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# From the Principal



Jason Hartling

*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

Thank you for your continued support of East Catholic. This edition of the *Eagle* is a great representation of the many talents, passions and successes in our community.

Creating this semi-annual publication is quite a challenge and could not happen without the dedication of our staff, guest writers and graphic designer. We thank them for working so hard to make each issue of the *Eagle* special. I hope when you receive this publication it brings with it a smile and fond memories -- the joy of the East Catholic community.

This fall we formally announced the “Soaring to New Heights” Campaign. This effort will significantly enhance our campus and provide a springboard for the next 50 years of excellence. We have already been blessed with overwhelmingly positive support for this effort and know that with your commitment we can reach our goal. Many gifts have been made in recognition of those staff, family and friends who have had a life changing impact on the donor. As you review the information, I encourage you to support these efforts and make an extraordinary gift to East.

There is no denying the enduring legacy of East Catholic and the family ties that permeate our experiences.

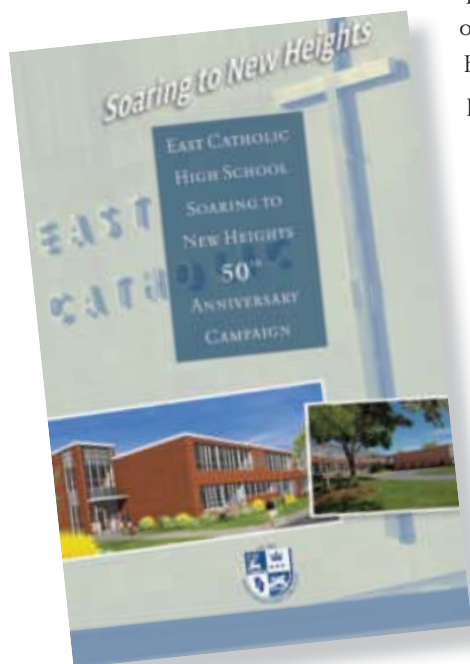
This fall we watched our own Liz Palmer '84, lead the Lady Eagles Soccer program to its first State Championship. Liz's father, Ron, was her coach when she arrived at East in 1980, and he led the program until 1992

when Liz took the reins. Two of the three assistant coaches are alums, and the third had three children graduate from East Catholic. When you read the article, you'll see why the Lady Eagles, their program and the athletic experience at East are special. As you read on, you'll also see feature stories of many other remarkable members of our community: a leader for Social Justice, a talented musician and an esteemed faculty member. Each of their stories represents a unique part of our community.

This year we will be enrolling the class of 2019 and celebrating the 50th reunion of the class of 1965. One thing that remains constant is we are always looking for great students to join our community. If you know of a potential student, please encourage him/her to consider East Catholic. Have the student join us for a shadow day or schedule a private tour of the campus. Continue to spread the good news and share why the East Catholic experience is so special.

Peace in Christ,

J. Hartling



**50th Anniversary Soaring to New Heights Campaign!**



In the photo - Girls Soccer Coach Liz Palmer '84 and her father and former Coach Ron Palmer.



## Seniors named National Merit Finalists



**Alaina Van Slooten**



**Benjamin Schwendy**



**Alex Fernandez**



**Grace Mazzarella**

Four seniors from East Catholic High School have been named National Merit Finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented to the following exceptionally talented students – **Alex Fernandez, Grace Mazzarella, Benjamin Schwendy and Alaina Van Slooten.** Approximately 8,000 Finalists

were named nationally for 2015. These students have an opportunity to receive National Merit Scholarships worth \$33 million.

## Social Studies Teacher Rob Dornfried Named Fulbright Scholar

Social Studies teacher, **Rob Dornfried**, has been named a Fulbright Scholar through the Austrian-American Education Commission and has been awarded a U.S. Teaching Assistantship to teach English and serve as an American cultural ambassador to the Republic of Austria for the 2014-2015 school year.

Since 1962 the Austrian government has welcomed Americans in a cross-cultural exchange to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Austria. Rob's duties will include serving as a linguistic model of the English language, educating students about American history and culture, and participating in school and community events.

This academic year, Rob is stationed at two secondary schools in Innsbruck, Austria. In August he attended an intensive German language program to acquire the regional dialect and a functioning



**ECHS Social Studies Teacher Rob Dornfried is front and center with students from ECHS during a 2014 trip to Italy.**

grasp of the language that will help him to communicate with his students and the community. He met with the East Catholic group that traveled to Germany and Austria in February 2015.

Upon completion of his year abroad, Rob looks forward to returning to East Catholic to resume his work as a social studies teacher and coach.



## East Catholic High School Scholarship Reception

East Catholic High School's annual scholarship reception took place at the school this past September. Many donors who established these awards were present as close to \$130,000 was awarded to over 90 students.

Drawing of Malala done by  
Senior Olivia Evans '15.

## ECHS Convocation Brings Together “One Book, One Community”

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86



East Catholic celebrated Convocation this year on Friday, September 5th, when the entire school gathered to spend the day sharing experiences of reading *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb. Within East Catholic, this story inspired student and faculty speeches, sparked discussions and expanded awareness of how Malala Yousafzai has become one of the most powerful voices of her generation.

Dr. Dan Dowe, the English Department Chair, opened the day with remarks about “One Book, One Community” in general at a full assembly of the student body and faculty. He noted that focusing together on a single book reinforces the message “that a book can change your life,” and that discussing our insights together allows us “to get to know each other, to listen to each other in new ways.” He added that East Catholic dedicates one day to “One Book, One Community” because “we consider reading so important,” and the day’s speeches, small group discussions, video presentation and prayers emphasize “how important reading is.” He pointed out, too, that Malala’s story has proven to be remarkably relevant, given the recent conflicts emerging in today’s world.

Next, Dr. Dowe introduced Biology teacher Lesa Milas, who reminded students how important it is to own their own intelligence, or in her words, “Geek On!” Yet her primary focus centered on “the

absolute bravery this girl had” as Malala challenged the Taliban publicly. In her multimedia presentation, Ms. Milas then shared the story of Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, who as a girl used her “vital voice” to pursue goals that extended beyond what her culture had in store for her. Ms. Milas also shared personal family photos and memories that chronicled her own experiences in athletics and in science, noting she was “fortunate to have been brought up and educated when I was,” in a time of increasing opportunities and positive messages for women. In closing, she urged, “Whatever your passion, whatever it is that makes you burn, go for it,” as Malala has done.

Following Ms. Milas, three student speakers shared their thoughtful responses to Malala’s memoir. Senior Pablo Colon discussed how important it is “to carry the fire,” to be determined, strong-willed, courageous and hopeful for the future. Next, senior Amanda Dokas explored “how one spark can start a fire” as she shared “10 Things I Learned from Malala.” Junior Christopher Amata followed, reinforcing the value of reading the book twice to fully appreciate “how important education really is,” and how “learning about yourself” is a key component of education. The assembly audience responded enthusiastically to each of their peers, and students then separated for small group discussion and activities.

Each small group was facilitated by at least one faculty or staff member, and each group leader had the opportunity to explore the themes and events of *I Am Malala* through different activities, writing prompts or discussion topics with groups organized by homerooms. Students were



also asked to brainstorm different ways ECHS might actively support Malala Yousafzai’s cause throughout the school year, either through direct action or fundraising efforts.

Once the entire school reconvened in the auditorium, the student body watched a *New York Times* video that showcased Malala over the years, and highlighted the violence her culture faced in the years leading up to the Taliban’s attempt on her life in 2012. Students also watched Jon Stewart’s 2014 interview with Malala on *The Daily Show*. After presenting these videos, Dr. Dowe offered final reflections, and Convocation closed as it does each year, with a poignant prayer service prepared by Campus Ministry. For the seventh year in a row, “One Book, One Community” showed yet another powerful way we live out our values at ECHS.



Student discussion on “One Book, One Community” selection *I Am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai.

## Asian American Leadership Conference

Four students from East Catholic were chosen to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian American Leadership Conference at Yale University this past November. Senior **Claire Kim** and juniors **Eric Kim**, **Thuyen Truong** and **Daniel Kim** were four of the 150 students accepted throughout the country, based on academic performance, extra-curricular involvement and the applicant's interest in attending the event. The conference provides mentorship and intellectual development for the high school Asian American community.



Chae Rin Kim



Eon Hyo Kim



Tae Hwan Kim



Thuyen Viet Truong

## Senior Receives BBB Ethics Award

Senior **Grace Mazzarella** recently received the 2014 Better Business Bureau's Student Ethics Award and Scholarship. Grace was acknowledged for her commitment to community service as well as her academic performance and participation in fine arts. Grace was also recognized by the Aurora Foundation, an organiza-

tion committed to the mission of being a catalyst for positive change in the lives of women and girls in the Greater Hartford area. Grace plans to major in Cognitive Science and Visual Arts in college.

## Boys Basketball Team Members Volunteer

Members of the East Catholic Boys Basketball Team volunteered for the Cherish the Children Foundation to prepare for an event hosted at a horse farm in Glastonbury this past October. The team laid down snap flooring in the indoor arena and set up tables and chairs for the function. The annual Star Bright Night



In the photo are three players laying down the snap flooring: **Daron Hughey '16**, **Brandon Hurst '16** and **Mike McGuirl '17**.

Event raised over \$40,000 at the stunning Beacon Woods Stables & Training Center in South Glastonbury. The Cherish the Children Foundation is a 100% volunteer organization. All funds raised go to support Connecticut children in need.



**ECHS Welcomes New Faculty & Staff**

Back row left to right: **Laura Hicks**, science; **Paul Ostick**, Rosetta Stone Moderator; **Michael Kravontka '03**, Library Assistant; **Curtiss Stella**, religion; **Edier Rivera**, Spanish. Front row left to right: **Susan Fennelly**, science; **Jenna Taylor '09**, English; **Mary Noryk**, math; **Carrie Bushnell**, math. Missing from the photo is long-term History substitute **Ed Rowe '72**



# Lesla Milas

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86



**Lesla Milas**

ECES Biology teacher Lesla Milas redefined “beach vacation” in the summer of 2014, as she immersed herself in two volunteer positions on Cape Cod, Massachusetts from June through August. Taking her dedication to science beyond the classroom, Ms. Milas served in the Diamondback Terrapin Monitoring Project at the Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in June and July, and worked as a volunteer ranger for the National Park Service at the Cape Cod National Seashore in July and August. “I’m happiest when I’m out in nature,” Ms. Milas noted, and terrapins and tourists alike benefitted from her passion throughout the summer.

Ms. Milas, an Audubon Society member, had previously visited the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and learned about its citizen science program. As described by Mass Audubon, citizen science “depends on the research of dedicated individuals and teams working to gather data that can be compiled and analyzed to further our understanding of the natural world.” Ms. Milas committed to the Diamondback Terrapin Monitoring Project, and Tuesdays through Thursdays she worked evening patrols for two months. In her first six weeks, she explained, the primary task of volunteers involved finding and protecting terrapin nests with wire enclosures to exclude predators. She went through training to spot and protect nests in the wild, and, if nests were discovered in

precarious locations, to relocate them by taking exact measurements and recreating the nests in new, safer places. She also weighed and measured any gravid (egg-carrying) female terrapins, weighed and measured nests discovered, and entered relevant data into a database. As a member of two or three-person teams, Ms. Milas worked on Lieutenant’s Island, attached to Wellfleet, where she and her peers protected 89 terrapin nests.

In her final weeks of the project, her training shifted to processing hatchlings and releasing them into the wild,



in places that offered maximal chance of survival. The hatchlings, each weighing 6-7 grams, generally appeared to be the size of a quarter. Once the eggs in the nest hatched, Ms. Milas and her peers dug out the nest and checked the condition of each hatchling. The baby terrapins were always released in the morning hours, to guard against attack from night predators. Often, they were placed in the “wrack line” along the shore, which Ms. Milas described as the straw and other beach debris that marks the last high tide deposit on the beach. The wrack line and the

morning hour both increase the hatchlings’ chances of survival, and as these terrapins are endangered, Ms. Milas spoke of being grateful to release 38 of them back to their natural environment. She appreciated this “opportunity to have an impact on trying to save a species” and increase its numbers in Wellfleet, the northernmost location where diamondback terrapins live. Ms. Milas clearly valued this opportunity to educate the public, and to “encourage and empower others to take care of, and be invested in” the ongoing effort to protect this species.

Ms. Milas continued to educate and empower others at her second volunteer placement at the Cape Cod National Seashore. Once she became aware of opportunities to serve for the National Park Service, she pursued “the chance to explore the wonders of what Cape Cod ecology has to offer.” Working once a week from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Ms. Milas enjoyed interacting with diverse groups of people, including international visitors, throughout July and August. In her role as volunteer ranger, she suggested activities for guests, showed educational videos in the Visitor Center, and especially enjoyed helping kids become “junior rangers.” Already quite familiar with her environs at the National Seashore, she still found that “as much as I knew about the [Park Service] trails and programs offered” before this summer, her volunteer involvement “broadened my horizons about what is available.” Just as she did with her experience at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Ms. Milas came away thankful for the chance to help preserve the natural habitat of Cape Cod. Surely, many others were grateful for her summer service on the Cape as well.



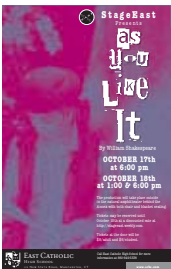


In the photo, sophomore Jillian Ferrigno, at left, and junior Molly Menner bring Shakespeare's lines to life in the roles of Celia and Rosalind.



## StageEast Performs Shakespeare's *As You Like It*

BY LISA PUTNAM KIRSCHKE '86



Shakespeare's comedy *As You Like It* centers on transformation: an unattached stranger becomes a besotted suitor, a favored royal becomes a banished exile, and lovely young ladies, through clever disguise, become young men as the story unfolds. Fittingly, then, for its production of this play, Stage East transformed the natural setting behind East Catholic's Annex to a remarkable outdoor theater where three performances were given on the weekend of October 17th and 18th. The extraordinary vision of Matthew Cornish and Jennifer Moros, who led the Stage East players through every aspect of the production, transformed the theater experience at East for the actors as well as the audience.

Mr. Cornish and Ms. Moros paired the ambitious choice of a Shakespearean play with the intrepid commitment to an

outdoor stage to great effect. The work the actors invested in practicing the diction, enunciation and pacing of the language was obvious from the opening lines to the final song of the show, enhancing each performance. Sophomore Jillian Ferrigno and junior Molly Menner were especially impressive, as they committed themselves to the extraordinary task of gaining command of Shakespeare's words for almost every scene. Just as impressive, the stage crew created a striking set that featured specific props to denote different locales in the play, including the forest of Arden. Senior Hannah Larson, who played Duchess Senior, explained, "Having the play outside gave us a sense of how the show may have been originally performed." She appreciated "the

fresh, cool air and sounds of nature" outside, even when a burst of rain brought on an early intermission in the afternoon performance. Junior Molly Menner, who played Rosalind, observed how "the natural atmosphere, with the beautiful foliage and great Christmas lighting" made "performing so wonderful," and "made acting so much more authentic." The audience, too, became immersed in the setting, with chair and blanket seating so close to the stage that the pastoral setting of the play seemed more real than the nearby halls of ECHS.

Beyond the set itself, Mr. Cornish and Ms. Moros also gave the audience a visual, animated show that reflected Shakespeare's own commitment to entertaining on multiple levels. Through the delightfully garish costume of the clown Touchstone, played by sophomore Grant Evans; the physical contests portrayed by sophomore Zach Bouthillier, junior Matthew Pyznar and senior Ben Teerlinck; the operatic trilling of Jacques, played by junior Amanda Guzzi, and the high-pitched outrage of Duchess Friedrich, played by junior Amy Agro, audience members were treated to a fast-moving, entertaining parade of actors' talents. Musically, too, the show featured excellent singing performances and choreography. By the time Rosalind revealed her true identity, married her love Orlando and facilitated the marriages of three other couples in the play's final act, the audience

was fully rewarded by the efforts and talents of Mr. Cornish, Ms. Moros, Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, the cast and crew, and Stage East family members, all of whom helped create a show just as we like it.





## Johnny DeMartino, East's Best Plays the World's Greatest

BY LENORA SUMSKY

**E**ast Catholic High School senior Johnny DeMartino is a remarkable bass player whose talent has taken him to prestigious concert venues including Carnegie Hall in New York City, The Bushnell Center of the Performing Arts in Hartford, and the Grand Ole Opry. “It was a wonderful experience,” said Johnny, who was chosen for the All-National Orchestra and invited to play at the unique country music venue.

He performed at the Grand Ole Opry as part of the national all-star orchestra of high school musicians, who were selected by audition to play for audiences at a National Association for Music Education Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee during October. The 17 year-old honor student began the lengthy selection process when he auditioned with several East Catholic musicians for the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Eastern Region Orchestra. Two months later he auditioned for the Connecticut all-state orchestra and was subsequently invited to submit a video recording to audition for the all-national orchestra.

“The audition process can be a little nerve wracking,” said Johnny, who has played string instruments since he learned viola in fourth grade. “I quickly moved to bass because all my friends played bass. They all stopped, but I just said, ‘I guess I’m good at this,’ and kept right on playing.”

Currently Johnny practices at least an hour a day and rehearses three hours each Sunday as part of the Connecticut Youth Symphony, the premier youth orchestra of the Hartt School Community Division. He recently auditioned in a

soloist competition with the Connecticut Youth Symphony and was selected; he was the first bassist to ever win the concerto competition. “That was very exciting and new, not only for me but for the orchestra itself,” he said.

Johnny, who enjoys classical music but is especially fond of Russian composers such as Serge Koussevitzky, also performs and practices with four instrumental groups at East Catholic. “There are a lot of opportunities here at East for music,” he said. The school offers ten different music courses. In addition, there are seven vocal and seven instrumental music performing groups for students. An assortment of other vocal and instrumental ensembles provides additional opportunities.

“The music program at East is very much a family and there is a strong sense of community,” said Johnny, who appreciates the opportunities, as well as the school’s philosophy. “It is definitely encouraged to reach out in all ways we can,” he said. “Our school motto, ‘Do Whatever He Tells You’, is very true. Listen to God and make sure you allow yourself to do whatever he tells you. If you feel like your calling is sports or if it’s music, or both, you can definitely do both here. We have a lot of options. [The faculty and staff] are all so encouraging.”

Johnny hopes to play in a symphony orchestra after finishing his college education. “You never know what can happen,” he said. “[But] I do want to keep music in my life. Music has definitely become a part of who I am and it’s something central to my life. I’ve never been a star athlete, so music was something I could develop. It’s a confidence booster, it’s a relaxer, and it’s very much a part of who I am. It is a great feeling, whenever

I get to play music,” said Johnny, who frequently plays for Masses held at East Catholic. “It is a divine experience because you get to play music and you get to feel God with you.”

“Requiem”, composed by Gabriel Fauré, is one of my favorite religious pieces. It is a Mass for the rest of souls”, said Johnny, who played the composition at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford with fellow East Catholic musicians last year. “It is very beautiful, God-inspired music. It’s relaxed but still emotional and there is so much power you can feel. It is enlightening and awe-inspiring to listen to, but also to play.”

“It’s not just religious music, it’s all music,” said Johnny, “God gave us music and I feel like



whenever you play or listen you can feel closer to Him there, too. Music makes you feel a part of something bigger.”

Whether he plays at the Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall or in the auditorium at East Catholic High School, Johnny hopes his music will connect with audiences. “I hope it does the same thing for other people as it does for myself,” said Johnny. “I hope that by hearing music other people can feel the same things I feel, that they can feel the emotion of happiness or sadness. I hope they can really listen and listen to what the music is telling them.”

## Alumni Coach Leads Team to State Title

BY LENORA SUMSKY



**Liz Palmer**

Coach Liz Palmer '84, recently led the girls' soccer team to their first state championship in the sport's 34-year history at East Catholic. The exciting victory was the culmination of an inspiring season and a triumph that was years in the making.

"It was a total team effort," said Coach Palmer. "It's something that's going to be with these young ladies and myself and my coaching staff for a very, very long time. They worked really hard and deserve every bit of recognition."

Coach Palmer was a freshman member of the first East Catholic girls' soccer team, fielded in 1980. She attended the University of Hartford on a soccer scholarship and returned to coach at East in 1992. "I took over for my father," she said. Her father, Ron Palmer, was the

assistant coach for the first five years of the program before he became the team's head coach.

Coach Palmer, who has been coaching and building the program for more than two decades, credits the team's success to current players, coaches, and alumni. "Everyone had a part in it," she said. "This championship was for every single girl that has ever put on an East Catholic soccer uniform, and I really mean that from the bottom of my heart. We've had some really strong teams along the way, but we also struggled for a lot of years."

"It's come full circle," she said, and described years when girls without any sports experience were recruited for the team. "We enlisted players from the hallways, and one year we didn't even have enough players for a junior varsity team. It's those players, along the way, that really helped us become the program that

we are today. Because if those kids had given up years ago when we didn't have the numbers, the whole program would have folded."

"A lot has changed, that's for sure," said Coach Palmer. "We used to play at Mt. Nebo, and we put up and took down our own nets." The game has come a long way, and today the sport is more popular than ever. East Catholic currently fields three girls' soccer teams and most players have several years' experience in premier or interscholastic soccer programs before joining the freshmen team.

One thing that hasn't changed is the coaching philosophy. "My philosophy is, and has been for 23 years, that I don't just teach soccer," said Coach Palmer. "I teach life lessons and I teach players to become better people. My girls who have graduated are all better people. They are doctors, lawyers; they own their own businesses, and they are great mothers. Some are coaching now. I believe that your family and the Lord come first, your academics come second, and your soccer comes third. We pray before the game and we pray after the game. I hold practice five days a week and players have weekends off, so they can study and spend time with family and friends," she said.

Players are "driven and they are dedicated," said Coach Palmer, who is proud that 92% of team members made the honor roll at East Catholic. "They deliver when it comes to the classroom."

On the soccer field, players also delivered an exciting season, and they achieved incredible results. "It was an amazing run," she said. "I knew at the beginning of the



In the photo: Katie Szemrelylo '16 and Nicole Garfield '17.



**2014 Girls Soccer Team Class M State Champions.**

year that we had a special group of players. My coaching staff and I knew we had the talent, but it wasn't until three quarters into the season when we beat undefeated South Windsor that the girls started to believe. That was a huge turning point," she said.

East Catholic plays in the North Division of the Central Connecticut Conference, CCC North, and is the only Class M school in the division. They entered the championship tournament as the 20th ranked team. By the second game in the tournament, the Eagles really started to soar. "It seemed like we peaked at the right time, everything seemed to align, and playing those tough schools got us ready for the tournament," she said.

"One thing I loved about this team was that there were no individuals; it was all about the team. Individual stats didn't matter," she said. Goals, assists, shots, and saves: they were all team stats. In the final game, Nicole Garfield, a sophomore who was named MVP for the tournament, scored the winning goal, but the Eagles had a lot of star players that day.

"Soccer is a team game; it takes eleven people to win," said Coach Palmer. "You need to have a good nucleus to be successful in soccer."

Besides winning the championship title, there were gratifying moments throughout the extraordinary season. One of Coach Palmer's favorite moments happened in the semi-final round of the tournament. The East Catholic Eagles were going into overtime against the number one previously undefeated team. "I had just reviewed the plan of action for the overtime, when a few of the players said, 'Coach, can we pray again?' We proceeded with our normal prayer, and it just seemed like calmness set in and they went out and won the game. It was pretty cool, pretty special," she said.

The championship victory by the East Catholic girls' soccer team exemplifies faith and dedication of players and coaches and brings pride to the entire school community.

## **ECHS Named Michaels Cup Recipient for 2nd Year in a Row**

East Catholic has been selected for the second year in a row as a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Michaels Achievement Cup recipient for its athletic accomplishments during the 2013 – 2014 school year. The Michaels Cup is presented to schools that provide exemplary athletic programs marked by high ethical and moral standards.

East Catholic scored above the standard of excellence in the M classification and was presented with the prestigious award on Thursday, November 20th at the CIAC Sportsmanship Summit Luncheon at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT.



**From left to right: Juniors Christopher Amata, Marissa Bazzano, Kerry Sulivan and Jack Desautels receiving the Michaels Cup. Missing from the photo is Stephanie Helin.**



## Play Like A Champion Today

BY LENORA SUMSKY



**E**ast Catholic is the first Connecticut high school to team up with the University of Notre Dame to provide a series of character-building clinics and workshops that benefit captains, coaches, parents, and most importantly, student-athletes. The program, called *Play Like A Champion Today*, is part of a national initiative that seeks to create a positive sports culture for young people and educate ethically responsible sports leaders.

“This is one of the most important and meaningful programs that East Catholic has taken on in recent years. It will have a profound effect on our student-athletes, coaches, and parents,” said Tom Malin ’65, Athletic Director at East Catholic, where 85% of students participate in sports programs. “It’s the ultimate game plan,” said Mrs. Kristin Sheehan, co-director of the program who teaches at Notre Dame and presented a coaches’ clinic, a parent workshop, and an athlete leadership program for team captains at East Catholic.

These events, held last fall, served to kick off the *Play Like A Champion Today* program which is designed to promote athletics as a ministry to both youth and families and build sports teams as moral

communities. The program also hopes to encourage spiritual growth, character development, self-motivation, and responsible decision-making in student-athletes. All East Catholic athletic coaches participated in the coaches’ clinic and earned two-year coaching certifications through the program, which is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education, NCACE.

Topics covered in the clinic included strategies for building character through sport, motivational and team-building tactics, and best practices for developing positive relationships with parents. According to Athletic Director, Tom Malin, the *Play Like A Champion Today* program allows coaches to fulfill the dream of every coach, which is to teach the skills of their



**Student speaker Emilie Dufresne ’16 at the ECHS Captain’s Council.**

sport and impart life-long values. “Athletics is the perfect venue to teach, guide, and motivate young men and women to embrace prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. With these cardinal virtues not only will our children do well on athletic fields but they will do well in life,” said East Catholic Cross Country Coach, Mrs. Kathy O’Neill Reilly ’83.

Student-athletes who are captains of East Catholic’s 49 sports teams kicked off



the program with an evening seminar. It was part of a year-long athlete leadership program that encourages team captains to consider the important role they play in supporting the mission of East Catholic. The interactive workshop format provided captains with the opportunity to appreciate their leadership role as a ministry and to consider what kind of leaders they would like to become.

“It really put into perspective how similar ministry and sports [leadership] are to each other,” said Kristin Cancelliere, a senior who is captain of the girls softball

team and a member of the girls indoor track and swim teams. “The program went beyond basic leadership concepts such as leading by example and tied into what East Catholic emphasizes. It also related to what we learn religiously.” Captains were introduced to the GROW approach to athlete motivation, which is based on a compilation of adolescent and sports psychology research. GROW is a formulaic acronym expressed as:

Goals + Relationships + Ownership = Winning. It summarizes key elements of the *Play Like A Champion Today* program which include maximizing athletic performance by setting appropriate goals, understanding the role that social relationships play in team success, and instilling a sense of ownership and accountability for individual players and teams.

Assistant Athletic Director Michael Mooney hopes that the initial workshop and ongoing monthly meetings with team captains will help student-athletes become

**Kristin Sheehan from the University of Notre Dame.**

better leaders. Throughout the year, captains will get new strategies, share ideas and perspectives, and help each other lead as champions, he said.

“The program helped me fully understand what being an actual leader is all about,” said Mike Piskorz, a senior who is captain of the baseball team. “I definitely think East Catholic has given us an opportunity to learn how to act as a leader. You can apply being a leader not only to your sport but also to life. Whether it be in the workplace or at home, there is more than just the game. It’s way more about life.”

Parents are also excited about *Play Like A Champion Today*. At a workshop designed to complement coach and captain components of the program, parents received information on how they can help their children form good habits such as sound decision-making, good nutrition, and regular exercise. In addition, parents learned how all members of the school community can work together to make the athletic program at East the positive, spiritual, and character-building experience that it was meant to be. Mrs. Mary Aitken Mitchell '87, whose daughter is a freshman member of the cross country team, was very impressed with the program. “We received suggestions on how to support our kids in athletics and how to talk with them about sports,” she said. “It was a great refresher and good to know that the school is working hard to promote a program designed to make athletics a positive and life-enriching experience for all students. You should learn a lot more from sports beyond winning and losing,” said Mrs. Mitchell, whose positive comments echoed those of fellow parents, coaches, and students. “East Catholic understands sports as a ministry, which provides athletes with opportunity to grow closer to God and become people who live as disciples of Christ in the world,” said

Mrs. Sheehan, who served as facilitator at all the workshops and presentations.

Next year, the school will continue *Play Like A Champion Today* in partnership with the University of Notre Dame. “We plan to incorporate our peer ministry group into the leadership program and initiate retreat opportunities for both athletic and peer ministry groups,” said

Athletic Director Tom Malin. “We are excited about where this program will lead us.”

“It’s great to get student-athletes, coaches, and parents on the same page and promoting the mission and philosophy of East Catholic High School and our Athletic Department,” he said. “It’s a program we can all be proud of.”



**In the photo from left to right: Seniors Clay Felice, Samantha Pineo, Josh Zbierski, Brandon Fox, Kailey Demers and Dan Waung.**

## Senior Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Six student athletes have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college. **Kailey Demers** will be swimming for Central Connecticut State University while pursuing a nursing degree. She was named an All-Conference Athlete, an All-State Athlete, and an All-Academic Athlete as an East Catholic swimmer, and also participated in track and lacrosse. **Clay Felice** will be attending Iona College to play baseball and pursue a business degree. **Brandon Fox**, an All-Conference Athlete while at East Catholic, will be playing baseball for Central Connecticut State University while pursuing a degree in marketing. **Samantha Pineo** will compete in track and field for Merrimack College and pursue a degree in secondary education. Sam, a member of the National Honor Society, was named an All-Conference Athlete and All-State Athlete. **Dan Waung** will continue his tennis career at Assumption College. Dan was named an All-State and All-Conference athlete while at East Catholic, and was named captain of the tennis team for 2015. **Josh Zbierski** will be playing baseball for Southern New Hampshire University while pursuing a degree in marketing. Josh was named an All-Academic Athlete while at East Catholic.

## East Athletes Earn Regional Recognition

### FALL SPORT RECORDS:

	Over-all	League
Boys Cross-country	7-7	4-3
Girls Cross-country	8-6	4-3
Field Hockey	3-12-1	2-4-1
Football	8-3	2-2
Boys Soccer	10-6-2	8-6
Girls Soccer	14-6-1	8-6
Swimming	6-4	3-2
Volleyball	7-11	6-8

### ALL ACADEMIC: CENTRAL CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE/FALL---2014

#### Field Hockey:

Carly Barrett '15  
 Kathryn Connolly '15  
 Natalie Fulco '15  
 Emily Sargent '15  
 Lauren Vigue '15  
 Marissa Bazzano '16  
 Maggie McGeary '16  
 Eleanor Voss '16  
 Natalie Heaney '17  
 Bridget O'Connor '18  
 Alexa Weber '18

#### Boys Cross-Country:

James Mello '15  
 Alexander Dahlem '16  
 Zachary Hess '16  
 Peter Crowley '17  
 David Mantese '17  
 Evan Kennedy '18

#### Girls Cross-Country:

Marissa Cadieux '15  
 Courtney Dudzinski '15  
 Ilaria Monteleone '15  
 Emma Dolen '16  
 Emilie Dufresne '16  
 Maura Oei '16  
 Allison Connolly '17  
 Amanda Duvall '17

#### Girls Soccer:

Elizabeth Moore '15  
 Samantha Pineo '15  
 Stephanie Cota '15  
 Hailey McKeever '15  
 Allissa Parker '15  
 Madison Perriolat '15  
 Madison Sarra '15  
 Caylee Whitaker '15  
 Courtney Charbonneau '16  
 Alyssa Abele '16  
 Kelsey Fisher '16  
 Alexandra Florence '16  
 Courtney Kearns '16  
 Emily Szemreyló '16  
 Katlin Szemreyló '16  
 Stephanie Helin '16  
 Mason Worthington '16  
 Alyssa Fiori '17  
 Nicole Garfield '17  
 Katelyn Jylkka '17  
 Lindsey Sullivan '17  
 Alexandra Ansaldo '18

#### Swimming:

Hanna Bauer '15  
 Kristin Cancelliere '15  
 Kailey Demers '15  
 Amanda Garrepy '15  
 Lauren Kumnick '15  
 Macie Lamontagne '15  
 Jillian Wiczorek '15  
 Alexa Wisnieski '15  
 Shealyn FitzPatrick '16  
 Kellen Hackett '16  
 Margaret Hallisey '16  
 Erinne Neff '16  
 Grace Pulito '16  
 Ashley Cavar '17  
 Kelly Chmielewski '17  
 Emily Grant '17  
 Shannon Leary '17  
 Amelia Ockert '17  
 Sarah Stevenson '17  
 Gabrielle Caron '18  
 Madisen Crowley '18  
 Lauren Roth '18  
 Delia Topitzer '18

#### Volleyball:

Nicole Cohen '15  
 Carleigh Davis '15  
 Anna Stern '15  
 Dianna Tedford '15  
 Maile Thongsythavong '15  
 Joshua Zbierski (manager) '15  
 Madeline Bailey '16  
 Erika Conaci '16  
 Abigail Gilson '16  
 Carley Jagel '16  
 Erin O'Neill '16  
 Abigail Stern '17  
 Amy-Erin Zadroga '17

#### Football:

Pablo Colon '15  
 Conor Maselli '15  
 Jaysen Nunez '15  
 Alex Schaller '15  
 John Trainor '15  
 Christopher Amata '16  
 Andre Brackett, Jr. '16  
 Connor Heslin '16  
 Nathan Procaccini '16  
 Thomas Smith '16  
 David DeMartino '17  
 Marc Zazzaro '17







**Boys Soccer:**

- William Bollash '15
- Benjamin Bosco '15
- Michael Dorman '15
- Logan French '15
- Patrick Ramsey '15
- Ryan Regan '15
- Luke Schroeder '15
- Kyle Toce '15
- David Wu '15
- Kyle King '16
- Ian Macala '17
- Andrew Martone '17
- Anthony Ragazzi '17
- Kyle Regan '17
- Matthew Wing '17

**Cheerleaders**

- Cristianna Duvall '15
- Stephanie McGillivray '15
- Katherine Miller '15
- Jillian O'Connell '15
- Alexandra Segar '15
- Jami Blass '16
- Darlene Nguyen '16
- Jillian Wilson '16
- Courtney Witham '16
- Madison DiBella '17
- Leah Hoffman '18

**CENTRAL CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE (CCC)**

**ALL LEAGUE**

- Boys Cross-Country:* Zach Hess '16
- Girls Cross-Country:* Emma Dolen '16
- Field Hockey:* Emily Sargent '15
- Football:* Chris Amata '16, Andre Brackett Jr. '16, Jack Desautels '16, John Lambert '15
- Nathan Procaccini '16, Jack Trainor '15,*
- Boys Soccer:* Ryan Regan '15, Luke Schroeder '15, Rory Twomey '15
- Girls Soccer:* Kelsey Fisher '16, Madison Sarra '15
- Mason Worthington '16*
- Swimming:* Kelly Chmielewski '17, Maddie Crowley '18, Kailey Demers '15, Samantha Dickinson '17, Shannon Leary '17, Erinne Neff '16
- Volleyball:* Reilly Keenan '16, Abby Stern '17

**CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL COACHES**

**ASSOCIATION ALL STATE PLAYERS**

- Boys Soccer:* Luke Schroeder '15
- Girls Soccer:* Mason Worthington '16
- Swimming:* Shannon Leary '17

**MANCHESTER JOURNAL INQUIRER**

**ALL ACADEMIC: Fall**

- Swimming:* Amelia Ockert '17
- Cross-Country:* David Mantese '17

**FALL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Boys:**

Cross-country	24
Football	51
Soccer	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

**Girls:**

Cross-country	19
Field Hockey	27
Soccer	49
Swimming	39
Volleyball	40
Cheerleading	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Total Participation</b>	<b>339</b>

This total represents 48.9% of the school population participated in fall sports.

## ALIVE INSIDE



BY VIRGINIA LAFONTANA

*Alive Inside* documents the miraculous power of music to stimulate memory and social responsiveness in patients suffering from even the most advanced stages of Alzheimer's.



On Friday, September 12th, Real Art Ways in Hartford buzzed with the excitement of a first-night screening. The film was entitled

*Alive Inside*, winner of the Audience Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival. Its executive producer was Eric J. Bertrand, East Catholic Class of 1990. Along with his business partner, filmmaker Michael Rossotto-Bennet, Eric gave a red-carpet welcome to several East Catholic guests, including Sarah Adanti, Jackie Fitzgerald Gryphon '70, Ann Marie Ward, Pat Brown, and Ginny LaFontana.

*Alive Inside* documents the miraculous power of music to stimulate memory and social responsiveness in patients suffering from even the most advanced stages of Alzheimer's. Most of those chosen as subjects of this film were quite elderly—uncommunicative, cognitively impaired, and physically immobile. Despite the best efforts of relatives and nursing staff, most had been locked in an inner world for years, unresponsive to any social stimuli. During the film, viewers witnessed miracle after miracle, as each of these patients—fitted with ear phones and allowed to listen to musical favorites of their youth—came once again to life. Hands and feet began to move to the rhythm. Subjects opened their eyes and began to speak—often with great animation—about the memories evoked by the songs. The film served as testimony to music's restorative powers.

The remarkable initiative that inspired this documentary was the brainchild of Dan Cohen, a social worker who had been visiting nursing homes and had witnessed firsthand many such remarkable transformations. He joined forces with a corporate film director, Michael-Rossotto Bennet, and the two began to record the miracles they were observing. For the director, what started out as a single day of filming, mushroomed into a mission that continued for three years.

After exhausting most of his resources in the process of shooting footage, Michael turned for help to his brother Limore Shur, Eric's partner in their advertising agency, eyeball. Within a week or two, the agency helped Michael to raise the needed capital (\$50,000) to complete the project. Eyeball also helped the director with the technical polishing needed to finish the film and to submit a rough cut to the Sundance Film Festival.

While a student at East Catholic, Eric Bertrand probably did not foresee a future as the executive producer of an award-winning film. As a Boy Scout in his home town of East Windsor and later as a participant in the Christian Leadership program in his senior year at East, Eric engaged in community service, including visits to local nursing homes. After graduation, he attended Bryant University, where he double-majored in finance and applied actuarial mathematics. He received his MBA from New York University in 2002. After working in venture capital at Aetna and as a partner at Pali-sade Capital, Eric became one of the co-founders of *eyeball*, the advertising agency that sponsored *Alive Inside*.

For those who missed the September 12th showing at Real Art Ways, *Alive Inside* is available on Netflix, on Amazon.com, and at major retailers. As might be expected, social media is abuzz with positive comments about this moving film on a very timely topic.

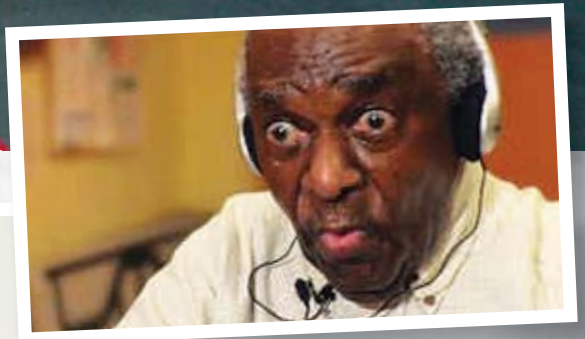
What does the future hold for *Alive Inside*? The film has not yet been presented at East Catholic, but Eric would love to do so. And beyond that, who knows?

Keep us posted, Eric. We at East Catholic are very proud of you.

# REAL ART WAYS

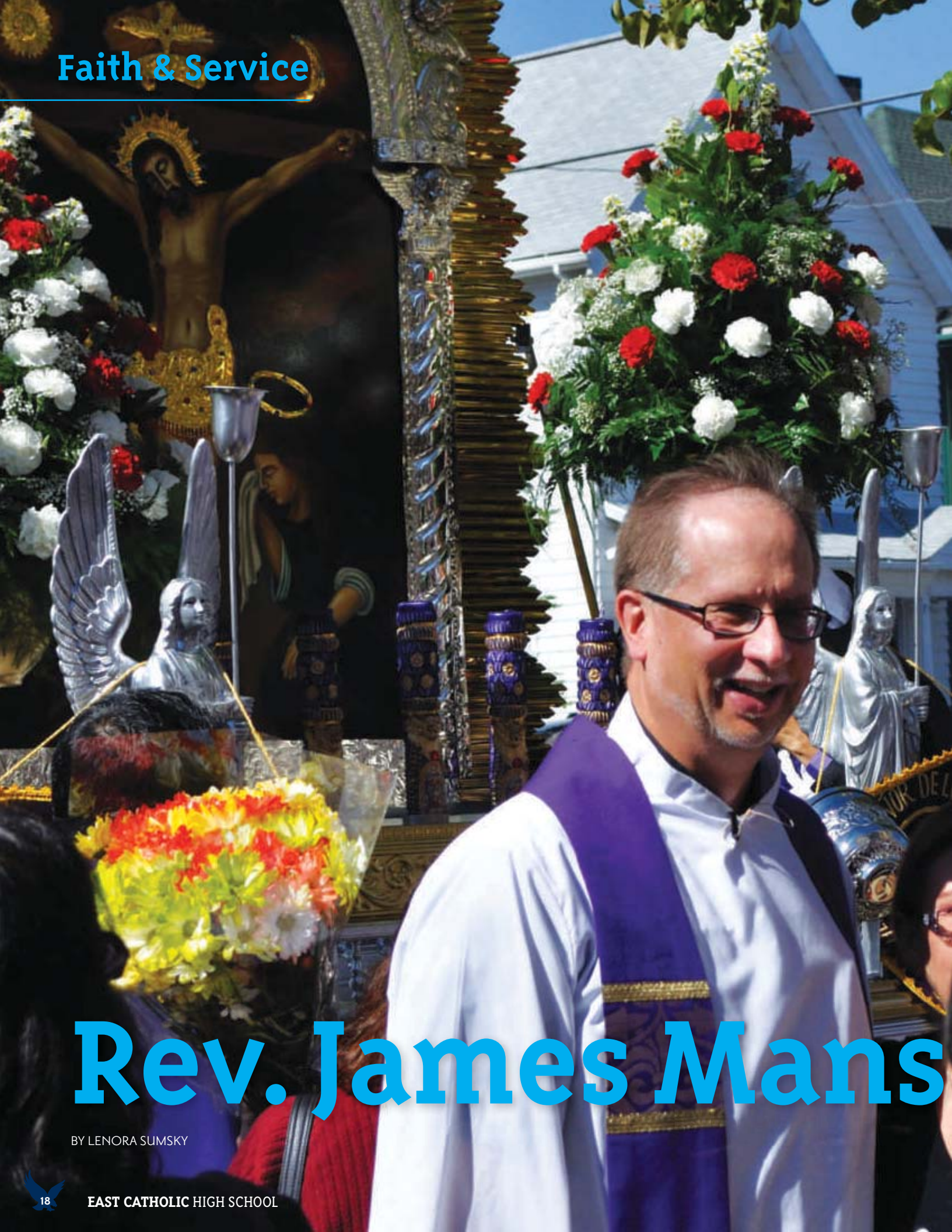


In the photo ECHS Social Studies Teacher Ann Marie Ward, Film maker Michael Rossotto-Bennet, Eric Bertrand '90, Retirees Virginia LaFontana and Patricia Brown.



ALIVE INSIDE  
A LIFE CHANGING FILM

BY WILLIAM BROWNBRIDGE, TORONTO FILM SOCIETY



# Rev. James Mans

BY LENORA SUMSKY



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As an East Catholic High School student, Father James Manship '82 never imagined that he would ultimately become a Roman Catholic priest. Following graduation, the popular and sometimes controversial New Haven priest, who is passionate about social justice, studied at the University of Connecticut School of Engineering and earned a degree in materials science and mechanical engineering.

It was only after he'd been working as an engineer for nearly five years that he realized there was something calling him to the priesthood and to public life. He was involved in a catechetical program at St. Christopher Church in East Hartford and was active in local politics but credits the late Father William McGrath, who was pastor at St. Christopher Parish, with inspiring him to seriously consider ordained priesthood. "[Father McGrath] never asked me if I wanted to become a priest. He just had such a joy about who he was. He had the respect of a lot of people and that touched me," said Father Manship. "God decided when I'd become a priest," he said. "It was when I finally decided to cooperate with God's will in my life."

Father Manship spent two years at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield in discernment and pre-theology studies and then six years at St. Mary's University in Baltimore where he studied theology. He was ordained in May 1998.

Two significant experiences during his preparation for the priesthood helped shape Father Manship's service to God and His people. "It was at [St. Thomas Seminary] that I met a priest of the

Archdiocese of Hartford who would soon become a Maryknoll missionary," said Father Manship. "He talked to seminarians about the changing demographics of Catholics in Connecticut and about the Latino community." "He really put a challenge out to us, a hard challenge about what kind of priest we wanted to be," he said. "Would we become a priest that would serve where we were sent or one that would be restricted because we would only work with a certain group of people?"

Father Manship was intrigued and compelled by the question and asked to participate in a ten-week pastoral project at Good Shepherd Church in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

"I learned a lot from that experience. It opened the door for me to consider the possibility of being in and serving in an environment and culture completely different from what I grew up in," he said. "It was an opportunity to know God with a different face and a different language."

Father Manship has been assigned to several parishes which have given him the opportunity to see the face of God through parishioners from a variety of cultures. He served at St. Rose of Lima, New Haven, for two years immediately following his ordination. He spent a year at St. Joseph Church in Bristol and was transferred to Hartford's North End where he served three parishes: Sacred Heart, St. Justin, and St. Michael. In 2005, he returned to St. Rose of Lima, where he was appointed Pastor in 2006.

Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima represent eighteen different countries, among them, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru. There are more than a dozen Spanish dialects and several indigenous languages spoken by parish members. "Among all these diverse peoples, it is our faith that unites us," said Father Manship, who preaches in Spanish to his packed church where documented and undocumented immigrants worship and pray. "My Spanish is passable," said Father Manship, who studied



**St. Rose of Lima Church,  
New Haven, CT.**

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*Rev. James Manship '82*

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Rev. Jim Manship '82 offering a blessing.

French at East Catholic but admits, "I was horrible at it."

"I'm the gringo here," he said, using the word affectionately rather than as a pejorative. "I am the foreigner in this parish and I'm welcomed here because of who I am as a priest. It's a pretty humbling thing that people let you into their lives and let you walk with them, not because of anything I am but because of what Christ has made me as a priest."

Beyond his commitment to his congregation and the spiritual needs of his community, Father Manship works tirelessly to support, assist, and advocate on behalf of the Latino commu-

nity. "There is something more about the faith than [gathering inside] four walls on Sunday for worship," he said. "These are important, and the experience forms us to go back into the world, hopefully to be a little more transformed, to be about the kingdom here in the world and moving the world closer to the way it should be [according] to God's plan. I just see a very integrated view," he said. "Preaching the gospel and social justice are not separate."

Father Manship believes that the beauty of Roman Catholic social justice teaching is that it includes both charity and transformation. He describes systematic transformation as "organizing goods and talents of the community for the good of the Gospel and for the good of all."

Mrs. Laurie Janecko, Director of Campus Ministry at East Catholic said, "He is courageous and really puts himself out there. He is an amazing man who isn't afraid to boldly confront issues that impact the lives of his parishioners." When a local street gang was slashing tires and vandalizing neighborhoods near his church, he organized a group of over two hundred parishioners who worked together to end the intimidating violence. In another example of his intrepid leadership, Father Manship took action to assist both documented and undocumented immigrants who were being harassed by several East Haven police officers. His advocacy and organization efforts

led to his being arrested and resulted in a federal investigation.

Father Manship recalled the months and weeks preceding his arrest in 2009, as a time when "the rubber was meeting the road." People were coming to him for help. "Many were undocumented people, people who were already marginalized, living in fear, and being taken advantage of all the time," he said. "Where else would they go but to the Church? Through a very thoughtful, deliberate, thinking process and strategy, we started to build a case by writing down and recording circumstances [involving harassment by the officers]. In the course of that [process] we obtained proof of what was going on," he said. "I was called to [an East Haven] store where the owners were repeatedly harassed. I went to see what was going on and was video recording [the exchange between the store owner and police] when I was arrested."

Although Father Manship's case was completely dismissed when video tape evidence conflicted with police reports of the incident, the encounter led to a federal investigation that was conducted by the FBI's New York field office. As a result of the investigation and subsequent jury trial, four members of the East Haven Police Department were sentenced to prison. According to the United States Attorney's office, two officers were found guilty of, among other things, "unlawful arrests and searches, including the baseless arrests of [Father Manship] and several Latinos who lived or worked in the community."

On other issues, his work has led to several significant systemic changes that have dramatically improved the lives of his parishioners and others in the greater New Haven area. He is co-founder and co-chairperson of an interfaith organization that works together on issues and policies related to social and economic justice that affect their communities. The group, Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut-CONNECT- is made up of 15,000 people from nearly thirty religious organizations in Fairfield and New Haven counties. The group supported efforts to pass the Connecticut version of a Dream Act in 2011, which allows children of undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition rates at Connecticut colleges and universities, if they attended a Connecticut high school for four years and graduated.

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Father Manship and CONECT group members also succeeded in developing a campaign and strategy that led to legislation that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain a special driver's license in Connecticut. The group framed the issue around public safety, noting statistics that show a significant reduction in accidents, fatalities, and incidents of evasion of accident responsibility in states where such legislation has been adopted. "That was a very big win," said Father Manship. "People were surprised that we were able to get it through in one session of the General Assembly. Successes like these give people hope," he said. "They push back a little and help dispel the darkness and move us a little closer to the world as it should be. You can't move a mountain but you can move a stone or two."

Father Manship has been recognized and honored by several area organizations. He was named 2012 Person of the Year by the *New Haven Register*. The National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter also honored him with their 2012 Public Citizen of the Year Award for his commitment to social and economic justice and for his leadership and support of the Latino community. In addition, he received the Robert Eisner Community Service Award from the Jewish Community Relations Council for "recognizing a pressing need and doing something about it that changes the lives of others for good." Last October, he received the 2014 Most Reverend Joseph F. Donnelly Individual Award for his social justice efforts and tireless advocacy on behalf of the Hispanic community in the greater New Haven area. Archbishop Emeritus Most Reverend Henry Mansell presented the award at the 46th Annual Social Justice Awards Dinner. On behalf of St. Rose of Lima Church, Father

Manship also accepted the Dr. Charlie Schlegel Award for Cooperative Parish Sharing that recognized the success of a program that brings East Catholic students to New Haven for a week-long mission bible camp.

The summer bible camp, now in its third year, provides religious education and recreational activities for children in New Haven and offers East Catholic students a leadership and immersion experience. It was developed following a conversation between Mrs. Janecko and Father Manship, who have been friends for many years. Mrs. Janecko expressed her desire to offer a mission experience for East Catholic students but was discouraged because of costs and inherent risks. Father Manship suggested that students don't need to visit a foreign country to participate in a mission experience. Together they set out to develop a program that meets the needs of both organizations. Mrs. Janecko, along with four East Catholic students and one recent graduate who participated in the program, attended the award ceremony to congratulate and support Father Manship. "It's a wonderful program for East Catholic students and helps put a face on immigration issues," said Mrs. Janecko. "The power of the program with St. Rose is that friendships continue long after the mission experience ends."

Of all the successes and accolades he's received, Father Manship said the thing he views most special is watching people send their children to college. He is dedicated to serving his community and committed to building the Church that continues to reflect Christ in the fabric of our neighborhoods and in the fabric of our public life.

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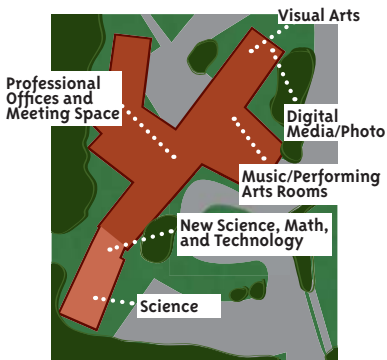
Rev. Jim Manship '82 with friends and parishioners.



# Soaring to New



## East Catholic High School Launches Soaring to New Heights Campaign



Main building Master Plan

**E**ast Catholic High School has announced a multi-million dollar Capital Campaign to support multiple construction projects that include a new state-of-the-art math, science and technology wing, along with other renovations and enhancements. The school anticipates breaking ground on the new space in late spring.

According to Principal and Chief Administrator, Jay Hartling, the new wing will offer multi-purpose science and math facilities that will allow cohesive implementation of cutting edge classes such as Forensics and Engineering to be taught in a 21st century environment. This new wing will be erected on the southwest side of the main building and will allow for increased classroom, science lab and computer lab space.

This first phase will also allow the school to reconfigure other areas of the main campus, offering a new wing dedicated to the school's

award winning Fine Arts program. Students at East Catholic participate in seven instrumental groups and seven choral groups along with an active theater program. Over the past several years East Catholic has continued to increase visual arts courses and performance opportunities for students.

Additional phases of the Soaring to New Heights Campaign include an investment in a new multi-use synthetic athletic field and track. East Catholic has a rich athletic history having earned 53 State Championships in its 53-year history. Currently 85 percent of students attending East Catholic are involved in athletic programs at the school.

This campaign will also bolster East Catholic's growing endowment in order to maintain the school's legacy of providing an affordable Catholic education. Each year the school awards over \$1 million dollars in tuition assistance to families in need.



# Height's



Proposed art classroom



Proposed science classroom



Athletic field expansion



WALKEAST 2014

## East Catholic High School Walk-a-thon!



ECHS Senior Class 2015 prior to walking

East Catholic High School students raised \$60,000 in support of the annual Walk-a-thon at the school on Friday, October 3rd! Students and faculty enjoyed a 1.5 mile loop around campus that concluded Spirit Week at the school. Proceeds from this event directly benefit tuition assistance, academics, athletics, fine arts and technology upgrades at the school.



ECHS freshman Kelsey Callahan was the winner of the Mazda Protégé!



# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1965

**MARK RODDY '65** is a retired Air Force officer who recently completed a second career in information technology management. Mark is also an author; his latest work, *The Third Day*, imagines the fears, doubts, and hopes of those who played a role in the last days of Jesus Christ. Mark's books can be found at [www.mbroddybooks.com](http://www.mbroddybooks.com). Mark resides in northern Virginia with his wife Dawn.



Former ECHS Basketball Coach **DON BURNS** was inducted into the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame this past November at Manchester Country Club. Many of Don's former players joined their coach for this tribute.



In the photo – front row from left to right: **TOM MALIN '65, GREG WILLET '67, BILL TROY '65, COACH BURNS, TOM LODGE '65, RICK WOOD '65**, former ECHS Coach Stan Ogrodnik and **MIKE KENNEDY '69**. Back row from left to right: **JOHN BARRY '69, GARY KINEL '68, BOB MARTENS '66, RAY LAGACE '66, PAUL WAICKOWSKI '65, JOE WEHR '65, FRANK KINEL '65, JIM REYNOLDS '68** and **TOM JUKNIS '70**.

## 1969

**DAVID MARTIN '69**, Ph.D. is the Dean of the Ansell School of Business at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury,

CT. David received his doctorate degree in Business Administration from St. Louis University in 1991. He earned his MBA from Western Illinois University and his BA from CW Post Campus of Long Island University.



In the photo from left to right: Social Studies teacher Ann Marie Ward, **DAVID MARTIN '69** and student **COLIN JONES '16**.

**DENNIS MCCORMACK '69**, a former long distance runner at East Catholic and at the College of the Holy Cross, ran his 50th consecutive Manchester Road Race this past Thanksgiving. Dennis first ran in the event as a high school freshman in 1965. Dennis has finished the race every year since then, even in 1988 when he hobbled around the loop with a fractured leg. A resident of West Hartford and a Hartford area attorney, Dennis was captain of the cross country team at Holy Cross and placed among the top 25 runners at the Manchester Road Race four times. McCormack's most memorable race was a finish in 1971, when a blanket of snow and slush covered the course just before race time. He placed fourth in that race, finishing in 25:10.



## 1984

Reverend **STEPHEN SLEDESKY '84**, Pastor of St. Bridget Parish and School in Manchester, has been selected as a 2014-2015 Distinguished Elementary School Pastor. Father Sledesky will also be nominated for national recognition as a candidate for the Distinguished Elementary School Pastor (Region 1), an award given by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).



## 1989

**TERESA LUETJEN KEELER '89** recently completed her Ph.D. at Rutgers University. Her dissertation examined adult sibling conflict during elder care.

## 1996

**NAVID ZARINEJAD '96** and Ashley Schachner are planning a March 2015 wedding in Hartford. The couple became engaged in Santorini, Greece. Navid recently started a new job as the Head of Risk and Regulatory Reporting for Endurance Specialty in New York City.



## 2000

**ABBY WEHR DIEMAR '00** and her husband Charlie are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Andrew "Drew" James Diemar, on August 18, 2014. Drew's big brother Charlie just turned 2. The family currently resides in Greenwich, CT.



**SARA JANECKO MILONE '00** and her husband Mark welcomed their second daughter, Mary Rose Janecko Milone, on April 1, 2014. She joins big sister Madeleine, who is 3. The Milones reside in Natick, Massachusetts.



## 2002

**CHRISTOPHER DESESA '02** graduated cum laude with a major in biology and microbiology from UCONN in 2007. He received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine



degree from Harvard University in 2011. After graduating from Harvard, he was accepted into a four-year specialty residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Chris is currently the chief resident in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and will be graduating in June 2015. After graduation, he will be joining a private surgery practice in Springfield, MA.

**PATRICK GREENE '02** was recently appointed to the Town of Manchester Board of Directors. Patrick attended Assumption College where he played football and graduated in 2006 with a BA in Business Management. He is currently the General Manager of the family business, Greene Moving and Storage, and will take over as president in 2015. Patrick is actively involved in the Knights of Columbus, the Manchester Elks Lodge and the Manchester Parade Committee. Patrick and his fiancée, Jenna Olander, are planning to be married in August.

## 2004

**AMANDA OPUSZYNSKI '04** was named a recipient of a William Matheus Sullivan Foundation Singer Award for 2014 -2015. Mandy was one of 10 singers to receive a \$5000 Career Development Award from the Foundation. Mandy and other singers auditioned for the Foundation at Opera America's National Opera Center in New York this past October. Judges for 2014 included well-known soprano Christine Brewer; Charles MacKay, General Director of the Santa Fe Opera, and Craig Rutenberg, Director of Music Administration at the Metropolitan Opera.

**EMILY HOWLETT REYNOLDS '04** was married to Gardiner Bannister Reynolds IV on August 2, 2013 at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. The couple currently resides in Newport, RI. Emily graduated from Salve Regina University in 2008 with a BS degree in Social Work. She is a lead clinician with Looking Upwards, a private social work company that provides in-school and at-home care for children with physical, social and emotional difficulties. On June 7, 2014 the couple welcomed their first child, Gardiner Bannister Reynolds V.



**VANESSA RUDNANSKY CONNORS '04** was married to Colin Connors on July 12, 2014 in Hingham, MA. Many current East Catholic students and alumni celebrated at the reception at the Nantasket Beach Resort in Hull, MA. Vanessa received her BA in French Language and Literature and Theology and Religious Studies in 2008 from the Catholic University of America. She received her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Boston College in 2011 in French

Secondary Education. Vanessa teaches high school French in Waltham, MA. The couple currently resides in Boston. In the photo back row: **AMANDA GAR-**



**REPY '15, SHANNON PELLETIER '15, KAREN AGRO '18, AMY AGRO '16, ABBY KELLY '04, and JUSTIN ZABILANSKY '08. Front row – DANA RUDNANSKY '16, TAMMY KELLY YOWELL '00, VANESSA RUDNANSKY CONNORS '04, COLIN CONNORS, KATHERINE GWORZDZ '04, KATHERINE NEAFSEY ENGLER '04 and BRIGID CREAM '04.**

## 2006

**SEAN HOWLETT '06** graduated from Northeastern University in 2011 with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a lead engineer at EMC2, an international engineering firm located in Franklin, MA.

## 2007

**KATE KURKER KNUREK '07** married James Knurek on October 26, 2013. The couple resides in Ellington, CT. Kate works at Supernus Pharmaceuticals, and James is a realtor with Coldwell Banker in South Windsor, CT. In the photo from left to right: **LIV KURKER '12, KATE KURKER KNUREK '07 and SARA KURKER '10.**



# ALUMNI NEWS

## 2008

**DAVID HOWLETT '08** graduated from Providence College in 2012 with a BA in Political Science. He is a project leader for Google and travels throughout the country working on mapping for the company.

## 2010

**EALISH CASSIDY '10** graduated from Providence College in 2014 with a BA in English and a minor in Classics (Ancient Greek and Latin). She is currently a Notre Dame ACE Teaching Fellow, which allows her to study during the summer at the University of Notre Dame for her M.Ed. and teach during the academic year. Ealish teaches freshman and junior English at St. Petersburg Catholic High School in St. Petersburg, FL.

**ANA DINO DUN '10** married William Dun on October 3, 2014 in a ceremony at Saint Clements Castle in Portland, CT. Ana received a BA in Anthropology from Central Connecticut State University in 2014. The couple resides in New York City, where Ana is employed at the Center for Public



Policy and Research at the Library of Congress. In the photo from left to right – **GRANGER MARSDEN '09**, **COLIN DINO '10**, **ANA DINO DUN '10**, **ELLEN ANDRUSKO '10** and **ALEX TOMASI '10**.

**MICHAEL HOWLETT '10** graduated from Fairfield University in May 2014 with a BA in Economics.

## 2011

**ROHAN BROWN '11** is attending LaSalle University on a full athletic scholarship and is a member of LaSalle's varsity basketball team. Rohan currently plays both forward and guard positions on the team and has been named captain for this year. Rohan is majoring in Communications and



will continue at the school to complete his MBA in the spring of 2016. In 2013, Rohan helped lead LaSalle to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament.

**SAM BUTLER '11** is in his senior year at Sacred Heart University, majoring in Communications with a focus on Journalism. He is a member of Habitat for Humanity and has gone on multiple mission and working trips with the school. This past summer, he was a marketing intern for the Hartford Office of Habitat for Humanity. Sam also volunteers with the school newspaper, *The Spectrum*. He started out as a staff reporter in his sophomore year, and is now assistant sports editor. Pictured is **SAM BUTLER '11**, second from the left, on a mission trip working for Habitat for Humanity in Mississippi.



**TANEKWAH HINDS '11**, a senior at Wellesley College, is majoring in Political Science. She spent her spring semester of 2014 at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. A founding member of Phi Delta Phi International Honors Legal Society, she interned at the US Department of Health and Human Services in the summer of 2014. Pictured is Tanekwah in Simons Town, South Africa, Spring 2014.

## 2013

**AARON BOUSQUET '13** enlisted in the Air Force and is studying Civil Engineering. He finished boot camp on July 18th, graduating with recognition in leadership. He served in Mississippi through December before he traveled to his first duty station.



## 2014

**KAITLIN HOLLINGER** is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts. Inspired by ECHS science teacher and bird lover, Lesa Milas, Kaitlin has a research assistant position at the school determining birdsong transmission methods in prairie warblers. The baby birds either learn songs directly from their parents or elsewhere in travels. Kaitlin analyzes the syllables in the songs the birds sing and enters data about them for comparison in a database. She hopes to pursue a double-major in Astrobiology and Social Thought and Political Economy.

## In MEMORY

Eagle Deceased 6/14 – 12/3/14

\*Missed in last edition.

### FACULTY & STAFF

**SR. BETTE GOULD, SSJ**; former ECHS Interim Principal; died 6/26/14

**RICHARD DAY**, former faculty member and husband of Jan Day, father of Thomas Day '82, David Day '84, Catherine Day Williamson '85 and Edward Day '87; died 7/22/14

**DAVID SANGIACOMO**, former faculty member; died 8/2/14

**MARGARET KIDSTON**, mother of Laurie Kidston '87; died 10/22/14

### ALUMNI

**EDWARD SCHWORM** '91, husband of Nanette Shaw Schworm '93; died 6/24/14

**TIMOTHY ELMORE** '95; died 7/25/14

**BARBARA PEAK HENZY** '65; died 8/1/14

**DONALD BRIGGS, III** '72; died 9/7/14

**KELLY DAHILL** '69; died 9/15/14

**BARBARA MULLEN DIETRICH** '72, sister of Eileen Mullen Manning '69; died 9/21/14

### FAMILY OF ALUMNI

\***PAUL LEGER**, father of Matt Leger '02; died 12/19/13

**BRIDGET REGINA COOGAN**, mother of Deirdre Coogan '88 (deceased) and Brenda Coogan O'Leary '92; died 6/8/14

**MARIA TIERINNI**, grandmother of Steven Tierinni '99, Stephanie Tierinni McKenna '01 and Joseph Tierrini '04; died 6/12/14

**EDWARD LARGE**, grandfather of Chase Large '17; died 6/20/14

**RICHARD WILLARD**, father of Richard Willard '77, Laura Willard Peterson '81 and grandfather of Christopher Willard '06, Andrew Willard '09 and Matthew Peterson '17; died 6/20/14

**VIOLA LIPINSKI**, mother of Jane Lipinski Derasadourian '71; died 6/28/14

**ROBERT MANGIAFICO**, father of Michael Mangiafico '86, Marc Mangiafico '89 and Tina Mangiafico Ezzell '93; died 6/30/2014

**GRACINDA DE JESUS OLIVEIRA**, grandmother of Paul Milheiro '94 and Marco Milheiro '98; died 7/3/2014

**JOSEPH LAWRENCE BOUCHARD**, father of Elaine Bouchard Spieker '71 and Jane Bouchard Coke '73; died 7/6/2014

**ALBERT ROMEO FOURNIER**, father of Linda Fournier Devlin '74, Elaine Fournier Twomey '76, David Fournier '80 and Ed Fournier '82; grandfather of Katie Devlin Limer '05, Ellen Devlin '08, Allyson Fournier '11 and Brandon Fournier '15; died 7/11/2014

**DOMINIC RADOCCHIA**, father of Stephen Radocchia '72, John Radocchia '74, Phyllis Radocchia Luntta '76 and Laura Radocchia Pascarella '78; died 7/16/2014

**DEBORAH SHEPHARD**, grandmother of Domenic Burby '17; died 7/23/14

**ROSE CRISPINO**, mother of Michael Crispino '70 and grandmother of Steven Crispino '08 and Joseph Crispino '11; died 8/1/14

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**JOHN MALIN**, brother of Tom Malin '65 and father of Jackie Malin Steele '83, Peter Malin '86 and John Malin '90; died 8/8/14

**LOIS MACARDLE**, mother of Linda MacArdle Kenney '66 and predeceased by Dennis MacArdle '68; died 8/18/14

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**LORRAINE GERTRUDE HOHN**, grandmother of Marie Gilles McKenna '94 and Kathryn Gilles Pek '97; died 8/23/14

**RONALD TRENHOLM**, grandfather of Joe Trenholm '03, Kyle Trenholm '07 and Erica Trenholm '11; died 8/25/14

**EMIL BERNARD**, grandfather of Corinne Zazzaro '15 and Marc Zazzaro '17; died 8/26/14

**MILTON TEDFORD**, grandfather of Kristina Tedford '10 and Dianna Tedford '15; died 8/26/14

**MARY SUMISLASKI**, grandmother of Michael Kravontka '03; died 9/11/14

**CLAIRE ALTRUI**, mother of Jeff Altrui '94 and predeceased by Scott Altrui '89; died 9/22/14

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**CONRAD QUINLAN**, father of Jacqueline Quinlan Sonidis '71; died 9/29/14

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**DOROTHY GARRITY**, grandmother of Sean Garrity '07, Brian Garrity '10 and Amanda Garrity '12; died 10/12/14

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**SAMUEL LONGEST**, father of Sharon Longest Hebert '73; died 10/25/14

**EDWARD MCCARTHY**, father of Michael McCarthy '76; died 11/14/14

# REUNIONS



Pictured from the class of 1969 are Joe and Margaret Toce, Margaret Catalano Quigley, and Michele Gorra O'Neil.



Pictured are members of the Class of 1974 and guests - Thomas and Bridget O'Connell Gilchrist, Amy Parker Litzenger and her husband Robert along with Tom and Liz Toce.



From left to right - Ray Gaulin, Mark Tweedie and Bob Pagani.



Pictured from the class of 1969 are David Enes, Thomas Morse, Peter Jacques, and Jacqueline Albert.



Pictured from the class of 1979 are Matt Barone, Andrew Milewski, Jerilyn Frazier Cook, John Parla, Erin Bakanas, George Cavendon, Gail Murphy Cavendon, Elise Messer DaCosta, Fred Cecchini, Karan Lane Bycholski, Anne Dana, Rose Aiello Gianni, and Renee Palmer.



Pictured from the Class of 1984 are Beth Ann Mergendahl, Karen Linder Downing and Liz Palmer.



Pictured from the Class of 1984 are Rev. Stephen Sledesky, Maureen Carney and guest.



Pictured from the Class of 1984 are Julie Ciszewski Rooney, Bonnie Nadler, Susan Moynihan Keating, Rob Montesi, Anne Hoffman Montesi, Diann Karpe Riley and Michael Ritchie in the back.



Pictured from the class of 1989 are Tom Carlson and Mark McConnell with retiree Anne Mannion.



Pictured are Jeremy Palmer and his wife, and Maureen Ward Truman.

# REUNIONS

Pictured from the class of 1999 are MarieAnn Mosher and Dan Oliveira.



Pictured from class of 1994 are (back row, left to right) Sarah Rowe, Ann Carey Kephart, Carolyn Abel, Kirsten Samorski Cohoon, Keith Williams, Marc Petruzzi, Ray Turner, Kevin Carroll, Cassndra Veal, Chris Joseph, Eileen Lawson Gould, Marie Gilles McKenna, Mike Toomey (front row) Michele Morin Zern, Sue Lopes, Tracey Mott Duran, and Michele D'Amato.



Pictured from the Class of 2004 are Matt Cerins, Megan McConville Girolamo and Lauren Miano Crowley.



Pictured are Sarah Duff and Jay Pietrantonio.





Pictured from the class of 2009 (left to right) Tim Hepburn, Kevin Murray, Michael Doot, Nathan Joyce, and AJ Birmingham



Pictured from the class of 2009 are Francesca Gallo and Meghan Hathaway.



Pictured from the class of 2009 (back row, left to right) Tim Hepburn, Shane Smith, Trevor Crean, Michael Doot, Nathan Joyce, Francesca Gallo, Alex Cassidy (front row, left to right) John Khalil, Meghan Hathaway, Kevin Murray, AJ Birmingham, AJ's girlfriend Lauren, and Emily Golec.

# 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT of GIVING



Dominic Perno '84

As I enter my last year as School Board Chair, I remain humbled by the many generous donors who contribute their time, treasure and talent to help ensure that East Catholic High School remains viable for generations to come. It has been a pleasure to serve this community and give back to a place that has so many fond memories and has been such a key part of my life.

In the 2013-2014 school year, we celebrated many successes including state championship wins for Boys Basketball and Boys Golf. East Catholic also claimed the state title for the Chemistry Olympiad. Our students, faculty and staff all came together for a day of service and helped prepare and package over 40,000 meals to help feed children living in Haiti, a part of the Feeding Children Everywhere program. Our most recent graduates were accepted at many prestigious institutions of higher learning including Boston College, Elon, Villanova, Yale and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

This past November, East Catholic made public its announcement of the most ambitious Capital Campaign in the school's 50+ year history. So far over \$4.275 million has been raised towards this effort. This spring East Catholic will break ground on a Science, Math and Technology Wing at the school providing state-of-the art teaching and learning space. Other components of the campaign include upgrades to our athletic facilities and a renovated fine-arts space, as well as increased endowment dollars that will enable us to continue our tradition of providing a Catholic education to all who desire it. This commitment to East Catholic High School will allow us to continue our tradition of excellence for the next 50 years.

Over the following pages in our Annual Report of Giving, we recognize many alumni, family, friends and organizations who gave generously to the school throughout the past year. Thank you for your generosity which has helped to make a difference in the lives of our students at East Catholic High School. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your School Board Chair.

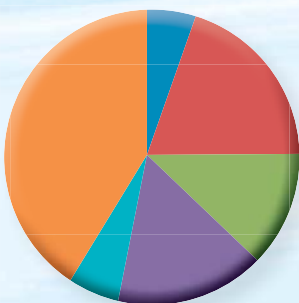
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## Hall of Fame Welcomes Eight New Members

On November 15, 2014, East Catholic High School welcomed eight new members into its Hall of Fame. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor the school can bestow. In 1992, East Catholic established its Hall of Fame to recognize individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions to the school.

### «ATHLETES»

**JIM WEHR '75** – Jim played basketball while at East, captaining the team his senior year. He was a member of the choral club and its president senior year. Jim received his Bachelor's degree from Fairfield University and his MBA from the University of Connecticut. In 2009 Jim was appointed president and CEO of the Phoenix. Jim and his wife, Tammy Mac Wehr '75, live in South Windsor and have three children who are all graduates of East Catholic - Abby Wehr Diemar '00, Tom '03 and Joe '06.

**ANN TEMPLE PRONOVOST '82** – Ann was a member of the track team during her years at East Catholic. She was the state champion in the high jump as a senior, still holding a state record for the event. Ann earned her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Connecticut State University. Ann is a reading teacher at Windham Center School and is pursuing a Master's degree in reading and language arts at the University of St. Joseph. She and her family reside in Coventry.

### «ALUMNI»

**STEPHEN CARTER '69** – Steve was a member of the football team and glee club while at East Catholic. Stephen continued playing football in college for Tufts University where he graduated with a BS in Biology. The Carters have been long-time car dealers



in Manchester where Carter Chevrolet was started by Steve's grandfather in 1936. Steve and his wife Betsy reside in Manchester, CT. Their two children are East graduates – Luke '08 and Grace '10.

**JOHN DONOHUE '70** – John was very involved in student government while at East and was a member of the Student Council each of his four years. He was also a member of the drama club and performed in several plays. Following East Catholic, John earned his undergraduate and JD degrees from George Washington University. John is currently the CEO of the Arbella Insurance Group. He is one of the founders of the company and has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors since the company's founding in 1988. John and his family live in Belmont, MA.

**DOMINIC FULCO III '77** – Following graduation from East Catholic, Dominic attended the University of Hartford and earned his JD from Temple University School of Law. Dominic has been practicing law in the Hartford area for 30 years, joining Reid and Riege, P.C. in 1999 where he is a shareholder in the firm. Dominic and his wife, Ann, have three children, all graduates of East - Nicholas '05, Gabrielle '07, and Eva '11. Dominic and Ann now reside in Mumford Cove, CT.

### «FACULTY & STAFF»

**SISTER BETTE GOULD, SSJ** was named Interim Principal at East Catholic High School in 2005. She served in this capacity for two years. Sr. Bette remained at East Catholic as coordinator of East's mentoring program where she served until her death in June 2014. Prior to coming to East Catho-

lic, Sr. Bette worked in many educational capacities in the Diocese of Springfield, including as Superintendent of Schools from 1984 to 2005.

**CHERYL SPILLANE** – Cheryl joined the East Catholic faculty in 1972, initially teaching for four years. She returned to East in 1985 and has been teaching Latin and English ever since. Cheryl was freshman class moderator for 20 years and has been co-moderator of the Language and Culture Club for the past two years. Cheryl has led many student trips overseas and is a volunteer extraordinaire for school activities. Cheryl's three sons are all graduates of East Catholic - Jesse '94, Michael '95, and Timothy '97.

### «FRIENDS»

**MARIE BARON** came to East Catholic in 1980. She taught Biology, Environmental Science and Health for 26 years. In 1995 Marie began coaching Track and Field at East Catholic. Her husband **BILL** joined her at East in 2002. He is in his 50th consecutive year of coaching. Prior to coming to East Catholic, Bill was a teacher and coach at East Hartford High School. Together Bill and Marie have produced 58 individual state champions. Under the Barons' guidance, East's Boys Track team has won one state championship and one state runner-up plaque; the Girls Track team has won four state runner-up plaques.

All of the members of the East Catholic Hall of Fame have brought honor to themselves and to the East Catholic community by being dedicated, loyal, and committed to East's motto, "Do whatever He tells you." The permanent Hall of Fame is located in the main staircase across from the front entrance of the school. Nominations for future inductees are accepted at any time.

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- April 2 National Honor Society Induction
  - April 8 Music Department Coffee House
  - April 10 Feeding Children Everywhere
  - April 24 Junior Prom, Maneeley's
  - May 1 Incoming Freshman Social- Welcome Class of 2019
  - May 7 Academic Awards Night
  - May 13 Spring Concert and Art Show
  - May 14 New Parent Orientation, Class of 2019 and Transfer Parents
  - May 21 Senior Awards Ceremony
  - May 29 Senior Prom, Villa Louisa
  - June 1 Senior Picnic, Highmeadow
  - June 3 Baccalaureate Mass, St. Mary's Church, East Hartford
  - June 4 Graduation, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford
  - June 12 Tom Malin Eagle Invitational Golf Tournament, Blackledge County Club

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