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## *The Alumni Association Adopts A Mission Statement*

To help organizations clarify and clearly announce their goals and missions, it has become a recommended practice to adopt a “mission statement”. A mission statement is a statement of the purpose of the organization- its reason for existence. The mission statement should guide the planning, deliberations and decision making of the organization.

To help clearly articulate the purposes and goals of the Alumni Association, the Board of Governors unanimously voted to adopt the following mission statement at its March 10, 2014 meeting:



**Our mission is to preserve the spirit and traditions of West Catholic High School by instilling fraternalism and fellowship among the faculty, friends, former students and graduates of West Catholic High School and to provide support to West Catholic High School and its students.**



“West Catholic High School” is intended to be defined broadly to include the current West Catholic Preparatory High School as well as its predecessors.

The mission statement will be read at every meeting of the Board of Governors and is intended to remind the members of the Board and the Association that all actions, plans and programs should be consistent with the purposes set forth in the mission statement.

## *2014 Annual Fund Drive*

Our West Catholic Alumni Association is an independent entity that exists to preserve the spirit and traditions of West Catholic by keeping an active

interest among its Members, instilling fraternalism and fellowship among the faculty, friends and former students of West and providing financial

support to West Catholic and its students.

Each year our Association conducts an Annual Fund

drive to raise money so that the association can continue to provide scholarships and financial assistance to students, maintain and improve the

Alumni Association website, [www.WestCatholicAlumni.org](http://www.WestCatholicAlumni.org), support West Catholic Alumni events in line with our mission and to continue to produce our newspaper, The Emissary, which promotes Alumni and School news and events.

We only do ONE Annual Fund Drive a year to ask for your financial support and we rely heavily on this Annual Fund Drive to fuel the rest of the year’s expenses. Every contribution, of any size, to our Annual Fund Drive is vitally important. Please help keep the West Catholic Spirit alive through your renewed support by using the coupon to the left to make your generous contribution today.

Thank You for the continued support!

## *Announcing the 93rd Annual Communion Breakfast*

The Alumni Association will hold its 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Mass will begin at 9 am and Breakfast will follow immediately after Mass.

Every year, the Communion Breakfast provides a great opportunity for West Catholic alums to share camaraderie with old friends and classmates, honor a few of our many accomplished fellow alums, and publicly demonstrate our commitment to our Catholic faith and heritage. Over 350 members of the West Catholic family attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Communion Breakfast in April 2013!

This year, **Reverend Robert D. Wiesenbaugh, S.J. ’53** will be our principal celebrant. Father Wiesenbaugh joined the Society of Jesus in 1959, was ordained in 1971, and took final vows in 1982. He served in parishes in North Carolina for many years and recently returned to the Philadelphia area. He now is stationed at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, Pennsylvania and serves in the Hispanic Ministry. All priest alumni are invited to join Father Wiesenbaugh as concelebrants.

**Rich McCann’68** will serve as the cantor for the Mass. After a several year hiatus, **Tom DeFelice ’64**, a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class, will be returning as our Master of Ceremonies.



As part of our ongoing tradition, the Alumni Association will honor deserving men and women alums for their accomplishments and contributions to West Catholic and their communities. Members of the 50-year and 25-year anniversary classes – the great classes of 1964 and 1989 – also will be recognized. The names and awards for this year’s Communion Breakfast awards are listed in a separate article.

Support your friends and classmates, as well as the Alumni Association, by purchasing tickets (\$25.00 per person) and/or placing ads in the Communion Breakfast Program. An order form for you convenience is included in this edition

Look for more details on the Alumni Association website - [www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org) and on Facebook at the West Philadelphia Catholic High School Alums group page-[www.facebook.com/groups/WPCHSA/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WPCHSA/). For more information, please contact the Association at 215-387-8560 or contact Fran Crowley’77 at [Crowley@blankrome.com](mailto:Crowley@blankrome.com).



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# Veterans Committee Salutes West Catholic Vets at Appreciation Mass



On Tuesday November 12, 2013, the Veterans Committee of the West Catholic Alumni Association held a Veterans Appreciation Mass at West Catholic. Students were on hand as the veterans of West Catholic Alum were honored in this ceremony. The ceremony, led by Fr. Mike Marrone, featured several members of the military and West Catholic's proud alumni. Following a welcome speech by **Jim Mulhern '60** and our guest speaker, **Len Mazur, USMC '63**, Lt. Col. **Dan Sparks, USMC '84** presented a flag to **Barbie Marshall '95** in honor of her late husband John Marshall, USN. **Randy Duck, USN '84** recited "Old Glory... the flag of the United States of America."

We would like to give a special thanks to the members of the USN Color Guard detail for presenting the colors during the

National Anthem. Thank you to the Veterans Committee for all of its hard work to organize this event.

Also, a special thanks to the students for their participation in the ceremony and welcoming our Vets back home!

*Father, you have brought us to the beginning of a new day.  
Your hand is upon us to care for and protect us.  
We offer to you our lives and hearts.  
May we always do your will and love our neighbor as ourselves.  
We also thank you for the sacrifice of so many for the safety of our country.  
May we continue to honor our veterans and their service for many years to come, and never let them be forgotten.*

*Amen. God Bless America*



## Read *The Emissary* Online!

### Attention Fellow Burrs!

Please consider helping the Alumni Association reduce the mailing expense to distribute *The Emissary*. Please agree to read the next issue of *The Emissary* online at [www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org) by sending your name, class year, e-mail address and a simple YES to: [westcatholicalumni@gmail.com](mailto:westcatholicalumni@gmail.com)  
Once received, we will send an e-mail notification the next time *The Emissary* is published so you can read it at: [www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org).

**To Uniformed West Grads**  
**We've been successful in getting the names of many of you that have served your country!**  
**If you haven't let us know your current whereabouts, please fill out the coupon below and get it off to the committee soon!**



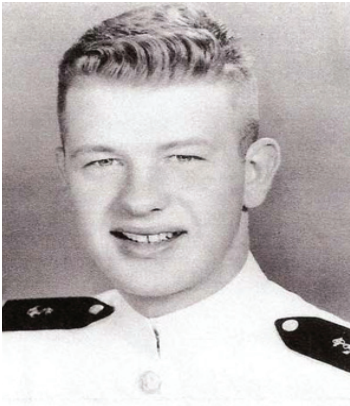
## West Catholic Alumni Association Needs All Veterans or Active Military

Are you a veteran or active military that has graduated from a school who's motto is "For God and Country?"  
The Alumni Association newly-formed Veterans/Military Committee would like to hear from you concerning your service to these United States!  
Please supply the requested information below and mail to:  
Mr. Jim Mulhern '60, Chairman  
244 Baltimore Pike, Unit 433, Glen Mills, PA 19342  
or e-mail to [veterans@westcatholicalumni.org](mailto:veterans@westcatholicalumni.org)  
Any questions may be directed to any committee member listed below:  
Jim Mulhern (USMC) '60 - [jrmulhern@aol.com](mailto:jrmulhern@aol.com)  
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## Veterans Salute Maurice "Moe" Joseph Moran

After graduating from West Catholic High, Moe attended the United States Naval Academy ('60) in Annapolis and later earned his Masters @ the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. Moe was proud to be an officer and loved the Navy. His 30-year Naval career included sea duty aboard the USS Essex, USS Kanakakee, USS Biddle, and USS Manitowoc; shore duty



Maurice "Moe" Moran

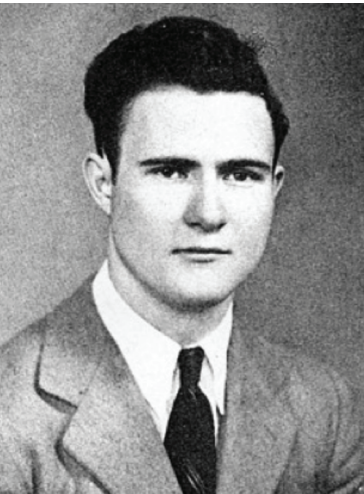
at USNPG School, Monterey; and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations—OpNav 35. In his Vietnam tour, he earned

a Bronze Star. After retiring from the Navy, he continued work in surface warfare and developed the Electronics Division for SAIC/AMSEC.

Moe passed away on March 4, 2010 in Virginia Beach where he was an active member of the Parish Council, Church Choir, Christian education, and Habitat for Humanity. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and USNA Class of 60 Retirement Group.

Thank you for your service. May you rest in peace.

## John Joseph Brennan



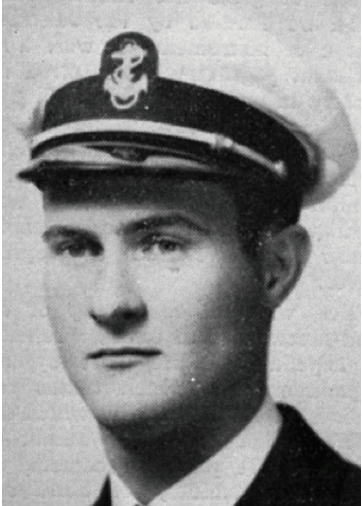
John Joseph Brennan was born in Philadelphia on 14 June 1920. He attended West Catholic High School and graduated in 1936. Following his graduation he matriculated at La Salle College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting before enlisting in the Naval Reserve on 6 July 1940. He trained in the former battleship Wyoming (AG17) before he terminated his enlistment to accept an appointment as a midshipman in the Naval Reserve on 10 August 1940. A member of the first class to be educated at the

Naval Reserve Midshipman's School located in Brooklyn, New York, he trained for three months at the floating armory that had been created out of the former battleship, Illinois, and reported for duty on the Neutrality Patrol in USS Quincy (CA39) on 29 November 1940.

After serving in that heavy cruiser for almost a year, he was detached on 15 December 1941 to join Armed Guard Crew Number 34 at the Armed Guard Center, New York. He reported for duty on 20 December 1941 and, on the last day of 1941, received orders detailing him to command the 24 gunners and three communications men of the armed guard unit assigned to the freighter S.S. Otho. On 3 April 1942, while the ship steamed alone off the eastern seaboard, the German Type VII submarine U-754 torpedoed her and sent her to the bottom. He was one of the first men killed during the encounter with the U-Boat. Ensign John J.

Brennan was the first La Salle man to lose his life in the line of duty. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. His other awards include the American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

USS Brennan (DE13) was the first ship to be named in his honor. (Both photos from the archives of La Salle University thanks to Brother Joseph L. Grabenstein, Archivist)





### Stephen Tracey '79 named Executive Director at Penn State

On Aug. 1, Steve Tracey will become the next executive director of the Penn State Smeal College of Business Center for Supply Chain Research. As executive director, Tracey will lead the vision and strategy for the center and serve as an ambassador and spokesperson for supply chain activities at Penn State.

Tracey will come to Smeal with almost 30 years of industry experience. He currently serves as senior vice president of global supply chain at Standard Textile Company, Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of institutional textiles. Prior, he held leadership roles at American Tool Companies, Inc., a global leader in the hand-tool and power tool accessory segment.

"We're very much looking forward to Steve joining us in August," said Charles H. Whiteman, John and Becky Surma Dean of Smeal. "His several decades of industry experience and deep understanding of the supply chain field position him well to lead this partnership between academia and industry."

A Penn State alumnus, Tracey earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He also holds an MBA

from the Duke University Fuqua School of Business. Tracey also graduated from West Catholic High School in 1979

Current CSCR Executive Director Skip Grenoble will retire this summer. Grenoble joined the supply chain team in 1987 and, under his leadership, the center grew to a membership of 50 companies and helped support supply chain education at the undergraduate, graduate, and executive levels.

About the Center for Supply Chain Research The Center for Supply Chain Research is one of the nation's leading institutions dedicated to research and education in the supply chain field. The center's mission is to be a leading source of supply chain knowledge creation and dissemination. Working in conjunction with faculty members from various academic areas, the center conducts research in areas such as distribution, warehousing, transportation, procurement and supply, customer service, systems modeling and design, logistics information systems, global logistics, and more. Learn more at [www.smeal.psu.edu/cscr/](http://www.smeal.psu.edu/cscr/).

### West Catholic Alumni Association Board of Governors



**Front L to R:** Ed McMerty, Harry Mirra '52, James Mulhern '60, Joseph Bartolomeo '59, Andre Saballete '04, John Walker, Jr. '86, Bill Dixon '85

**Back Row L to R:** Josh Short '84, Randy Duck '84, Bill Luther '59, Dennis Brennan '71, Jay Sawyer '59, David F. Joslin, Jr. '88, Charles Lamb '53, Jim Britt '72, Fran Crowley '77, George Light '58, Anthony DiTrolio '88

Not Pictured: Bill Badey '84, Dave Joslin Sr. '67, Keith Richardson '84, Jack Lawler '60, Ace Carlin '55, Tom Dorrian '61, Arnold Mapp '85, Mark Nave '85, William Simpson '60, Aaron Spencer '03, Ernie Wells '72

### From The President



**David F. Joslin, Jr. '88**  
**President**  
**West Catholic**  
**Alumni Association**

### Family, Legacy, Change and the Future...

West Catholic is big part of my life. A member of my family has been at West in almost every decade between 1940 and the early 2000's. Many have been (and are) mentors for me and inspired my own loyalty and love of Family:

- My father in law, Ed Gallagher '43 (deceased), a true loyal son of West Catholic took every opportunity to boast about the Burrs.
- My father, Dave Sr. '67, who encouraged me to get involved with the Board, has been involved with the school for many years, especially while my brother, Brian '89, and I attended. He was also instrumental in building a new weight room for the athletic department in the late 80's at 49<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut.
- My Uncle Paul, a Christian Brother for as long as I can remember, attended and taught at West.
- My Mother, Marygene Betzala, along with numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and in-laws who all attended West.

There were other school choices but none as strong in character and tradition as West Catholic. Joslin's, Betzala's and Gallagher's have walked the hallowed halls at 49<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut and some have had the honor of climbing the glorious marble steps at 4501 Chestnut. West Catholic is about Family and legacy for me, carrying on traditions of old and new, and passing on the special spirit our West Catholic Family embodies.

We know that Family changes: people live and die, move from house to house, some change names and some remain the same. However, as long as we foster our Family spirit, we can continue the tradition of excellence and carry on the unique experience that bonds us together as West Catholic graduates. The West Catholic Family has faced many challenges and we will continue to be presented with adversity and change, but that is also what makes up our history. My plan is to traverse the rough roads, lead our organization into uncharted waters, and push our limits into difficult conversations about who we are and our true mission. I believe these adventures will lead us into a bright and exciting future and let us all have a deeper appreciation for the West Catholic Family.

I am proud to be a Burr. There's no other like us and no mistaking us. We are a close bunch, no matter what year you graduated. Put on that WC, the blue and white (and now gold), or mention the Burr's when you are around others and you will find yourself with a smile on your face, making connections, and promoting the fraternalism that is West.

It is a great honor to have been elected the President of the West Catholic Alumni Association and I will strive to uphold the great traditions our association has established and continue to build upon this wonderful foundation we have been given.

All the best  
David F. Joslin, Jr. '88

P.S. I encourage you to contact us with any suggestions or ideas on how to make a difference. Feel free to write to us via email either [westcatholicalumni@verizon.net](mailto:westcatholicalumni@verizon.net) or contact me directly at [david@davidjoslin.com](mailto:david@davidjoslin.com). I'd love to hear from you!

### Upcoming Events!

**April 27**  
**West Catholic Alumnae Spring Luncheon**  
Springfield Country Club  
Springfield, PA  
[admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com](mailto:admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com)

**May 4**  
**Alumni Communion Breakfast**  
9 a.m.  
Springfield Country Club  
Springfield, PA  
[westcatholic@verizon.net](mailto:westcatholic@verizon.net)  
[www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org)

**July 6**  
**Burrs at the Beach**  
Westy's Irish Pub  
North Wildwood, NJ  
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[www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org)

### THE EMISSARY

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If you would like to contribute please send you ideas, questions, comments, photos, suggestions, updates on family, friends or classmates, etc... along to [westcatholicalumni@gmail.com](mailto:westcatholicalumni@gmail.com)



# The Great West Catholic Class of 1960 Holds Luncheon

By Bob McGovern '60

Our final class luncheon for the year was held at Llanerch CC on November 20, 2013. We set a new record for attendance, 47 classmates & guest and all had a great time. This was the first time we invited two school leaders President Br. Richard Kestler FSC, who represented and talked about all the good things that are happening at the school now called 'WEST CATHOLIC PREP' Along with Brothers we had the pleasure of hearing from the newly elected West

Catholic Alumni president Dave Joslin Jr class of 1988, who spoke on what the Alumni Association is all about. Dave wanted to just do a meet and greet with fellow alumni being Dave is such a youngster to classes like ours.

If anyone from the 'Great West Catholic Class of 1960' might want to be a part of the class lunch (2 times a year) please give Bob McGovern a call at 610.583.4469 and leave a message.



L to R Mike McLaughlin '61'guest & Tom Wallace formally Br. John (German John)



L to R Bob Dinan, Jim Mulhern (60 class President), Bill Simpson, Joe Batory, George Bradin & Bill Lavery



L to R Jack Howe, Mike Feeney, Jack Kiley & Bob Gillespie



L to R Tony Burns, Joe Aliano, Joe Horning, Jack Lawler & Rich Falcone.



L to R Fran Houghton, Rod Magee & Jim Hay (60 class Secretary)

# Young Alumni Unite

We are seeing more and more alumni under the age of thirty come together. As West Catholic got its new breath of life, in 2013, more and more young alumni have come together to give back and become involve. For younger alums, finding time between school, budding careers, and all the challenges young adults face is a pretty difficult task. Despite wanting to become more involved, most won't have the time or financial liberty to give back for several years. This doesn't stop some from trying to give back.

Earlier this year, a few young alums came together for Young Alum Happy Hours. Turnout for these happy hours has increased with each one. Word seems to spread fast and more young alums keep joining, expressing their interest in reuniting with old friends and, in turn, giving

back to West. With its casual approach and great food & drink specials, the Young Alumni Happy Hours have been the ideal environment for young adults just getting settled into their professions.

Although these happy hours have been geared towards younger alums, they are open to any graduates of West Catholic. For more information on the next Young Alumni Happy Hour follow the West Catholic Alumni Facebook page.

**Get  
Involved  
&  
Make A  
Difference**

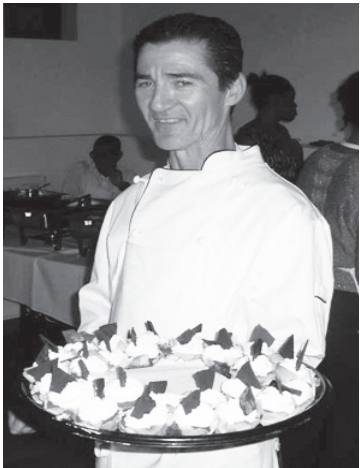
# West Catholic Food Lovers Club

By Randy Duck 84'

The group actually started as an idea in January 2009 by Arnold Mapp '85. At that time Arnold was living in Maryland and was a District Manager for AvisBudget Car & Truck Rental company. His territories were the State of Delaware, the State of Maryland, and the Eastern Shore. He would run into several West Catholic grads while doing business and we would talk about getting together but because they were so spread out, it never really happened. Whenever he was in Delaware for usually for a week or more, He would stay an entire week in Philadelphia. Then he would go to a city in Delaware like Dover and stay for a few nights. While in Philly he would occasionally try to reconnect with friends and fellow West Catholic graduates from '85 or other years but again, everyone was spread out and usually didn't meet with much luck. Running around looking for folks wasn't doing much good so, by getting a little creative, I decided to use the new "craze", social media, to bring my friends together. I elected to use Facebook as a platform to launch my new project. The first thing that I had to do was think of a theme. Well, being a Territory Manager and Bachelor at the time, one of my passions and hobbies was going to different restaurants and enjoying new culinary experiences at different restaurants in towns and cities throughout my territory. I did this with business associates, with friends, and even solo!

In January 2009 I thought

to myself, why not create a "food lovers" group in Philly! It seemed like the perfect idea! I thought about how Philly had been going through gentrification and how the restaurant scene was really taking off! I loved trying different food from different countries. I loved experiencing new surroundings and the



different types of ambiance that different cultures can bring to the culinary experience. I thought to myself, surely there must be others like me from West Catholic who are looking for a way to enjoy these things in Philly. So I started working on a mission statement (Bill posted above) that would combine the benefits of social media with the benefits of a foodie group: "West Catholic Alumni and Friends and Family of West Catholic Alumni, The Philly Area is full of great restaurants! Let's experience the vibrant culinary scene in Philly together through chatting and outings.....etc."

I sent out invites to as many friends as I could and also, when I created the group page,

# MBS Research Needs Your Help

Frederick H Doeppkens is doing research on an artist, Frederick de Henwood, who painted large murals in Most Blessed Sacrament Church in the late 1930's and before 1941. Doeppkens is trying to find interior photos of the church that were taken during the 30's, 40's, 50's & 60's as these photos may contain the beautiful works of art. The murals were not present in the church when it closed. Doeppkens suspects that the church may have undergone some renovations that covered the murals. Any photos of the interior of MBS church would be appreciated as Doeppkens wants to preserve the work of this particular artist for future generations. Please feel free to send along any photos you may have via email to westcatholicalumni@gmail.com so that we can help complete his research.

because I was a West C. grad and the group name had West Catholic in it, FB did its thing and started associating the group with other WC grads. Our numbers began to grow like wildfire...LOL!! It was very, very encouraging! So the next step was to put together a dinner. I wanted to capture the ambiance that gave the group a vision and an experience of what I had in my mind, what I was used to when I went "restaurant hopping" all over the Eastern Shore, Maryland, and Delaware. I wanted the culinary experience, the ambiance, and the location to say WEST CATHOLIC FOOD LOVERS.

So, after many hours of research pouring over details about hundreds of restaurants, in March of 2009 I decided that the best 1st restaurant would be an authentic Brazilian steakhouse where gaucho chefs expertly grill 16 cuts of meat and offer you continuous tableside service in the perfect upscale restaurant atmosphere!! I sent out the invites and received 5 "Going", 3 "Maybe", and 1 "Invited" for the first outing. The first Food Lovers were: Myself, Bill, Eric, Tonya (your Tonya...:-)), Toni, & Alexis.

I continued to make it an upscale affair all throughout 2009 and our taste buds "sailed" first to Brazil, and then to Japan, Morocco, Mexico, America (for Seafood), the Mediterranean, Italy, Venezuela, and France. In 2010, we started off in the Caribbean and keep cruising the world from there!!



Award Recipients for the  
93rd Annual Communion Breakfast

Each year, the Communion Breakfast Committee of the Alumni Association solicits nominations from the Alumni and the entire West Catholic community for the annual awards to recognize those alums and friends of West Catholic that have demonstrated their commitment to the West Catholic Spirit and the West Catholic Tradition. There is never a shortage of worthy candidates – and the toughest part of the Committee’s job is to select a limited number from so many nominations!

The Alumni Association is honored to announce the names of this year’s recipients:

- Inaugural Blue & Gold Award**  
– Margaret Porter ‘40
- Brother D. Aloysius Award**  
– Rev. Robert D. Wiesenbaugh, S.J. ’53
- Brother G. John Owens Award**  
– James R. Hopely ’55



- Brother Anselm Award**  
– Joseph P. Batory ’60
- William McGarvey Award**  
– Joseph Horning ‘60
- Golden Burr Award**  
– John Tomosky ’63
- Bishop McCort Award**  
– Margaret (Ford) Rhoades ’71
- 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award**  
– Charles “Bucky” Antell ’64  
– Thomas Connell ’64  
– Michael Hisler ’64

- 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award**  
– Brian Joslin ’89  
– Mathew McCauley ’89

Complete biographies for each awardee will be published in the Communion Breakfast Program Book. Please join the Association in congratulating each of these honorees on their many accomplishments and, more importantly, thanking each of them for their many contributions to the West Catholic Community!

The Alumni Association Announces  
The Presentation of the Inaugural  
Blue & Gold Award

At the recommendation of the Communion Breakfast Committee, the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association authorized the creation of the Blue & Gold Award to be awarded annually at the Associations Communion Breakfast to an Alumna who (a) exemplifies the West Catholic Tradition, (b) has achieved success in her chosen field, and (c) who has contributed significantly of her time and talents to the West Catholic Community. The title “Blue & Gold Award” was chosen since blue and gold were the colors of the West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School and are included in West Catholic Preparatory High School’s current colors. All women that graduated from West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School, West Philadelphia Catholic High School or West Catholic Preparatory High School may be nominated for this award.

The choice of an honoree for the inaugural presentation of the Blue & Gold Award was unanimous! Ms. Margaret Porter had a very long and successful career at the Philadelphia Naval Base, beginning in 1942 and continuing until her retirement in 1996, after 54 years of service. Ms. Porter was the highest-ranking civilian at the Naval Base.

Ms. Porter’s longstanding and influential involvement with the West Philadelphia Catholic Girls Alumnae Association is well known to the members of the West Catholic Family. Ms. Porter has served as President of the Alumnae Association for three terms, has held every office in the Alumnae Association and continues to serve on the Alumnae Association’s Executive Board. The Alumni Association is honored that Ms. Porter has agreed to accept the inaugural Blue & Gold Award!

Criteria for Choosing the Awardees

The criteria for the awards traditionally presented at the Communion Breakfast are as follows:

Brother Edwin Anselm Award, Brother D. Aloysius Award, Brother G. John Owens Award and Brother G., Martin Strickroth Award and William H. McGarvey Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be an alumnus of West Catholic; (c) be a proven “loyal son” of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form. The Brother Edwin Anselm Award typically is given to a Christian Brother or teacher.

Golden Burr Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be an alumnus of West Catholic; be a proven “loyal son” of West Catholic; (c) have achieved outstanding success in athletics and in a chosen field of endeavor; and (d) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any manner.

Bishop John McCort Award: A nominee must (a) be an outstanding Catholic person; (b) have contributed to West Catholic in an ethical manner; and (c) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor. Nominees for the Bishop McCort award do NOT have to be men or graduates of West Catholic.

50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be a member of the 50 year anniversary

class of West Catholic (the Class of 1964); (c) be a proven “loyal son” of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form.

25th Anniversary Golden Burr Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be a member of the 25 year anniversary class of West Catholic (the Class of 1989); (c) be a proven “loyal son” of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form.

(Note –contributions mean time, effort, non-financial support, etc, and is not meant to be limited to monetary donations. Additionally, the Alumni Association’s By-Laws define an alumnus as anyone who attended West Catholic for at least one year and whose class has graduated. The Association recognizes that, for many reasons, students that started their education at West Catholic may not have been able to complete their four years at West but remain very important members of our West Catholic family!)



WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
93rd ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST  
May 4, 2014 – Mass at 9:00 AM

Breakfast and Awards Ceremony Immediately Following Mass  
Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064

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For tickets, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. If no envelope is enclosed, then the tickets will be held at the door under your name on the day of the Breakfast.  
For more information, call 610-246-1020 or 215-387-8560



# Coming Soon!



The Alumni Website is being completely redesigned with **new features & enhancements** to better serve our Burr nation!

Feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us ! This is YOUR website: send your ideas, stories, photos, announcements, special events, reunions and anything Burr related to [westcatholicalumni@gmail.com](mailto:westcatholicalumni@gmail.com)

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## Congratulations to the West Catholic Preparatory High School 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees:

**Joe Garder '53**  
Baseball

**Pat Cassidy '67**  
Basketball

**Mike Ward '86**  
Football

**Michael Bazemore '01**  
Football

**1999 National Relay**  
Champions

**Sara Hatchett '01**

**Alisa Robinson '02**

**Tiffany Bradley '02**

**Renee Fortune '00**  
Track

## West Theatre Lives by Andre Saballette

For years the WC Players brought the West Catholic community great fun and entertainment through its annual spring musicals. At the end of the spring 2013 play season, Joseph Selfridge – teacher and strong supporter of the theater arts at West – thought it was time the program grew beyond the annual musical. After careful planning and preparation, a theater arts program was approved.

The new West Theatre Arts is a full-year extracurricular program. Beginning in September of 2013, the program has allowed students hands on experience with acting theory, workshops with

professional actors, and more. The program also saw the first non-musical play, “Mr. Wilson’s Christmas.” This play was significant because it was directed by one of the students, Chris Daniels. The WTA has also just completed a run of “Disney’s Peter Pan” from March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>, which was a great success.

Unlike previous years, the program will continue beyond the play. Mr. Selfridge has plans to give the kids first-hand experience at a professional theater, by taking the kids to workshops hosted by some of Philadelphia’s premier theaters. The goal is to introduce kids to all aspects of theater including

production, producing, in addition to acting. Only time will tell how this program will impact the curriculum at West Catholic Prep, but thus far it seems to be full of potential.

“The drama is not dead but liveth, and contains the germs of better things.” - WILLIAM ARCHER, About the Theatre



## West Catholic Preparatory High School Athletics

**Volleyball-** Their season is now over. Our team and coach are getting ready to start their out of season workouts and they are looking to build a successful future.

**Boys’ Basketball-** The team finished the season with a 10-11 record under first year coach Jazz Williams '97. West lost in the PCL quarterfinals to Neumann-Goretti, a national powerhouse!

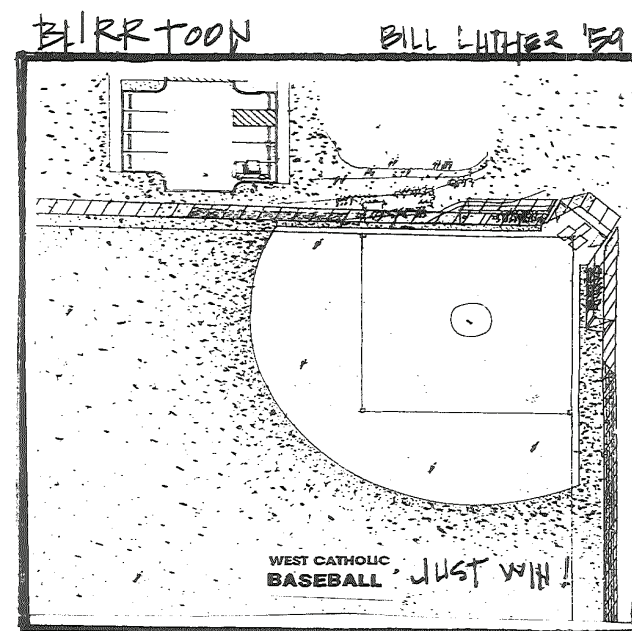
**Girls’ Basketball-** With a roster of 6, finished the year 0-20 under first year coach Beulah Osuke.

**Baseball-** Our Coach and his young group of Burrs are looking forward to a competitive season among the PCL. He is holding workouts periodically to keep the boys in playing shape. Their season began with an away game

on March 24<sup>th</sup> against Bonner Prendie.

**Softball-** the season is just underway away against Bishop McDevitt.

For more information on all of our athletic programs, please contact our Athletic Director, Brian Fluck at [bfluck@westcatholic.org](mailto:bfluck@westcatholic.org) or 215-386-2244 ext265



## Direct Your Company Tax Dollars to West Catholic!

Hundreds of schools throughout the State of Pennsylvania are pursuing business tax dollars through the EITC/OSTC program. Many schools receiving these funds are using it to offer a little scholarship bonus to their families. Here at West Catholic Prep, our families would not be able to attend without this funding. For the families we serve, not attending West Catholic Prep means being forced to attend some of the most violent and underperforming schools in the entire State.

The median income of a black family living in Philadelphia is \$35,000 dollars – which is almost \$30,000 less than the white median income. Being that we have served the West/Southwest section of the City and 72% of our families are

black, our families have to make incredible sacrifices to afford the West Catholic Prep tuition of \$7,000. They do this because they realize that a West Catholic Prep education is the way for their child to break the cycle of poverty. Your donation doesn’t help us build our endowment, or allow us to build brand new facilities, or push a strategic plan; it gives children access to a quality education that they otherwise would not be able to afford. Surrounding us here at West Catholic Prep are some of the most violent and underperforming schools in the entire State. Our young men and women come from the same backgrounds, as the students attending those failing schools, but we’ve found incredible success in giving these young men and women a quality edu-

cation. 97% of our students go to college! With your OSTC support you will provide the gift of a quality education, a gift that will change the course of a child’s life.

Profile of a typical West Catholic Prep Family and Student

- 72% Black, 3% white, 6% Asian, 7% Hispanic, 10% other
- Median Family income: \$35,000
- Residents of West/Southwest Philadelphia
- Single Parent Households
- 70% qualify and apply for fin aid – most need 50% discount
- Very few parents hold college degrees
- Many enter high school on 6th grade reading level

Profile of the West Catholic Prep Class of 2013

- 97% went on to attend college (one student enlisted in the Air Force)
- Sample of schools attended: Drexel University, St. Josephs University, La Salle University, Naval Academy, Temple University, and West Chester.
- Received over \$108,000 per student in academic scholarships
- 1 Received a Gates Millennium Scholarship which provides a full scholarship through doctorate program

West Catholic Prep Recent Achievements - 2014

- Enrollment growth of 30%
- Creation of an Engineering Academy in partnership with Drexel Univ.

- Creation of a Health Career Program with Lankenau Hospital to give our students interested in the health field an opportunity to learn more about the field, and serve as interns during the summer
- Raised \$1.9 Million Dollars in 2012-2013, the highest number in school history
- Creation of a 1:1 iPad program for all of our incoming students

Contact Paul Colistra by phone 215-386-2244 x230 or via email [pcolistra@westcatholic.org](mailto:pcolistra@westcatholic.org) to find out how you can direct your company tax dollars directly to West Catholic.



**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BURRS AT THE BEACH**  
**ALL CLASS REUNION**  
**featuring BLACKTHORN**



Once again it is time for you to make plans to attend the Burrs at the Beach. Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood NJ will be hosting Burrs on the Beach on Sunday July 6, 2014. Tickets are still just \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. This year is going to be special; Blackthorn has been signed to provide the entertainment. Blackthorn is celebrating more than 20 years at the forefront of the Philadelphia music scene and continues to draw record crowds in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Delaware.

Our gracious hostess Peg West will once again welcome the West Catholic family to her lovely establishment. Westy's Pub provides multi-dimensional party areas that include a huge upstairs covered deck overlooking the Inlet. A large air conditioned bar just inside the deck and of course the huge main air conditioned bar area downstairs. They will provide numerous complimentary food courts inside and out, upstairs and down with their usual culinary delights. There will be plenty of bars upstairs and down providing your favorite beverage. DJ Jerry Smith will once again spin records that cover every era

to satisfy all musical tastes between Blackthorn sets.

Over the past few years attendance at Burrs has declined. The heat and humidity has played a large role in the dwindling numbers. The renovations Westy's has undertaken have helped tremendously to make Burrs more enjoyable. Gone is the tent, the upper deck was extended, and is under cover. Ceiling fans have been installed and the end result was a more gratifying and entertaining experience. We hope that the renovations at Westy's and the inclusion of Blackthorn will appeal to our younger Burrs and encourage our West Catholic family to return to Burrs at the Beach in large numbers.

We will continue the popular 50/50 drawing that included one \$1,000.00 and three \$500.00 winners in 2013. To make sure that everyone has a chance to win one of these prizes we will have many committee members filtering through all areas so that you may buy tickets. All funds raised by Burrs at the Beach goes to West Catholic Preparatory High School for student tuition assistance only. Raising funds is paramount

to keeping West Catholic open.

We have a couple of other announcements besides the Signing of Blackthorn. The Dioceses of Camden has requested that we do not have Mass at Westy's before Burrs. For the people that take our bus from Delaware County we have two pickup locations Tip O'Leary's Saloon at 300 West Chester Pike in Havertown, PA. 610-789-1414, ask for Cathy Murphy. Pick up time is 10:30 am sharp. Pickup time will be 11:00 am sharp from Jimmy D's bar, 1512 Chester Pike, Folcroft, PA, 610-586-3300, ask for Mike Dolan. Reserve your seat early as we only have 55 seats available. We are hoping to have a bus pick up at 10:30 from the West Catholic Preparatory High School Parking lot; so if you are interested fill out the bus coupons and send them in so we can get an accurate count.

I look forward to Burrs every year to catch up with friends, old neighbors and classmates. It's the one time each year where the West Catholic family comes together. I hope to see you all on Sunday July 6, 2014. Please plan to attend so that we may keep...

**WEST BEST!**



**BURRS AT THE BEACH**  
**Sunday, July 6, 2014**  
**Noon to 7:00 pm**  
**WESTY'S IRISH PUB**  
**North Wildwood, New Jersey**

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$20 each

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**"Friends of West Catholic"**

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**John McMurrough**  
**1151 Villanova Ave**  
**Swarthmore, PA 19081**

**BURRS AT THE BEACH**  
**Bus/Burrs Tickets Coupon**

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(Includes bus & ticket to Burrs)

**Please send tickets to:**

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Reunions

Class	Date / Location	Contact
1959 - 55th Combined - All Class	10/5/2014 Springfield Country Club Springfield, PA	Mary Ann Dowd Kusner 610-431-2222 <a href="mailto:marykusner@aol.com">marykusner@aol.com</a>
1964 - 50th	4/25/2014 Springfield Country Club Springfield, PA	Ed Brennan 610.873.4137 <a href="mailto:edbrennan925@msn.com">edbrennan925@msn.com</a> John Wisdo 610.742.0902 <a href="mailto:Jwisdoo0320@comcast.net">Jwisdoo0320@comcast.net</a> Roe (Weir) Daley 610.754.0577 <a href="mailto:dalroe@aol.com">dalroe@aol.com</a>
1969 - 45th Girls	4/12/2014 Generations Media, PA	Hannah Campbell 610-446-6488 <a href="mailto:RHubard48@aol.com">RHubard48@aol.com</a>
1984 - 30th Combined All Class	10/4/2014 7-11 PM The Porch Restaurant at the Lamb Tavern 865 West Springfield Rd Springfield, PA 19064	Randy Duck 215-301-2164 <a href="mailto:gmgcs@hotmail.com">gmgcs@hotmail.com</a> Michael Flaherty 610-308-2125 <a href="mailto:mflaherty20@verizon.net">mflaherty20@verizon.net</a> Mary Beth (Bonner) Ryan <a href="mailto:Marybeth.ryan@comcast.net">Marybeth.ryan@comcast.net</a>

Luncheons

Class of 1951	January, April, October 12:30 PM Casey’s Restaurant Drexel Hill, PA	Ron Walsh 484.442.8956
Class of 1959	3rd Wednesday of March, April, Sept, December Lehman’s Restaurant Essington, PA	George Bennett 610.485.7926
Class of 1960	Llanerch CC Havertown, PA	Bob McGovern 610.583.4469

If you are having a gathering let us know about it. We can post it online at [www.WestCatholicAlumni.org](http://www.WestCatholicAlumni.org) as well as put it in print for your right here in the Emissary. Just send an email to [westcatholicalumni@gmail.com](mailto:westcatholicalumni@gmail.com) or call the alumni office at 215-387-8560

IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace  
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*Please keep the families of our deceased in your prayers*