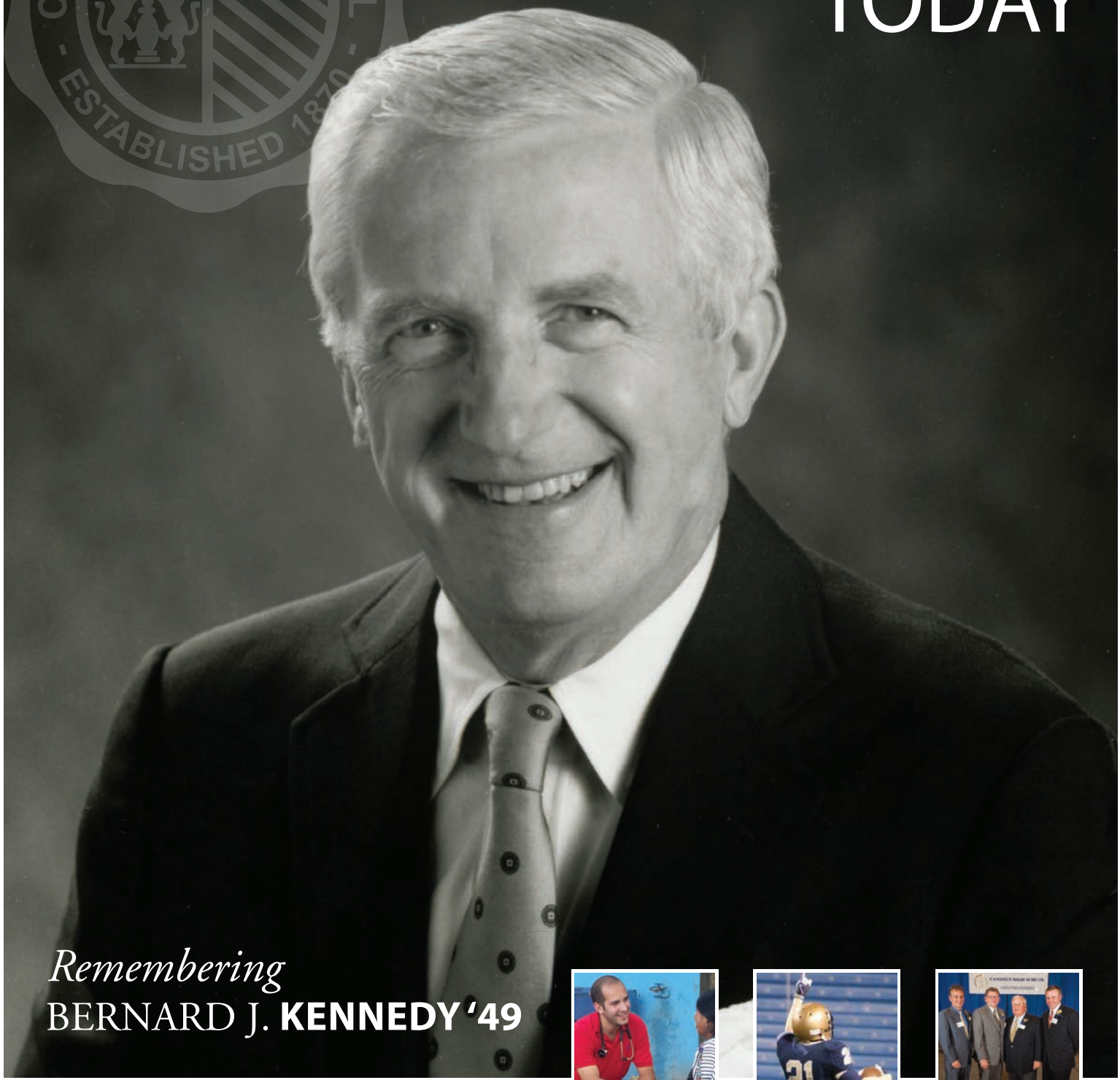
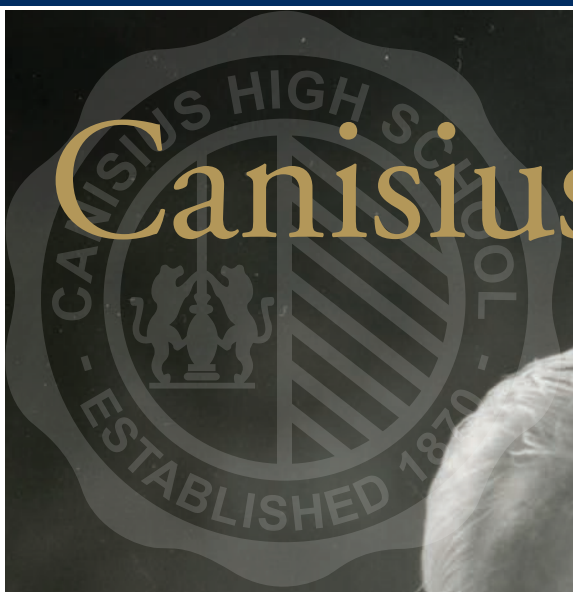


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# JOHN KNIGHT'S ROUND TABLE



Dear Canisius Family,

The past several months have been very busy times around school. Since the last time I wrote to you, we have opened the new school year with one of our largest freshmen classes in recent memory, welcomed Bishop Kmiec to our campus for the blessing and dedication of our two new facilities—the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House and the Montante Academic Hall—and celebrated success in the classroom, in athletics and in the countless hours of service that our young men, faculty and staff lovingly give to our community. On top of all of that, well over a year ago we celebrated the opening of the Robert J. Stransky Memorial Athletic Complex. We are a blessed community!

One of the blessings that our community has received is the generosity of our benefactors, who have made it possible for CHS to continue to offer the best Jesuit education in Western New York. This issue of *CHS Today* honors the life of an outstanding alumnus and benefactor, Mr. Bernard J. Kennedy '49. In memory of Mr. Kennedy, who passed away in 2007, his family presented the school with the largest single gift in our history. The Kennedy family gift is also recognized to be the largest single gift to any private high school in Western New York. As one way of recognizing Mr. Kennedy's love of CHS, our new field house now bears the name, the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House.

In addition to celebrating the life of Bernard J. Kennedy, this issue of *CHS Today* also highlights the many programs and the many success stories that have taken place on campus over the past several months. I hope you enjoy these highlights of what continues to be an exciting time at CHS.

As you take the time to read through the following pages, I would kindly ask you to please remember to pray for our benefactors and their families. Please keep our thriving community of students, faculty, staff and administration in your prayers, too. Please know that all of us at CHS are continuing to keep you and your loved ones in our prayers.

You are always welcome to stop by for a tour of our new facilities and to say hello and let us know what is going on in your life these days. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet with you and to let you know about all of the many blessings that God has sent our way. Thank you for the blessing you are to all of us at CHS!

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

John Knight  
President

## HELP ANNUAL FUND SERVE YOUNG MEN OF CHS

The Annual Fund is the lifeblood of the fundraising efforts at Canisius High School. Among other benefits, it provides financial aid and scholarships to those who otherwise might not be able to attend. To continue to provide students with the best Jesuit education the school can offer, we need your help. The Annual Fund is such a critical component in sustaining our mission that we ask you to please take the time to reflect on the Personal and Confidential Commitment Form that you received in the mail. Your support makes it possible for Canisius to continue offering students the opportunities to develop their hearts, minds and bodies “for the greater honor and glory of God.”

The Companions Program is just one example of the way the Annual Fund serves students. Students gave more than 35,000 hours of community service last year. Sixty-seven took advantage of the opportunity to be part of something bigger than each of them through the Companions Program in Newburgh, N.Y.; Laredo, Tx.; Erie, Pa.; and Buffalo, and through our Companeros international program in the Dominican Republic. These extraordinary individuals are truly striving to fulfill the “Grad at Grad” ideals--Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving and Committed to Doing Justice.

When we look into the eyes, hearts and souls of the young men at Canisius, we see Jesus in our midst. Your gift to the Annual Fund will help Canisius High School to continue to fulfill its mission through the young men it serves.

*Please take a moment to fill out and return the envelope inserted in this issue of Canisius High School Today. Thank you.*

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Members of the Higgins and Bernard J. Kennedy families gather at the December 6 dedication of Canisius' entrance hall, now officially known as The Rev. James P. Higgins, S.J. '72 Hall.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Canisius,

“It’s a great time to be a Canisius Crusader.” This is something I say each day in talking to eighth graders who have come to shadow our students and learn more about Canisius. Alums, friends of the school, parents, faculty, staff and students should think the same way because it truly is a great time to be a part of this community.

Canisius continues to shine academically. Forty-five members of the Class of 2010 scored in the 90th percentile or higher nationally on the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)—that’s nearly one quarter of the class. Sixteen members of the Class of 2010 were among the 50,000 highest scorers on this prestigious exam. Three of those 16 were named National Merit Semifinalists while the other 13 were designated as Commended Students. On top of this, Canisius’ Class of 2009’s average SAT score of 1738 was 229 points above the national average of 1509 and 273 points above the New York State average of 1465. We also had 445 students take at least one AP exam, and 105 students earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards for outstanding performance on these national collegiate-level exams.

Canisius has the finest and most extensive Campus Ministry Program in Western New York. Retreats are offered to students in all grades. All students are involved in yearly service work in Western New York at more than 50 sites while completing some 35,000 hours of service to the community. Canisius has also recently embarked on six immersion trips—experiences that involve both students and faculty in more intensive types of service. Immersion trips involve spending multiple days living and working directly with the marginalized of our society. Students have traveled to the Dominican Republic; Taos, N.M., with Habitat for Humanity; Laredo, Tx.; Newburgh, N.Y.; Appalachia; Camden, N.J.; and Erie, Pa.; and to one immersion week on Buffalo’s East Side. For 2009-2010, we have five trips planned and continue to explore options. These include Spring trips to Newburgh, N.Y., Laredo, Tx., and the Gulfport region of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, as well as summer trips to Erie, Pa., and a Buffalo Habitat for Humanity experience.

Our athletic and activity programs are outstanding as well and highlighted in other areas of this magazine. It is fitting that the best athletic programs are housed in the finest facilities in Western New York.

This magazine features a man who helped Canisius get to this “great time” and the namesake of the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House. I was lucky enough to know Bernie Kennedy. Fr. Jim Higgins (another man who was integral in getting us to these “great times”) described Bernie to me as “Canisius High School’s finest graduate who shares with you the excellent background of being a graduate of the University of Michigan.” In fact, because of this shared background and that Fr. Higgins wanted me to feel comfortable during my first few days in Buffalo, he felt it was critical that I meet Bernie and his wife Gerry in my first week here. So, Fr. Higgins graciously took me in early July 2006 to the Canadian shore for an unannounced visit. What a wonderful afternoon of learning and getting to know Bernie, who had such a passion for Canisius High School and an obvious commitment to excellence in every part of his life. Getting to know Gerry was an added blessing and reinforced the adage that “behind every great man is a great woman.”

I am confident that Bernard Kennedy and Jim Higgins picked up their commitment to excellence while at Canisius. It is this commitment that we continue to reinforce in everything we do on a daily basis. So although Jim and Bernie are no longer with us, their spirit and the lasting commitment they built continues to shine daily in all we do at Canisius High School. It truly is a great time to be a Canisius Crusader.

William J. Kopas  
Principal

## GAMBIT XXXVI RETURNS HOME

For thirty-five years GAMBIT has raised many millions of dollars to support the mission of Canisius High School. As the main fundraising event of the school, GAMBIT is essential to the financial health of our school community. In addition, this first and finest Dinner Auction in Western New York is a great opportunity for parents, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and students to work together over the coming school year to produce yet another successful event.

GAMBIT returns to the beautiful new campus of Canisius High School this year after five years off site. Our theme this year is "There's No Place

Like Home", and we celebrate Canisius: our students, alumni, faculty and staff, parents, alumni parents and friends!

This year GAMBIT introduces online bidding to its auction website at <http://canisiushigh.maestroweb.com>. We invite out-of-town Canisius family to consider donating a stay at a vacation home, sports tickets in your community, unique opportunities or an item of your choice, and these donations will be available to a national audience to bid on throughout the GAMBIT season. There is "No Place Like Home", so just turn on your computer and experience the excitement of this 36th GAMBIT season!

Our Chair Couples for this year are school parents Susan and Stephen Leous (Class of '76) and Darlene and Michael Spychala. We are grateful for their volunteer leadership and they invite you to "return home" on March 27, 2010.

Please call GAMBIT Coordinator Colleen Sellick at 716.882.0466, x220, with any questions, suggestions, ideas and donations or to volunteer. Your help is needed to insure the continued success of this vital fund raiser. Consider your company becoming a sponsor of the event or placing an ad in the GAMBIT Night catalog. All proceeds continue to benefit the education of young men in the Jesuit tradition. Please view the GAMBIT website at [www.canisiushigh.org](http://www.canisiushigh.org), under Development for additional information. ■

*"There's No Place Like Home!"*



# GAMBIT XXXVI

March 27, 2010



**There's  
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**SATURDAY,  
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- ATTEND and gather a table of friends!

# MR. MICHAEL GALANTE '04



Michael Galante '04 is a second-year medical student in the Stritch Medical School at the Loyola University of Chicago and in the midst of his 10th consecutive year of Jesuit education. During summer 2009, through the International Service Immersion program, he spent five weeks in Guatemala providing health care to the underprivileged population surrounding the parish of San Lucas. Michael also volunteers at the Community Health Clinic in Chicago's Ukrainian Village. Michael sat down with Paul Zablocki '01 in a recent visit to Buffalo to discuss the experience and how his call to serve the less fortunate was formed at Canisius High School.

**Michael, what were some highlights of your time at Canisius? Was anything that happened here the inspiration for you to do the work you do now?**

Two specific experiences at Canisius impacted who I am today and inspire me to serve those in need. The first was going on the Emmaus and Kairos retreats and having the opportunity to lead a Kairos. Being responsible for supporting the spiritual development of my classmates made a big impression. The whole retreat experience helped with my personal formation.

The second experience was my senior year Christian Service. Every Monday I worked in a nursing home and got a feel for geriatric medicine. I witnessed how marginalized that group was and how much care they needed and how difficult it was to get the care. It inspired me to go into medicine and be a catalyst to get marginalized people the care that was not available. It was those Monday Christian Service Days working with those in need that inspired me to seek out opportunities to volunteer like I do now in the Community Health Clinic in the Ukrainian Village of Chicago.

**How did you get involved in Third World medical ministry?**

My first international service trip was to Mexico with Canisius College. I felt like we were only able to do cursory-level stuff. I was mopping floors and folding laundry. I really wanted a substantial ministry experience. When I was looking for medical schools,

the International Service Immersion program at Loyola stood out as the hands-on experience I was looking for. When I was working in the emergency room at Sister's Hospital in Buffalo, there were a tremendous amount of Spanish-speaking Americans, and my immersion allowed me to improve my Spanish and create a bond of trust with those patients. I am so excited to see that our students are going outside the country to the Dominican Republic. Being exposed to a different part of the world is a tremendous learning experience.

**What sticks out in your mind about the experience?**

How long people were willing to stand in line to see an American doctor. Guatemala has doctors, but it is expensive. It was amazing how much they trusted the American doctors to provide care and how thankful they were to have someone take the time to evaluate them. They sincerely appreciated that we gave up our comfort, by living among the people, to give something to them.

**How did your Jesuit Education affect your medical education?**

My experience has shown me that medicine is much more than disease diagnosis and curing disease. It is so important to focus on the holistic health of the person and the comfort of the patient. To me, it is right in line with my Jesuit education. The perspective that American medicine needs is more supportive care to keep people healthy as opposed to waiting 'til they are acutely sick and treating them in the moment.

My Jesuit education was the reason why I do the work that I do and one of the reasons why I went into medicine. I am trying to become a "man for others". At Loyola we have a tagline "We Treat the Human Spirit," which goes beyond just medicine and focuses care for the whole person, which is directly in line with what I have learned at Canisius. Second, it is one of my focuses to educate the patient, to keep them informed, so that they have an understanding of the situation, and allow them to make a choice for themselves. ■

## DOWNTOWNERS SERIES WINDS UP YEAR

The Downtowners Luncheon Series concluded a tremendously successful 21st year with two speakers who are leaders of their respective fields in Western New York. John Koelmel, president and CEO of First Niagara Financial Group, brought his commanding presence and straightforward perspective to the third installment of the series held at Shanghai Reds last August. Adpro Sports sponsored University at Buffalo Athletic Director Warde Manuel's engagement with Canisius alumni, students and staff at the Harbour Club in the HSBC Arena for the last of the 2009 quarterly lunches.

More than 70 alumni and friends of Canisius heard Koelmel provide insight into the current economic environment. Topics ranged from First Niagara's recent acquisitions in Pennsylvania to the government T.A.R.P. Program. Koelmel provided expert insight into the difficulties faced by small private businesses looking for short-and long-term borrowing opportunities. John

praised the quality of First Niagara's 2,000 plus employees, specifically identifying the executive leadership that embrace his aggressive "K-Gun" long-ball approach to business strategy.

Koelmel, a lifelong Western New York resident, described the obstacles involved in doing business with state and local government, imploring those in power to eliminate red tape in order to grow Western New York economically and socially. John highlighted the success of the ECMC/Kaleida merger as one of key opportunities for Western New York to grow and develop. He also cited the UB 2020 plan and the development of the Medical Corridor as once-in-a-generation silver bullets that everyone in Western New York needs to embrace and support.

Manuel spoke to 70 Crusaders about his keys to being a successful student athlete and running a successful athletics program.

The Downtowners Luncheon series started more than 20 years ago with the Honorable James Griffin, then Mayor of Buffalo, serving as the first speaker. For years the Downtowners Luncheon has been the opportunity for CHS alumni from different downtown professions to listen to the area's top politicians, sports stars, and business, medical and legal professionals.

The Downtowners Luncheon Committee continues to pursue engaging and entertaining speakers for upcoming events. If you have suggestions for future presenters and alternate locations or are interested in volunteering on the committee, please contact Paul Zablocki '01, director of alumni relations, at 716.200.0262 or [Zablocki@canisiushigh.org](mailto:Zablocki@canisiushigh.org). ■

### LEFT TO RIGHT:

Hon. John M. Curran '77,  
Rev. Ronald W. Sams S.J. '46,  
Patrick B. Curran '71



# FALL SPORTS SWEEP



Canisius' five Fall sports teams each won its respective regular-season titles. Four teams then went on to win playoff titles as well, for an outstanding start to the 2009-10 athletic season.

**The Canisius Crusaders golf team** culminated a perfect season by winning the All-Catholic Golf Tournament held on Columbus Day. Colin Burns '10 earned medalist honors in the All-Catholics by shooting a 73 in extremely difficult conditions. The Crusaders finished the regular season with a 12-0 record and won the All-Catholics by a six-stroke margin over Nichols.

Brian Jurkiewicz '11 and Dan Yustin '11 also finished with rounds in the 70s, shooting 77 and 79, respectively. Rounding out the All-Catholic championship team were Matt Dobbins '10 (84), Joe Bellavia '10 (87) and Sean McHugh '10 (89).

Based on their performances, Burns, Jurkiewicz and Yustin qualified for the New York State championships in the spring.

**The varsity cross-country team** won its fifth straight All Catholic title as it outdistanced second place St. Joe's by 24 points. The team was led by a second place finish from senior Eli Dawli and a third place finish from junior Tim Hartigan. Joining them on First Team All Catholic were seniors Colin Bogdan and Ryan Fiust-Klink. That gave the Crusaders four finishers before any other team had two. Juniors Paul Riester (9th place), Cole Townsend (11th), and Andrew Gritzmacher (12th) were also named Second Team All Catholic.

**The JV cross-country team** swept to the league title, taking the top six spots. Senior Nolan Fenzl won the first race of his career, while sophomore Jack Curran was second, followed by seniors Rob Patterson (third) and Tom Ryan (fourth), and sophomores Patrick Neureuter (fifth) and Killian Usiak (sixth). Senior Neil Curran's ninth-place finish rounded out the top seven for the Crusaders. The freshmen cross-country team placed second in the freshmen race. The team was led by Connor Dengler's third-place finish and Neil Keane's fifth-place finish.

Hopes were high for the **Canisius soccer team** after it captured the regular-season title for the second straight year. After scoring a convincing win over Nichols in the semifinals, Canisius was stymied by St. Joe's in its bid to move into the State Catholic playoffs.

Seniors Max Kilb, Ryan Burkard, Peter Roehmholdt, Stephen Wozniak and William Koessler enjoyed standout seasons on the field and were all nominated for the Fall All-WNY Student-Athlete Award.

**The volleyball team** extended its dominance to an even decade as it won both the regular season and All-Catholic titles under the direction of Tom Weislo. The team breezed through the regular season with an unblemished record and then dispatched St. Mary's and St. Joe's en route to its 10th consecutive championship.

Seniors Luke Klee and John Jepson, along with the play of junior C.J. Coatsworth, were solid all year for the Crusaders. Jepson's outstanding play has earned him an athletic scholarship to George Mason University.

**The Crusader football team** earned the top seed in the Monsignor Martin Playoffs by virtue of its 3-0 record during the season. After defeating Timon in the semifinals, Canisius headed to Ralph Wilson Stadium for the third straight year to face St. Joe's. After a wild, high-scoring first half, the Crusaders took control of the game and posted a 58-38 win over the Marauders.

Junior quarterback Travis Eman led the way as he threw for two touchdowns and ran for three. Senior running back Ricky Pringle ran for 187 yards and three touchdowns, while Jimmy Gaines '10 and Eli Watkins '12 paced the defense with seven and six tackles, respectively. ■



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**LEFT:** Rickie Pringle '10 goes for 6 against St. Joe's in the Championship Game at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

# JEFFERY P. GEMMER RECEIVES THE 2009 JOHN F. BARNES AWARD

For 36 years Jeff Gemmer gave his time, energy and experience to Canisius students, and he did not count the cost. He toiled through countless practices and endless road trips but did not seek personal reward, only the satisfaction of helping a young man realize his potential. October 3, 2009, was the opportunity for Canisius High School to say thank you and celebrate the legacy of Jeff's storied coaching career.

Mr. Gemmer started as a member of the Canisius High School faculty in 1973. A graduate of SUNY Brockport with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master of education degree from Canisius College, Jeff has taught physical education to thousands of Canisius students. Over the course of his career at Canisius he has coached hockey, football, lacrosse and rugby.

Jeff has always been a strong voice for student athletes. He was instrumental in resurrecting the Crusader hockey program in the 1970s, serving as the team's first coach. In the 1990s Jeff anticipated the need to add lacrosse, a sport gaining popularity across the county. In 1996 he was named "Lacrosse Man of the Year". In the 2000s Jeff brought in the prep-school staple, rugby. Jeff put in the long hours recruiting players, coordinating practice locations and scheduling matches for these developing programs. When things were well situated, he let go of the reins and looked for a project no one else would pick up.

The programs initiated by Jeff have flourished at Canisius. In 2008

the Federation Hockey program won the Catholic State Championship and the lacrosse team was a Monsignor Martin Champion. It is fitting that Mr. Gemmer receive the Barnes award the same year as the 1983 Hockey Team is inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

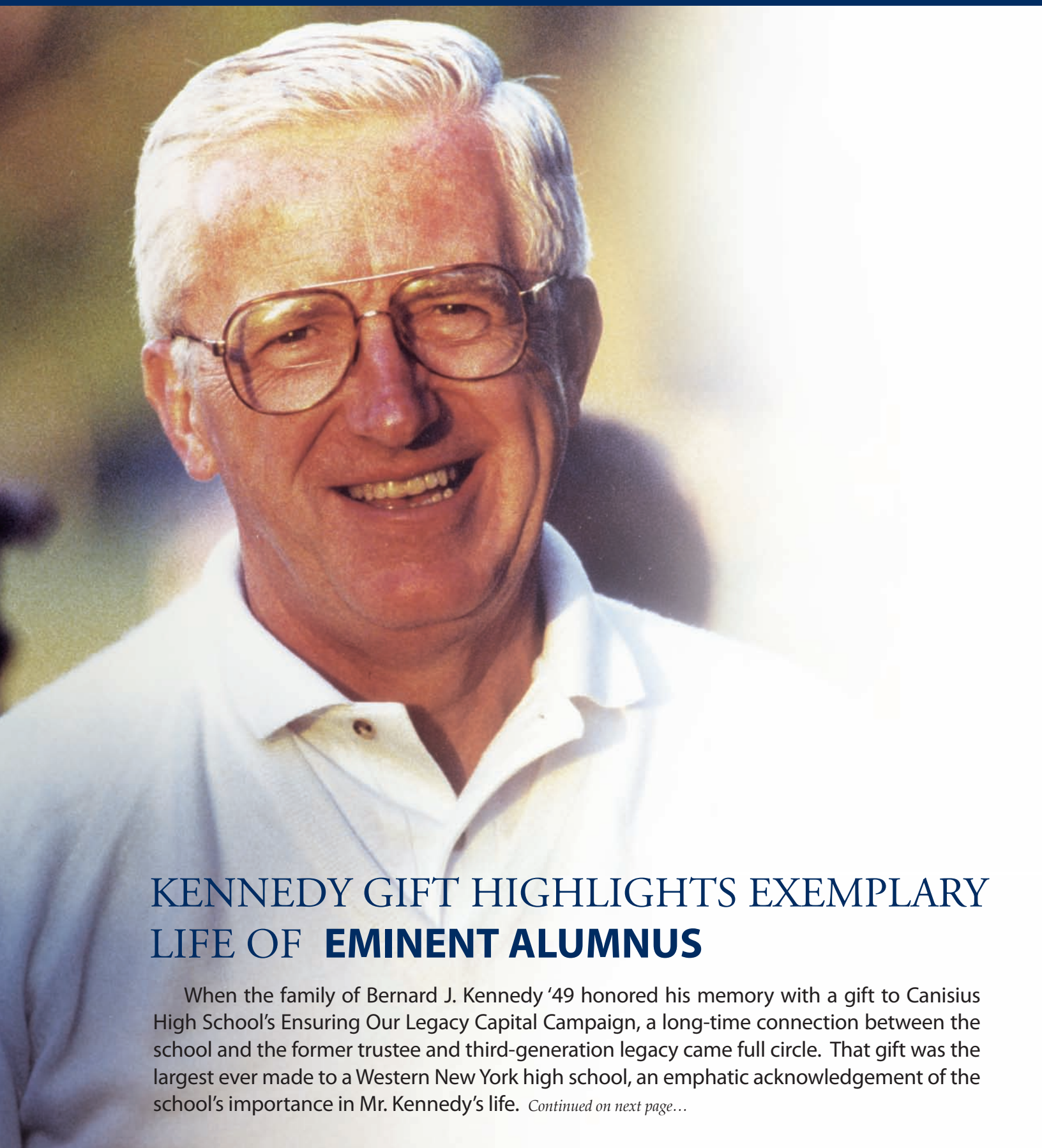
One alumnus described Mr. Gemmer as "the behind the scenes guy that kept everything glued together". Jeff would not have been able to give so much to so many if it had not been for the love and support of his wife, Judy, his son, Chris, and his two grandchildren.

During his tenure, Mr. Gemmer started the Chilly Challenge Race which is celebrating its 31st year in 2010. The Chilly Challenge started as a way to get students active. Today it has grown to be the first leg of the Queen City Triple Crown, a three-race circuit that includes Buffalo State and Canisius College races. Last year more than 400 people participated in the Chilly Challenge 5k road race. In addition to his many accomplishments, Jeff has been recognized by the Western New York football coaches for his dedication to the sport of football in Western New York.

In his current positions as a physical education teacher, coach of the freshman football team and moderator of the rugby team, Jeff Gemmer continues to instruct and inspire the students of Canisius High School. Jeff is truly a "Man for Others." ■



Jeffery P. Gemmer receives the John F. Barnes Award from John Barnes, Jr., '76.



## KENNEDY GIFT HIGHLIGHTS EXEMPLARY LIFE OF **EMINENT ALUMNUS**

When the family of Bernard J. Kennedy '49 honored his memory with a gift to Canisius High School's Ensuring Our Legacy Capital Campaign, a long-time connection between the school and the former trustee and third-generation legacy came full circle. That gift was the largest ever made to a Western New York high school, an emphatic acknowledgement of the school's importance in Mr. Kennedy's life. *Continued on next page...*

“Rare is the occasion when a gift—especially one of this magnitude—actually means much more than the sum of its parts,” said John Knight, Canisius president.

“Bernard Kennedy time and again acknowledged his gratitude to Canisius, but, in reality, we are in his debt,” Mr. Knight added. “His life provides us with a shining example of what an education in the Jesuit tradition can mean to someone motivated by faith and service to others. And now, our students have a constant reminder in the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House of his significance to their school. That his family has seen fit to bless our community in this way means more than any of us can express.”

The Kennedy gift underscores dramatically how a Jesuit education helped shape the character of a man well known for his exemplary personal and professional life. Mr. Kennedy’s life story is, in fact, a classic tale of a man who came from nothing, rose to the pinnacle of business success, yet never forgot his roots.

Indeed, the adage “hindsight is 20/20” probably never held the same air of regret for Mr. Kennedy, as it does for most people. His keen understanding that his had been a life of opportunity made good might help explain his life-long impulse to provide similar chances for others.

### **PROMISE MADE GOOD**

One of Mr. Kennedy’s first opportunities was the chance to attend Canisius High School. The nuns at his Catholic grade school encouraged his mother to send him to Canisius; they felt he would benefit from the discipline and focus on education. Mr. Kennedy’s father, a Niagara Falls fireman, had died while his son was still in grade school. So Canisius’s tuition, then \$150, was nearly prohibitive for the household of six siblings and modest means. Nonetheless, his mother was determined to ensure his attendance.

Mr. Kennedy approached his time at Canisius with what seemed to be his usual determination and drive, taking three buses from his home in Niagara Falls just to get to school every day. He worked several jobs—sweeper at the Mohican Market, Bible salesman, soda truck driver—during high school to help pay his way. He never slowed his pace, working even during his time as an undergraduate at Niagara University

(from which he graduated cum laude) and a student at University of Michigan School of Law.

Even with his achievements in higher education, Mr. Kennedy always believed Canisius “put him on the road to success,” says Geraldine Kennedy, his wife of 48 years. That feeling engendered his deep commitment to the school where he served, at various times, as trustee, advisor and donor. Indeed, Mr. Kennedy’s long-term passion was helping to educate young men in the Jesuit tradition, offering others some of the same opportunities that he had been given as a teenager.

Mr. Kennedy faith and character embodied fully the values and goals of such an education. His professional and personal life was based on leadership, loyalty, service to others and integrity. He shared those values with his five children and nine grandchildren, as well as with the Western New York community at large. In fact, Mr. Kennedy was widely recognized—and well respected—in Western New York and beyond.

### **ACHIEVEMENT PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL**

The hallmarks of Mr. Kennedy’s career were the deep convictions, principles and rigor that allowed him to set high standards for himself and those around him. After his graduation from law school, he joined what was then Iroquois Gas as a lawyer. Over some 40 years with the firm, he helped guide its evolution from a local utility company to a \$4.1 billion integrated energy company now known as National Fuel Gas. When he retired, it was after spending a dozen years as the company’s chairman, CEO and president.

During his years with National Fuel, Mr. Kennedy also founded AEGIS (Associated Electric and Gas Insurance Services Limited), a large mutual insurance company for utility companies. He worked with AEGIS in its offices in the United States and London until just days before he passed away.

Recognized as a person who put into practice his faith, convictions and ideals, Mr. Kennedy’s attachment to Canisius High School was matched by his commitment to several other community organizations: Catholic Charities, Association for Retarded



Children, Niagara University, the City Mission. "He was a perennial champion of underprivileged," says his son Joe. A reflection of his status as a business and community leader were a multitude of awards and his frequent appearance on a local business publication's list of the "most influential" Western New Yorkers.

He also had a well-deserved, though less well known, reputation as a person who had—and didn't hesitate to employ—a razor-sharp wit. That would be no surprise to a close friend who once received the payoff of a \$20 golf bet owed him by Mr. Kennedy—remunerated in 2000 pennies frozen into a block of ice.

### HONORING CHARACTER

The Kennedy family's gift to Canisius has helped make possible numerous projects, among them the construction of the school's new field house that now bears Mr. Kennedy's name. Speaking about the designation on behalf of her late husband, Mrs. Kennedy said, "The naming of the field house would truly make him proud . . . as it does all of us. His family, faith, friends and gratitude to his beloved Canisius High School were all number one to him."

That the field house carries Mr. Kennedy's name is perhaps fitting, but not for the obvious reason. He was a sports fan, true enough. More to the point, this new



facility is a place where energy, action and enthusiasm—three qualities that exemplify the man's life—hold sway. It also is part of the biggest expansion of the campus since the school moved from Washington Street in 1944, an ambitious initiative of which he surely would approve.

During the building's dedication and blessing in September, Mrs. Kennedy spoke of his devotion to Canisius and of his love of life: "Bernie's family, faith, friends and gratitude to his beloved Canisius High School were the cornerstones of his life. He leaves lessons of hard work and responsibility for each of us. He loved the battle, the journey and the challenge." ■

## THE MAN BEHIND THE FIELD HOUSE

By Dillon Insalaco '10

The rumors were flying around the school, and there was a palpable sense of excitement in the air—something big was happening. The students and the faculty alike were excited. I was a little confused because I didn't know what everyone was so worked up about. When I later heard about the expansion project, I was stunned: a new field house was going to be built, and I was going to be able to see it finished by the time I was a senior. The news was too good to be true.

After the plans were announced and as the months passed by, I saw everyone's excitement fade. With each batch of concrete poured and with each steel beam put in place, the interest seemed to wind down. "The Aud" was a symbol of Canisius. Basketball games against St. Joe's and other rivals had been held there since Canisius moved to Delaware Avenue in 1948. "The Aud" was something that current students and past graduates had in common. This loss of our past left many with second thoughts about the new buildings.

The mood changed however, as the class of 2010 entered Canisius as seniors. Both buildings were in their final stages; the excitement that I had experienced as a sophomore was back.

I was in awe the first time I walked into the new field house. The field house is special to me because I have a special connection with it: the field house is named after my grandfather, Bernard J. Kennedy. My grandfather saw Canisius as such an extraordinary place that he sent his only son, Joseph, to attend and highly "advised" his grandsons to do the same. Canisius, in his mind, was a treasure of Buffalo and provided a solid foundation for his career. My grandfather held Canisius in a special place in his heart and always had a vision for the school: he wanted to see the school expand to the point where the students were able to receive the best education possible. He wanted to see Canisius High School students come into the world prepared to tackle any and all obstacles that they would face. My grandfather had always taught me that a good education opened many doors. To him, Canisius was that good education.

Family and Canisius were very important to my grandfather. This week I had the opportunity to see the two come together. I was very proud to see my younger brother, Joey, an eighth grader at Nardin Elementary, compete in the annual Canisius High School Tip-Off Tournament. I saw my brother and hundreds of potential Crusaders compete in the very field house that my grandfather saw as an essential part of Canisius High School. He would be very proud to see hundreds of young men pursuing academic and athletic goals in the place that he attributed his success to. ■



**CAPTION:** John Knight, Mrs. Bernard J. (Geraldine) Kennedy and her family, including Joe Kennedy '87, Dillon Insalaco '10, Sam Insalaco '12 and Joe Insalaco '14, celebrate the opening of the Bernard J. Kennedy Field House in September.

**RIGHT:**

Individual Inductees:  
Donald Seitz '77,  
Emmett Creahan '73,  
William Farley '59,  
Brian Hennessey '93

**BOTTOM:**

Jack Dunnigan '53

FIVE CRUSADERS INDUCTED



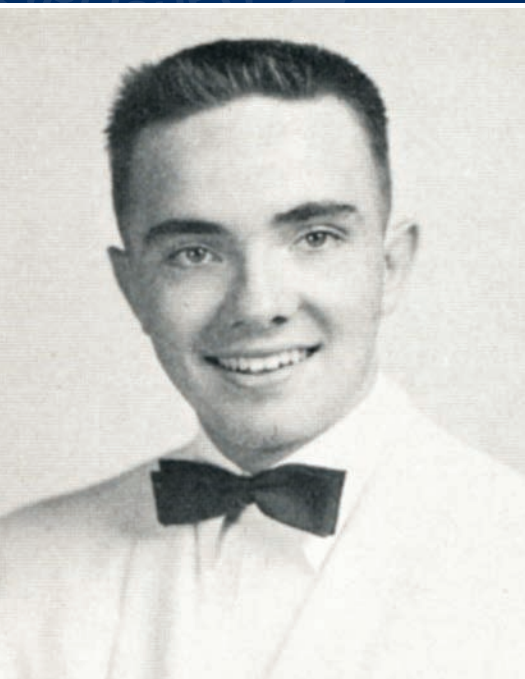
The Canisius High School Athletic Hall of Fame has several new inductees into its illustrious ranks. The late Jack Dunnigan '53 was one of the most decorated runners in Canisius history. Bill Farley '59 was a hardnosed fullback for legendary coach Johnny Barnes. Emmett Creahan '73 was a standout linebacker and guard for the undefeated Gridiron Crusaders. Donald Seitz '77 was known for his leadership during practice and during the race. Brian Hennessey '93 was a two-sport star for the Crusaders of the early 1990s. These five men represent the epitome of individual athletic excellence. The 1983 Hockey Team achieved perfection when it beat St. Joe's 5-4 in the St. Bonaventure Cup final to seal a historic 16-0-4 season.

As a sophomore **Jack Dunnigan** won the "Novice Mile" at the National Jesuit Championships held in New York City. As a junior he captured the gold medal in the 880 (half-mile) at the Canadian Junior Track and Field Championships held in Toronto, setting a new Canadian record. He won gold in the 880m at the U.S. National Junior Olympics meet, setting a course record. As a senior he won gold for Canisius in the 880m at Madison Square Garden in the National Interscholastic Track and Field Indoor Championships. In three years of racing for Canisius he was undefeated. After graduation he attended the University of Notre Dame. As captain of the Irish freshman track team he continued his undefeated streak. After his first season at Notre Dame he left the school to enter the seminary. An active member of the Class of 1953, Jack attended his 55th reunion two summers ago. He

passed away in March of this year and is survived by his wife Katarina.

Picked by his coach to be a captain as a junior and again as a senior, **Bill Farley** earned 1st Team All-Catholic honors. Bill also lettered in basketball and track and was voted by his classmates "Athlete of the Year" in 1959. After Canisius, Bill played guard for two years at Boston College before transferring to Canisius College and completing his bachelor of science degree in accounting. Bill stayed at Canisius and completed his MBA in finance before moving to Illinois to work in the finance industry. Bill has been a sales manager in the machine tool business for more than 30 years and is currently self-employed. Bill and his wife, Anne, have been blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

A senior co-captain, **Emmett Creahan** was 1st Team All-Catholic and 1st Team All-Western New York for the undefeated Crusaders. Emmett's most memorable moment as a Crusader was walking off the field with John Barnes after his last game. Emmett continued his excellence on the football field at Williams College, leading the Division III Ephs defense to the rank of 6th in the nation during his undefeated junior campaign. He averaged eight tackles a game. As a senior co-captain he was ECAC Honorable Mention and also received the Edward J Coughlin Jr. Bowl Award from Williams for making an outstanding contribution to the team, despite adversity. After earning his bachelor of arts in English from Williams and his master of public administration from Canisius College, Emmett earned his law degree from Vermont Law School in

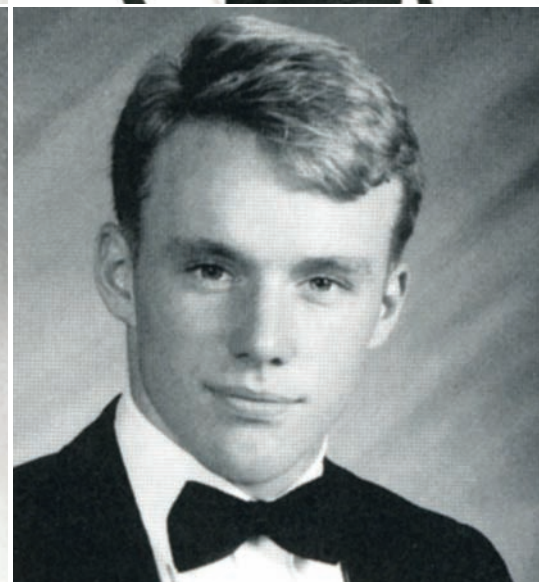
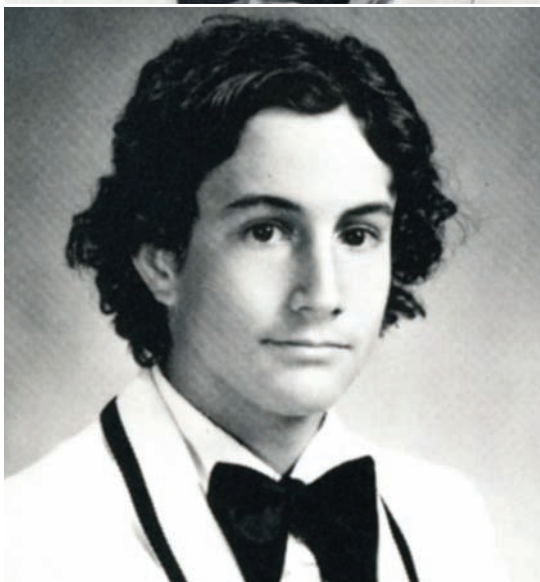
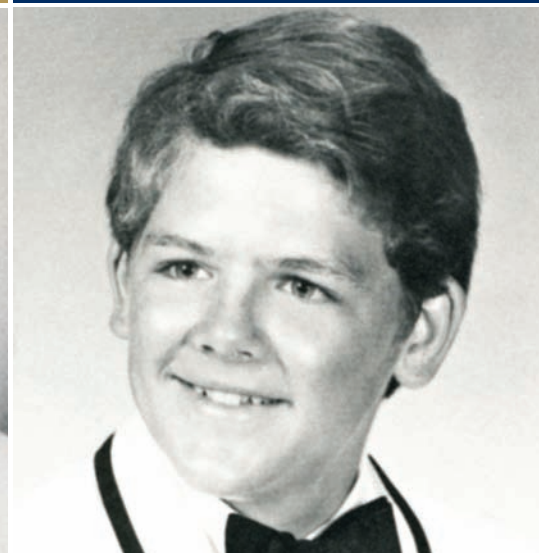


1981. In 2004 when he served as director of the Mental Hygiene Legal Services, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, New York Unified Courts, that department received a Community Service Award from the University at Buffalo School of Social Work Alumni Association. Emmett and his wife, Patricia, live in Kenmore with their children Daniel '07, Megan and James.

An All-Catholic harrier for Jim Skipper, **Don Seitz** led his teammates to the Monsignor Martin League Championship and helped establish cross country's tradition of excellence in the late 1970s and 1980s that has continued to this day. After graduation Don earned his bachelor of science in accounting from Canisius College. Don has an MBA from the University at Buffalo and is currently a finance accounting professional in Western New York. Don remains an accomplished distance runner having won multiple "Bill Malley" Awards for the fastest alumnus in the Chilly Challenge as recently as 2009. Don and his wife, Theresa, are raising their three sons, Joseph, Donald and Kevin.

**Brian Hennessey** was a two-sport star for the Crusaders of the early 1990s. Brian was a member of the 1992 Georgetown Cup champion in baseball and scored more than 1000 points in his varsity basketball career. Brian was a fixture on the All-Catholic and All-WNY teams in baseball and basketball. After Canisius High School, Brian earned a bachelor of arts in political science and had a tremendous career playing baseball at Canisius College. As a freshman he was 2nd Team All-MAAC Conference and was 1st Team Division I Freshman All-American. He was 1st Team All-MAAC Conference his three remaining years for the Griffins. He is currently vice president for the Nash-Hennessey Financial. Brian and his wife, Stacy, live near Norfolk, Va., with their two children, Ethan and Adeline.

The **1983 Hockey Team** was the first to complete the Monsignor Martin regular season campaign undefeated. Led by Captain Matt Phillips '83 and assistant captains Paul Gorski '83 and Ken Crosta '83, the "Wrecking Crew" outscored their opponents 124 to 29. The season had its share of dramatic moments. With the regular season title on the line, Keith Gibbons scored with 3:20 left in the 3rd period to tie St. Joe's 3-3 and preserve the unblemished record. In the playoff championship Doug Winkler scored with 1:14 left in regulation to give the Crusaders a 5-4 victory over St. Joe's and gain the St. Bonaventure Cup. ■



**'83 CHS HOCKEY TEAM:**

Front Row L to R. Peter Healy '83, Keith Gibbons '84, Paul Gorski '83, David Barone '83, Sean Gallagher '83, Stephen Andrzejewski '83, Back Row L to R: Michael Flynn '84, Daniel Mancuso '83, Ken Krosta '83, Jed Hohl '83, Doug Winkler '83, Matthew Phillips '83. Not Pictured: Steven Borden '83, Peter Giangreco '83, Mark Kaczanowski '83, John Wischerath '83, Thomas Wolentarski '83, Gordon Berenson '84, Paul Borowiak, Jr. '84, Samuel Burgio '84, Michael Phillips '84 Michael Szymusiak '84

## GOLF CLASSIC KICKS OFF REUNION WEEKEND

John Knight officially dedicated the Rev. John G. Sturm, S.J. '35 Alumni Golf Classic in front of a full field of 148 golfers on a picturesque start to Reunion Weekend 2009. This year's tournament, which celebrated its 25th year, honored the man who is known for his unique style of discipline, passion for Jesuit education and familiarity with the 9-Iron. All participants received a commemorative sleeve of Nike golf balls with a picture of Father Sturm and the phrase "I Deliver Justice" on it.

After the dedication, the group hit the links at Ivy Ridge for a great round of golf. Highlights from the round included the lowest score of 10 under shot by Class of '74 foursome Tod Canty, John Tibbetts, Joe Modica and Peter Sofia. C. Michael Cosgrove '94 and Daniel Potenza '64 won the two longest-drive competitions. A steak dinner at the 19th hole was the perfect ending to a great event.

A special thank you to Ron Ahrens '50, Jack Maley '50, Sean McPhee '95 and Tom Smeeding '69 for volunteering their time on the Alumni Golf Classic Committee. ■

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS STRATEGIC PLAN

At the annual Alumni Town Hall Meeting this year, the Alumni Association presented attendees with the outline of a five-year strategic plan, the culmination of a year's worth of assessment, research and planning by the Alumni Board of Governors. Todd Mazurek '89, president of the Alumni Board of Governors, shared the vision for the Alumni Association: simply, to fulfill Jesuit teaching to be "Men for Others" throughout members' lives. The mission of Canisius alumni is to promote the engagement and cultivation of members to support fellow alumni, Canisius High School and the greater Canisius community. The Town Hall Meeting was the first opportunity for alumni to provide input to the plan as well as to volunteer to put the plan into action.

The strategic plan focuses on supporting recent alumni initiatives such as the Downtowners Luncheon Speakers Series and Canisius High Alumni Mentor Program (CHAMP); strengthening established alumni programs such as the Chilly Challenge and Reunion Weekend; and identifying new opportunities to

support the alumni community. The key to successfully implementing the plan is achieving the outlined benchmark objectives. These include expanding alumni participation, increasing out-of-town alumni engagement and promoting alumni development.

The association is actively recruiting volunteers for the following committees:

- **Class Representative** – *be the voice of your class, representing their needs and opinions*
- **Communications** – *spread the word to alumni about upcoming Canisius events*
- **Canisius Business Council** – *organize networking events, student internships and career counseling*
- **Out-of-Town** – *help alumni outside the Buffalo area connect with their alma mater*

Take an active role with the Alumni Association by contacting Paul Zablocki '01, director of Alumni Relations, at 716.882.0466, x262, or [alumni@canisiushigh.org](mailto:alumni@canisiushigh.org). ■

## CLASS OF '59 CELEBRATES RETURN

For more than a year, the Class of '59 reunion committee had been making phone calls, sending out emails and writing letters encouraging classmates to make the trip back to 1180 Delaware Avenue. The effort paid off with 70 members of the class attending their 50th Class Reunion. The Golden Crusaders enjoyed teeing off in the Reverend John G. Sturm, S.J. '35 Alumni Golf Classic and reconnecting at the Stag Dinner with old friends, some of whom had not returned to Canisius since the day they graduated.

The highlight of the weekend was the private Mass, concelebrated by classmates the Rev. Mark Wolski and the Rev. Richard DiGiulia, in the chapel followed by the Golden Crusader dinner

in the library. John Knight, Canisius' president, bestowed celebratory golden diplomas to the members in attendance. During dinner Nelson Cosgrove treated his classmates and their guests to stories of his Canisius experience and some of the great things that the Class of '59 has accomplished over the last 50 years. To close out the evening, John Nash shared a video that he had created to celebrate his classmates and the Jesuit education they shared.

Thank you to all the gentlemen who participated on the reunion committee, especially John McKendry for his efforts to keep everyone in line and on point. ■



**LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
Patrick Curley, John McKendry, Dick Snow

## BOSTON ALUMNI GATHER FOR EVENING OF BROTHERHOOD

Dan Paolini '02 circled the November 7 tilt between the Buffalo Sabres and the Boston Bruins at TD Garden as a great opportunity to connect Canisius alumni who have, as he has, relocated to the Boston area after leaving 1180 Delaware.

Alumni gathered at The Harp in Boston for a pre-game social. Three generations of Crusaders were represented, led by elder statesman Pat Malley '47 who shared stories of his four years at the old Washington Street campus. The gathering was filled with conversations about favorite teachers, memorable victories over St. Joe's and a few good JUG stories.

Jim Bednarek '76, vice president of finance for the Boston Bruins, coordinated with Dan Paolini to set aside a block of tickets for alumni and their guests in one of the Garden's suites. Adam Baber '01, current director of student activities at Canisius, was in Boston visiting friends and could not miss the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and former students. Thank you to Jim and Dan for working together to make the night special.

More than half of Canisius alumni live outside Western New York. One of the keys of the Alumni Board of Governors' five-year strategic plan is to connect with out-of-town alumni and create opportunities for them and their families to share and celebrate the special bond of Crusader brotherhood. If you are interested in helping coordinate a Canisius gathering in your current town, contact Paul Zablocki '01, director of alumni relations, 716.883.0466, x262, or [alumni@canisiushigh.org](mailto:alumni@canisiushigh.org). ■



**LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
Jim Cieslar '68, Dan Paolini '02, Mike Norsen '02, Jim Bednarek '76, Jim Rahill '02, Phil Mongiovi '05, Liam McMahon '05, Carter Elkin-Paris '06, Pat Malley '47 Not pictured: Adam Baber '01 and Pat Raab '07



**LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
Dillon Insolaco '10, Travis Eman '11, Warde Manuel, Blair Helton, Bernard Williams '10, Jimmy Gaines '10

**ROLAND CARR '47** is living with his wife, Clare, at a community care retirement center in Williamsburg, Va. He is still active in local the Knights of Columbus Council and Military Officers Association of America.

**ERNEST RUDA '47** is retired 20 years from Georgia Tech Research Institute and recently received a kidney transplant from his son

**JAMES MCKENNA '49** has 27 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, widowed, retired December 1993, 11 children—one New York State Trooper, killed June 7, 1991, 10 children doing well, thank you.

**DAVID WOLSKI '48** is enjoying the sunshine. He continues to enjoy his fantastic grandson. David is still engaged in the funeral industry representing the world's largest funeral service provider. Life is Beautiful.

**GERALD ROMANO '50** Our class of '50... We have crossed the Rubion—Now on to Rome! Yakta Alia est. "The die is cast!" Jerry Romano is living the life of the idle rich in Florida. God Bless America.

**PAUL PEPE '54** retired from Spring in 2003 after 28 years. He is enjoying retirement, playing golf and spending time with his grandsons.

**JOHN BIRD '57** retired from his practice of ophthalmology in January 2007. He now travels and enjoys stinking it up on the golf course.

**JOSEPH BURKERT '57** is the president and owner of JJB Trucking Inc. and the president of the Howard County Basketball Officials Association

**KARL MELLENGER '57** retired in 2004 as an environmental chemist/lab manager from Charlotte County Utilities in Port Charlotte, Fla. He currently resides in South Carolina.

**RICHARD PEER '61** is a past president of the Medical Society State of New York and is vice president/secretary for Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company.

**EUGENE MITCHELL '64 Ph.D.** is now the university archivist at Alvernia University in Reading, Pa.

**JOHN SANDERS '64** spent 21 years in the Navy, retiring as the commanding officer of the Naval Dental Center in Charleston, S.C., before turning to an academic career. The principal during my time at Canisius, Father Dolan, turned out to be my future wife's relative.

**GREGORY WIATROWSKI '67** retired in 2006 after 35 years of service with Erie County Water Authority, last service as general crew chief, Meter Service.

**FRANCIS GEARY '68** and his wife Marie are raising Alpacas for their fleece. We have five now, hope to have three more by the end of the year.

**THOMAS KAMINSKA '71** completed his first year as president of the WNY Society of Optometrists and participated last month in the Annual New York State Optometric Board Meeting in New York City.

**DANIEL WOPPERER '72** has been inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Radiology in Washington, D.C.

**BRIAN MAXWELL '76** is studying for priesthood for the Diocese of Norwich, Conn., at the National Blessed John XXIII Seminary for Later Vocations in Boston. Brian is finishing up philosophy studies and will begin four years of theology shortly.

**JAMES MIRACKY '77** finished his first year as associate dean for faculty development at the College of the Holy Cross.

**JOHN KAMINSKI '86** Sandy received and completed an art commission for the Pittsburgh Project's Fowler Park Peace Garden.

**MATTHEW O'BRIEN '86** co-edited a book on Irish America, titled *After The Flood-Irish Americans, 1945-1960*.

**JOEL SCIASCIA '88** will be teaching a graduate class at New York University about construction contracts.

**PAUL VAZQUESZ '89** is the head women's soccer coach and assistant women's hockey coach at New England College. He is living in Hillsboro, N.H., with his wife Stacey and their son Paulo Joseph.

**JONATHAN THRUN '89** I currently am the head trader for a wealth manager in Boston. We manage over \$2 billion in equity and bonds. With a number of graduates surely moving on to Holy Cross, BC and other Boston schools, I would be happy to meet with kids and talk about financial careers and lend any advice, ideas, contacts etc. to them. As I'm sure you are aware, networking, especially in Boston, is how you get the job you want. I think, above everything else, that this venture should be seriously considered and encouraged by CHS on a grand scale. Just recently, a friend of mine landed an incredible job by

utilizing his prep school alumni directory. He met with and interviewed with an older alum and ended up landing a "career" job. Thanks for listening. Below is my updated contact info. Jonathan Thrun, CMT Head Trader Bingham Legg Advisors 45 Milk St., Boston, Mass., 02109; 617.457.2039.

**BYRON FOGAN '90** graduated from Albany Law School in May 2008. He was admitted to practice in Maryland in June 2009 and has been the vice president of the Harbour Group, Washington, D.C., since December 2007.

**MARTIN BINIASZ '90** was recently named by *Business First of Buffalo* as a "40 Under 40" award recipient for his career and community accomplishments for 2009. Marty is the director of marketing for the Batavia Downs Casino.

**SCOTT BYLEWSKI '90** was recently named by *Business First of Buffalo* as a "40 Under 40" award recipient for his career and community accomplishments for 2009. Scott is the Town Supervisor for Clarence, New York

**JAMES SWARTZ '92** is living in Atlanta with his wife, Mary, and three kids (Molly-6, Andy-4 and Katie-2). In 2009, I became a partner in the Ashe, Rafuse, & Hill law firm, where I specialize in employment and civil rights lawsuits.

**SCOT LOGAN '93** is a certified flight instructor for Flight Safety International in Vero Beach, Fla.

**MICHAEL HARDY '96** was recently named by *Business First of Buffalo* as a "40 Under 40" award recipient for his career and community accomplishments for 2009. Michael is an officer and partner at Mollot & Hardy Inc. specializing in a holistic approach to financial planning.

**JOHN SZCZEPANSKI '98** is currently living in Warsaw, Poland, and working at the U.S. Embassy.

**DR. JOSEPH SALAMON '98** and his wife, Melissa Salamon, relocated to Hawaii and welcomed a son, Liam Michael Salamon, in December 2008. Liam will be ready for HAP in 2022.

**JOSEPH BEECHER '99** was recently hired by HSBC Securities as vice president/financial advisor.

**LT. MATTHEW HAMM '00** is in Bergen, Norway, serving as a guest officer in the Norwegian Navy.

**TIMOTHY LEARY '00** works for the Royal Bank of Scotland in Stamford, Conn., as a high-yield corporate bond trader.

**DAYLE HODGE '01** finished his master of science degree in mechanical engineering (specializing in hemodynamic and vascular biomechanics) at University at Buffalo in September 2008. He is currently working as a design engineer for a biomedical device company in San Diego

**JASON JOSKER '01** is the sports logistics coordinator for the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**PATRICK ALF '02** is practicing chiropractic medicine in London England and is attending King's College for a master of science degree in clinical neuroscience.

**MARK VARA '02** joined the Buffalo Police Force after graduating from the academy in June 2008.

**JASON MORAN '03** is in his third year of medical school at Georgetown University.

**MATTHEW MILLANTI '03** was accepted into New York Chiropractic College and began his Doctor of Chiropractic program in Fall 2009.

**THOMAS SUCHY '05** I was accepted and began attending the University at Buffalo School of Medicine beginning in Fall 2009.

## BIRTHS

**JOEL SCIASCIA '88** is the proud father of Ella Sophia Sciascia born January 3, 2009. Joel and his wife, Mollie, reside in Yonkers.

**DAVID WOLF '89** and his wife, Nicole, welcomed twin girls in December 2008.

**PHILIP GANGI '90** and his wife, Kelly, welcomed the birth of their son Philip Anthony.

**STEPHEN MAY '94** and his wife, Jessica, had their first child on May 14, 2009--Gabriel Stephen May. They couldn't be happier!

**PAUL PALOMBO '95** and his wife, Amy, welcomed their daughter Lorelai in May 2009.

## MARRIAGES

**ROBERT GALEY '92** is engaged to Rebecca G. D'Amico of Bluffton, S.C., An April 2010 wedding is planned for Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**JOHN MCGOWAN '95** and Cameron Stelmach were married on August 21, 2009, at St. Louis Church in Buffalo.

**THADDEUS KRESSE '96** married Charlotte M. Cowen on June 22, 2008. They reside in Washington, DC, where Ted is working as a Media Relations Specialist for the Public Affairs firm, DCI Group, LLC.

**CHRIS KAY '00** and Heidi Leinbach were married on May 24, 2009. The couple is residing in Falls Church, Virginia.

**TIMOTHY LEARY JR. '00** and Liz Brody were married on October 3, 2009. The couple is residing in New York City.

**PATRICK BEECHER '95** and Emilie Riester were married on May 16th at St. Louis Church. The couple lives in North Buffalo.

**ROBERT KORDYLEWSKI '96** and his wife, Dawn, welcomed their first child, Ella Sophia, on June 23, 2009.

**PATRICK SULLIVAN '96** and his wife, Kristin, welcomed the birth of their twin daughters Hannah Grace and Madison Elizabeth on October 3, 2008. The family resides in Atlanta, Ga.

**ALEX BIELECKI '99** and his wife, Julie, welcomed Alexander J. Bielecki Jr. on November 8, 2009.

**JOHN CANTY '00** son Nolan John born in 2009.

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## MODEL UN TAKES PART IN CONFERENCES

*By James Zawodzinski '11*

Model United Nations at Canisius High School is a club focused on debate and public speaking. The club is fostered in an environment fit for learning as members participate in conferences with students from all over Western New York. The overall goal is to replicate the inner workings of the actual United Nations and, at the same time, provide for a greater understanding of the intricacies of world politics. At each conference the club members are broken into delegations of two member teams, each representing a designated country. Each delegation researches the political views of its country, as well as the past history of the country's involvement in the actual U.N. The goal is to make convincing presentations, accurately portray your country's role in world politics, and pass important resolutions.

On October 27, 2009, the Canisius High School team participated in the annual Canisius College Model UN Conference. In February, the team will travel with 40 of its members to Boston University to participate in the ninth annual BU Model UN Conference. In March, the team travels to Rochester, N.Y., for an overnight conference on the beautiful campus of St. John Fisher College. Currently, the team is in preparations for Canisius High School's first-ever Model UN Conference, which is to be held on campus on May 14 and 15, 2010. The members of the Model UN Team are extremely excited about this upcoming event. Stay tuned for more information!

If you'd like to learn more about Model UN, or have a general question for team leaders, please send an email to [modelun@canisiushighschool.org](mailto:modelun@canisiushighschool.org)



*Canisius' Model UN team: (left to right)  
James LaVersa '11, Connor Mangano '11, James Zawodzinski '11*