL) is retired from the FDNY. He and his wife have four children, 10 grandchildren. Peter works part-time as a banquet captain at the Holiday Inn in Highland Beach, FL.

1957
ALICE SCHMITT DASHIEILL (ME) teaches a memoir-writing class at Coastal Senior College, coordinates a book discussion group at Homas-ton library. She helps run the library used-book shop. She and her husband enjoy their five grandchildren and lots of family visits.
LORRAINE SANTOMAURO FARRUGIA (NJ) has been retired for 10 years. She and her husband live in an active senior community. They travel a lot and enjoy all the clubs in their community. They have seven grandchildren.
JOANN ORBACZ GEARY (NY) has been retired since 2009. She has been able to take her grandchildren to Iceland, France and Italy – not all at once and not all at the same time!
SCANLAN THANK-A-THON

Several students stayed after school recently to make Thank You Calls to alumni who had donated to last year’s Annual Giving Campaign. The students totally enjoyed the experience and even raised some money in the process. Thank you to the alumni who took the time to speak with our students and to those who made a donation.

If you received a voice message from our students and wish to get back to us, please call the Scanlan Alumni Office at 718-430-0100 X58 or X13.

This lovely note came from Donna Saliani DiStefano ’56 of St. Helena High School. Mrs. DiStefano had received a phone call from Scanlan senior, Joseph Santos during the student Thank-A-Thon and this note accompanied her generous donation. (she agreed to let us share her note with all.)

“Enclosed is my check for $XXX. Going to St. Helena’s was a life changing experience for me after going to public school for 8 years. Monsignor Scanlan and the Dominican nuns were such a blessing. My name at the time was Domenica Saliani (Dolly, Donna). Msgr. Scanlan would always say “it is fun to be good”. I have used that phrase with my children and grandchildren – 3 daughters & 4 granddaughters. I am blessed to be married 55 years and live in Florida for 31 years.

May God bless each one of the students at St. Helena’s. I pray for all children in Catholic school – they are blessed more than they can imagine. My granddaughters have also gone to Catholic school. It is so awesome to have God in control of your life.

Love, Peace & Joy,
Ronald & Donna DiStefano

P.S. It was so good to hear Joseph – a Msgr. Scanlan HS senior on my answering machine.”

Question: What Can Scholarships Do?
Answer: Make a big difference in a student’s life

Even after winning the Masters at 21, Jordan Spieth seemed like a humble guy. Apparently, he’s been that way for some time. When the PGA golfer was in high school, he penned a letter to the family who offered him a scholarship to attend Jesuit College Prep in Texas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Murphy,

My name is Jordan Spieth and I am currently a junior at Jesuit. I appreciate all the help you have offered to Jesuit. Thank you for the Joseph M. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund. I have received this due to the work grant program, which allows us to work for our tuition here at Jesuit. I have made many new friends due to this program, and I feel it is a great way to help out my family. I play on the Jesuit golf team and I am ranked the number 1 junior golfer in the country. My dream is to play professionally and win the Masters. Because of your scholarship fund, I am able to strengthen my academics as well as my golf game at Jesuit in order to get one step closer to achieving my goals.

Thanks again for your kindness.
Sincerely, Jordan Spieth

Your decision to sponsor a student or fund a scholarship will help Scanlan produce its own winners. For information, contact Karen Gennarelli at (718) 430-0100 X58

This story originally appeared in the April 14th edition of the Sporting News
I was at Scanlan from 1971 to 1977. I taught mostly World History; and also Spanish and Religion. In 1976 I was the Assistant principal for that one year only. I was hired by Brother Charles Marcellin, and I found out about the job opening from Joe Farrelly, who was a History teacher at the time also. Frank Kleinbub was the Assistant Principal, and George Maloney was my Department Chairperson. I taught History with Joe Farrelly, Willie Walsh, Dan Waters, Charly Destefano, and Brother John Klein. I was laid off along with about thirty other teachers in the Boys School. I went on to sales jobs in the city, and ended my career with UPS as an International Sales Specialist. I retired in 2006; live on Long Island, and have been babysitting for my two grandchildren these past five years. While with UPS, I earned my Masters in Business, which helped me get my teaching certification and allowed me to be a substitute teacher for three years after I retired. I married my high school sweetheart whom I met at Cardinal Spellman HS in 1967. We have three grown children who all live locally, and two precious grandchildren whom I have mentioned.

My years teaching at Scanlan were absolutely fantastic! I will always treasure those years as one of the most special times in my life. Brother James and Frank Kleinbub set up a school that had a perfect atmosphere for both learning and having fun. The Marist brothers who were there treated us like kings. We would celebrate Holidays together with wonderful dinners in the Brothers House, with our wives, girlfriends, etc. Brother Charles, Brother Declan, Brother Gerard, Brother Mariano, Brother John Klein, Brother Willy and Bob Andrews I think were there at the time.

The faculty would go to Esopus over the Christmas Holiday and spend New years Eve there with our families. We played the seniors in the Turkey Bowl and I think that our record was 6 and 1. I was so sore after those games, that I had very uncomfortable Thanksgiving dinners that next day.

We had a great faculty basketball team: Mckenna, Fletcher, Scott, Haberman, Joe Farrelly, Borgia, Tom Farrelly, Bro. Willy Walsh, John Luciano. We played against other High School Faculty’s in both the Bronx and Queens, and rarely lost.

We had the greatest faculty! If a student had a problem he could go to Declan, Mike Rogers or Tom Nolan for advice. He had superior science teachers in McKenna and Borgia; outstanding English teachers in Scott, Doyle, Webel and Klein; Bob Scott taught a film class; Waters and Destefano team taught the freshman on the fifth floor in one large extended classroom; want to bike ride across the country, go see Brother Willy! What a place!!


Thank you for this opportunity to put down my memories in writing.
NOREEN O’DONOHUE DIODATI (CA) is married and has two children and two granddaughters. She is retired and living in La Quinta, CA. She plays lots of golf and enjoys family and friends.

THOMAS LEINHARD (NJ) retired after 40 years at Con Edison (30 years in finance). He is a Viet Nam veteran 1965 – 1966. He and his wife, Cathy, have been married 48 years and have two children.

BARBARA ADAMS SULLIVAN (NC) is still healthy. She and her husband are loving retirement. They welcomed their fourth grandbaby in January and Barbara was privileged to cut the cord at birth. They hosted a mountain vacation in July for the entire family in Tennessee. She made her second pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October – what a wonderful year!

MURIEL MACDONALD ZARB (NJ) is sad to say that her sister, Eileen, who lived in California, passed away on January 27, 2015 after a short illness.

ROSEMARY TUNNEY (NY) has written and published a book entitled, ‘I am Tunney; the Heart and Tenacity of a Champion’. It is a biography about her dad who was a NYPD detective and explores, in detail, some famous cases he helped solve. It can be purchased on Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.

1961

MAJORIE FOLEY BRENNAN-KLAHR (FL) is still enjoying retirement. She keeps in touch with her former classmates. She has two married children; one lives in CA and one lives in NV; she has three grandchildren. She is an active volunteer with church and Red Cross nursing.

RUTH FITZGERALD GEMSON (AZ) is retired and has lived in Arizona for over 40 years.

JUDITH DIMATTEO GREGORY (NY) has four beautiful grandchildren, three boys and one girl. She has been retired for three years now and ‘it’s just wonderful’. She writes, ‘thank you for keeping up with a wonderful school’.

DIANA KAVANAGH JASENOVEC (CO) writes, ‘I’m wonderful…go Broncos! Family is doing well; twin sister, Deb, is good. Diana’s cat, Tallie, is good and hit 16 years of age…she’s a trip! Diana enjoys to read and play golf. Weed is legal in Colorado now…but she doesn’t do it!

CATHERINE SAKSEN LANDY (NY) is retired – training center manager for Laidlaw Transit. She has four grandchildren. She enjoys traveling and is active in her senior community called ‘The Oaks’

SR. GLORIA LOWE (NY) is working at Dowling Gardens, a senior housing facility in Sparkill, NY. She loved her years at St. Helena’s. She taught in the South Bronx for 43 years.

LINDA PAPARESTA PALAZZO (IL) just retired and is looking forward to more time with family, volunteering and traveling.

I started teaching at St. Helena Boys’ High School in September of 1971. For my six years there I taught Math to sophomores and seniors and for the last several years that I was there I was chair of the Math Department. St. Helena/Scanlan at that time was truly a community and a wonderful place to work. I was involved with Esopus retreats, worked on publicity for the school musical, "You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown", sat in on Bob Doyle’s film classes, went to Paris and the Loire Valley on a trip with John Paddock and Scanlan students and spent time in Mike Rogers’ office in Guidance chatting with students. I left Scanlan in February of 1977 right before my son Michael was born. That last year my classes were co-ed and many of the girls in those classes kept in touch for quite a while.

In September of 1977, at the suggestion of one of my Scanlan students (Mike DePaoli, ’75) I applied for a teaching position at Mercy College and was hired as an adjunct instructor in the Math Department. I taught at Mercy for 8 years, working mostly in the evenings and being home with my children during the day. Stephanie was born in 1981. In 1985 I started teaching at Cardinal Spellman HS (my alma mater), Computer Science courses at first and then Math courses including Advanced Placement Calculus. Both of my children attended Spellman and I was their teacher for three different courses. During my time there I also taught the son, Michael Schwalbenberg, of one of my students from St. Helena, Henry Schwalbenberg. After 25 years at Spellman I retired from high school teaching and since then I have been an adjunct instructor in the Math Dept at Iona College. At Iona I also work as a learning specialist in the College Assistance Program (CAP) tutoring students with learning disabilities. My husband, John is an adjunct in science, so many days we go to work together.

Our son Michael works as a computer programmer and plays keyboard in a band and at a piano bar in a restaurant. His wife Michelle is a Math teacher in an elementary school that their children attend: Alexandra is 13 and Rachael is 11. We enjoy attending the band concerts, basketball games, softball games and talent shows. Our daughter Stephanie is an astrophysicist, presently working as a research scientist at Yale and soon to accept a 2 year fellowship to work at the NASA Goddard space Center in Maryland. She is married and her husband Mark is a special ed teacher.

I was so happy to attend the 65th Anniversary Celebration at Scanlan and the Br. Declan Scholarship Dinner and to re-connect with former colleagues and students. They brought back so many memories of such a special time in our lives.

THE GALLAROTTI-BUSI COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Giulio Gallarotti, ’72 meets with the 2015 Gallarotti-Busi Scholarship winners – Seniors Luis Torres & Meah Farlow. This is the 3rd year that a Scanlan senior has been awarded this scholarship. Thank you Giulio! You are making a difference in our students’ lives.
CARMELA SANTELLI Sansanelli (NY) is a registered dental hygienist C.A.S.A.C./T. She has three beautiful children and seven grandchildren. She is living happily ever after.

1963

DONNA KERLER LAZZARO (KY) has been married 50 years and has two children. She has an MS degree in Organizational Communication. She writes, ‘but what is of great importance to me is my Catholic faith which was formed at home and strengthened at school with the Dominican nuns’. She loves her high school and does all she can (long distance – financial & prayer) to support it. So happy to see other local alumni stand up since the fire, to ensure Msgr. Scanlan continues to make memories and strengthen the faith of many generations to come.

1964

SR. JOAN CORREIA (NY) is the Director of Siena Hall Infirmary at Dominican Convent.

CHARLES FARRELL (FL) is a retired systems consultant – disabled veteran.

MARY ELLEN KEARNEY HOGAN (FL) is enjoying retirement.

IRENE WOODS CLAMPET (CT) had so much fun at the 65th Anniversary in October, 2014. Being on campus, walking through the buildings and seeing old friends reminded her how important SHHS was in her life...to this day.

GERALDINE SLATTERY ULICH (NY) travels to Minden, LA often because her son is a doctor and has his own practice called Minden Pediatrics for the last eight years. She went to the 65th Anniversary brunch and was so happy to see the Class of 1964.

1965

EVELYN FERRARI CONWAY (OH) is enjoying retirement, tutoring first graders for one and a half hours per week. She visits retirement home residents for an hour a week doing an entertainment show for them – lots of fun!

JOAN WOJCIECHOWICZ DAUGARD (MD) hosted a pre 50th reunion last August with Lorey Goerlinger, Barbara Taylor Ruth and Joan Barhyte Wagers. They had such a great time that their little group grew.

ANNIE MARIE SICILIAN DOUGHERTY - (NY) is the owner of Dentalstaffers.com.

ELIZABETH BARDSLEY WHITE (NY) is retired and enjoying life! She’s a Special Education teacher. She has three fantastic children and four beautiful grandchildren.

1966

LAURA GALLO ASARO (FL) has been teaching for 41 years – 20 years in Catholic schools. She has been a widow for 18 years. She received an MS in Instructional Tech from NYIT and taught in NYIT program – 10 years. She is currently creating computer labs for children council in Florida.

WILLIAM BOLISI (NY) joined the Marine Corps after graduating high school. He served two tours in Viet Nam. He has been with the White Plains Police Department for thirty-two years.

ANN DUNNE HANRATTY (NY) and her husband have been married for 43 years. They enjoy traveling and they have 14 grandchildren.

BRO. JOSEPH SACCINO (NY) is a Social Studies teacher; finance office – student accounts.

1967

JOSEPH AVOLIO (NY) writes, ‘all is well’.

JOHN FALCON (NY) asks to please pray for his daughter, Kaleigh, age 14, who recently passed away in Florida – fun in the Florida sun!

1968

JAMES FAY (NJ) is retired - P.A.P.D. He is teaching in Bergen County, NJ.

DIANA SCHLIESSMAN NUCATOLA (AZ) has been married for 47 years and is a homemaker, has two children and three grandchildren. She is in ill-health.

PATRICIA EGAN (NJ) has been married for 40 years to Tony, a loving family man. They have three grown children and three fabulous grandchildren. They are both retired from their restaurant business and look forward to spending time with family that live outside of New York.

1969

JANET CHIAPPA NINIVAGGI (NY) was so happy to be at the 65th Anniversary Celebration! ‘The school looked wonderful and brought back so many happy memories’.

1970

CHARLES FARRELL SR. JOSEPH SACINO (NY) is the Director of Siena College in Florida – fun in the Florida sun!

CHARLES FARRELL (FL) is retired and sees old friends. He has his own practice called Minden Pediatrics for the last eight years. He went to the 65th Anniversary in October, 2014. Be happy to see other local alumni stand up since the fire, to ensure Msgr. Scanlan continues to make memories and strengthen the faith of many generations to come.

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1973

PATRICIA EGAN (NY) lives in Chasy, NY on Lake Champlain – near the Canadian border. She and her husband are both psychology professors at SUNY Plattsburgh. Patricia is an autism researcher clinician. Their two children and granddaughter live nearby in Vermont.

1974

DONNA BUCHANAN FARRELL (PA) has been married to her husband, Greg, for 37 years. They have five children and two grandchildren. Donna worked as an RN for over 35 years and is now retired. She is enjoying spending time with her grandchildren!

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1975
DIANNE BRONSKI-CLANCY (NY) and her husband are both retired NYPD sergeants. They have been married for 29 years and have two children; Susan, a CPA at Price Waterhouse Cooper and Daniel, a senior at Iona College, majoring in communications. They live in Westchester.

JOSEPH DAWSON (NY) writes, ‘it was great to see alumni and former faculty at the 65th Anniversary. Thanks to all who were able to attend and thanks to all the organizers!’

DONNA D’ERARIO PERNICE (SC) is working full-time managing a large call center in Bluffton, SC. She and her husband, Anthony of 34 years, play golf on the weekends.

1978
MARY SCHEER (NY) has been employed at the Diocese of Brooklyn. She was an eighth-grade teacher for 18 years at Most Precious Blood School and Mary’s Nativity. In her 14th year, as principal of Holy Family School in Fresh Meadows.

SAVERIA KETCHM WINK (NY) has been working at Dime Savings Bank for 10 years. She has two children.

1983
JOSEPH EUGENE (NY) has a passion for English Bulldogs. He works as a volunteer for Long Island Bulldog Rescue. He writes, ‘Support animal homelessness by adopting from shelters.’

1997
NEIL GOUVEIA (NY) works at Vaughn College in Queens, NY. He is Director of Alumni Affairs.

1999
JOHN AGNESINI (NV) has now relocated to Las Vegas and is now Design Director for an international exposition company. He is also Art Director for NYC-based Industry Magazine.

2004
NICOLE COLON (NY) work for the NYC Department of Education as an Education Administrator. She supervises Math in 32 K-5 schools.

2014
GABRIEL RIVERA (NY) is attending his first year of college.

We are very proud to announce that our Music Teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Stephen Johnson, has had a piece of music that he wrote “Ave Verum Corpus” – published with GIA Music. Mr. Johnson wrote this piece of music especially for the Scanlan select choral group “Cantad” and dedicated it to the Class of 2013. Mr. Johnson started his choral group “Cantad” in September 2012.

“Cantad” has had the distinct honor of being selected for three consecutive years to sing at the Senior Mass held in St. Patrick’s Cathedral in NYC. Ave Verum Corpus was first sung at St. Patrick’s Cathedral by Cantad. In addition, “Cantad” recently performed at the Pueri Cantores high school choral festival in Manhattan. We are so proud of Mr. Johnson and “Cantad”.

CONGRATULATIONS
MR. STEPHEN JOHNSON
It was a warm, beautiful day at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, NY for the 3rd Annual Scanlan Golf Outing. The volunteers made sure to get to Centennial early so as to be ready when the golfers arrived. There were hand-made cigars for all, a terrific gift bag, golf gloves and a fabulous lunch served after check in. The golfers bought many raffles and won many prizes. Nick Esposito ’69 was the winner of the two R/T JetBlue tickets and Anthony Domini ’72 won the Scholarship Board grand prize of $2,500.

Several Scanlan students came to Centennial to welcome our golfers and have some lunch with them. Although there were fewer golfers this year, it was a great day for all in attendance and nearly $12,000 was raised for the Msgr. Scanlan Academic Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all those who golfed with us, sponsored a hole, donated a prize, bought a raffle or joined us for dinner. Please visit scanlanhs.edu to view all of the photos from this great outing.
The Scanlan Alumni Office is asking St. Helena/Scanlan alumni to consider hosting an alumni gathering in their home. It is a great way to "give back" to your alma mater and have a good time in the process. There is something very special about welcoming your classmates and local alumni into your home. A house party is the perfect intimate setting for telling the story of Monsignor Scanlan High School.

Chris Gallagher ’65 hosted such a party on Sunday, May 17th at his home in Pelham.

It was a fun event and a most successful one. Our thanks to Chris for being our first house party host. Additional house parties are being planned for this summer in Brooklyn, Long Island, New Jersey & Connecticut. If you are interested in hosting such a party, please contact Karen Gennarelli, Director of Development, at (718) 430-0100 X58.

Estate Planning?

Many SH/MSHS alumni share their wonderful life stories with us. They explain that they wish there was more they could do to show their appreciation to their high school for the pivotal part it played in their successful lives. A planned gift is the single most significant contribution a person can make. Although MSHS would not benefit today, these planned gifts help us to better plan for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Please consider making Msgr. Scanlan HS the beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, IRA or your savings account. To get started, contact your financial advisor or the Archdiocese of NY at (646) 794-3317 or at gift.planning@archny.org

We are looking for a few good students...

Do you know a student who wants to attend Msgr. Scanlan HS?

We’re still accepting applications for all grade levels from students interested in attending MSHS this fall 2015. If you know a student interested in attending, please contact our Director of Enrollment Services, Charles Hernandez ’02 at (718) 430-0100 X57.
BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL HS REUNION

Saturday, May 16th.

If you ask anyone who attended the Business/Commercial High School Reunion if they had a good time, they will respond with a resounding YES! It was a terrific day and a very well-attended event. 100+ alumni from 1959 to 1990 came back home to their campus to reunite with classmates and to honor Sr. Jean Thomas, former teacher and principal. The day started with tours of the campus including a visit to the buildings that once housed the business/commercial school. Sr. Jean was honored with flowers and a plaque recognizing her years of service to the school and many other Sisters and faculty were there to see their former students. Many photos were taken, prizes were won and no one wanted to go home.

We are thrilled to announce that another Business/Commercial High School event is being planned for Saturday, October 3rd when a monument commemorating the business/commercial schools – 1957 to 2002 - will be erected and dedicated on campus. All our business/commercial school alumni and faculty are invited to attend and all are asked to donate to the monument. The goal is $5,000 and nearly $3,500 has been raised. Please visit scanlanhs.edu to make your donation or to view more photos from the event. Additional information about the dedication event will be posted shortly.

This wonderful reunion and proposed monument would not have been possible were it not for the efforts of the Business School Alumni Association members - Bob Louttit, Fred Diehl, Jimmy Appollo, Kevin O’Kane, Bob Spinicchia & Roy Casse.

If you are an alum or faculty member of the business/commercial school, please contact the Scanlan Alumni Office at (718) 430-0100 X13 to have your name added to our database.
On Saturday, April 18th nearly 50 Scanlan students participated in the Sr. Linda Bonasera Walk for a Healthy Life on the campus of Msgr. Scanlan HS. This was the 6th Annual walk in memory of Sr. Linda Bonasera who passed away in 2008.

The day began with a quick breakfast in the cafeteria followed by a brief ceremony outside which included a prayer service and the singing of God Bless America. Sherry Ann Edmonds, the mother of teacher Lisa Cornelius and Liana Rivera, the mother of Scanlan senior, Luis Torres, were both remembered on this special day. Both Lisa and Luis were presented with an engraved water globe in memory of their deceased mothers.

Marilyn Slattery served as Grand Marshal. Marilyn lit the memorial candle in honor of Sr. Linda Bonasera and the candle was placed in the chapel at Scanlan. All participants walked around the campus 6 times to celebrate the 6th Anniversary of the Sr. Linda Bonasera Walk for a Healthy Life. The walk raised $1,000 and a donation of $500 each will be sent to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and the American Cancer Society on behalf of MSHS.
We are so very grateful to our generous supporters who have donated to this year’s Annual Giving Campaign, and especially to those who continually support us each and every year.

There is still time to donate to this year’s campaign.

How Can You Help?

Monsignor Scanlan High School depends on the generous support of its alumni, families and friends. Your ongoing support can give a student an education that transforms his or her life. These are the many ways you can help:

- **Send a check** to the Alumni Office at Msgr. Scanlan HS
- **Visit our website** at scanlanhs.edu to make a credit card donation
- **Make a pledge to give** – pledges can be fulfilled through scheduled payment
- **Consider a planned gift** including wills, bequests, life insurance and trusts
- **Provide a “Gift in Kind”** – a donation of valuable items, property or service
- **Matching Gift** – many employers provide matching gifts for donations made by employees.
- **Restricted Gift** – you can donate funds designated for a specific purpose/use
- **Set up a Scholarship** for a Scanlan student in memory of or in honor of a family member, classmate, teacher, etc.

For more information or assistance please contact Karen Gennarelli, Director of Development, at (718) 430-0100 X58 or via e-mail at kgennarelli@scanlanhs.edu

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