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Cover Story

A Saint Anthony's Franciscan education provides students the opportunity to discover their full potential academically, spiritually, athletically and socially, while experiencing life lessons that will prepare them for college and the rest of their lives.

## Dates to Remember

March 18, 2015	Fashion Show, Crest Hollow Country Club
March 20, 2015	Junior Ring Day
March 26 - 28, 2015	Spring Musical
April 18, 2015	Principal's Dinner
May 1 & 2, 2015	44th Annual Saint Anthony's Track & Field Invitational
May 4, 2015	Saint Anthony's Golf Classic
June 5, 2015	Graduation Mass
June 6, 2015	Commencement Exercises
June 13, 2015	Feast of Saint Anthony

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

To Restore All Things In Christ

For Saint Anthony's to continue to flourish, there must be a continuity between the past, the present, and the future. Change, for the better, is only possible because there are some things that do not change; for example: Saint Anthony's will always be a Roman Catholic, Franciscan college preparatory school rooted in the seraphic principle "Capture the heart and the mind will follow" (Saint Bonaventure) and our mission will never change: to educate young men and women on their journey towards Truth.

Progress through time is only meaningful if it is based on unchangeable truth. Currently, and in recent years, much work has been done to our physical plant and campus, yet, most importantly, Saint Anthony's has preserved its long traditions of Franciscan spirituality and academic excellence and it continues to serve the Roman Catholic Church as a source of teaching and inspiration.

Last month we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For many, Christmas is that special time of year when our faith in God is renewed or restored. Saint Bonaventure is a Doctor of the Church and his works are steeped in the richness of the Christian tradition. Saint Bonaventure urged everyone to believe, to understand, to contemplate, and to become enflamed with the love of the triune of God. In his work, Opera Omnia IV, Saint Bonaventure wrote:

"Since it is a greater thing to restore than to create...only God is both the physician and the medicine."

As we enter into this Blessed New Year, I ask you all to pray for Saint Anthony's, especially our students, faculty and staff and please know that the Franciscan Brothers are praying for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F



## Saint Anthony's High School Franciscan Brothers Legacy Endowment Fund

Over eighty years ago the Franciscan Brothers brought with them an 800 yearold Franciscan tradition of excellence in education. They founded Saint Anthony's High School on the Franciscan principle, "Capture the heart and the mind will follow", and as a result, Saint Anthony's has been a leader among college preparatory schools in the United States. The Saint Anthony's experience, "Classmates for four years – Friars Forever", holds a special place in the hearts and minds of more than 18,000 graduates.

These men and women, inspired by the vision and nurturing of the Franciscan Brothers and a dedicated and supportive corps of religious and lay faculty, have ventured on to contribute significantly to our nation through their leadership positions in government, religion, business, industry, science, the arts, education, journalism, communications, athletics and the armed forces.

Values and ideals are embodied in people and are not transmitted through words, documents, bricks or mortar but through lives. Saint Anthony's has been blessed with people whose contributions to the school and its students have been immeasurable. They continue to leave their indelible marks and enrich every student who attends Saint Anthony's. The long-term goal of the "Legacy Endowment Fund" is to provide for the continued fiscal stability of Saint Anthony's High School.

Please consider making your gift today. You can simply write a check, make a gift of appreciated securities, include Saint Anthony's High School in your will, establish a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust or name Saint Anthony's as the owner and/or beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy or as the beneficiary of a retirement account.

To make a gift by check or credit card or for all other inquiries regarding the variety of other ways you can make a gift to the "Legacy Endowment Fund" please call Don Corrao, Director of Development at 631-271-2020 ext. 284 or e-mail him at dcorrao@stanthonyshs.org.



#### A Message from the Director of Development

Dear Friar Faithful,

I hope you enjoy reading through this special issue of *Friar Focus*. It is our goal to provide you with a comprehensive look into all of the exciting events and programs here at Saint Anthony's.

As Director of Development, I am particularly pleased to report that, thanks to the leadership of our administration, the board of trustees, and our ever growing list of donors, the Saint Anthony's Facilities Master Plan continues to move forward.

In October, at a special ceremony, approximately fifty guests took part in the Blessing of the Crucifixes and a walking tour of the first three labs and the two prep rooms recently completed as part of Phase I of the new Science Center. Our guests were treated to a special presentation by 1962 Nobel Laureate, Dr. James Watson, who was our honored guest speaker for the ceremony.

As always, I want to express my gratitude to all of you who continue to make Saint Anthony's a philanthropic priority and encourage everyone else to please consider making your gift to Saint Anthony's in 2015. Each gift we receive truly matters and every gift does make a difference in the lives of our students.

I hope that after reading through this issue you conclude that Saint Anthony's is worthy of your support. All the best for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Go Friars!

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#### A Message from the Alumni Director

#### Dear Friars,

It is my hope that you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. Here at Saint Anthony's it is one of the most exciting times of the school year: the Seniors' Lockeration Day, the Christmas Concert, Breakfast with Santa. The most beautiful event, however, is the Christmas Eve Vigil. Brother Joshua and the Schola are joined by many Alumni Schola members as they sing carols before Mass. The Vigil is our opportunity as a community to come together and celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. It is truly a holy and magnificent night.

It will not be long until spring is here and the excitement of upcoming graduation takes over Saint Anthony's. It is amazing how time truly flies! As Alumni Director, I will be thrilled to welcome the Class of 2015 as our newest members of the Alumni Association.

What does it is mean to be a member of the Saint Anthony's Alumni Association? It means that you are a proud Friar who is expected to maintain your connection with Saint Anthony's. You are encouraged to support those younger Friars who are following in your footsteps. When our students see Alumni attending their school events, they are reminded that they are a respected part of our school history. When our students reach out to Alumni for advice about college selection or career choice, they are reminded of the concern and consideration within the Friar network. When our students are told of the financial support of our Alumni for such things as their new science labs, they are reminded that our Alumni strongly believe in their academic pursuits. Our Friars rely on the support of our Alumni and are grateful for all that you do. Your presence and example are very important to them.

We have many upcoming events that will bring our Alumni together: the Coach Kerry Moran 5K Race, class reunions and the Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner Dance on March 7. We will honor the classes of 1965, 1975 and 1985. This year's inductees are Suffolk County Legislator Thomas Barraga '61 who was the first ever Student Council President, former Dean at both the Smithtown campus and Huntington campus, Brother Gabriel O'Brien, O.S.F. and Mrs. Tina Grottano who has taught Global Studies at Saint Anthony's since 1982. It is our hope that you will join us and celebrate the Friar Spirit and our inductees.

To stay in touch with us, please register at www.stanthonysalumni.com or join the Facebook group Friar Alumni and allow notifications. If you would like to update your contact information or if you have questions, feel free to email me at dcreighton@stanthonyshs.org or call the Alumni Office at Extension 310. I always look forward to hearing from you.

Friars Forever,

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Denise Creighton Alumni Director





## Academic Awards

In September 2014 Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F., Principal, and Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F., Dean of Faculty and Director of Studies, presided over the 52nd Annual Academic Awards Ceremony at Saint Anthony's High School. Students were recognized for their academic achievements during the prior school year with Saint Bonaventure Certificates and Duns Scotus Certificates.

In addition, scholarships were awarded to the five highestranking students in each class. The top two received Msgr. Peter J. Nolan Scholarships. The third highest-ranking students received Maggie Fischer Memorial Scholarships. Frank and Frances Lule Memorial Scholarships were awarded to the fourth highest-ranking students, and the fifth highestranking student in each class received the Lieutenant Richard L. Brooks Memorial Scholarships.

Saint Anthony's was also proud to recognize the eight seniors who were named as Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

This ceremony also recognizes three boys and three girls in the current junior class who have followed the teachings of Saint Francis in their contributions to student life at Saint Anthony's High School.

Congratulations to all of our students!

Photos on left, top to bottom:

Class of 2015 Scholarship Awardees - Pictured with Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F. and their parents; left to right: Delaney Lenaghan, Daniel Beagen, Elizabeth Gregori, Juliet Panichella, Julian Berlingieri

Class of 2016 Scholarship Awardees - Pictured with Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F., Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F. and their parents; left to right: Katrina Avilla, Thomas Beirne, Meghan Slattery, Alex Viola. Not pictured: Sam Nadjari

#### Photos on right, top to bottom:

Class of 2017 Scholarship Awardees - Pictured with Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F., Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F. and their parents; left to right: Christopher Arena, Hannah Graff, Christina Badalamenti, Christopher Beirne, Jillian Coscio

National Merit Commended Students - Pictured with Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F., Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F. and their parents: Sean McShane, Marissa D'Alonzo, Daniel Beagen, Blayne McInerney, Ryan Sickles, Jena Kanji, Evan Brandow Not pictured: Kassandra Lazzaro

Franciscan Spirit Award Winners - Pictured with Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F., Brother Robert Gabriel, O.S.F. and their parents; left to right: Paige Gartelmann, Thomas Beirne, Meghan Slattery, Patrick Kennedy, Charlotte Campbell. Not pictured: Joseph Marzigliano







# Black Cold Cala a night to remember



Over 500 guests packed the Crest Hollow Country Club ballroom on Saturday, October 25th as Saint Anthony's High School bestowed the 2014 Family of Distinction on the Heagerty Family.

The Gala was another fun filled night that featured the EV Band and a special appearance by Michael DelGuidice and Big Shot who closed out the night with an extraordinary performance.

Special thanks to the Heagerty family and their extended group of friends and business associates for helping to make the Gala the success that it was.



A big heartfelt thank you to Caroline Popielaski' 17 for her special musical medley on the harp; to Brother Joshua DiMauro, O.S.F., Mr. Christopher Farrell, Mr. James Tucker, and the Saint Anthony's Schola for their wonderful vocal selections; and to Mr. Donal Buckley, Mr. Frank Riggio, and the Saint Anthony's Celtic Pipe Band for leading the way.

The success of the Gala is in large measure due to the extraordinary generosity of our Underwriters. A very heartfelt and special thanks to: American Maintenance - Saint Francis Table; Anonymous - Saint Anthony's Celtic Pipe Band; Bonifazio Family - Evening's Program; DeSimone Family - Tribute Video; DeSousa Family - Saint Anthony Table; Gentile/Eger Families - Tribute Video; Heberer Family - Saint Anthony's Celtic Pipe Band; Hickey Family - Music; Irvine Family - Saint Anthony's Schola; Lisa Katter - Flowers; Dr. Harvey Katz - Valet Parking; Levchuck Family - Saint Francis Table; Lomenzo Family - Evening's Program; Lynx Mortgage Bank, LLC - Saint Anthony Table; McCormack Family - Cocktail Hour; Murphy Family - Cocktail Hour; Santander Bank - Photography.

## **More Scenes From Our Gala**





















Save the Date: October 24, 2015 Black & Gold Gala Crest Hollow Country Club.

## Discover the New Saint Anthony's Science Center





### **KEY COMPONENTS**

- > 22,700 SQUARE FEET OF NEW ACADEMIC SPACE ON THE THIRD FLOOR
- > NINE NEW SCIENCE CLASSROOMS
- > ONE NEW RESEARCH ROOM FOR FRIARQUEST PROGRAM
- > FIVE NEW SCIENCE LABORATORIES
- > THREE SCIENCE PREP ROOMS

#### B NEW CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED -OCTOBER 2014

- > ONE CHEMISTRY LAB (1,900 SQUARE FEET) COMPLETED
- > ONE CHEMISTRY & MICROBIOLOGY LAB (1,900 SQUARE FEET) - COMPLETED
- > ONE PHYSICS & EARTH SCIENCE LAB (1,450 SQUARE FEET) - COMPLETED
- > TWO SCIENCE PREP ROOMS COMPLETED

Phase I of the new science center is completed. Watch for more as we continue to build our future at Saint Anthony's High School.





### C CONSTRUCTION 2015 PLANNED

- > ONE MULTIDISCIPLINARY LAB BIOLOGY/ ANATOMY/FORENSICS (1,402 SQUARE FEET)
- ONE MULTIDISCIPLINARY LAB BIOLOGY/ ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/MARINE BIOLOGY (1,378 SQUARE FEET)
- > ONE INSTRUCTIONAL ROOM (1,401 SQUARE FEET)
- > ONE INSTRUCTIONAL ROOM (1,358 SQUARE FEET)
- > ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND RECEPTION AREA (1,374 SQUARE FEET)
- > PADRE PIO ROOM (1,585 SQUARE FEET)

## D NINE SCIENCE CLASSROOMS

- > DEMONSTRATION STATION
- > PROJECTOR & INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD
- > MARKERBOARDS
- > AIR CONDITIONING
- > NEW WINDOWS
- > NEW DESKS

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## A GRAND EVENT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S

October 30, 2014 was a special day for the students of Saint Anthony's High School. The entire school community was deeply moved and honored that Dr. James Watson was our guest speaker for the Grand Opening of Phase I of the New Science Center.

Dr. Watson is a molecular biologist, geneticist and zoologist who is best known as a co-discoverer of the structure of DNA in 1953 with Francis Crick. Dr. Watson, along with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins, was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries of the structure of nucleic acids and its significance for information transfer in living material.

Dr. Watson and Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F. both remarked on how the new Science Center, when totally completed, will ensure that our students acquire the knowledge, skills, and confidence that empower them to compete in the evergrowing scientific world, a world reliant on science, technology, information retrieval and mathematics.









# Threshold Hope



Phase II New Science Center Phase II Cost \$9,300,000 Total Amount Raised To Date \$1,644,465

## Our future starts today.

#### PHASE II. – New Science Center

One Chemistry Lab (1,900 sq.ft.) *Completed* One Chemistry & Microbiology Lab (1,900 sq.ft) *Completed* One Physics & Earth Science Lab (1,450 sq.ft) *Completed* Two Science Prep Rooms *Completed* 

#### NEXT...

One Multidisciplinary Lab – Biology /Anatomy/Forensics (1,402 sq.ft) One Multidisciplinary Lab – Biology/Environmental Science/Marine Biology (1,378 sq.ft) One Instructional Room (1,401 sq.ft) One Instructional Room (1,358 sq.ft) Administrative Office and Reception Area (1,374 sq.ft) Padre Pio Room (1,585 sq.ft)

#### PHASE I. – Funding Continues

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel *Completed* Stadium Field – Field Turf & Mondo Track *Completed* Student Center *Completed* 

- > Three Art Studios
- > Dance Studio
- > Chorus Room
- > Band & Orchestra Room
- > Nine Instrumental Vocal and
- Instrumental Practice Rooms
- > Wrestling Room
- > Fitness Center
- > Nine Locker Rooms
- > Boardroom
- > Athletic Director's Office
- > Indoor Training Facility
- > Indoor 200 Meter Competition Track & Field
- > Concessior
- > Sports Medicine/Physical Therapy Suite

If you would like to make a gift or pledge to the campaign, please contact: Don A. Corrao Director of Development (631) 271-2020 extension 284 dcorrao@stanthonvshs.org



## An Easter Blessing

## Freshman Matthew Luca seems to have received an invitation from the Holy Spirit. Here is his story.

On Easter Sunday, it is my family's tradition to go to the church where my parents got married: St. Patrick's in Huntington. This past Easter, something I couldn't imagine happening happened. I caught interest in a very unusual instrument (nowadays) that not a lot of people play anymore - the organ. After the Mass I went up to the organist, Matthew Koraus, and asked if he taught lessons. He was shocked that I asked, because whenever someone wants to learn an instrument they choose guitar or piano. Since that day, the organ is the instrument I play during my free time. For almost eight months I have been playing the organ and I've never looked back.

One of the things I love about playing organ is the reaction people get when I say to them, "I play the organ." Most people ask, "Really?" and some people do a double take! During one of the first months I was taking lessons, a priest walked into the church and said to my teacher, "I thought you were playing. Your student is really good!" That remark made my day. A couple of weeks ago, an elderly gentleman came up to me and asked me if he could sit and listen to me during my lesson. He stayed for the full hour. It blew my mind that he would take time out of his day to listen to me. Now I've got a bigger challenge ahead of me: in a couple of weeks I will be playing my first Mass. None of this would have ever happened if it weren't for last Easter Sunday.

## There's an Angel in the House...

The harp is one of the oldest musical instruments in the world. From Medieval to Modern, from Classical to Jazz from Acoustic to Electric, the harp is an instrument steeped in tradition yet open to change and for many it is more than an instrument, it is a calling.

For Caroline Popielaski '17 she answered her calling when she was in the third grade.

"I think it is a uniquely beautiful instrument to both see and hear. Whether I'm performing solo or as part of an orchestra, playing my harp gives me an opportunity to be creative. There is no feeling quite like playing a difficult song flawlessly. Creating beautiful music is very satisfying.

I love that my music brings peace and joy to those who hear it. I've had the opportunity to perform for various audiences, from nursing home residents to cathedrals in Italy as part of the Saint Anthony's High School Orchestra. These experiences have taught me that music connects people together in wonderful ways. As I continue to grow as a musician and a person, I want to take risks, to improvise, and to go "off script" once in while to keep my music fresh and interesting."

Caroline has performed elegantly at the Principal's Dinner, the Black and Gold Gala, the Blessing and Grand Opening of Phase I of the New Science Center and at the faculty and staff orientation. She is a unique artist who plays like an Angel!





Saint Anthony's High School 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic

#### Saint Anthony's High School 26th Annual Golf Classic Monday, May 4, 2015

#### Honoring JOHN GRAZIOLI



COLD SPRING COUNTRY CLUB 8:30am Arrival 10:30am Shot Gun Start • Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner at Tam O'Shanter

HUNTINGTON COUNTRY CLUB 8:30am Arrival 10:30am Shot Gun Start • Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner at Tam O'Shanter

> TAM O'SHANTER COUNTRY CLUB 9:00am Arrival 11:00am Shot Gun Start • Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Golf format will be a modified scramble. Cocktails and Dinner, Tam O'Shanter Country Club at 4:00 pm. Founded by the Saint Anthony's Fathers' Guild. Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends:

I truly hope that you will be able to join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic. The Classic has grown to be a wonderful and important event that provides much needed support for Saint Anthony's High School.

This year's Classic features three prestigious golf courses for all to enjoy and post golf festivities at the wonderful Tam O'Shanter Country Club. Please know that your support of the Saint Anthony's Golf Classic will make a difference in the lives of our 2,500 students. All proceeds from the Golf Classic will be directed to our new Science Center.

Sincerely, Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F Principal

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Sponsors are important to the success of the Golf Classic. Each item can be underwritten on a corporate or individual basis. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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#### **ISABELLA ADAMS**

Attending Saint Anthony's has been a great experience for me. I say this for many reasons, but mostly because it has prepared my classmates and me for what is ahead. Saint Anthony's has provided me with a strong foundation so that I will be confident in college and throughout the rest of my life.

There are many ways in which Saint Anthony's has prepared me for college. Due to the advanced courses that have been available to me at Saint Anthony's, I feel more than prepared for the work I will face in college. I have been able to take college level classes throughout my four years that have provided me with experience in higher-level thinking and have taught me advanced studying techniques that I will be able to utilize for the rest of my life. My time at Saint Anthony's has also taught me how to manage my time between schoolwork and extracurricular activities. Almost every student at Saint Anthony's is involved with at least one club or sport. We have learned how to regulate our time and to be prepared to explore new opportunities in college while still managing our schoolwork.

Saint Anthony's has prepared me in more than just academic aspects. At Saint Anthony's we experience a diverse community of students from various cultures and backgrounds. During my time I have made a variety of friends, and I believe I am more prepared to go out into the world and be a friend to everyone I can. Being a Friar has taught me camaraderie and loyalty. I have learned to cheer for my teammates as well as my opponents. Spirituality and morality are both huge aspects of Saint Anthony's life, and these values have truly been instilled in me as well as all of my classmates. I will carry these

virtues with me for the rest of my life. I believe that I will always be the loving and faithful person that Saint Anthony's has taught me to be. How do you believe Saint Anthony's has prepared you for

I am blessed to be a Friar and to have spent four years of my life in the wonderful place that is Saint Anthony's High School. I know that everyone at Saint Anthony's has done everything they can to completely prepare me and

support me. I hope to attend either Amherst College or Fordham University in the fall, and it is very comforting to know that I will always have Saint Anthony's to call home.

#### DANIEL BEAGEN

My four years at Saint Anthony's have been some of the best of my life. The opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences is one I wouldn't trade for any other high school experience. My time here has also been great for me as I prepare myself for college, and for life after school. The biggest skill I've taken from my experiences at Saint Anthony's is time management. When I came to Saint Anthony's I never really had to worry about managing my time. I did most of my work guickly and never worried about hours of homework each night. However, when I arrived at Saint Anthony's I received much more work than I had ever received before. Living far from the school. I needed to manage my time much better. I couldn't procrastinate on all my assignments, and couldn't leave major assignments for the night before they were due, in case something ever came up unexpectedly. I learned, especially through my four years here, how long it was going



college and life?

to take me to do certain assignments, and this helped me plan my work better as time went on.

Saint Anthony's has also prepared me for college and life because of the community and family atmosphere found at the school. Living a long distance from the school, Saint Anthony's became a second home for me, staying after school for sports and other activities throughout my four years here. The people here are willing to help whenever they can, which is really beneficial to any student who needs help. The community atmosphere resembles the atmosphere at college, where you gain a close connection to your classmates and the people around you. The vast amount of extra-curricular activities, from sports to intramurals to a variety of clubs, also mirrors college. Lastly, the classes Saint Anthony's offers, and the difficulty of these classes, has definitely prepared me for my college career and my careers outside of school.

Finally, Saint Anthony's has prepared me for life by providing a solid moral standing that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The abundance of opportunities Saint Anthony's makes available for students to grow spiritually and gain a better understanding of true morals and ethics is really taken advantage of here. From the variety of Campus Ministry activities available to students, to the teachings given in theology classes, Saint Anthony's has given their students a truly unique opportunity to grow and develop into educated, well-informed citizens. My spiritual experience would be completely different had I not attended Saint Anthony's. I am currently considering MIT and Cornell University as my top choices for college next year.

#### ELIZABETH GREGORI

Saint Anthony's is named a College Preparatory School for a reason. Since my first day of freshman year, I have been steadily shaped into a mature, young adult, ready to take the next step of my life onto a college campus. I could have never foreseen the person I am today when I entered high school over three years ago. Saint Anthony's has provided me with an experience like no other. I have received a very strong education and I have learned morals and lessons that I will carry not only to college, but also for the rest of my life.

Saint Anthony's has instilled in me character, integrity, and honor. I have learned to give the utmost respect to my teachers as well as my classmates. Having a class of over six hundred students has helped me to be accepting of everyone and to be proud of my beliefs and interests. I feel confident that, when I leave Saint Anthony's, I will never surrender what I stand for. Saint Anthony's has also helped me to develop a strong work ethic and to be passionate about what I'm learning. I could have never studied for countless hours these past few years if I didn't like what I was doing. This effort and enthusiasm has been extremely rewarding, and I know I will continue to work hard in college and in my future career.

I wouldn't trade the education I have received at Saint Anthony's for anything else. I think all of the seniors would agree that this school has not only been a warm community of classmates and teachers but also a second home. While I will definitely miss the spirit and excitement that Saint Anthony's possesses, I believe I am exceptionally prepared for the many journeys that lay ahead. I look forward to graduation and I hope to attend the University of Pennsylvania or Columbia University next fall.

#### SHAN JAFRI

Saint Anthony's has adequately prepared me for college through its challenging curriculum along with the many opportunities the school offers. For the past four years, I have taken advantage of the wide selection of courses available and as a result have been able to excel in nine Advanced Placement classes of my choice. Though these classes all require a strong work ethic and have demanding workloads, they have inevitably taught me the importance of time management and efficiency: two skills that are vital for success both in college and in life. Along with success, these classes have also exposed me to occasional failure, which I have been able to use as learning tools to improve myself. I was and continue to be challenged by the rigorous coursework but remain willing to put in the effort to perform to the best of my abilities.

Saint Anthony's has always encouraged me to push myself to my potential rather than let me settle for anything less. The faculty and staff did not allow me to be daunted by hard courses. Instead, they helped me cope with the times when I struggled while urging me to continue to take the toughest classes that I could. In doing so, they never allowed me to opt out for an easier academic route, and I can honestly say that I am grateful for this. Because of this support system, I truly feel I am prepared for whatever obstacles lie ahead in college. I have learned that as a student I may not always be fond of the subject material, but that it is still very important for me to study and do well for my own benefit. In college and for the rest of my life, there will be times when I have to do things or study subjects that I do not want to, yet I still need to succeed in these things and do well in those courses.

Because Saint Anthony's can be considered a microcosm of the world, I think it is safe to say that I have been exposed to people from all walks of life. At Saint Anthony's, there is something for everyone, and everyone finds his/her own place. As a Franciscan school, the virtues and values of the Catholic faith have truly been instilled in me. My four years at Saint Anthony's, especially my involvement in the National Honor Society, have capitalized the importance of service. This sense of duty to participate in community service is definitely something that I can take with me to college and something I plan to partake in after I graduate. As a non-Catholic student, these Catholic values have also made me a more socially aware student ready to go to college with an open mind. I plan to attend either the University of Pennsylvania (the Wharton School) or Cornell University this fall.

#### DELANEY LENAGHAN

When asked this question, I realized that there is not one particular way—my entire experience over the past four years helped me become the person I am today. As I look back to when I was deciding on what high school to attend, and the struggle my parents and I had over what school would best prepare me for my future, I realize that we made the right





decision. Saint Anthony's has more than prepared me for college and life, both academically and spiritually.

Freshman year, college seemed so far away. However, time flies and before you know it, you're facing the stress of college applications. What truly sets Saint Anthony's apart in terms of college preparation extends beyond the curriculum and lands on the shoulders of the guidance counselors, teachers, and coaches. They genuinely care about the students and want to see them succeed. Saint Anthony's is a large community made smaller by the many close connections between students and their teachers and coaches. Also the guidance department at Saint Anthony's has been so supportive and helpful. In addition to the teachers and counselors, Saint Anthony's academically prepares students for college by offering many rigorous courses such as AP classes. I was able to take eight AP classes that mirror the challenges of a college class. These courses help students to develop their critical thinking skills. The curriculum across all departments at Saint Anthony's reflects the dedication to preparing every student for college work.

Equally as important to preparing us for college and life is the abundance of extracurricular activities offered at Saint Anthony's. There is truly something for everyone. For instance, for me, being president of SALT (Saint Anthony's Leadership Team) has taught me many leadership qualities that will help me throughout my life. In fact, every activity, club, organization, and team I have been a part of has contributed to my development as a person.

Brother Gary always says, "capture the heart and the mind will follow". This has become a guiding principle throughout my life and I know it will continue to guide me in the future. Among other schools, I am applying to Yale University, Bowdoin College, and Villanova University. Wherever I go, I know I will always carry with me the lessons and values Saint Anthony's has taught me.

#### JACOB MANZOOR

Incredibly, my years at Saint Anthony's have flown by me, but I have been better prepared for college and for life through my experiences. Saint Anthony's is an incredible place that has transformed me into the person I am today. I think of Saint Anthony's as a second home, a place where I feel comfortable to mature and a place that has prepared me well for my future. When I came to Saint Anthony's as a freshman I was shy and quiet as many freshman are. As I let myself experience more of what the school had to offer I started to see a transformation.

Saint Anthony's is a college preparatory high school, and, as a senior, I can confidently say that I am well prepared for college. During my freshman year I only took one honors course. Now in my senior year I am in almost all AP and honors classes. This is because the faculty has challenged me and helped me master the skills that are needed to be successful in a college classroom setting. The academic rigor inside the classroom and the support of peers and faculty members is what has truly helped me to succeed, and ultimately what has prepared me for college.

Saint Anthony's is not only a college preparatory school but also a school that prepares you for life in general. The

Catholic identity is a large part of the school. Being a Catholic institution allows Saint Anthony's to help prepare us better for life and teach core values and principles that apply to life regardless if we are Catholic or not. Saint Anthony's also teaches us that we are universal; this is prevalent throughout the school. This has helped me to immerse myself into the cultures of other Saint Anthony's students and realize that the world is a large place with a large and diverse group of inhabitants. Saint Anthony's has had a tremendous impact on my life in a positive way. It has helped me prepare for college and life in the future. Next fall I hope to attend either Georgetown University or Fordham University.

#### SEAN McSHANE

If one were to observe a freshman walking the halls of Saint Anthony's and be told: "In just 4 year's time that child will be preparing to go off to college and to live independently", such a statement would seem nothing short of ridiculous. I, myself, having completed 3 years here and being well through my fourth and final, still find it nothing short of amazing that in such a brief period of time this school has helped to transform not only myself, but near, if not every student that passes through its doors from fearful, naive freshmen into confident young adults ready (or at least partially) to face the world outside.

To say that ours is a "college preparatory" school means nothing. To prove that it is such means everything. I believe, given my own personal experience, that Saint Anthony's truly lives up to that description. The faculty (who, for the most part, can be called nothing if not exceptional) has helped to foster within me a love of learning. I actually find myself (and I say this with no intention of sounding trite) wholly excited and eager to go to certain classes throughout the day. Not because the class is easy, and not because I have friends in the class, but because the teachers are able to make me, and I believe all students, love learning. Thus, I can say that I have received nothing short of an exceptional education at the hands of the faculty here at Saint Anthony's. In addition to that, this school has helped to instill in me, in true Franciscan fashion, a strong moral compass and a deep faith that hopefully will guide me not only through college, but also through whatever unforeseen troubles life may hurl my way.

To say that I owe much of my growth, mentally, academically, and spiritually to this school is nothing short of an understatement. This school, I believe, has given me the knowledge, the confidence, the faith, and the wisdom to face not only that great hurdle which we call college, but whatever may lie beyond. In September I hope to attend Boston College or Williams College.

#### NICHOLAS NICOLIA

How has Saint Anthony's prepared me for college? This is a question that will prompt many responses. Having a student body of 2,450 there will be a great amount of different answers whether it be about workload, or responsibility or time management. For me, Saint Anthony's has not only taught me all of the aforementioned, but it also has allowed me to take college courses and allow me to become a global



citizen. What do I mean by global citizen? Saint Anthony's, although a Catholic institution, has people of all different races, religions and cultures. We have students from America, Italy, Japan, China, Vietnam, Spain, South Korean, Venezuela, Sweden, France, Mexico, England, Switzerland, Germany, Russia, and many more. We have Jewish students, Catholic students, Lutheran students, Muslim students, agnostic students, atheist students and again, many more. I pride myself on being able to say that I am friends with people of each of those countries and religions. I have learned so much from them, and they have learned so much from me. As I head off to college and prepare to meet people that are different from me, I will not allow fear of the unknown to hinder my full potential. Saint Anthony's has showed me and introduced me to all sorts of different people.

On a different and more academic note, Saint Anthony's has prepared me for college by offering AP classes in almost every subject and teaching in conjunction with LIU dual enrollment classes. By the end of my senior year I will have completed 5 AP classes and earned more than 12 college credits. I got to experience first-hand what it is like to be in a college course. In each of my courses I had the pleasure of being taught by actual LIU professors. However, do not let that fool you: whether the student be in a regular course, an honors course, a college course or an AP course, ALL of the teachers help to instill in us the responsibilities and discipline that we will need for college from the minute we walk in freshman year and are greeted by Brother Joshua, to that last second in the senior countdown 4 years later. They push us to be the best we can be whether it be through extra help every morning, or those tough-love detentions for uniform infractions. It is rare that you find teachers that care about their students and want us to succeed as much as Saint Anthony's teachers do.

To quickly summarize how I have been prepared for college by Saint Anthony's I would say that I entered as an immature procrastinating child and I will exit as a respectful, respected, responsible young adult. When I attend Fordham University in the fall, I will know that I was taught at Saint Anthony's by some of the finest teachers on Long Island, so I should fear nothing and go in full speed and use what Saint Anthony's has taught me to become the best I can be.

#### JULIET PANICHELLA



Leaving Saint Anthony's for college next year is comparable to getting out of bed in the morning. It is something no one wants to do, but it is inevitable. By the end of my four years here, it would be hard to say this experience has been anything less that extraordinary. Saint Anthony's methods of preparation have elevated me to new horizons and I could not be more grateful.

The single most important way in which Saint Anthony's has prepared me for the future is by forging me into a multifarious student. To be multifarious is to be a point of synthesis for a numerous variety of elements. In my experience here, I have become the synthesis of not only extracurricular activities such as Rocket Club, Student Council, Pole Vaulting, Cross Country, Badminton but also high grades, strong faith and amazing friends. Rocket Club has taught me to shoot for the moon. Student Council has taught me the importance of not only voicing my own opinions, but listening to others' as well. Pole Vaulting taught me to set my standards high and keep trying when I knock them down. Cross Country has taught me that pain is temporary. Badminton has taught me to enjoy the little things. My academics have taught me that the most challenging courses are the most rewarding. Kolbe Society has taught me that having faith is the key to success and my friends have taught me the value of compassion and positivity. Throughout my four years at this school, I have taken advantage of all of its facets and for this reason I have become who I am today.

Being multifarious is so important in college and, in the long run, life. It is how we stand out, what makes us unique and, ultimately, what propels us to new horizons. I solemnly believe that no other high school could have given me this advantage. Next September, I hope to attend either Brown University or The College of the Holy Cross.

#### **GRACE TONNA**

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words" These are the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of our school. This quote expresses that a person may introduce Christ to others through their actions rather than their words. Over the past four years, Saint Anthony's has nurtured my growth as both a scholar and a Catholic.

I never thought coming into high school I would encounter so many wonderful and inspiring people that so admirably follow the words of Saint Francis. Brother Vincent, for example, has had a significant impact on me as a person. Brother Vincent runs the service club, TAU, and oversees the Senior Habitat for Humanity build in the spring. He does not only preach the work of Christ but also implements Christ's work in his daily life. Brother Vincent, along with the Saint Anthony's community, has inspired me to take part in various service programs, particularly Habitat for Humanity. This inspiration led me to South Africa, Mozambigue, India and Tanzania where I realized I could work as Christ's hands in the world. I have found there is no greater reward than coming together in a community to give a family a safe home. I believe I have seen Christ's work through the volunteers and leaders involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Saint Anthony's has taught me determination and service are both important in improving conditions in the world today. Next year, I hope to attend Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland. Loyola University offers students opportunities to take part in various community service projects both in Baltimore and in other countries. I hope to take part in these projects as well as be part of their Pre-Med program. I feel confident that Saint Anthony's has prepared me for college and life. Saint Anthony's has helped me grow in both my spiritual and academic life and has helped me to realize the person I would like to become. In the future, I hope to live the words of Saint Francis of Assisi and touch people's hearts with my actions rather than my words.





#### OLUWASEUN BABALOLA

When I was asked to answer the question, "What is it about Saint Anthony's that stands out?" I immediately thought of one thing, the opportunity to be great. In my opinion Saint Anthony's is one of the only high schools in the country that gives it students the opportunity to do what they enjoy and to excel while doing it. Whether it's sports, clubs, or music that interest you there is something for you to be involved in at Saint Anthony's.

When I came to Saint Anthony's freshman year I was overwhelmed by the amount of extracurricular activities the school offered. I came into this school with an idea of what I thought I would do during my four years but I think I can speak for many of the seniors when I say it didn't really pan out how I planned it as a fourteen year old just starting high school. Getting cut from the basketball team freshman year really disappointed me. However it opened up the doors to something I never thought I would be interested in, track and field. I joined the team in the winter and decided to give sprinting a shot.

At first, I was apprehensive as many others would be because I thought the practices would be gut wrenching 500 mile workouts every day. Fortunately, that wasn't the

#### What is it about Saint Anthony's that stands out?

case and track went from a hobby to a passion. Last season I had the opportunity to run on the "A" 4x100 meter relay at the Catholic State Outdoor Championships at Icahn Stadium in New York City. Although, we took fourth we did very well in a field of close to fifty teams and I never

felt more proud of myself and my teammates. I also learned that day how much I truly loved track and field. I didn't care about a fourth place medal but about working together with your team to achieve a goal and to me that's what track and field was all about.

Over the summer I also qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships. I can honestly say that if it weren't for the great coaching staff at Saint Anthony's that helped develop my abilities as a sprinter I wouldn't have qualified. If I did not choose to attend Saint Anthony's I know for sure I would not have joined the track team and accomplished a lot of the great things I did. There is always an opportunity for everybody to do something at this school and if you set your mind to whatever it is you choose to do, you will excel at it. Next year I will be running track for either Boston University or Columbia University and I know that Saint Anthony's is the only school that could have given me the opportunity to be able to run track at such prestigious schools and I will be forever grateful for choosing to become a Friar.



#### **KEVIN BOEHME**

What stands out the most to me about Saint Anthony's is how welcoming the entire community is. I have felt welcomed from the moment that I entered freshman year. Everyone wants you to succeed and is willing to help you in every way that you need. There are so many different ways to get involved and play a part at this school. When I think of Saint Anthony's, one of the first things that comes to mind are the Brothers. They are some of the nicest and friendliest people I've ever met. There is Brother Gary, who is always standing in his usual spot in the hallway, saying hi to everyone as they walk by and helping whoever looks lost. He always has a smile on his face and can brighten up anyone's day. Then there is Brother Joshua, who I think is the most organized person I have ever met. Aside from directing the chorus, he seems to be involved in every event that is run in the school. And there is a lot that goes on at this school. These are just two of the many Brothers at the school, each of whom plays an integral part in keeping the school running.

In Saint Anthony's, there are so many opportunities to get involved; it is virtually impossible not to make friends. I joined the crew team my freshman year and I have made so many friends that I will have for the rest of my life. And there are tons of other teams and clubs to join. There really is no excuse not to get involved. But sports and clubs aren't the only ways to have fun. I was a member of the band in my first three years, and I was fortunate enough to be able to go to both China and Italy as part of the concert pilgrimages. These have easily been two of the best experiences of my life. I learned a lot about other cultures, as well as making a lot of new friends.

#### JOHN CUNNINGHAM

The one thing that stands out about Saint Anthony's is how well the students are prepared academically as well as spiritually for the rest of their lives. During my four years at this school I have been able to become a better person due to the welcoming atmosphere that Saint Anthony's possesses. There are always people looking out for you, and they will always have your back no matter what.

Saint Anthony's truly is my second home, and I couldn't have imagined going anywhere else. When I was a freshman I quickly learned from the example put forth by the upperclassmen as well as the teachers. Every teacher at Saint Anthony's shares a common goal, to bring out the best in their students. If a student is struggling in any way, that student's teacher will provide extra help to ensure that he or she succeeds. Several students offer to help as well by tutoring during a free period or after school. They do this not because they are told to do so but because they really do care and they want to help others succeed.

When the last bell has rung and school is over the majority of students do not go home at dismissal. This is because of the numerous activities that Saint Anthony's has to offer. Whether it is a sport such as football, lacrosse or intramurals, or simply a club like PBJ club there is something for everyone. These activities are also a great way to make lifelong friends and have fun while doing so. For the past four years I have made many friends and have had numerous memories and I have realized that Saint Anthony's is no ordinary high school. The students and faculty of Saint Anthony's are my family. And as I move onto college and later in life the experiences I have had at Saint Anthony's will always have a special place in my heart. I hope to attend either Saint Bonaventure University or Saint John's University.





#### XIUZHI (CHARLES) DONG

"The first thing that makes Saint Anthony's High School stand out for me as an international student is that you could meet the young people from all over the world. An opportunity like this for a high school student is very amazing because I like the feeling of talking with different people from many different backgrounds. This is an awesome experience. Saint Anthony's High School is also very strong academically. So many courses are very challenging for me. I am very much looking forward to attending some colleges in California. I have already applied to University of California - Davis, University of California -Santa Barbara, and also other private schools in California.

#### NICHOLAS DELLA RATTA

"From the outside looking in you could never understand it. From the inside looking out you could never explain it." This guote describes my feelings towards Saint Anthony's High School. Saint Anthony's is truly an amazing place; it is so much more than a school. It is not only a place where students come to learn the core subjects and be tested. Although it encompasses that, it is also a place where each student grows as a person and has the opportunity to be transformed into an amazing young adult. I believe that after attending Saint Anthony's I am prepared not only for college, but also for whatever life may throw at me. The faculty at Saint Anthony's go above and beyond what is expected of a teacher; I know I will use the life lessons given to me by them in real life situations. When asked what makes Saint Anthony's stand out, the first thing that comes to my mind is the people, and the community sense of Christian faith.

The definition of a family is a basic social unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group, whether dwelling together or not. Saint Anthony's meets the criteria of this definition. As a whole, we are one big family. The Brothers, faculty, and staff are always willing to help students if they are troubled with a problem in a class or struggling with something outside of the classroom. As a result of Saint Anthony's, the students look out for one another; when someone is in a time of need, there is always a hand reaching out to help. When there are loving and caring people in the same environment, the result is a different and special place. Saint Anthony's is different than every other school. I believe it is a home away from home for all who attend it.

When I was visiting all the high schools as an 8th grader, the students that I talked to on my tour of Saint Anthony's told me how different and amazing it is. I didn't really understand what they were saying. However, now that I am in their shoes, I completely get it. You really have to experience it to see just how amazing a place it really is. When I head off to college, I am going to bring with me all the valuable lessons that I have learned from the faculty and use them in my everyday life. Saint Anthony's doesn't just have a 4-year lasting impact; it is for a lifetime. They have left their mark on my heart and helped make me into the man that I am today. In the fall, I hope to attend either Manhattan College or SUNY Plattsburgh, where I intend to study finance and accounting, and play lacrosse. I know I am ready for whatever may come my way because of my Christian roots instilled in me by my own family and my Saint Anthony's family.

#### ADDISON DIAZ

Family - the saying goes "you don't get to choose who your family will be." But in reality here at Saint Anthony's you do choose your family, and I truly believe this choice of making Saint Anthony's your family stays with you for a lifetime. The family you meet here is similar to the family you have at home: you cherish them, create memories with them but most importantly of all at the end of the day you love your family and you appreciate them for being a part of your life.



That appreciation for your family, that loves you express for them. It creates something so powerful and so special that it is almost hard to comprehend unless you yourself live the experience. I would much rather have you the student/ parent live this wonderful experience I speak of because I believe that it is a lot better to be able to tell the story first hand rather than to be the one who is hearing it.

I love my family here at Saint Anthony's and I write this letter as a senior with a heavy heart for it saddens me that my journey here at Saint Anthony's is close to an end. It has truly been a miraculous four years for me here and that is something no one will ever be able to take away from me. I hope you are able to experience the same joy I have by attending this beautiful place I now call home. In the fall I hope to attend Fordham University or John Jay College. Thank you and good luck.

#### KELLY FITZPATRICK

275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington has been my home away from home for almost four years. Saint Anthony's is my second family and I do not know what I would do if I were not a Friar. Throughout my time at Saint Anthony's I have encountered many amazing opportunities that would not be offered to me anywhere else. I have also made many new friends that will last me a lifetime.

My favorite part of Saint Anthony's is the sense of unity amongst everyone. No matter what grade you are in everybody makes a willing effort to make you feel comfortable. I experienced this during the beginning of my freshman year. I was in free sitting in the library all by myself doing work. When I looked up I saw a senior girl approaching me. She sat next to me and asked me questions about Saint Anthony's. After we engaged in a conversation, she went back to her table with her friends. At this moment I realized that this school was special; it is the place where I want to spend the next four years of my life.

I am very grateful for the opportunities that have been offered to me at Saint Anthony's. I was given the chance to take college level courses and receive college credits. This gives me an advantage over students who were not given this privilege in high school. I have also been on the Girls Varsity Volleyball team since my sophomore year. Being on a highly recognized team has taught me many skills and life lessons. As a team we have traveled to New Jersey,



Arizona, and all around the island to participate in competitive tournaments. Another opportunity given at Saint Anthony's is the option to take a religious pilgrimage to Italy with the Chorus. This February I am traveling with the Saint Anthony's Chorus to sing in front of the Pope, share our faith with people of different cultures, and to sightsee. These are only a few of the many opportunities Saint Anthony's has to offer.

I cannot believe that my four years here at Saint Anthony's is coming to a close. I am going to miss my Friar Family so much next year. I know that Saint Anthony's has prepared me for college and my future. I will be attending the University at Buffalo next fall.

#### MICHAEL GUNTHER



There are many things about Saint Anthony's that stand out. It's a Franciscan high school that offers great sports programs, strong academics, and a variety of clubs. When a student graduates from Saint Anthony's they are more than prepared for college. Many students receive academic as well as sports scholarships due to the great programs. The two aspects about Saint Anthony's that stand out for me, though, are the community aspect and the faith.

Within Saint Anthony's there is a strong sense of community. The student body is made up of people from different parts of Long Island, New York City, and even the world. This results in a very diverse student population. Although it's a large school comprised of over two thousand students, everyone finds a place to fit in. Saint Anthony's helps to accomplish this by offering such a wide range of extracurricular activities.

Saint Anthony's is a Catholic high school in the Franciscan tradition. Faith plays a very important role in the daily life of the school. We are fortunate to be able to practice our Catholic faith while attending school. We do this by praying during homeroom, in class, and by praying the Angelus daily. We also attend Mass on holy days of obligation. These things, along with four years of Theology, strengthen us morally and prepare us for life.

I am planning to study Fire Science at Suffolk County Community College or John Jay College. After college I hope to pursue a career with the F.D.N.Y.

#### **BRIANNA HAYES**



Saint Anthony's is an extraordinary high school. There are so many things that make it unique. The opportunities and relationships that I have had during my four years as a Friar will always be special to me. These are the things that make Saint Anthony's great; that make it stand out from all other high schools. I have taken advantage of all the academic, athletic, and social opportunities that the Saint Anthony's community has presented to me.

The education at Saint Anthony's is rigorous and designed to ensure success. I had the privilege of taking eight Advanced Placement courses in various subjects. While these courses are extremely challenging, I believe they have forced me to reach my full potential and have prepared me for college course work. Not all high school students are as

fortunate to have the chance to enroll in such high level courses. In addition to academics, Saint Anthony's excels in athletics. Our teams are respected locally and well known nationally. I played volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse for Saint Anthony's and was a member of five league championship teams. The program pushes athletes to work harder than ever before and strive for excellence. These lessons will forever help me in the future. The athletic opportunities are much greater than those I would have received if I attended public school. Aside from taking difficult classes and being involved in athletics, I also took advantage of the extracurricular activities. Saint Anthony's has every club imaginable. from the Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang and Support our Troops, to the Ping Pong Club and the Computer Club. If you name a club, I am sure Saint Anthony's has it. I decided to be involved in student government, as well as other clubs such as Clare Society and Math Honor Society. As a sophomore and junior, I was a Student Council Representative. My senior year I was elected the Vice President of the National Honor Society. I loved communicating with the faculty and my fellow classmates in order to improve our school. The relationships I have developed are another reason why Saint Anthony's is so special.

Saint Anthony's has become my second home throughout these four years. There are some days that I am at school longer than I am at home! While this seems crazy, I would not trade these times for anything. I loved forming life-long relationships with my classmates, as well as teachers. I consider each and every one of them as not only a fellow Friar, but as family. One individual in particular that I have come to love and respect is Brother Robert. As the moderator of the National Honor Society. I spend much of my time with him and have formed an amazing relationship with him. I know that this relationship will continue to grow, even after I graduate. This is just one example of the friendships I have made and that I will miss so much. As my time at Saint Anthony's comes to an end, I often take a step back and reflect on all that Saint Anthony's has done for me. I am forever grateful to Saint Anthony's High School for playing such an influential role in my life. I hope to attend either Washington and Lee University or The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in September. 2015. I am confident that I will have a wonderful college experience wherever I attend. I know this because Saint Anthony's has prepared me for life. Saint Anthony's will always have a special place in my heart. I will cherish it forever.

#### **KIERSTEN HELD**

"Capture the heart and the mind will follow". For most people, this statement barely means a thing. For Saint Anthony's students and faculty, it represents who we are as a community. Saint Anthony's is not just a school; it is a second home. That is something not everyone can say about their high school. Walking into the building every day and seeing Brother Gary standing at his usual spot saying, "Good morning" is something I will always remember. It is the little things about this school that make it stand out from all the rest.



Most people recognize Saint Anthony's for our outstanding athletics, but there is so much more that makes us unique. The amount of school spirit we have cannot be measured. Students come from all across Long Island to be able to go to Saint Anthony's and call themselves Friars. Whether it be at a game, pep rally, fundraiser, or even just walking through the halls, students are always ready to support the school and each other. Saint Anthony's also has something for everyone. From making sandwiches with the PB&J Gang, leading retreats, or playing sports, each student has a place and a purpose in the school. Students do not just show up in the morning, go to class and go home. They come to school and have an experience.

Another aspect about Saint Anthony's that makes it stand out is its environment and academics. The environment at Saint Anthony's is like no other. Students have the chance to express themselves on an academic and personal level every day. In addition to this, the education that Saint Anthony's provides has not only prepared me for college but for the years thereafter. Despite having over 2,000 students, it is easy to speak with the teachers. They really want the students to succeed and will do whatever they can to ensure that students reach their full potential. Being a Friar is something that students, faculty and alumni are extremely proud of. Saint Anthony's High School is a community, a family, and has become my second home. In the fall I hope to attend Marquette University, University of Vermont, or Florida State University. But wherever I go, part of me will always be a Friar.



#### ANNI KELLER

Every high school on Long Island is entirely unique and, when I was choosing what high school I was going to attend in the fall of 2011, I had to keep this in mind. Coming from a small school on the east end of Suffolk County, this decision was dizzying in its enormity, but I knew that I wanted something bigger and better than what I would have had if I had stayed in my home town. My town's high school was adequate, and other Catholic high schools offered specialized programs for athletes and scholars, but my eye was drawn back to Saint Anthony's High School over and over again. Saint Anthony's drew me in not because of any certain team or class, but because as soon as I walked through the doors I felt like I was home.

The first encounter I had with Saint Anthony's was through a schoolmate of mine who entered high school the year before I did. When she described the classes, the teachers, and the people who were there to my eighth grade class, her eyes lit up and a smile caught her lips. I ended up going home and scheduling a shadowing session the same day. When that day came, and I got to meet the students and faculty for myself, I knew that this would be my future. Also, as the top student in my class, I was very much invested in academics, and at the time I wanted any school I was considering to offer various honors and AP classes. The course selection was astounding, and I was more than impressed by what Saint Anthony's had to offer to its students. I found myself falling in love with the school, and every other open house and informational event I attended for other schools afterward couldn't measure up to what I had seen at Saint Anthony's.

By the time I graduate, I will have taken more than ten honors and six AP courses, and participated in thirteen extracurricular activities at Saint Anthony's through the years. Much to my own amazement, I was elected Homecoming Queen by my peers this September. The academic rigor and the great student body that attracted me there in the first place has lived up to my expectations and made me feel welcomed and valued as part of this great community. Saint Anthony's has allowed me to flourish in almost every way possible, and has lifted me up so that I can believe in my work and myself. My name is Anni Keller. I am part of the class of 2015 and I hope to be attending Barnard College, an affiliate of Columbia, in the fall – but I will be a Friar forever.

#### GABRIELLA MINGINO

Throughout my four years in high school, people would often ask me the question, "What made you decide to attend Saint Anthony's?" My response has always been I was drawn to the spirituality and sense of community. One of the most impressionable memories I reflect on often was attending the Freshman Communion Breakfast with my parents the first week of freshman year. Brother Gary, our Principal, spoke about the Franciscan belief of teaching, "Capture the heart and the mind will follow". I feel this belief has greatly influenced me as well as my classmates and teachers at Saint Anthony's. On a daily basis, I feel it creates an atmosphere that challenges me to be the best I can be – spiritually and academically.

Getting involved in the various clubs and organizations at Saint Anthony's has helped me to grow as a person. Clare Society teaches me how to live out my faith by being a retreat leader. Friar Faithful allows me to share my enthusiasm about the school and welcome incoming students. Math Honor Society has challenged me to excel in a subject I enjoy. Often I think about how different I would be without them. Dedicating my time and energy to the Saint Anthony's community leaves me with a very rewarding feeling and I am so grateful for that.

Saint Anthony's High School has impacted my life in many positive and wonderful ways. Just knowing there's always a faculty member there that cares and is willing to help has helped me to recognize the meaning and value of the Saint Anthony's education in my life. The Friars are a family. When someone in the family is going through a rough time, they always have the support of the whole student body and staff. It is a great sense of belonging.

Choosing to attend Saint Anthony's High School was the best decision I've ever made. Throughout the past four years, Saint Anthony's has become my second home. I look forward to the future and already know that my graduation day will be both the happiest and saddest day of my high school career. I am grateful for all the experiences I've had here and I know I will succeed in anything I do because of the foundation Saint Anthony's has given me. I will miss my days walking the halls, saying hi to all my classmates and teachers, but I will always be a Friar.



I hope to attend either Syracuse University or Bentley University in the fall and pursue a degree in business.



As soon as I stepped foot on Saint Anthony's campus I new this is where I would spend the next four years of my life. It's funny how you think the school is so big, but after a few weeks you realize what a close knit community it really is. What really stands out to me about Saint Anthony's is the feeling of a caring community. In my prior Catholic school it was all about the academics. From the moment I walked into Saint Anthony's I was embraced by people who loved being there, both the students and the staff. This caring spirit was evident both in the classroom and on the field.

The entire faculty, coaches and staff at Saint Anthony's have taught me how to be a better student, a better athlete and a better person. All of my teachers have had a personal impact on my life. They are always available to help, support and guide students. There are classes for everyone to succeed in, no matter what your interests and abilities are. The Saint Anthony's school spirit is amazing! Both students and faculty come out and support all our teams throughout the year. My friends from other Catholic and public schools always comment on how much fun it is to attend homecoming or any other sporting event at Saint Anthony's. I realize how fortunate I am to be a part of this special place.

The friends I have made in these past four years have had a huge impact on my life. I know we will remain friends forever. As I move on from Saint Anthony's and play lacrosse for The University of Tampa, I take with me the amazing experiences and knowledge that Saint Anthony's has given me.

#### KATHERINE ROGERS



Saint Anthony's stands out to me for multiple reasons, but ultimately it's the people that make this school so special. The Brothers, teachers, coaches, and students are all prime factors in Saint Anthony's prestige. The second you step foot into the school, you automatically feel welcome. Thinking back to freshman year, I remember how nervous I was to start my high school experience. After getting used to the crowded halls, I quickly realized that it really is an amazing place. Even though Saint Anthony's is a large school, it has a small school feel. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming that it doesn't feel like there are 600 students in each grade. Saint Anthony's isn't just a school, it's a family.

The academics, athletics, and spirituality differentiate Saint Anthony's from other schools. Academically, it is very demanding. Throughout my four years, I've learned to become a better student with the help of my teachers and guidance counselor. The teachers are very accessible and willing to meet with you before or after school if you're struggling. he athletics here are extremely competitive. I have been on the Girls Varsity Swim Team for my four years and the Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team for the past two years and I look forward to playing again this spring. As a member of these teams I have learned how to be a good teammate and competitor. The girls I met on the swimming and lacrosse teams have been my best friends since freshman year. My teammates and coaches have made my experience as a Friar so much better than I could have imagined. The spirituality at Saint Anthony's is astonishing. Being able to learn about our faith every day is so special. I love being able to go to Mass before or after school. The Brothers encourage us to grow in our faith.

The Saint Anthony's family has helped me grow as a person through academics, athletics and spirituality. This school is one of a kind and anyone who has the opportunity to go here is extremely blessed. Next fall, I plan on attending the University of Scranton where I will also play lacrosse. I have no doubt that Saint Anthony's has prepared me in every way possible for college.

#### HANNAH ANDREASSI

At first, coming to Saint Anthony's as a freshman, I was unsure I wanted to attend this school. I soon realized how great an effect a place like Saint Anthony's could have on a student like me. Growing up, my two older brothers attended Saint Anthony's so my family has always been involved in different school events where we have met many of our close friends. Since coming to Saint Anthony's, I've learned so much. Saint Anthony's is not only a great school academically and athletically but also spiritually. My spirituality has definitely strengthened and I have been exposed to many things I wouldn't have at any other school. The chapel is open all day and there are Masses in both mornings and afternoons on specific days. The religion aspect of Saint Anthony's has impacted me tremendously.

I've been fortunate enough to have many different opportunities at Saint Anthony's. I have been involved in sports, campus ministry, National Honor Society and many different clubs. Saint Anthony's provides kids with a myriad of options to pick from to find their own hobby and put themselves out

to an eighth-grade student as to why he/she should come to Saint Anthony's?

there to meet new people. If you don't see something that interests you, you can start your

own club team or club that you think other kids would be interested in too.

You are exposed to so many different things and you really do learn something new every day. Saint Anthony's has definitely prepared me for college through academics as well as teaching me about responsibility. I've been able to grow close with both students and teachers and form lifelong relationships. Saint Anthony's isn't just a school, but a family, and I am lucky to be a part of it. I hope to be attending Elon University or James Madison University.

#### AUSTIN ASSENTATO

As I am finishing my last year here at Saint Anthony's, I can honestly look back and say there is nothing better than being a Friar. There is no place in the world that I would have rather spent these last four years. Trying to deal with





the pressure of switching schools can be incredibly nerve racking and overwhelming for an eighth grader, but when I was in your shoes the transition into Saint Anthony's could not have gone any smoother. This is a school full of students who are always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, and a place where every single faculty member is there when you need them. Sure, the school is huge and I was probably the smallest freshmen entering it back in 2011, but I can promise you that Saint Anthony's, in no time, will become your second home.

If you are lucky enough to attend Saint Anthony's, the one suggestion I would give, which may sound very cliché, is to never take any part of your four years here for granted. The time will go by in a blink of an eye. If you want a great experience as a Saint Anthony's student it is vital, and very beneficial, to constantly stay involved in school activities. This school has something for everyone. Whether you're a star athlete looking to excel in sports, or just a regular student, there is always a club or sport that will fit your needs. This school is a community, and the more you stay active the quicker you will develop relationships amongst your peers and teachers that will stay with you forever.

When I look back on my time at Saint Anthony's, I can confidently say that I have no regrets. These past four years have been the greatest years of my life. I've played a varsity sport since freshman year, and I have been involved in multiple extracurricular activities ranging from things such as Student Council to the Wall Street club. There is no greater gift my parents could have blessed me with then sending me to Saint Anthony's for my high school education. Come next fall I hope to be attending either Villanova University or the University of Miami. Regardless of where I end up, I'll never forget the great four years I had here at Saint Anthony's. This place will forever be my second home and I know four years from now, you'll feel the same way.

#### CARL BACHMANN

Hi, I'm CJ Bachmann. I'm currently a senior at Saint Anthony's High School. There are many great reasons why I would convince someone to come to Saint Anthony's. Some include athletic facilities, academic opportunity, and a history of excellence. Those are all important for a high school and because of those things I'm probably going to attend Williams College or Amherst College, two of the top 10 private liberal arts schools in the country. However, to me those aren't the best things about my school.

What I think is the best thing about Saint Anthony's is the community that you become a part of. I'm not talking about kids who you become friends with but people you will know and be close with for your whole life. The relationships that you build with the faculty and your peers are priceless. The teachers and Brothers become people you will look up to as role models, people who will help shape you in to a respectable young adult, which is what this school does for you.

It's amazing to me how once you become part of the school, you are automatically part of a tight knit communit—a community that will always be there for you. I meet people everywhere I go and they often are impressed to know that I go to Saint Anthony's. Also, more often than not, they know someone who also came here if they didn't themselves. Throughout your life you will have connections with successful people after being part of a community like this one. In my mind, this is what makes Saint Anthony's such a special place. The people that you surround yourself with and the community that you become part of set you up for the next step in your life.

#### **BRIAN BOEHME**

Saint Anthony's is a great school to attend. It is not only one of the most prestigious high schools, but it also provides an unforgettable experience. After four years at this school I have come to love it. I didn't know what it would be like before my first day of school. Many people will try to explain it to you, but the truth is that Saint Anthony's is different for every person. But everyone comes to the same conclusion. Saint Anthony's is a great place to spend the four years of high school.

On my first day at Saint Anthony's I thought that the hardest part about going to a new school would be making new friends. I had left my public school to attend Saint Anthony's, and I was not looking forward to making new friends. Surprisingly, making new friends was extremely easy. After only the first week I had two groups of new friends. Joining a team like the crew team and just sitting next to people in class, you find that there are many people with similar interests.

Saint Anthony's also has a great faculty. They are all super nice and always are willing to help a student in need. Many of the teachers are able to teach their classes in an interesting and also entertaining way. This makes the learning process a lot easier.

Saint Anthony's also has a great reputation where college is concerned. Many of the students who graduate from Saint Anthony's go on to attend their top college choices. Personally, I am hoping to attend Quinnipiac University and my second choice is Villanova University. When a college sees Saint Anthony's on the application form, they know that that student has gone through a prestigious academic process and has been properly prepared for college. Saint Anthony's also has plenty of help available for the college process.

Saint Anthony's has made the past four years of my life an unforgettable experience, and I would recommend it to any eighth grader thinking about attending.

#### RYAN CONNELLY

My name is Ryan Connelly and before attending Saint Anthony's High School in the fall of 2011 I was a kid from public school that always tried to skate under the radar when it came to academics and extra curricular activities. I never really cared about my grades or my future. My plans were simple; just try to graduate and then figure out where to go from there. My plans for the future were almost nonexistent. My brother Kevin, a graduate from the class of 2012, and my sister Caitlin, a graduate from the class of 2010, both attended Saint Anthony's. They were my only encouragement to attend Saint Anthony's. I listened to what they had to say and I decided to attend and my plan was to



drop out if I didn't like it which I thought I wouldn't. Needless to say that thought never crossed my mind again because here I am 4 years later about to graduate.

The key to "surviving" Saint Anthony's is to get involved and be an active participant in the student body. There are many clubs that can satisfy many interests. For me, my interest was getting involved in the Student Council. My freshman year my brother was the Vice President of the Student Council and I was a representative of the Freshman class. Four years later, I became the President of the Student Council and I am more involved now than I ever would have been if I stayed in my public school.

I like to think that I am no longer the kid that tries to skate by. Saint Anthony's helped me to develop good study habits. I am now a two-time recipient of the Duns Scotus Academic Award and a recipient of the St. Bonaventure Academic Award. My grades and my future are now the paramount of who I am as a student. My plans for the future also changed dramatically when I entered Saint Anthony's. I now plan on attending the United States Air Force Academy or the United States Merchant Marine Academy in the hopes of gaining the opportunity to serve my country.

#### THOMAS DENNIS



Hi, I'm Tommy Dennis and I am a senior at Saint Anthony's. Taking the entrance exam for Saint Anthony's was not my choice, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life. After being accepted I had a big choice to make. I decided that I would try out Saint Anthony's in 9th grade and transfer back to my public school if I didn't like it. After my freshman year, I never looked back. The opportunities both academically and athletically are unmatched with any school on the Island. Attending Saint Anthony's took some getting used to but overall it has been a great experience.

As a student athlete I was looking for a school that provided good academics with highly competitive sports teams and I felt that Saint Anthony's fit all my criteria. Coming from a school with a reputation like this makes getting accepted to colleges easier. As my junior year started I knew that I wanted to play football in college, and, coming from this program, I knew I would have this opportunity. Throughout my junior year I was introduced to coaches from 38 different colleges ranging from D1 to D3 including many of the top 10 academic institutions in the country.

After 3 years of high school in the classroom and on the football field I have decided to attend thew University of Pennsylvania and play football while enrolling in the Wharton School of Business. Had I not gone to Saint Anthony's I would not have been able to be where I am today or where I will be in the future.



#### JASMINE FERNANDEZ

I remember my first day as a freshman at Saint Anthony's High School like it was yesterday. I was afraid because I did not know anyone and I had also never attended a Catholic school. I thought that making friends was going to be impossible and that I was going to get lost every five seconds in such a giant school. Little did I know that Saint Anthony's was going to become my home away from home, and that I was going to cherish my years here more than anything. Although I had already heard seniors say things like this when I attended the open house, I did not believe it until I experienced it myself.

At Saint Anthony's, making friends was not nearly as difficult as I had imagined. In fact, it turned out that almost everyone I met was from a different town and in the same position as I was, so they understood how I felt. Everybody was friendly, especially the teachers. They understood how frightened we were and they worked their hardest to make us feel at home. The faculty at Saint Anthony's was a great help as we adapted to the new school. By the second week, I already knew my way around this "giant" school and I was eager to get involved. I was shocked at all the clubs and activities Saint Anthony's had to offer, and you will be too. Whether it is the chorus, a certain sport, or the peanut butter and jelly club that catches your attention, this school will definitely offer something that will make you want to stay.

Needless to say, Saint Anthony's is a place where people come together and grow as a family. This high school not only prepares you for college, but it allows you to grow in your faith and intelligence, participate in hundreds of different events, make friends from all over the island, and become the mature young adult you are meant to be. I am grateful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend such an excellent high school that has left me with such wonderful memories. My top two colleges are Princeton University and Wake Forest University.

#### SAMANTHA GAMBARDELLA

It's crazy to think about the fact that my four years of high school are almost over, but I'm glad that I got to spend them at Saint Anthony's. As cliché as this may sound, Saint Anthony's is much more than a school. It's a community of motivated and outgoing students who want to learn, have fun, and make a difference. There are so many clubs, sports, and other organizations here, and it's important to get involved. Being a part of the kickline team has taught me valuable teamwork skills, the National Honor Society has shown me how important it is to give back to my school and community, and clubs such as the Peanut Butter & Jelly Club and Helping Hands demonstrate the wonderful virtue of serving others.

Helping me grow in my faith has been one of the best things Saint Anthony's has done for me. The faith-filled atmosphere truly made me a better person. love lectoring at Masses and really enjoyed the retreats in my freshman, sophomore, and junior years. One of my favorite memories of Saint Anthony's is the Mass at last year's twilight relay in the student center. Everyone was gathered together on the turf in their pajamas and Father Irinel gave a wonderful homily. Afterwards, we all walked a lap around the indoor track. It was such a moving experience, and something I'll definitely remember for a long time.

I learned so much in my four years here and was always inspired by my teachers to try my hardest. Saint Anthony's gave me many opportunities to change for the better, and I'm very grateful for that. I am more educated, caring and



outgoing now than I was in freshman year, all thanks to my experiences here. My time at Saint Anthony's helped prepare me well for life after high school, and in September I hope to attend the University of Notre Dame or Villanova University.

#### LEANDRA MERAGLIA-GARCIA

Looking back on my years here at Saint Anthony's, I see so much more than I ever thought I did as an eighth grader eager to come through these doors. Every day I'm thankful that I'm able to call Saint Anthony's home, and as each year has gone by, I love seeing new freshmen experiencing just what a special place this school is. The decision on where to go to high school is big, but I think Saint Anthony's makes it so easy. I knew from the second I visited (as a small and shy eighth grader) that Saint Anthony's was the place for me, and these are some of the reasons why...

The teachers are the people who make this school come alive academically. I've made such close relationships with all of my teachers that it's equally as sad to leave them after four years as it is my friends. They are the most intelligent, and kind-hearted teachers I've ever come across, and they are at your disposal, whether for extra help or just as someone to talk to. Each class I have taken has intrigued me and challenged me thanks to the wonderful teachers who have helped me grow as a student as well as an individual.

In addition to the teachers, the resources and attention available to me are the other main reasons I decided to come to Saint Anthony's. Science is what fascinates me as a student and Saint Anthony's has made my science career grow exponentially. Through Friarquest, the science research program here, I've done science research at Stony Brook University and presented my findings in Washington. D.C. at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in front of the Department of Defense. Friarquest, and Saint Anthony's as a whole, helps my dreams in science and academics become realities. No other Catholic high school on Long Island is involved in the sciences like we are here, and the new state of the art laboratories show Saint Anthony's commitment to enrich the sciences like never before.

I truly can't imagine my life without the teachers, friends, and opportunities that Saint Anthony's has provided me with, and it's my sincere hope that others besides myself choose Saint Anthony's as the place for their hearts to be captured, with their minds never far behind.

I hope to be attending Georgetown University or Columbia University in the fall.



#### BEN LAMANTIA

My name is Ben Lamantia, and I am a senior at Saint Anthony's High School. I didn't always attend Catholic school. In fact I attended public school my entire life, but I have never looked back and regretted my decision of choosing Saint Anthony's. St Anthony's is a very unique school that's full of opportunity. You are granted with the tools and ability to succeed and surrounded only by people who will strive to help you achieve your goals. Unlike many other high schools, Saint Anthony's is a combination of outstanding academic achievement and highly competitive athletics. There are few schools that can compete academically as well as compete athletically with Saint Anthony's.

Another aspect of Saint Anthony's that makes it unique is the quality of the relationships between the teachers and the students. The students are able to build more personal relationships with the teachers because of the smaller class sizes and because the teachers will do as much as possible to help you not only pass, but also understand the material. As a result, the teachers are not just teachers, but take on the role of a mentor. They don't just tell you the facts and then leave you to figure it out on your own. They are always willing to come in early or stay after school to give you additional help. They want you as a student to achieve your goals, and they do whatever it takes to assist you in doing just that.

The diversity of friends you are able to make here is also what makes Saint Anthony's unique. Here, there are students from all over the world and each and every student comes with the common goal to be successful. Despite the popular belief that athletes are only friends with other athletes, I have been a varsity wrestler since freshman year and was able to become good friends with students that are both academically motivated and athletically inclined. Here students are not labeled as "nerds" or "jocks" so it's easy to make many friends with students not only from Long Island but also from all over the world. I may take my athletics seriously, but I take my academics seriously as well. Saint Anthony's gives you the freedom to be both an outstanding student and an outstanding athlete.

I have experienced firsthand the opportunities that Saint Anthony's has to offer for its students. Academically I have reached my goals of being high honor roll, Dun Scotus award winner and a member of National Honor Society. As for athletics, through wrestling I have earned the honor of being called All-State, a two time All-American, and Captain. As a result of these opportunities that Saint Anthony's has blessed me with, on September 21st, 2014, I committed to the University of Michigan for wrestling. This is something I believe I would not have been able to achieve had I not chosen to attend Saint Anthony's High School.

#### ARIANNA PAZ

Choosing a high school may seem like an extremely daunting task. There is a lot of pressure involved in the decision, and students often find themselves feeling overwhelmed. I personally went through this before making the best decision of my entire life: choosing Saint Anthony's as my home for four years. I use the word "home" in describing my decision because this school has literally become my home away from home. I have loved every minute I spent here and I cannot imagine leaving Saint Anthony's this coming June. Saint Anthony's is truly a special place, and the number of reasons for choosing this school is infinite.

High school should not be a place that is strictly for learning what is written in textbooks. It should be a place where



students are allowed the opportunity to explore their interests out of the classroom and to discover new things about themselves. Saint Anthony's is the perfect place for self-exploration and personal growth because it gives students the opportunities they need for success. Saint Anthony's has numerous clubs, sports, and publications in which students can get involved. Students are encouraged to get as involved as possible in all Saint Anthony's has to offer. This is an extremely important reason to choose Saint Anthony's because it is one of very few schools that can provide students with such incredible resources and opportunities. I have personally benefited from the programs offered both during and after school at Saint Anthony's. I have been extremely involved in many aspects of the school, including the theatre and music departments, the retreat ministry, and the softball program. The opportunities that Saint Anthony's has given me have allowed me to grow as a person, discover new things about myself, and learn life lessons that will stay with me forever. They have also allowed me to meet many incredible people that I am positive I will stay friends with for my entire life. The experiences I, and all of Saint Anthony's students, have had during our time spent here are a reflection of this school's special commitment to giving their students the tools and environment they need for personal success.

There is also another very special aspect of Saint Anthony's that is a huge reason why this school is so incredible to be a part of. There is a certain identity that a student embodies when they step foot in the Saint Anthony's building. The faculty, staff, and students of this school are all proud and happy to call themselves "Friars." This is reflected in the tightly knit school community that is present at Saint Anthony's. I can honestly say that it is so amazing to be a part of this school and call myself a "Friar." There is a reason why the saying "Friars Forever" is so popular among students and alumni. It is because this school has touched every single student that has walked through its halls in ways that no other school is able to. Saint Anthony's has helped shape me into the person I am today and has had such a huge impact on my life. The memories I have made at St. Anthony's will stay with me forever and I am proud to say that I will identify myself as a "Friar" for the rest of my life.

Next September, I hope to attend Columbia, Duke, or Carnegie Mellon University.

#### KAITLIN PHILLIPS

Hello, I'm Kaitlin Phillips and I am currently a senior at Saint Anthony's High School and hope to be attending St. John's University next fall. As I reflect on the past fours years at Saint Anthony's all I think of is the opportunity that was given to me.

When I was an eighth grader in 2011, to be honest I wasn't ready or excited to be entering high school especially considering the fact that most of my friends were attending a different school. However, that all changed once I entered Saint Anthony's High School. Saint Anthony's is a place that accepts all and has a place for every individual. Not only is Saint Anthony's a school that betters your education, but it

also betters your social skills because of all the clubs and sports. I am trying to stress that high school is better than you will expect it to be. When I entered the school as a ninth grader I was very guiet and felt isolated because most of the students knew one another, but I wasn't the only one which made me feel more comfortable with speaking to others. I soon realized that the only thing we as students think about when entering high school is how am I going to make friends and will they like me? To tell you the truth they will and you will find your true friends. As I became a sophomore and junior things began to become easier and easier and also became more exciting and thrilling. I was giving the opportunity to become a member of S.A.S.A, NHS, Kolbe Council, Step Team, Schola, PB&J Club, and many more. Saint Anthony's has literally become my second home not only because of the teachers and students but because I am there almost 24/7. That is not a bad thing because I always am happy to be there and experience life. Now, if you're an eighth grader and reading this you're probably thinking that I am sugar coating everything, but I am being one hundred percent honest with you. I'm not forcing or persuading you to come to the school. I am just here to speak to you about what you are going to miss if you don't take the opportunity to come and be a student of Saint Anthony's.

I am grateful to have become a student and very disappointed to know that this is my last year. It goes by o fast, so live and enjoy the moment each day. Because, I became at student at Saint Anthony's I was given a full scholarship to St. John's University, Albany State, and many more. This school has shaped me into being a responsible, humble, and spiritual person who thanks God each day for the all blessings He has given me.

#### ELIZABETH RAINS

I don't even know where to begin to explain why my choice to come to Saint Anthony's was one of the best I have made. Everything about our school, from the community and helpful peers, to many interesting clubs and high academic standards, I can't imagine myself as anything but a Saint Anthony's Friar.

Coming from public school and deciding to go to a Catholic high school was a big decision. Though there was a transition, the experiences that I have been granted through this amazing school have made memories to last me a lifetime. As an active member of the school, I think I speak for all of us in saying that there is a club or activity for everyone. One example of the vast variety of clubs is the Saint Anthony's Celtic Friars Bagpipe band, a talented ensemble that, coming from no musical knowledge, learned to play one of the most difficult instruments around. As a member and current leader, I still remember joining freshman year. As one of the first females in the band, I went into the music room alone, but guickly became the best of friends with the current members who warmly welcomed me. The theater program was similar, having joined as a sophomore, I remember how exciting it was to find out I had made the cast, and how all our hard work paid off in one of Saint Anthony's famously amazing shows.



Along with extracurriculars, Saint Anthony's has a wonderful staff and support system. Not only are all the teachers helpful in the transition from middle school to high school, they are available throughout your high school journey. They are all willing to work with you to help you do the best you can. If that isn't enough, there is a free tutoring service provided by members of the National Honor Society, who take their free periods to help their peers better understand their classes.

Although I am not sure where college will take me — I am currently looking at Saint Bonaventure and Lehigh— I know that Saint Anthony's will be behind me, helping me every step of the way. My time at Saint Anthony's is full of memories I will always cherish, and no matter where I go, I know I'll always bleed black and gold.

#### DANIELLE STEFANIA

My four years at Saint Anthony's have been unbelievable. It's impossible to find another school with the same amount of energy and liveliness, yet making you feel as cozy as being in your own home. To anyone considering coming to Saint Anthony's, I encourage you to apply! You are able to achieve more than you would think in your four short years here. The opportunity to attend a school that has prestigious academics, a prominent program for the arts, a diversified amount of sports and extra-curricular activities, while enriching your soul spiritually is not easy to come by. Any type of student can find his own perfect niche at Saint Anthony's.

Saint Anthony's has exposed me to a number of things both academically and spiritually, along with a number of extra-curricular activities. Whether you are interested in taking various classes in fine or performing arts, overloading your schedule with Advanced Placement classes, playing a sport every season, or nurturing your faith, Saint Anthony's will provide you with the resources you need! For me personally, I have been able to take eight Advanced Placement courses, take drama classes, join clubs committed to helping our community, and be an active member of our campus ministry. The dedication Saint Anthony's has to help their students thrive is unparalleled by any other school.

The most important thing to know about coming to Saint Anthony's is that you are not coming to a new school, you are joining a family. The word "faithful" takes on a new meaning when you see Saint Anthony fans, the Friar Faithful, in the bleachers at soccer, football, basketball, or lacrosse games. At events like pep rallies, pajama night, and Hawaiian night, the students of Saint Anthony's always come together for one universal purpose - pride in our school! There is no home game unattended by Friar Faithful eager to cheer on our team, our family members. The unbreakable bond found between the students here is what truly makes Saint Anthony's my home. I could not have asked for a better high school experience, and in the fall I hope to attend the University of Notre Dame.

#### CHRISTIAN ARMA

Throughout my high school career I have been able to experience many memorable moments. Never did I think that transferring to Saint Anthony's in the middle of my freshman year would lead me to moments that will change my life forever. This outstanding school has allowed me to take part in once in a lifetime opportunities. From expanding my education to extraordinary clubs, Saint Anthony's has given me the ability to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Saint Anthony's has given me the chance to experience moments I will never forget. From acting on the Saint Anthony's stage in the theatre department to traveling to Florida to compete in Disneyworld with the Friar Choir, nothing can compare to the moments I have spent while performing with this amazing school. No words can describe how thankful I am for the Saint Anthony's theatre department. The amount of memories I made and moments I experienced during these rehearsal processes is impossible to number. I was also lucky enough to be given the chance to portray a variety of parts and make them my own, which was the most

exhilarating feeling. As I stood on stage with my extremely talented casts over the course of the years I spent at Saint Anthony's, I realized why I perform. Saint Anthony's also gave me the opportunity to compete with the

show choir, the Friar Choir, in Disneyworld. The Friar Choir is not a club, but a family. Being able to travel to Florida, take part in a music competition, and spend time with some of the most amazing people was incredible. Not only did we compete, we won the gold. This accomplishment was one of the most remarkable moments of my life. Seeing the show choir's hard work being acknowledged is unforgettable. These experiences were memorable mainly because I had the chance to experience them with some of my best friends.

Saint Anthony's High School is more than a school; it's a place where I have been able to completely express myself while making memorable moments. I will carry these moments with me as I continue my educational journey, hopefully at Pace University in the fall. Nothing will ever be able to compare to my time spent at this extremely exceptional school.

"Life isn't about the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away." – Anonymous

#### THOMAS BUTZKE

My most memorable moment at Saint Anthony's was when I won a state championship with the soccer team my junior year. Since walking through the doors at Saint Anthony's the first day of freshman year, I was constantly told that Saint Anthony's is more than a school, it is a family. Now, something like this can be told to you thousands of times, but what made this team special is that we truly bought into it. From the scorching hot days of late August to the ice cold nights of early November, we came together not only as a team, but also as a family.







I remember the feeling of absolute euphoria when the final whistle blew at St. John's University that marked the end of a 2-0 win in the state championship game. It was a feeling that I could never explain. There is something special about winning not only for your team, but also for your brothers, and not only for the school, but the entire Saint Anthony's community. The pride that is instilled at Saint Anthony's is what makes everything worth it. The fact that the whole school is behind you, win or lose, makes it that much better when the result is in your favor. There is a saying on a board near the stadium turf that states, "Classmates for four years, Friars forever." After the state championship win, I knew that there is nothing I would rather be than a Friar, forever. I will be attending and playing soccer at Boston University in the fall.



#### ASHLEY ELLIS

Attending Saint Anthony's High School has taught me a lot about myself, things that I will carry with me throughout my entire life. The memories that I have created alongside my fellow classmates have sculpted me into the person I am today. These past three years have been the most memorable years of my life and I am extremely eager to see what this year has to offer.

I believe that the relationship between students and teachers in Saint Anthony's is the key to succeeding in this environment. These relationships are the main reason that I have done so well throughout my high school career. One of my most memorable experiences in Saint Anthony's is being awarded the St. Bonaventure award for all three years that I have completed. Students who receive over a 95 average for the entire year earn this award. I am extremely proud to be honored with this award because it shows that all my hard work and studying actually pays off.

Another experience that I will always remember is the opportunity to meet new people. Coming into Saint Anthony's, I was intimidated by the amount of people that attend this school. My main fear was not being able to make friends. Looking back on my fears I can honestly say that I had no reason to be nervous. I have met lifelong friends throughout these years who have been through thick and thin by my side. The amount of activities in this school guarantee that friendships will be made with people who enjoy the same things as you. My friends and I have become so close over these years and plan on staying close as we all part ways for college.

Outside of the relationships and academics mentioned above, I must say we have had fun over the past three years and I look forward to the balance of this year to do the same. Fun things like pajama night, making funny faces on our student ids for our senior year, and dressing up as old men golfers for cheer camp. One moment in particular that I will always remember due to how hilarious it was, was during my freshman year when the seniors let a chicken loose in the hallways for senior prank day.

In the fall of 2015 I plan on attending the University of Maryland if accepted. I am sure I will have some of the same initial fears, make new friends and experience new academic challenges and success. Most of all I look forward to growing as a young woman...and still having fun.

#### STEVEN GENOVA

I've had so many memorable experiences over my four years at Saint Anthony's. I've enjoyed my academic and athletic experiences and loved the school and everything it had to offer me. The first and most memorable experience developed through the first person I met during freshman football tryouts, Coach Paul Washington. To say that he's had a tremendous influence on my life would be an understatement. He really understood me as a player but more importantly as a student and a person. He believed in my abilities and gave me tremendous confidence that I could succeed not only in football but in all my future endeavors at Saint Anthony's and beyond. I'll never be able to thank him other than to let him know that my freshman experience set the tone for my four years at Saint Anthony's and I will never forget his influence in my life.

Life got complicated for me at the conclusion of my sophomore year when my mom was diagnosed with cancer and began a long battle that she is still fighting today. It was very hard to understand and deal with but the saving grace was my faith in God and the support system I had around me. From Coach Reichert to Brother Gary and all my teachers I was able to navigate that time and never feel alone. The bond I had with my teammates in particular gave me added strength and my passion and commitment to the football team made those tough days a lot easier.

How could I ever forget the laughs I had during lunch in the cafeteria, Homecoming my senior year and the feeling that I was truly a part of something special. To me being a Friar means more then just wearing the Black and Gold, it's the pride of knowing that you're part of a unique fraternity. Saint Anthony's wasn't just a school for me, it was an extension of my family and a place I always found comfort. I will be forever grateful and never forget my four years here.

#### JAMES GENTILE

Attending Saint Anthony's High School was an easy decision for me. I went to a Catholic school my entire life and it seemed natural for me to attend a Catholic high school. I had heard that Saint Anthony's has very high academic standards, and that the sports program is highly regarded. However, even more important is the fact that Saint Anthony's provides an atmosphere where good morals and beliefs are instilled and where worshiping God is accomplished. Attending Saint Anthony's High School was the right decision for me. I have gained great experiences and memories from my high school career that will remain with me forever.

The teachers and Brothers have provided me with a great education and challenged me to do my best. Playing baseball and football for Saint Anthony's allowed me to form friendships with teammates and coaches. Being a S.A.L.T. leader and a member of the National Honor Society have enriched my life and have shown me the importance of giving back to others. Faith is a way of life, and I have been educated about my faith here. I have learned about God and have developed a deeper knowledge of my religion. I have grown in many ways while here at Saint Anthony's including physically, emotionally, and spiritually. This



foundation will carry me through the rest of my life. After graduation I hope to attend Quinnipiac University and study business management. I plan on continuing to work in my family's amusement park business. Saint Anthony's has prepared me for the future and I am proud to say I am a Friar.



#### PATRICE JOSEPHS

Coming into Saint Anthony's High School I knew I was sent here for a reason. Deciding what high school you want to attend for the next four years weighs pretty heavy on you as a decision because you want to make the best choice you can. Throughout these four years you build relationships and friendships with your peers, teammates and even teachers, and you hope to move on having learned a lot from the people you surround yourself with.

I knew I had made the right decision coming to Saint Anthony's the moment I stepped foot in the school. These last four years I have built friendships with people that are genuine and memories with people I'll never forget. We are accepting of all different kinds of nationalities, races, and personalities. When I say we, I am referring to Saint Anthony's as not only my school but also my family. Some of my most memorable moments in Saint Anthony's have to be Spirit Week at our school. It may not seem like the biggest deal, but Spirit Weeks bring our family even closer together than we already are. We show our pride in our school and how much we love attending it. Being a part of a team makes Spirit Week and even pep rally that much more important to me. Being on Step Team, I think I can speak for any team when I say that your teammates are your sisters/brothers. You know that you can always count on them to be there for you.

As my four years come to a close I can honestly say that choosing to go to Saint Anthony's High School was the best decision I could have made, and when I look at who I have become as a person it is easy to see it was the best decision. In the fall I hope to be attending Florida International University in Miami, but I know that when I come home I am and will always be a Friar.



#### KENDALL MCMILLAN

I have so many incredible memories that I've been lucky enough to make in my years at Saint Anthony's High School. I've made wonderful friends and met fantastic people who have impacted my life in a way that I could never thank anyone enough for. The countless memories I have began with one decision; attending Saint Anthony's.

I decided to come to Saint Anthony's during my last week of eighth grade. I met with Mr. Washington to choose my classes, and I immediately knew I made the right choice. Mr. Washington told me I was the kind of kid that should attend Saint Anthony's and that I would fit right in. I left that meeting feeling confident in my decision, and I couldn't wait for September! On my first day of school I was nervous just like every other freshman. I didn't know many people and I had no idea where anything was in the school. I walked in the building and Mr. Washington was right there. Before I could even say hello, he said hello to me. It wasn't just hello, he said "Hello Kendall". There are around seven hundred students in my grade, and Mr. Washington was thoughtful enough to remember my name. This memory, even though it was made my first day in Saint Anthony's, is my most fond memory.

Just like Mr. Washington, all of the faculty and staff at Saint Anthony's are caring and thoughtful. The students are as well. There is always someone smiling at you in the hallway, or someone to talk to when you need help. Choosing Saint Anthony's was hard, but I wouldn't change it for anything. I hope that all of you prospective students realize that Saint Anthony's is the most incredible place, somewhere you can call home. The Friars, not just the Brothers, all of us, are a family. Once a Friar, always a Friar! Next year I will be attending Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina to study as well as play lacrosse.

#### ANTHONY MICHALEK

My name is Anthony Michalek and I am a senior from East Northport. I am hoping to attend the United States Naval Academy after graduation, with the University of Notre Dame as my second choice. I currently play lacrosse for Saint Anthony's and will begin wrestling this year. I want to pursue a degree in either computer science or cyber operations in college. E

My time at Saint Anthony's has been a string of one memorable experience after another: from the classes, to the teachers, to the sporting events, to the friends that I have made in the last four years. One of my most memorable experiences at Saint Anthony's is from the homecoming football game this year. A group of seven, including myself, painted ourselves for the game, spelling "FRIARS!" across our chests.

Another great experience has been following the varsity soccer team. The athletics at Saint Anthony's are so incredibly competitive and the talent found on the field makes the sports very enjoyable. I've attended every home and many away soccer games this year and showing this school spirit with my friends to support the soccer team has been some of the best times I've ever had.

#### NICHOLAS POLO

When asked to share my most memorable experience while attending Saint Anthony's High School, I found it very difficult to narrow that guestion down to just one answer. First and foremost towards the end of my freshman year, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor which immediately put me and my family into a life changing situation. After making the adjustment of leaving my hometown to attend Saint Anthony's and adjusting to new friends and new teachers, it became guite apparent that I had made the correct choice. My battle with this nasty disease was, to say the least, very difficult. My treatment included 5 brain surgeries, 32 treatments of radiation and then ending it all with 6 months of chemotherapy. The genuine care and affection given to me from both the staff and my peers immediately made me realize that this school was special. Many of



my teachers volunteered to home tutor me, classmates helped me through the halls on the days I was able to make it to school, and many families of Saint Anthony's, some who I did not even know, pitched in to help us get through the daily grind with dinners, prayer cards and even going as far as donating a special night with the NY Knicks. It is imperative that I also mention how the Franciscan Brothers gave me the strength and determination to win my battle with cancer by leading daily prayers and the assurance that I was not alone.

Just being allowed to wear my Stars and Stripes head wrap with pride in school spoke volumes of them being in my corner. My family and I are very grateful for having such a loving and caring community around us at Saint Anthony's High School.

The second of my most memorable experiences at Saint Anthony's High School is football season. I will never forget this time of the year, not only because I was part of the team, but be- cause the atmosphere around me really made me feel like I was with my family. Although I could not be on the field because my playing career was cut short, Coach Reichert and the coaching staff took me under their wing and had me on the sideline during games, as if I were still playing. At the championship football game of 2012, I had the pleasure of being an honorary captain and going to mid field for the coin toss. This made me feel like I was part of the football family and my brothers (the football team) had my back. I would have never had a feeling like this if it wasn't for coach Reichert. I admire and have the upmost respect for him because of his compassion for his players and his confidence and composure on the sidelines. Win or lose, he is a great man of character.

#### SAMUEL PYO



"I may never know when an answer to prayer is going to arrive, but I know that God will never fail me." Suzanne Elizabeth Anderson's powerful quote taught me that delay is not failure but everything in his time. It was the first day of school, and I was an anxious sophomore transfer student walking into what seemed to be a colossal building with hundreds of other students dressed like I was. On my first day, I thought I was walking into a new school, however, I walked into my home away from home. Walking through the doors of Saint Anthony's High School is a memory I will cherish forever.

At the time, the school was extremely intimidating with so many students let alone a Brother stationed at every single corner in the hallways. I felt like drop of water in an ocean. I felt as if I was on my own having to fend for myself and I could not have been more wrong. I have never been in an environment that was so welcoming and open to lend a helping hand to others. All these students that I have never met, in all different grades, directed me where I needed to go and made sure I was heading in the right direction. After learning to navigate around school, I was able to find some of those good-natured students were members of the Saint Anthony's Leadership Team, which I joined and presently serve as a member. Although many people helped me on my first day of school, there was one moment that I will always remember. When I was in homeroom I needed to make a change on my schedule and needed to go to the scheduling office. I had no idea where the scheduling office was located. Then just as I was going to ask someone for help, the bell rings and the students swarmed out of the room to their next class. One student remained and she offered to take me there and I accepted. This act was so simple but was so meaningful to me. While all the other students rushed to class, she was willing to risk being late to her class in order to help another student. She stayed with me in the scheduling office until all my issues were addressed. Today she is one of my best friends and is still helping others wherever she goes. Moments when people put others ahead of their own needs are the moments worth remembering.

I have been privileged to be a Friar since the tenth grade alongside some of the most selfless people I know who live "Christ like" lives. The memories and friends I have made during my time at Saint Anthony's are true blessings to me. I will carry my memories and experiences with me as I open the next door in my life, college. In September of 2015 I will be attending and playing lacrosse at Houghton College.

#### BRIDGET SANDS

The best experience I had at Saint Anthony's was when I went on the Orchestra Pilgrimage to Italy when I was a junior in 2014. I played the cello and it was one of the greatest opportunities I have ever taken! It exceeded all my expectations and was one of the best trips I have ever been on! The trip consisted of band and orchestra members, from all grades. We learned four pieces and preformed several times while in Italy, including at the Vatican at a Papal Audience, and in St. Peter's Basilica.

The trip started out with us leaving school in one of the worst snowstorms in several years, and everyone feared the worst, we would not be able to leave the gate. Our fears never came true and we were one of the last planes to leave New York that day. We arrived in Northern Italy and then drove to our first city, Padua, south of Venice. We had our first performance, and official started our tour of Italy. My favorite city was Venice, the second city we visited. We began with a tour of the ancient city and then proceeded to discover the true beauty of the city. The people were so different and lived completely different lives than us Americans did. Next we enjoyed free time to walk the city with friends and then a gondola ride. We were even able to experience the floods in St. Marks Square! While in Italy we also visited Florence, Orvieto, Siena, Pisa, Rome, and Stroncone.

Before going to Italy I was very worried because none of my friends were going on the trip. After the first night practice with the group I no longer worried. I made many new friends, including many people I thought I would have never been friends with. Everyone was extremely excited and it brought everyone close together! When in Italy I developed independence, being away from my parents, and realized what a true blessing it was to go to Saint Anthony's! I gained appreciation for different cultures and realized how different the world is and how being different is not a negative! If I was given the opportunity to go again I would say yes in a heartbeat!




#### TYLER REYNOLDS

Throughout my years at Saint Anthony's I have had many memorable experiences - it's hard to just pick one. I went into my freshman year only knowing a few kids and not knowing what the next four years would hold. I quickly learned what Saint Anthony's was about. The school is a large community of people all looking to help each other. This is something that the teachers and the Brothers establish early your freshman year. I was able to fit right in because there is an opportunity for everyone to find what you love and become a part of it. Saint Anthony's offers sports, clubs and many other ways to get involved in the school; there is something for everyone.

Some of my best memories were attending sporting events. Besides my lacrosse teammates, I have friends that play other sports as well as no sports, yet we all come together to cheer on whatever team is playing. There is nothing more exciting than being a part of the school spirit (especially when beating Chaminade). When there is a big sporting event everyone tries to go, including faculty. In addition to sports there are many other events and clubs that the student body participates in creating a great school atmosphere. As part of the Friar Faithful Club, I enjoyed giving tours to prospective students because I could share my personal experiences and explain to people how special Saint Anthony's is.

My four years at Saint Anthony's have helped shape me into the person I am today. I have made great friendships that I will cherish for the rest of my life and strong relationships with my teachers who have prepared me for the next four years. In September I will attend and play lacrosse at the University of Tampa, although I am moving south I will be a Friar Forever!

#### **BROOKE STAPLETON**

There is no way I can begin to describe the amazing memories created at Saint Anthony's High School. Throughout my high school career Saint Anthony's has given me all the tools to success and all the memories to last a lifetime.

Beginning my first year as a timid Freshman I had no idea what was in store. I came from a small public school, knowing everyone to having over 600 new classmates. My memories from freshman year were exciting and full of new experiences. Sophomore year was nothing but extraordinary as well. With one year under my belt, little did I know this would be the year I would be a part of winning the 6th consecutive Girls Varsity Lacrosse Championship. There was no greater feeling than wearing my Black and Gold jersey and representing my school. Being an upperclassman was something I looked forward to the moment I first visited Saint Anthony's. As a veteran junior with my new gray skirt I knew this was going to be another remarkable year. I looked forward to events such as Powderpuff, Ring Day, and winning another Lacrosse Championship!

As a Senior I anticipate my most memorable moment of my high school career to be Graduation Day where I will move on to another chapter of my life. As this high school chapter ends and a collegiate chapter begins I hope to continue my studies at American University.

#### JOSEPH TUCKER

During my four years at Saint Anthony's I have had the chance to make many fond memories with my fellow Friars. From winning the Catholic States to qualifying for Regionals in Cross Country, the vast amount of memories is endless. But if I had to choose my most memorable moment in Saint Anthony's it would be winning the Federation title.

The Federation title, if you don't know, is the state championship meet, but it includes Catholic schools as well as public schools. Going into the meet our expectations were high, but at the same time Saint Anthony's hadn't won the title since 1992, so it did put a lot of pressure on our seniors. It was our last chance to accomplish this great task. The week leading up to the meet was nerve-racking with our coach reminding us every day about what we had to do and who was going to be in our race. When we got there on Friday we were a little thrown because it was colder than expected but we had to have faith that our whole season leading up to this prepared us for the meet. The night before we did routine prayer which includes two Our Fathers and one Hail Mary where we thank God for our health and the courage to run our best. The morning of the race is tense. Everyone is pretty nervous about how they will run, and just the atmosphere of the race can be overwhelming. Our race alone had 200 runners. Once you get on that line it seems like the whole world becomes silent until the gun goes off, and then all you can hear is the rumbling of the ground as you and the people around you head into the course. The beginning of our race was so crowded you could hardly move without catching an elbow. Once we got to the first hill it started to slowly spread out as the first pack of runners started to pull away. As we approached the second hill the cold breeze seemed to pick up which made it pretty hard to push up. To be honest, the second half of the race was just a matter of finishing the race and finding your teammates waiting for you at the finish line. Once I crossed the line and saw that already three of my teammates had crossed the line I knew we had won. It was the best feeling in the world that our team had accomplished something so great. By far, watching Brother Antonio cry out of joy made my day.

Throughout my four years at Saint Anthony's I have had some of the best moments of my life with people I am so fortunate to have met. I thank God every day for giving me the chance to become a Friar. I am not yet sure where I will be attending college but I hope to go to the United States Military Academy.





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"Capture the heart and the mind will follow" is embodied in the many ways our alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends contribute to Saint Anthony's High School.

When you give to Saint Anthony's you help the Franciscan Brothers fulfill their commitment to academic excellence, to enhance our facilities, and to keep a Saint Anthony's education accessible and affordable.

The participation of all of our alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends is paramount if Saint Anthony's is going to maintain its position as the leading college preparatory school on Long Island.

The 2014-2015 Annual Fund is the best way to demonstrate your overall satisfaction with your Saint Anthony's experience. The 2014-2015 Annual Fund is a key source of expendable revenue that impacts the lives of every student. Your gift to the 2014-2015 Annual Fund:

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# Principal's Council

As a member of the Principal's Council...

You will be supporting the work of the Principal to advance the mission of Saint Anthony's High School. Members of the Principal's Council will be invited as special guests of Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F. to the following functions:

- Principal's Dinner (Saturday, April 18, 2015)
- Spring Concert (Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25, 2015)
- Commencement Exercises (Saturday, June 6, 2015)

You can join the Principal's Council by giving to the 2014 - 2015 Annual Fund and contributing at one of the following levels:

- Saint Anthony's Patron \$25,000 +
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- Principal's Cabinet \$5,000 \$9,999
- Principal's Circle \$1,000 \$4,999















#### Dishing Out What's Good

Saint Anthony's Student Council and National Honor Society members go to the Mary Brennan Inn in Hempstead twice each year on Veteran's Day in November and Ascension Thursday in May. The Inn is an extensive outreach program, which includes a soup kitchen, food pantry, clothing and toy distribution, and social services. Saint Anthony's students provide manual labor to organize fresh and canned donated food, sort clothing and toys, prepare and serve hot food, and help with general cleanup. Funds raised from the school's Dress Down Days (wherein students make a donation to not wear their uniform for a day) fully pay for the meals, which are served on the days that students volunteer at the Inn. The work is very exhausting, but is far outweighed by the spiritual reward felt by both the teacher and student volunteers.







### Max Morin '12



Max Morin is a young Friar who is truly following the teachings of Saint Francis. Max, a Health Science student on a pre-med track at Northeastern University in Boston, took this semester to go abroad. Unlike many college students, Max is not in Florence or London but rather in Cusco, Peru and Honduras doing mission work.

Max spent three months working on a co-op project in Peru and in October 2014 he began his work in Honduras. Here, he was most helpful to the mission he worked with.

Living in the village of Urraco Pueblo, Max has been helping in the Urraco Government Health Center four days a week. Max is bi-lingual and was also teaching 4th, 5th and 6th graders English in the afternoons.

In the first week of November, two surgical teams arrived in Honduras: the Pro-Papa Mission Honduras Orthopedic Pediatric Team and the Spine Surgical Brigade. These two teams worked together in the Ruth Paz Children's Hospital in San Pedro Sula. The team was working with young children who have orthopedic and spine difficulties.

Beginning Friday, November 7th, Max worked with the teams of doctors in helping over 50 children. According to one of his supervisors, Sister Laurida Mayer, "Max was really super in both areas—translating in the ORs and helping the surgeons with whatever they needed him to do. The surgeons said Max was excellent in the OR."

His supervisors noted that Max's help with the orthopedic examinations was also very professional. He helped organize the medical records for each patient and created files for those patients who were scheduled for surgery in the future.

Sister Laurinda was thrilled to have such an enthusiastic volunteer. She said, "We are very grateful that Max is with us and for his medical services with the patients of Urraco and at the Ruth Paz Hospital. His great interest in the culture and his eagerness to help wherever he can is invaluable."

Max returned to the U.S. in December and resumed his studies at Northeastern. We are very proud of Max for his compassionate work with the less fortunate.

# You were born.

This year the Saint Anthony's High School Theatre Company performed You Were Born On A Rotten Day by Christopher Sergel. This over-the-top comedy provided three straight nights of laughter and entertainment. The play was focused around a physics instructor, Claude P. Jones, who creates an alter ego in an attempt to secure funds for his school's science lab. While he is ultimately successful, Claude unwittingly and accidentally makes astrology look like a respectable science, causes a whole town to panic and almost loses the woman of his affections. You Were Born On A Rotten Day was a show comprised of many memorable characters and combined special effects, zany comedy and a touch of romance. In the end, it reminded us that persistence along with having a good heart and good intentions always leads to a happy ending.

The cast was comprised of twenty-two students. It featured all grade levels and showed off the incredible depth of talent that exists in our school's theatre program. Senior Ian Greiner played the dual role of Ptolemy and Claude Jones. Ian's dedication to the show and natural comedic sense provided three nights of hilarious performances. He brought an incredible character to life on the stage and wowed audiences with his talent. Senior Arianna Paz played Ms. Agatha Johnson, the nerdy and up-tight English teacher who gained confidence and affection for Claude as the show progressed. Arianna's talent shined through in this role and she impressed audiences night in and night out. Senior Matthew Tursi was thoroughly entertaining as Bart Bascombe, the overweight and over confident football coach. Matt's comedic timing and on-stage antics had audiences rolling in the aisles. Senior Christian Arma

gave a terrific performance playing Councilman Cyrus Banks, the local politician trying to save face in the most complicated of circumstances. Senior Jake Kaplan provided audiences with plenty of laughs as M.I.T. professor Arthur Huxley. Sophomore Natalie Fulgieri performed wonderfully in her role as Yvonne Smith. Junior Samantha Fitzgerald entertained audiences each night as Miss Susan Masters, the principal of Galileo High School. Juniors Gillian Pelkonen and Kaitlyn Piotrowicz were a perfect comedy tag-team in their roles as Connie Constellation and Miss Marks. The cast was rounded out with hysterical performances and spot-on portrayals of high school students by seniors James Vicari and Destiny Katz, sophomores Liana Driscoll, Marissa Chisolm, Bryant Lewis, Sydney Koehler, Megan Smythe and Gavin Boyd. Also performing as various high school students, an impressive group of freshmen: Jason Braham, Sydney Leary, Victoria Bock, Kayla Colvin and Ryan Horncastle all showed off their talents on the stage.

Aiding to the great success of this production was a talented and dedicated stage crew led by their two chiefs, William Tangel and Elizabeth Conklin. Lighting master Dan Gude and sound masters Matt Trotta and Madeline Mirenda designed an impressive technical how to complement a stunning set built by the rest of the crew.

In addition to the students in the cast and crew, Senior Joseph Wendt served as the assistant director and aided in set design. Joey brought his unique talents and vision to the show and truly aided in its success.

Bravo to the cast and crew for a wonderful show!

# on a rotten day























## Brother Richard Brings Advent to the Community

On November 15, 2014, Brother Richard Contino, O.S.F. led a book discussion at Barnes and Noble in East Northport, followed by a book signing of his book *To the Stable*. Brother has had a second book published entitled *These Sacred Days* and is hard at work on book number three.









# Recent Visits by College Presidents

Representatives from St. Joseph's College (Patchogue, NY) and University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX) came to Saint Anthony's for meetings to enhance the academic and financial relationships (via scholarships) with our school.

#### Pictured left to right-

Top: From St. Joseph's College: Gigi Lamens, Associate VP for Enrollment Management; Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F.; Kathleen Magistro '01, Sr. Associate Director of Admissions; Dr. Jack Calaresco, President. Bottom: From University of St. Thomas: Kim Hearney, SAHS Director of College Counseling; Edward Forker '68, Senior Exec; Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F.; Dr. Robert Ivany, President.

The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

The Christmas Spirit was alive and on full display as the seniors rang in the Christmas season with the annual tradition of festive attire and the decorating of the North and South Pole Hallways. Brother Gary, Brother Joshua, and Brother Robert were everpresent providing hot cocoa and cookies for all to enjoy. Brother Robert had many wondering if he was Santa Claus with his patented "Are you being good?"





























# Christmas Concert

For so many alumni, parents and grandparents the Christmas Concert "officially" welcomes in this very special time of the year. Musical selections performed by the Chorus, Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Honors Ensemble, and the Jazz Band entertained sold out performances on both nights. The Christmas Spirit was ever present as Brother Joshua led the Chorus and the audiences in the traditional Christmas Carols sing-along and of course, there was a special appearance by Santa Claus. Believe!







#### Freshman Sarah Gavilla Stars in Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Freshman Sarah Gavilla has received national acclaim for her role and performance as Clara in *The Nutcracker* in this year's national tour of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the talented and effervescent 14-year old who began her dancing career ten years ago. Needless to say, competition for the part was fierce, but once the final cut was made it was certainly worth all the countless hours of hard work, preparation and rehearsals.

Sarah summed it up when she said, "When I was little I used to go to the Radio City shows a lot, and I loved it." Sarah and her family received the great news that she was cast as Clara back in July. Talk about what dreams are made of.

#### Community Service at Christmas—Gregoria Schola Brings Music To Their Ears

The Saint Anthony's Schola, at the special invitation of Mrs. Ethel Byrnes, performed at "7 Monti" at North Shore LIJ Hospital. Special thanks to Mrs. Kelly Lewis, mother of Shannon Lewis '17, and Mrs. Colleen DeGaetano, Shannon's aunt.













## Powder Puff Football

Friday Night Lights had nothing over the nearly 400 junior and senior girls who put on quite a show at the annual touch football competition in the Student Center.

Thank you to all the those who played, officiated, and coached in this very popular student activity.

Proceeds from the night will go to the American Cancer Society.















## The "Colors of Light" Creation

The wonderfully radiant colored light increases with the addition of each new stained glass window here at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, Saint Anthony's High School.

The process of creating these windows begins with a generous gift by a patron. Each patron chooses the saint to be represented. As it has been done throughout the history of art, the faces of the saints are the faces of a cherished person who has passed or a beloved family member still part of the patron's family.

These windows become the artistic collaboration of the artist, Jennifer Baldwin-Schafer, a member of the Saint Anthony's faculty, and Wilmark Studios, the fabricator. The images are created by the artist using photographs supplied by the patron and research to accurately portray the saint. Symbols are used to support the saint's identity within the hands, robes and circle at the top of the composition.

These full-scaled drawings are then used by Mark Liberwitz of Wilmark Studios to make patterns for cutting the individual glass

pieces. The color of each piece of glass is chosen by the artist, cut by the fabricator and returned to the artist for painting. The images are carefully painted using powdered glass, resin and solvents and then returned to Wilmark Studios. There the pieces are fired in a kiln at nearly 1500 degrees, fusing the painted surface permanently. Afterwards, the pieces are leaded together creating the finished window.

The installation of these windows becomes a celebration of love and devotion of the patrons, the hard work and dedications of Jennifer Baldwin-Schafer and Mark Liberwitz and the Saint Anthony's community.

One of the most recent windows added to the Chapel is that of the Holy Spirit, located behind the altar. The design of this window is based on a window originally located at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, Saint Anthony's "Juniorate" Campus in Smithtown, New York. This original window is now located in the general office here at Saint Anthony's High School.





Our Lady of the Angels THRESHOLD Of HOPE "Colors of Light" Stained Glass Window Campaign



Saint Anthony The Gentile Family

Saint Vivian

Saint Barbara The Gentile Family The DeSousa Family

Saint Patrick The Adams Family

Saint Charles The Adams Family

Angel The Pauze Family dedicated to Megan '13

There are a total of 38 stained glass windows available in our Chapel. To date, nine are completed, three in production for a total of twelve. For more information contact: Mr. Don Corrao, Director of Development 631-271-2020 ext 214.



Holy Spirit

Saint Bernadette The Pagliughi Family dedicated to Jenna Baran '13

Saint Anthony Anastasio Family

Saint Barbara The Heagerty Family

Saint Victoria The Garofalo Family

Angel The Salerno Family dedicated to Jessica '12

# Class of '89 25 Year Reunion













The Smithtown Landing Country Club was a very busy place on the Friday after Thanksgiving. In their Merrywood Room, the Class of 1989 celebrated their 25 year Reunion while in the Nissequogue Room the Class of 1994 celebrated their 20 year Reunion. Both parties were full of stories of fun times at Saint Anthony's, great food and dancing, and Friar spirit!

# Class of '94 20 Year Reunion















TO ATTEND THE SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL SMITHTOWN REUNION DINNER DANCE

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME HONORING THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES

THOMAS BARRAGA '61 SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MRS. TINA GROTTANO SOCIAL STUDIES FACULTY SINCE 1982 AND BROTHER GABRIEL O'BRIEN, O.S.F.

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Cocktail Hour 7<sup>PM</sup> Dinner Dance 8<sup>PM</sup> - 11<sup>PM</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Flowerfield, Saint James, NY

\$125<sup>PP</sup> includes Cocktail Hour, Open Bar, Dancing and Dining Please RSVP by 2/15/14 to Denise Creighton dcreighton@stanthonyshs.org 631-271-2020 ext. 310 In 1956, Tom Barraga, eldest of four children from an Irish Catholic home, was expected to attend a Catholic high school. There were very few Catholic high schools at the time and he opted to attend Most Holy Trinity High School in Brooklyn. The commute from his home in West Islip was long and grueling. When the Franciscan Brothers opened the Juniorate to secular students in 1958, Tom was one of the first to enroll. This commute was far less stressful; Tom would hitchhike to the Babylon train station and a bus would bring him directly to San Remo.

Tom entered Saint Anthony's in 1958 as one of 7 secular juniors. With the Juniorate students included the class consisted of 14 young men. The principal at the time, Brother Jarlath, was a World War II veteran and he had a profoundly positive influence on the young men in his charge. Tom played baseball and basketball, oftentimes on the fields of the Kings Park State Mental Hospital. He recalls that as a centerfielder he would have to hustle to get to the long drives before the patients (who were among the Friar fans) scooped the ball up and claimed it as their own. The Class of 1960 marked the first high school graduation at Saint Anthony's. Tom enrolled in St. John's University as a Business major and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve at age 17. As a freshman at St. John's he was assigned a project that required that he go to the West Islip Library. Somewhat unfamiliar with libraries as a whole, he was thrilled when a beautiful young employee named Joanne Kurtz asked if he needed assistance. Tom dated Joanne throughout college and married her in April 1967.

Upon graduation from St. John's, Tom continued to serve as a Marine Reservist and took a number of jobs in the private sector: American Can Company, Dun and Bradstreet and, ultimately, Pfizer. In his early 30's Tom began getting involved with the local Republican Party. In 1977 he was appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Islip where he served through 1981. In 1982 Tom was first elected to the New York State Assembly where he served for 23 years. In 2005 Tom was elected to the Suffolk County Legislature where he has served since.

#### Thomas Barraga '60

From Student Council President to Suffolk County Legislator

In his senior year, Tom decided to run for Student Council President. The times were very different. Tom's platform was that all seniors would have access to a designated Senior Smoking Room. He won with over 70% of the vote. While serving as President, Tom was part of the decision to make our school colors Black and Gold because those were the colors of West Point. The first school ring was fashioned after the West Point ring. Many of the students were considering the military upon graduation and it seemed a popular choice.

Tom worked at the Eppig Gardens Greenhouse and local movie house in order to pay the \$300 Saint Anthony's tuition. As a senior, Tom bought his first car, a 1949 Packard, for \$200. Having his own car made life a little easier for Tom—no more late night hitchhiking back to West Islip after basketball or baseball games. His obligations to Student Council were easier to fulfill with his new purchase. Many of Tom's most significant achievements have been with his service as a Marine reservist. In 2005 Major General Barraga was ordered to active duty to serve on a Task Force at Camp Lejeune, NC that established Maxwell House, a centralized unit for Wounded Warriors returning from Iraq. He also served on Task Force Liberty, the 42nd Joint Task force Rainbow Hope at the World Trade Center following 9/11. He has received the Conspicuous Service Medal and Distinguished Citizen Medal as well as many other honors for his service.

Tom Barraga resides in West Islip with his wife, Joanne. They are proud parents of two grown daughters and grandparents to seven. Tom speaks of Brother Jarlath's influence, how he encouraged the Friars, stating, "Be ambassadors of cheerfulness, humility and charity". It is clear that Tom Barraga is truly such an ambassador and a man we are proud to call a Friar!





# Alumni Turkey Bowl

We have started a new tradition on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving—FRIAR ALUMNI TURKEY BOWL. With the help of Joe Minucci '99 and Paul Washington '99, seven teams of Friar Alumni battled it out in a flag football tournament in the Student Center on November 26th. It is great to see that our Friars still have that competitive edge! Thanks to all who came down!

Training begins now for next year's game!



#### Thomas Maier '74



Author, Historian and Friar

Thomas Maier '74 has experienced great success as a writer and journalist. His latest work, *When Lions Roar: The Kennedys and the Churchills*, explores the relationships of these two influential families. In its review of the book, USA Today says that *When Lions Roar* is "a captivating chronicle of the surprisingly many ways that Winston Churchill and Joseph P. Kennedy (and their progeny) crossed paths (and swords) over the course of the 20th century...What Maier beautifully factors in is the effect of these struggles on the children. *When Lions Roar* zeroes in on Kennedy's eldest two boys—the doomed, fair-haired Joe, Jr., who echoed all of his father's repugnant views, and the invalid Jack, who ultimately escaped them pointedly contrasting Kennedy's loving, dutiful, dominated scions with Churchill and his only son, the gifted, yet agonizingly self-destructive Randolph."

Maier has had previous successes with five other books. "For more than 30 years, I've worked as an investigative reporter so this work has taught me to let documents be my guide to history. I have accumulated files that overflow with letters, diary notes, financial statements, old photos, and transcripts of oral histories."

Upon his graduation from Saint Anthony's in 1974, Tom enrolled at Fordham University in the Bronx where he was a Political Science major. He later went on to the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism for his Master's. He worked for *The Chicago Sun Times* for two years and *Newsday* for the past 30 years. Recently, he has been doing some investigative journalism with *News 12* and *Cablevision*.

The influence of his Catholic education is obvious in Tom's work. Many of his teachers had a profound effect on his life. "Brother Joseph Gallagher was my history teacher and the faculty advisor for the Student Council and he remains my friend to this day. A lot of my love of history—reflected in the biographies I've written about the Kennedys, Winston Churchill, Dr. Spock and Masters & Johnson—began in his classroom. I was also influenced as a writer by Brother Benilde, another English teacher, who was the faculty advisor for the student newspaper in the early 1970s. Benilde was very smart, very exacting and had the highest literary standards—from classics like *Joyce and Eliot* to plopping a copy of *New Journalism* writer Tom Wolfe's "The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby" in my hands. Brother John Lawrence and Brother Shane Burke were also great friends who were inspiring through their example."

About his experience and the lessons learned, Tom explains, "As a Saint Anthony's and Fordham graduate, I'd like to think I have a Franciscan heart and a Jesuit mind. A lot of my writing has been influenced by what I learned at Saint Anthony's about truth—both empirical and metaphysical—about social justice and the plight of those less fortunate, and about respecting the fundamental dignity and worth of all people, even if they don't look or act like me. Saint Anthony's High School inspired me to look out at the world, think and reflect upon it in the five books and many stories I've written. Back in 2001, I wrote a five-day Newsday series about New York having the highest rate of immigrant workers getting killed in the workplace. It won the world's top investigative prize and I wound up testifying in the U.S. Senate. But in many ways, the series was a testament to the human values and literary sensibilities I first learned at Saint Anthony's, giving voice to the powerless and most vulnerable in our society."

Tom Maier's passion may be writing but his greatest love is his family. Tom currently lives in East Northport with his beautiful wife Joyce McGurrin and their three sons: Andrew, Taylor and Reade. Tom is a very content and successful Friar.







# Breakfast with Santa

On December 14th, the Saint Anthony's cafeteria was transformed into the North Pole and our Alums and their children got the chance to have their pictures taken with Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. After a very hearty breakfast provided by Alumni President Keith Wieczorek '86 and his staff, the kids got their balloon antlers and worked on creating Christmas crafts. Our Santa's helpers (NHS students) helped the younger kids make their ornaments. A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to Ray O'Connor '70 who donated his time to take the pictures with the Big Guy!

















Friar Dr. Tiffany A. Traina is a physician on he Breast Medicine Service in the Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and holds an academic Faculty appointment in the Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. Tiffany did her undergraduate work as a Biology Major at Cornell University and her Doctor of Medicine from The Weill Cornell Medical College. Tiffany completed residency training in Internal Medicine at The New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell University campus, where she served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine. She completed her Medical Oncology and Hematology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering where she was Chief Fellow.

Tiffany is also a cancer researcher. Her primary research interest focuses on the development of therapies for patients with breast cancer with a particular interest in triple negative breast cancer. Tiffany is currently the lead investigator for 3 multicenter clinical trials studying androgen inhibition for patients with advanced AR + TNBC. She has published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and serves on the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Clinical & Medical Oncology. She is highly recognized for her academic, patient care and community service efforts. Among her awards are the Halley Yaccino Steiner Award from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Teacher Appreciation awards from MSKCC, the 2014 Hero Award from the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation and the Outstanding Service Award from the Junior League.

Dr. Tiffany A. Traina is a dedicated professional who has a true passion for her work. "The rewards are limitless. I could not imagine doing anything else in life. The relationship I have with my patients and their families is the greatest reward, as it is a real privilege to be a part of this very personal experience. As a result of my research and academic responsibilities, I have had the opportunity to travel the world lecturing and attending research meetings. As faculty at Weill Cornell and a member of the Breast Medicine Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering, I get to teach medical students, interns, and fellows during their training. I feel blessed to be able to make a difference at various levels...individually for my patients, more globally through research that leads to improved therapies and by teaching the next generation of physician scientists."

At Saint Anthony's, Tiffany was a very active and successful student-National Honor Society, SALT, Tau Fraternity, Tennis and Badminton. It was here that Tiffany learned many of her time management skills. "Saint Anthony's taught a system of faith, loyalty, honesty, discipline and responsibility," stated Tiffany. Blessed with remarkable teachers, Tiffany was most influenced by her freshman and junior year Math teacher, Mrs. Lorraine Becker. "Mrs. Becker took a vested interest in her students and their aspirations beyond the classroom. She served as a career counselor and a great example of work/life balance long before I knew what that was." Tiffany's high school friends have also served as an inspiration and a support for her. Over nearly 25 years, Tiffany and her friends have kept in touch the "old fashioned" way-through emails and phone calls and time spent together. Time spent with Heather McGee Murray, Amy DiVito Ventura, Kathleen Aurigemma Klauer, Alex Tseptis, Ryan Donnelly, Fran Mackey Gill and Chris Accardo Horel is sure to bring great joy to Tiffany.





#### Dr. Tiffany A. Traina '90: Researcher, Doctor and Friar Forever

Tiffany is very aware of the need for balance in her life. "My work is a daily reminder of how precious life is and so I feel compelled to always say "yes" to opportunities and to maximize each and every day." She and her husband, Anthony G. Liparidis make it a priority to have protected family time with their 6 year old daughter, Hathaway and their 2 dogs Keeneland and Darley. Tiffany is very involved with her daughter's school and the Junior League in their hometown in Connecticut.

Her advice to current Friars? "Persevere and work hard. Do not be discouraged if at first you fail; you can learn a lot from your failures if you develop the skill set to cope with disappointment. Do not easily give up in the face of challenge. Find and maintain close friends whom you can trust, as loyal family and friends are an important support network for success in any field."

Dr. Tiffany A. Traina has had great success in her life and we are proud that she is a Friar Forever.

























# 2015 ALUMNI EVENTS

JANUARY 25 Friar Shield Network Mass and Reception, Our Lady of the Angels Chapel 2pm

> FEBRUARY 28 Friar Night of Celtic Music, Auditorium 7pm

Alumni Hall of Fame and Smithtown Reunion, Flowerfield, St. James

MARCH 21 Kerry Moran Race, Student Center 8am

Alumni Golf Outing, Mill Pond Golf Course

Class of 1985 30-Year Reunion, Danford's 7pm

For further information, go to stanthonysalumni.com or e-mail Denise Creighton, Director of Alumni at dcreighton@stanthonyshs.org.





The Waldmann Family has had a long history with Saint Anthony's. Mrs. Peg Waldmann has been working with our Cheerleading team for years. Jennifer graduated in 1992 and later came to teach French at her Alma Mater. Christopher '00 and Richard '07 were very active members of our school community. Brother Mark, who graduated in 1996, decided to become a Franciscan Brother only two years after he graduated.

While a student at Saint Anthony's, Mark was very involved: Football, Stage Crew, NHS, SALT and Kolbe Society. He received the Franciscan Spirit Award at Graduation. Through his many activities, he became Mark was searching for a Franciscan hand crown. Brother Peter tried to help him to no avail. On the day of his heart attack, Brother Peter called Mark down to his office and gave him his own Franciscan hand crown. Mark cherishes that gift today.

Mark attended Saint Francis College and graduated with a BA in History and an AS in Computer Information and Technology. In 2007, Mark graduated from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception with a Masters in Theology. In 1997, Mark entered the Franciscan Brothers as a Candidate. Brothers Gary and Richard (although in North Carolina at the time) were great mentors to Mark.

#### Brother Mark Waldmann, O.S.F. '96 Friar Then, Friar Now



friendly with many of the Faculty and Brothers. His English teachers, Mrs. Nancy Kennedy and Ms. Ann Marie Fabricatore, profoundly improved his writing skills. Brother Vincent was a wonderful French teacher and role model for Mark. He worked with Brother Chris at Friar Sports Camp and Brother John Mark in the office. All of his teachers taught him much about kindness and devotion. The person who was most influential, however, was Brother Peter Dawson.

Brother Mark said of Brother Peter, "He was always kind. He showed me great compassion and love when, as a freshman, I lost my best friend who passed away from a heart ailment. Brother Peter was responsible for making sure that I had daily support from the Brothers to help me get through a horrible time in my life." Later, as an upperclassman, Mark went on the Chorus trip to Italy. While in Assisi, He took his Temporary Vows in 2000 and his Perpetual Vows in 2003. He currently lives in the San Remo Friary and works at Hope House Ministries where he is the Director of Education and Director of Technology. There, he helps the young men get their GEDs or high school diplomas and he assists those who are interested in getting into college. It is his opportunity to give back the kindnesses he was given.

Brother Mark encourages the current Friars to make the most of their experience here at Saint Anthony's. "Get involved, not only with clubs and sports, but also with the life of the school. Enjoy the whole experience." Brother Mark certainly did just that and we are very proud of his accomplishments. He is truly a Friar Forever!

## Alumni News

#### 1976

Lieutenant **Kevin Perridge** recently retired after 29 years of service with the Tampa Int'l Airport Police Department. Prior to rising through the ranks to shift commander, Lieutenant Perridge was assigned to the Tampa Airport Narcotics Task Force. He graduated from the United States Department of Justice (DEA) Training Class. Lieutenant Perridge received his Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) with a major in Criminology from St. Leo College. Lieutenant Perridge is a recipient of the Combat Cross Medal for actions taken during a gun battle with a convicted kidnapper who had committed a homicide. He resides in Florida with his wife and son.

#### 1985



Khari Shabazz is currently working as the principal of Success Academy in Harlem. He was recently featured in *The Daily News* for his very effective (although not necessarily traditional) methods of leadership. In a meeting with fellow principals, Shabazz explained some

of his methods. "Teachers don't show up without doing the work," Shabazz told the principals. "The planning meeting is rubbish if they didn't do what they need to do to be prepared." Known for quizzing his teachers on material, Shabazz is well-loved and respected in his field.

#### 1995

Congratulations to **William Scharen** and his wife Daniella on the birth of their son William Charles on November 16th. Big Sister JoJo is thrilled with the new addition to the family.

Congratulations to John Fogarty and his wife Christine on the birth of twins, Fianna and Keane. Big sister Neala is thrilled with the new arrivals as are godparents Heather '92 and Lauren '97!



#### 1997

Congratulations to **Kelly Tupper Colongeli** and her husband Matt on the birth of their son Connor Matthew. Big sister Ella is very happy with the new arrival!



#### 1998

On October 18th, **Chuck Bunton** celebrated the successful launch of the Navy's seventh Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), Detroit, into the Menominee River at Marinette Marine Corporation (MMC) in Marinette, WI. A special day for the Navy, industry, and the community, the launch and christening ceremony recognizes readiness for testing, trials, and delivery. Having served aboard the last USS Detroit, Chuck was selected to be a triggerman for the launch ceremony. Currently residing in Menominee, MI with his daughters, Khloe, 5, and Madison, 3, Chuck is an LCS Program Manager for MMC.

#### 2000

**Dr. Jennifer (Robbins) Economos** and husband John welcomed their daughter Julianne Melina on August 19, 2014. Dr. Economos is an Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Education at Touro College. Recently, she published a research article in Journal of Effective Teaching. Additionally, she co-authored an award-winning research paper that was presented at the International Conference in Management and Education Innovation, Paris, France.

Rosemarie Mathys married Peter Arigo on March 15th, 2014 in East Northport.



#### 2002

Nicole Moschitta VanManen and Adam VanManen '01 welcomed their first son Brayden Anthony on October 14, 2014.

#### 2010

The Locurto Family (**Christina '10** and **Daniela '13**) is happy to announce the opening of their new store called Bella's Marketplace, a specialty store with many hard to find items, including Italian specialties, as well as some groceries, with a large focus on prepared quick and easy homemade dinners, a deli, Italian bakery, and a higher quality of beef, poultry, and any other meats. It is located at 300 Fulton Street in Farmingdale (Rt. 109). Stop down and support your fellow Friars!

#### 2014

University of Scranton student **Cesar Garcia** was one of four people credited with saving the life of a young boy who had fallen into a gorge in a park in Scranton, PA. He and a friend were walking past when they heard cries for help. They risked their own lives in the frigid waters to save the boy. We are very proud of this Friar!

We'd love to hear from our alumni, including those from the Classes of 1960-1984. Please e-mail any items dcreighton@stanthonyshs.org

# In Memoriam

The Saint Anthony's High School community extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of recently deceased alumni, faculty, staff and friends. Please remember them in your prayers.

William Asher, father of Trustee Hon. W. Gerard Asher

Judge Donald Blydenburgh '70, father of Donald '97, Jessica '99 & Meghan '00

James Conlon, Sr., father of Jim Conlon '79

Lisa Connors, wife of Mike Connors '78

Carla Vanessa Flores '12

Rita Gardner, sister of Charlie Gardner '63

Nicholas Maniscalco, brother of Matthew Maniscalco '12

Marie Martino, sister of Brother Antonio Montera, O.S.F.

Christine Robbins, mother of faculty member Cindy Robbins Lynch '96, Amanda '94 and Jennifer '00

Larry Refvik, Sr., father of Larry Refvik '88

Joseph Tortora, father of Craig Tortora '86

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#### 9/11 Memorial Gardens

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# Bright Futures Ahead

Saint Anthony's student athletes continue to succeed both on and off the field. Pictured are some of those as they sign with the college or university they will be attending in September.



Elizabeth Bonafede Duke University



Kelly Fitzpatrick University at Buffalo



Brian Hoffarth Loyola University



Isabella Mangan Princeton University



Andrew Marsh Boston University



Edward Modica, Jr. LIU Brooklyn



Bridget Sands Siena College



Grace Tierney Iona College

# Fall 2014 Championship Teams

Congratulations to the following varsity teams on their championships!



Boys Cross Country - League Champions, Intersectional Champions, NYS Federation Champions, Qualifier Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon



Boys Soccer - League Co-Champions, State Champions, Coach Gene Buonaiuto earns his 400th career victory



Girls Soccer - League Champions, State Champions, Coach Dave Prutting retires with an astounding career record of 437-46-19 and 21 State titles



Girls Swimming - League Champions



Girls Volleyball - League Champions







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