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Our Mission Statement...

Our mission is to preserve the spirit and traditions of West Catholic High School by instilling 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 is 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.

JOIN US AT THE ASSOCIATIONS 94TH ANNUAL COMMUNIONBREAKFAST!

Fran Crowley

The Alumni Association proudly will hold its 94th Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 19, 2015. All Alumni, Alumnae, and all other members of the West Catholic Family are invited to join class mates, family, friends and other Alums at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W Sproul Rd, Springfield, PA 19064. Mass will begin at 9:00 am, followed immediately by the Breakfast and Annual Awards Ceremony.

Our celebrant this year will be Reverend Gerald P. Cary '85, currently the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA. In addition, in recognition of his many contributions to the members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Father Carey also will receive the Brother G. John Owens Award. A separate article concerning Father Carey appears in this issue. Members of the 50th Golden Anniversary

Class of 1965 and the 25th Silver Anniversary Class of 1990 will assist at Mass; the Alumni Association is currently working with the West Catholic Music Department to provide the musical program for the Mass.

Keeping with tradition, various alums will be honored for their contributions to society, accomplishments in business, and commitments to the West Catholic Family. Each of the honorees have helped maintain and spread the West Catholic Tradition. In addition, members of the Anniversary Classes of 1965 and 1990 will be honored, both for their own impressive accomplishments, and as representatives of all that their respective class mates have accomplished over the years. The Class of 1990 also has the special distinction of being the first coed class to graduate from the merged West Catholic!

The Awardees for the

94th Annual Communion Breakfast Awards are:

Kathleen Fahey '48 – Margaret Porter Blue & Gold Award

Ralph Celidonio '55 – Brother Anselm Award

Thomas Furlong, Ph.D. '65 – 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award

William Travers '66 – Brother Martin Strickroth Award

Peter Dougherty '67 – Brother Aloysius Award

Charles “Hop” Hopkins '70 – Golden Burr Award

Reverend Gerald P. Carey '85 – Brother G. John Owens Award

Lt. Col Dan Sparks USMC '84 – William H. McGarvey Award

Joseph Nace '90 – 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award

Detailed biographies of each award winner and additional information about the Communion Breakfast may be found at the Association's website – www.westcatholicalumni.org.

Tickets for the Communion Breakfast are \$30 and may be purchased through the Association's website, by mail using the coupon appearing on this page, or by contacting the Communion Breakfast Committee by telephone (610-246-1020) or e-mail (Crowley@blankrome.com). Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved. Tickets also may be purchased at the door. Ads for the Communion Breakfast Program may be purchased the same way.



2015 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE...RAISING THE BAR FOR THE BURRS

2014 was a very productive year with many positive highlights; We have been able to increase our assistance to the West Catholic family in the form of donations for tuition assistance, building improvements in the school, helping families through difficult times, lending our support to academic enrichment programs within the school and began work towards Alumni sponsored events for our West Catholic family. We are executing many of the ideas we had over the year and are creating a more active alumni community. We thank you for helping us achieve these milestones.

It is our goal for the Alumni Association to raise **\$200,000.00** in 2015! This will allow us to achieve our goal of providing a minimum of **\$50,000.00** in grants and tuition assistance to students attending West Catholic. The remaining funds

will be budgeted towards educational programs, human capital investments for West families, production and delivery of our two Emissary's, and continued improvements to our website, alumni store and online tools. And finally, we will be putting money aside this year to execute a years worth of events to commemorate **West Catholic's 100th Anniversary!** The special

occasion will be celebrated throughout the year and it is vital that we budget now to make sure that we celebrate as only West can!

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 fellowship among the faculty,





friends and former students of West and providing financial support to West Catholic and its students.

We only do one Annual Fund Drive mailing a year to ask for your financial support and we rely heavily on this Annual Fund Drive to fuel the rest of the expenses for the year. If every person who receives this paper donates \$20, we will reach our goal! But every contribution, of

any size, to our Annual Fund Drive is vitally important and appreciated. Please help keep the West Catholic Spirit alive through your renewed support! Visit the alumni website at **www.WestCatholicAlumni.org** and donate online or use the below coupon and mail your generous contribution today.

Thank You for your continued support!

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Alum and Board Member Honored by Temple University



Golden Burr and West Board Member Leonard (Lenny) Mazur from the class of 1963 was honored on Friday evening October 10th during ceremonies in Mitten Hall conducted as part of the schools 2014 Homecoming Celebration Presiding over the affair were Scott Cooper president of the Temple university alumni association and Ray Smeriglio President of the Temple student government. Greetings to all were presented by school Provost Hai-lung Dai.

Now in its 17th year the Gallery of Success, into which Len was placed that evening is a collaborative effort between the office of alumni relations and the school career center. The Gallery mission is

twofold ; to inspire current students to forge their own futures by highlighting Temple graduates who exemplify the university’s long standing tradition of self-made success and to recognize those alumni who have brought honor to the University by distinguishing themselves in their specific fields of endeavor.

Mr. Mazur BA'68, MBA,'75 was honored, as a graduate of the college of liberal arts, for his long term achievements in the pharmaceutical industry as an outstanding employee in several companies and for being a founder of numerous companies, within the industry, including Genesis, Triax and Akrimax Pharmaceuticals. He was also recognized for his service on various boards, including his service as a member of the West Catholic Preparatory Board of Trustees, and his community service involvements over the years.

Each Year one Graduate from each of Temples 18 schools and colleges is honored in the fall and highlighted for one year in the Gallery of Success, located in Mitten halls lower

level, on the Main Campus. Additionally the names of all gallery honorees are permanently displayed in the same corridor on plaques for each specific award year. Among other honorees that evening were Bernie Prazenica , president and general manager of WPVI-TV/6abc, Dr. Henry Tisdale, President of Claflin University in South Carolina, and many other distinguished individuals.

His brother Burrs from the class of '63 John Tomosky and Bob Burkhardt attended the ceremony with their Brother Owl to celebrate the occasion with him and his Wife Helena. "Len is truly a loyal son who loves to spread her name", said Burkhardt." In addition to being a golden burr, after last year’s 50th reunion and school celebration, we look forward to lens crowning as a golden Owl in 2018", said Tomosky. "He truly deserves every accolade that comes his way as a leader, entrepreneur and all around Renaissance man out of West Catholic".



NATO Salutes Thomas Maguire '66



Adm. Mark Ferguson & Thomas Maguire

Mister Thomas Maguire has been awarded the NATO Meritorious Service Medal for distinguished service while assigned on NATO duties. Thomas Maguire has upheld the finest traditions of the Alliance through an exceptional contribution which has brought credit on himself and earned the

respect and gratitude of everyone represent by the Alliance. U.S. Navy Adm. Mark Ferguson, Commander, Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, presents Mr. Thomas McGuire with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Meritorious Service Medal, Camp Butmir, Bosnia and Herzegovina, August 19, 2014. McGuire distinguished himself through meritorious service over the last six months as the Chief J8 Finance Officer for NATO Headquarters Sarajevo. (U.S. Air National Guard.

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2nd Annual Veterans Mass Was A Huge Success



On Friday November 14, 2014, the Veterans Committee of the West Catholic Alumni Association held the 2nd Annual Veterans Appreciation Mass at West Catholic Preparatory High School. The Students were on hand as the veterans of West Catholic Alum were honored in this ceremony. Close to 50 Veterans marched in, led by the Naval Color Guard. They rendered the appropriate respect to the colors while the West Catholic Choir sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. All Branches of the Armed Services were represented serving in just about every era of American history dating back to WWII. The Mass was led by Fr. Jerry Carey WC '85, and featured several members of the

Military and West Catholic’s proud alumni. Chairman of the Veterans Committee Jim Mulhern WC '60 welcomed the students faculty and guests and introduced the guest speaker, United States Marine Lt. Col. Dan Sparks, WC '84.

Colonel Sparks came bearing gifts for the students of West and left them captivated with his words of encouragement, praise and possibilities. The Colonel addressed the student body with a captivating and engaging presentation attributing his



many successes throughout his career to the lessons he learned as a student at West Catholic. Colonel Sparks spoke of the West Catholic family and the significance of being associated with the history and values of West Catholic. He

reminded them that their experiences at West will be the foundation they utilize to build their futures upon. His inspiring message was well received by students, faculty and fellow Alumni. The Colonel’s remarks were



followed by a tribute to our fallen. Whenever Veterans come together, we always remember our fallen. This Veterans Mass was no exception. Tom McGinn, WC '61 presented a Memorial Photo to President of West Catholic Preparatory High School Brother Richard Kestler. The photo is actually a compilation of photos taken from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. The picture is dedicated in loving memory of the Graduates killed in Vietnam with the West Boys motto Pro Deo et Patria (For God and Country) prominently

displayed. They honored that motto with their lives. A wreath was presented by Retired US Army Capt Arnold Mapp, WC '85. The names were read and Taps was played by United States Marine LCpl Geof Walker, WC '10 from the balcony of the Auditorium to honor all of our fallen. Retired US Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Randy Duck, WC '84, prepared a Veterans Day video tribute to honor all who have served our country.

The Veterans Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make the Veterans Mass such a wonderful experience



especially John Tomosky WC '63 Commander of American Legion Post 959 and James Mullen WC '65 for providing the refreshments after the Mass. The students were extremely respectful and engaged. The



choir was fantastic . The faculty and staff were more than accommodating. The Veterans in attendance were ever so proud and appreciative. The highlight of the day was Lieutenant Colonel Sparks; he was an amazing speaker, able to engage and completely capture the student’s attention.

I would like to personally thank Jim Mulhern, Randy Duck, Tom McGinn and the rest of the Veterans committee for all of their hard work in putting the Mass together. Next year, we hope to see even more of our Veterans come out for this tremendous event.

If you would like to help prepare next year’s mass or join the West Catholic Alumni Veterans committee please contact Jim Mulhern via E-mail @ jrmulhern@aol.com

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TEAMMATES TO RIVALS, THESE BURRS MEET ONE LAST TIME ON NATIONAL STAGE...

Four years ago, Jake Zuzek and Raymond Maples, of Philadelphia were playing football together at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia. Both were all PA-state selections, Catholic League and Philadelphia City Champions. And then they graduated—each going their separate ways. Until the 115th Army-Navy Game. Jake Zuzek is a starting guard for Navy and Raymond Maples is a starting running back for the Army Black Knights and for sixty minutes, these friends will become arch rivals for the last time as they are both seniors at the service academies.



Jake Zuzek

Zuzek is a 2010 graduate of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, and attended the Naval Academy Prep School during the 2010-11 academic year. In high school, he was a two-sport athlete who earned letters in football (4) and baseball

(2). He was a three-time All-Catholic football selection who garnered All-State (S.C.) and all-area honors as a junior and senior. He served as team captain of the football team his senior year. He is member of the 13-2 Catholic League and region championship football team in 2008.

At Navy, he is Navy's starter at right guard and has started 26 consecutive games. He has developed into the leader on the offensive line and is one of the strongest players on the team. While at Navy, he has earned three varsity letters and is majoring in general science.



Raymond Maples

Maples is a two-time all-state performer at West Philadelphia Catholic High in Philadelphia, Pa. and starred at both running back and strong safety. He earned All-Catholic League honors at both positions and all-city choice at both spots

as well. He teamed with Rob Holloman (Kent State) and Curtis Drake (Penn State) to form trio of 1,000-yard rushers—the first team in city history to accomplish that feat. He closed his high school career with 45 career rushing touchdowns and over 2,500 ground yards. He was a four-time letter winner and served as team captain during senior campaign helping the club to three consecutive city championships and state runner up finish in 2008. While at West Point, he is the third back in Army history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons and is trying to join Mike Mayweather as only Black Knights to reach the 1,000-yard mark three times. Maples ranks sixth on Army's all-time rushing list with 2,489 yards, he sits fifth in Army history with 10 100-yard rushing games and has combined for 2,281 yards in last two years. He is majoring in systems management. With graduation and service commitments in the spring, this was likely the final game where these two will face each other on opposite teams. Beyond that, they will be on one for our country and forever Burrs!

From The President



I cannot believe how quickly this term is going, a few short months are left before our next election. There is plenty going on between now and then. The Association is continuing to focus efforts on growth and involvement of our members as well as boosting our financial support to our West Catholic family.

Our school has been faced with incredible adversity over the last 10 years. The West family has managed to continue its proud tradition with the support of our Alumni, Alumnae, Business Leaders, Parents, the Community, Board of

Trustees and the relentless dedication of the Teachers, Staff and everyone at West. It is truly amazing to watch the numerous people step up day in and day out to make sure that the West Catholic family is well cared for.

Financial support is always a great help. As noted on the front page, I am asking each and every person who receives the Emissary to make a financial contribution to our Alumni Association so that we can help lessen the burden on the school, supplement their financial needs, provide tuition assistance where needed and help West celebrate amazing accomplishments over the years. The school has also asked that we spread the word about various other opportunities to help; Tutoring and Mentoring programs, Internship opportunities, Blocks tax credit programs and career day presentations are just a few of the ways you can contribute. Money is not the only answer for supporting the West family. Time and Talent is something you can provide to these young men and women that will have a far greater impact. Showing them you care about their future is something that they will forever hold in the hearts. And someday they will be able to pass along that special spirit to the next great classes of West Catholic graduates.

I ask that you join me in supporting our very special West Catholic family in any way you can!

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



JAELEN STRONG '10 HEADING TO THE NFL & TAKING THE "WC" WITH HIM!

Jaleen Strong '10, son of another great West Catholic alum John Rankin '85, declared his intent to enter the NFL draft earlier this year. There will be plenty of eyes on this young man in the fall on Sundays as he heads to the big show. We will bring you a more indepth article on him in the next edition of the Emissary.

Jaleen has 30 + tattoos, his latest features a pair of praying hands on the right side of his chest and the words "In Memory Of John Rankin" in script on the left side, a tribute to his father.

Another notable tat appears on his left calf, see the photo, Yep, Jalen

proudly displays the WC logo which will accompany him on his NFL journey. We are proud of your success and hope that you will be able to add another marker to your canvas, an NFL logo and maybe someday a Lombardy trophy tat! Go Burrs!



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The Alumni Website has been completely redesigned with **new features & enhancements** to better serve our Burr Nation!

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more enhancements coming soon!

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Sr. Mary Bur, IHM to retire as Principal



After 27 years of leadership, Sr. Mary Bur, IHM, Principal of West Catholic Preparatory High School, is set to retire at the close of this academic year. A model Catholic educator, Sr. Mary is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Elementary in Jenkintown, Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, Immaculata University (B.A. English, Music), and Villanova University (M.A. English). As a Sister of the Immacu-

late Heart of Mary, Sr. Mary has served in various schools in the region before coming to West Catholic, including: St Cyril School in East Lansdale, St Eugene School in Primos, St. Irenaeus/Raphael School in Philadelphia, St. Agatha School in Philadelphia, Allentown Central Catholic H. S. in Allentown, PA, Bishop Shanahan High School in West Chester, PA and Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia. Sr. Mary came to then West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School in 1987 as the Assistant Principal, and remained in that position through the merger with the Boys school (1989), until she became the Principal the new West Philadelphia Catholic High School in 1993. At the close of the 2014-15 school year, Sr. Mary will have served 22 years as the Principal of West Catholic Preparatory High School.

This year, Sr. Mary will be awarded two prestigious awards in honor of her service. From St. Joseph's University, the Ratio Studiorum Award, for exceptional leadership in collaborative efforts to improve educational systems and contribution to the future and sustainability of quality Catholic education. Also, she has been honored from The Brothers of the Christian Schools of the Lasallian Region of North America, a 2014 Lasallian Educator Award, for outstanding work and dedication to the charism of Saint La Salle. From President, Brother Richard Kestler, FSC: "Sister and I first met while she served as Principal at Saint Agatha School, Philadelphia and again in 1999 when I was appointed President of West and finally a third time in 2012 when I returned. In all of this time, I have admired Sister for her wisdom

in dealing with students and bringing their best to the fore. There is none more dedicated to West Catholic and its mission. Sister has laid a foundation of excellence and compassion that has affected both our staff and student body that has made us the great school of today." See below for a note from Sr. Mary to the community.

Office of the Principal
January 12, 2015
To the West Catholic Prep Family,

Today I write to let everyone know that this is my last year as principal here at West Catholic Preparatory High School. Words are hard to come by to describe the sadness that accompanies my decision but it is indeed time for new and younger leadership. I have been in administration here at 4501 Chestnut Street for 27 years and it is truly my home. I have loved

all of it: the challenges as well as the rewards. To all who have been supportive, and also, to all who encouraged me to think deeper or further than I thought possible, I am most grateful. To our parents and families, I give my thanks for your continued support and encouragement as we worked to help your children grow and thrive here at WCP. My greatest joy is to hear from graduates that their West Catholic experience continues to influence them now even years after graduation and that they left here prepared for life both spiritually and otherwise. I will leave with gratitude in my heart for the call to be a leader here for our urban youth. It has been a blessing to be a part of the journey that each student takes through these halls!

Sincerely,
Sister Mary E. Bur, IHM
Principal

Accompaniment of Young Lasallian Professionals, Brother Brian Henderson is beginning...

a new ministry which will formalize what he has done so well informally the past twenty-four years" Eatontown, NJ – Br. Dennis Malloy, FSC, Visitor for the District of Eastern North America, has officially announced Br. Brian Henderson, FSC, and his new ministry with DENA. After twenty-four years in leadership at St. Francis High School in Baltimore and at Saint Gabriel's Hall outside of Philadelphia, Brother Brian Henderson is beginning a new ministry which will formalize what he has done so well informally the past twenty-four years – accompanying young Lasallians on their journey of faith and service to the Lasallian mission. Two of the top priorities,

consistently identified at General Chapters and more recently at International Mission Assemblies, for the future of the Lasallian mission are the need for formation and for accompaniment. With fewer Brothers in our ministries and with the first waves of retirement of "first generation" Lasallians, the need to strengthen support for the formation and accompaniment of our youngest Lasallians is imperative if we are to ensure the vitality of the Lasallian mission and charism in our ministries and District. Brian's new ministry, the Accompaniment of Young Lasallian Professionals, is not a newly created position for the District but a recasting of a current position in service to the promotion



of the Brothers' vocation. Core aspects of the position are as follows: Role: Animate, connect, accompany, form and empower for a deeper reflection and greater experience of faith, service and community. Target: Young women and men active in our ministries up to the age of 40 ... includes Young Broth-

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ers, Lasallian Volunteers & Young Lasallians. Rationale: Prepare the "next generation" of Lasallians. Goal: Strengthen and secure the Lasallian mission and charism in our ministries. Logistics: Identify target ministries for this year and enlist support of ministry leadership. Objectives: Three CORE Objectives for DENA Young Lasallian Professionals: Association: Belonging to DENA/RELAN/Institute; Participating in Associative Geographic Groups (PALM, RILAG, LAMM, LAAST)*; Participating in Lasallian Youth and Lasallian Collegians; Introduction to International Young Lasallian Movement; Strengthening their ownership for Lasallian mission,

charism, and spirituality. Evangelization: Encouraging their commitment for announcing the Gospel, for promoting the Lasallian mission, charism and spirituality; and, for deepening their commitment to our educational service with the economically poor. Vocation Promotion: Awakening, calling and accompanying ALL vocations within the Lasallian Family with strategic concern for the promotion of the Brothers vocation; promoting a Culture of Vocations across our ministries.

Please pray for Brian and for God's blessings on this new District ministry, and welcome him as he makes his way around the District!

WEST CATHOLIC BOYS SCHOOL PRINT AVAILABLE!



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1st Annual West Catholic Homecoming Tailgate

The West Catholic family came together on Saturday Oct. 18th to root on our football team in collegiate style with an old fashion tailgate event. Alumni, Alumnae, and current students all came out to enjoy each other's company and get riled up to root our Burrs to victory. Games of ring toss and football catch were among the festivities getting everyone in the mood.

Appearances were made by the Cheerleaders and even Burrman himself. The Cheerleaders performed very nice routines to get



the crowd going while Burrman entertained and took pictures with those in attendance. The event cumulated in a parade of young and old, showing their West Catholic pride. The parade started at the Holiday Inn and proceeded across Packer Ave. to the

South Philly supersite with balloons and West Catholic Pennants leading the way.

The main event had our Burrs beating Conwell-Egan by a score of 41-0. Players of the game were WR Jameer Bryson, LB Neil Satterwhite, and K Craig Jones.

Thanks to all who attended the event and made it such a fun time. We look forward to more Alumni, Alumnae, students and friends of West Catholic attending next year to make it an even bigger event as our Burrs make another championship run.

REV. GERALD P. CAREY '85 PRINCIPAL
CELEBRANT FOR THE 94TH
ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Reverend Gerald P. Carey'85 will be the Principal Celebrant for the Mass for the Association's 94th Annual Communion Breakfast. In addition, Father Carey will receive the Brother G John Owens Award in recognition of his many contributions to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Father Carey graduated from West Catholic in 1985. He received his Master Degree in Divinity from St. Charles Seminary and was ordained in 1998. An accomplished organist, Father Carey also is a graduate of the Westminster Choir College in Princeton.

Since ordination, Father Carey has participated in various ministries within the Archdiocese. Currently, Father Carey is the Parochial Vicar at Our

Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, Pennsylvania. Previously, Father Carey was the Pastor at St. Paul's Parish in South Philadelphia. In November, 2014, Father Carey was the Celebrant for the Alumni Association's Second Annual Veterans' Mass, held at West Catholic Prep.

While at St. Paul's, Father Carey was very active in celebrating the Latin or Tridentine Mass, beginning in January 2009. Father Carey also served as the Director of Office for Worship in the Secretariat for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He has also held the post of Chaplain for the Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute.

The Alumni Association is honored to have Father Carey as our Principal Celebrant.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE GREAT ANNIVERSARY
CLASSES OF 1965 AND 1990

The Alumni Association extends a special invitation to all members of the 50th Golden Anniversary Class of 1965 and the 25th Silver Anniversary Class of 1990 to attend the Association's 94th Annual Communion Breakfast on April 19th at the Springfield Country Club, beginning at 9:00 am.

Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes the Golden and Silver Anniversary Classes at the Communion Breakfast Awards Ceremony. Members of each Class receive the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award and the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award, in honor, both of their own specific accomplishments, and as representatives of the many accomplishments and contributions of all members of the Anniversary Classes.

This year's recipient of the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award is Thomas E. Furlong, Ph.D.'65. Joseph Nace'90 will re-


ceive the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award. Dr. Furlong has long been active in education. After West Catholic, Dr. Furlong received a B.A. in Psychology from LaSalle College, an M.S. in Counselor Education and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. He has served in various administrative positions at St. Petersburg College (FL), including Interim President. From 1995 to 2001, he was the Deputy Executive Director for Educational Services for the Florida State Board of Community Colleges. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Educational Services at Tallahassee Community College. Currently, Dr. Furlong is the CEO of Bachelor Degree Access Strategies, LLC, a higher education consulting firm working with colleges in Florida, Texas and North Carolina.

After graduating from West, Joe Nace pursued higher education in Fi-

nance at Widener University and the University of Pennsylvania. His very successful business career include positions as Business Director in the Dental School and Veterinary Schools of the University of Pennsylvania. An accomplished athlete at West, playing both baseball and soccer all four years at West Catholic, Joe now is an active member of the Southwest Football Coaches Association. He also has been involved in organizing the Friends of Liam McGuire Benefit for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Joe Nace and Tom Furlong are very fitting representatives of the many, many members of their respective classes that have made, and continue to make, tremendous contributions to their chosen endeavors and to their communities. We invite all members of the Classes of 1965 and 1990 in honoring their classmates and their own many accomplishments!

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

Any questions may be directed to any committee member listed below:
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Name.....Branch of Service.....

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Phone.....e-mail.....

INVITING ALL PRIEST ALUMNI

Many, many West Catholic Alums have served the faithful of the Catholic Church as ordained priests in many ministries throughout the years. The West Catholic Alumni Association is proud of all of the dedication and devotion of these Alums!

The Alumni Association invites all Priest Alumni

to concelebrate the Mass at the 94th Annual Communion Breakfast on April 19, 2015. Our Principal Celebrant is Reverend Gerald P. Carey '85. If you would like to concelebrate the Mass, please contact the Alumni Association's Communion Breakfast Committee at 610-246-1020 or Crowley@blankrome.com.

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94th ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

APRIL 19, 2015 – 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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RETURN BY APRIL 1, 2015 TO WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, c/o Bill Simpson '60, 9 Netherwood Drive, Springfield, PA 19064 or e-mail Crowley@blankrome.com. 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

Class Reunion & Luncheons
Your Alumni Association can provide your Reunion Committee with a current listing of your classmates. Any Class planning a reunion or that would like to plan one, please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560

If you are having a gathering of any kind let us know about it. We can post it online at 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 or call the alumni office at 215-387-8560

Ronald McDonald House, NFL and West Catholic Alum making a difference...

For 40 years, the Ronald McDonald House has helped young people battling serious illness like Colin Delaney, a 15-year-old battling leukemia who recently received a surprise one-game contract offer from his favorite NFL team, the Philadelphia Eagles. On the Today show before the Eagles/Giants Game, Delaney, a former middle-school fullback, was invited to sit behind the Eagles' bench for Sunday night's NFC East showdown with the New York Giants on NBC. Eagles general manager Howie Roseman then signed Delaney to a one-game contract, and presented him with a No. 1 jersey with his name on the back, as a part of TODAY's "Together We Make Football" series with the NFL, hosted by NBC's Josh Elliott. This past summer, Delaney had his spirits boosted by the Eagles during the annual Ronald McDonald House camp in upstate



Nick Foles, Andre Sabelette, Colin Delaney, LeSean McCoy Pennsylvania. Diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia known as Burkitt's lymphoma in February, Delaney had been in and out of The Children's Hospital in Philadelphia for treatments in the months before the camp. "I was not feeling well at the time," Delaney said on TODAY. "I realized I wouldn't be able to feel normal for a long time." The former middle school fullback was able to play football at the camp to give himself a sense of normalcy while battling leukemia. "Playing football again

would allow him to kind of have confidence in his body," camp counselor Andre Sabelette told TODAY. "I'll just be able to think, 'Wow, I'm playing football. My life is normal again,'" Delaney said. Delaney took the field at the Ronald McDonald camp with his friends while wearing the jersey of his favorite player, Philadelphia Eagles running back LeSean "Shady" McCoy. The team was greeted with a huge surprise, when two big roster additions, McCoy and Eagles quarterback Nick Foles,

showed up to join them. "Best day ever — unexpected and awesome," Delaney said. "I'm definitely gonna remember this for the rest of my life." "It was great to see Colin out there," Sabelette said. "He went all out." Sabelette is a cancer survivor himself who was diagnosed with retinoblastoma when he was only 1 year old, and his family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House while Sabelette was being treated. He later attended Ronald McDonald Camp and now volunteers as a counselor, where he sees the effect a simple football game can have on kids fighting cancer. "There's something about putting on those flags, and you're on the field - all that matters at that moment is football," he said. "Cancer is the last thing on their minds. Doesn't matter whether you have leukemia - all of the sudden, they realize that they don't have any limits."

Delaney also participated in the video for the "Truly Brave" collaboration with Cyndi Lauper and Sara Bareilles and spearheaded by Hoda Kotb as part of her Shine a Light campaign to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

Ronald McDonald House was founded in 1974 by Dr. Audrey Evans, Fred Hill (former Phila Eagle), Leonard Tose (former owner Phila Eagles), Ed Rensi (regional director McDonalds) and West Catholic Alum Jim Murray '56 (former Phila Eagles General Manager- pictured here).



LOYAL SON MAGEE '59 WINS 1,000 NCAA GAME *by Bill McMackin*



The seconds ticked down to zero and the scoreboard showed that Philadelphia University had yet won again this time by the score of 80 to 60. But this was not just another win but the 1000th win in the career of one of the most successful and respected coaches in college basketball. I watched as Coach Herb Magee moved to shake the hand of the opposing coach and saw in his body language that the yolk of this accomplishment was lifted from his shoulders.

His wife, Geri- his two daughters, Kay and Eileen, and his grandkids surrounded him to celebrate this victory. I knew he wanted this win in front of his family, friends, and student body because a few days earlier a very rare home court loss made this a must win. The 1000th win was going to happen because Coach Magee's teams win over 70% of the time but we all wanted it to happen here and now. I sat in the stands behind the bench with his friends, former players, and family. The look on his brother's face, Chas, said it all. The records that he has amassed are well documented included being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2011 but there is so much more about Coach Magee. Herb Magee played on the 1959 West Catholic Boys High

School basketball Championship Team which was the last time that West won this title. I was a freshman that year and my best friend was Herb's brother, Raymond. I spent a lot of time over the Magee house during my High School years and Ray and I both went to Textile (what Philadelphia University was originally). When Herb finished his four years at Textile (1963) he had the school record for points — 2,235 points and this was before the 3 point shot and he still ranks third on the school's all time scoring records. He became the Assistant coach for four years and became the Head coach in 1967 at the age of 25. In 1970 his team won the Division II National Championship, the first Philadelphia coach to win an NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — before John Chaney and Rollie Massimino. There is a lot more to Herb

Magee than the coaching persona that is seen. I have been fortunate to see the other side since my high school days at West, my college days at Textile and following the team for over 25 years. I try to attend as many home games as possible and have seen some incredible games and outstanding players. Herb, who lost his parents at an early age and he along with his three brothers (Chas, Edwin and Raymond) were raised by his uncles, values his family. His wife, Geri and his daughters Kay and Eileen and their families are most important to Herb. He is deeply committed to his family and it shows. Anyone who ever played for Herb Magee will tell you how much he cares and what a great example he sets. He is always prepared, he teaches the game and expects performance. With Herb you get honest answers and integrity. Herb

could have taken other positions but he remained at the school he loved in the City that he grew up playing in summer leagues and in the concrete gym at St. Francis De Sales Elementary school and later at that small gym at 49th and Chestnut Street — West Boys H.S. Herb is very proud of his West Catholic Days and will always fondly look back on those years. Over the years, he has returned to West (Hall of Fame and other awards) and given of his time to assist the school. Herb has a West Connection on his coaching staff where, West Grads and former players, Jimmy Rielly and Eric Brennan serve as his Assistants. Every West grad can feel a sense of Pride whenever Herb Magee's accomplishments are brought up because he is one of those loyal sons who made us all proud of our school. Congrats Herb and thanks for bringing pride and honor to our School.

West Catholic Spring Sports Update
We have high hopes for our Outdoor Track Team this year. Under the guidance of newly hired coach and West Catholic graduate, Virgil Sheppard, our team looks to be a contender for the State Title. Team captains Shankia Cooper and Gabriel Nah bring

not only their experience with them, but the fastest times from last year's team. They will be able to lead a young and eager group of Burrs into a successful season!

Our Softball head coach Summer Horan, another recent WC grad, leads a young and energetic group of girls into a very talented Philadelphia Catholic League schedule.

Last year, we had 9 freshmen on the team. This year, we hope to keep that young core together and continue to build on their experience for the future.

Both the Track and Softball schedules are on the West Catholic Prep Website(www.westcatholic.org). Keep your eyes out for good news from Burrs Athletics!

Own a business in Pennsylvania?
Give through your state taxes Pennsylvania offers a rewarding program for businesses to send their states taxes to West Catholic as a donation. Called Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), you can provide scholarships and financial aid for our students who live in underachieving

school districts of which over 95% of our student body qualifies. Your state business tax dollars can bring young men and women out of these failing schools and offer them a chance to excel here at West Catholic. The process is as simple as filling out a one page form. Contact Andrew Brady '02 to learn more about the program at abrady@blocs.org or call 484-704-2309.



Once again it is time for you to make plans to attend Burrs at the Beach. Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood NJ will be hosting on Sunday June 28, 2015 the 28th Annual Burrs on the Beach. The committee decided to move Burrs to the last weekend in June to further separate us from the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The costs associated with the 4th of July have made it a



significantly more expensive weekend. We are hoping the move will make the room rates a little more affordable and help to continue to attract our young alumni as well. The move back to the last week of June just may help to make it a little less humid and a little bit cooler. So make your plans now for the 28th Annual Burrs at the



Beach All Class Reunion. Thanks to an anonymous donor from the class of 1964, the 2014 Burrs at the Beach presented Blackthorn, one of the premier cover bands in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as the featured entertainment and they certainly did not disappoint. Blackthorn is expected to return for our entertainment pleasure this year provided we can get donors to offset the cost again



28TH ANNUAL BURRS AT THE BEACH ALL CLASS REUNION!

Johnnie Walker

this year. Anyone interested in donating or helping to sponsor Blackthorn please contact Tom Dorrian at 484-431-0781.

"Had a great time and Blackthorn was amazing!"
Betty Whalen class of 1961

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 throughout the establishment providing your favorite beverages.

for the first time. Our older alums remarked repeatedly that they enjoyed the opportunity to share their experiences, as well as some history and traditions of West Catholic, with our younger alum. The combination of live entertainment and DJ music worked perfectly. Blackthorn and DJ Jerry Smith dazzled the Burrs with a versatile mix of traditional Irish music and club mixes that appealed to the many generations of Burrs in attendance. We were forced to dance in the aisles because the dance floor was packed all day long. The weather was perfect and Blackthorn was entertaining but the real credit goes to the Burrs at the Beach Committee.

"What a diverse crowd of alumni we have. All had smiling faces! It was wonderful to see a mix of young and old represented."
Stella Carrigan class of 1977

The Burrs on the Beach Committee implemented a focused social media campaign on Facebook and Linked-In. The Committee was sure 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. That is exactly what happened. This year we are planning on an even better turnout.

"What a great event. I had the best time. Great job Burrs Committee!!!!"
Regina McDonough

There is one other major announcement for this year. Peggy Sheffield



Panichelli Class of 1965 has accepted the position of Co-Chairperson for the Burrs at the Beach Committee. Not really a huge surprise, Peggy has played an integral role



on the committee ensuring Burrs has run smoothly year in and year out. On behalf of the Alumni, I would like to recognize Peggy, welcome her in her new role, and thank her for her continued service to West. It is because



of people like Peggy and the other members of the committee that Burrs at the Beach has enjoyed the success it has over the years.



This year we will have 2 buses, one leaving from West Catholic Preparatory High School Parking lot at 10:30 am and the 2nd leaving from Delaware County. The 1st pick up will be @ Tip O'Leary's Saloon at 300 West Chester Pike in Havertown, PA. 610-789-1414, ask for Cathy Murphy. Pick up time @ Tip's is 10:30 am sharp. The 2nd pick up will be @ Haggerty's at 2373 Mac Dade Blvd Holmes, Pennsylvania 19043 (610) 461-9534, ask for Frank Rodia. Pickup time there will be @ 11am. Reserve your seat(s) early as we only have 55 seats on each bus so if you are interested fill out the bus coupons and send them in so we can get an accurate count.

We will continue the popular 50/50 drawing that sent three people home with just under a combined total of \$2,000.00 in winnings. 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. I look forward to Burrs

every year to catch up with friends, old neighbors and classmates. It's the one time each year when the West Catholic family comes together. I hope to see you all on Sunday June 28, 2015. Please plan to attend so that we may continue to keep WEST BEST!!

Apology Notice

From Tom Dorrian
Co-Chair Burrs at the Beach Committee

My apologies for not acknowledging the most generous donation our Burrs at the Beach committee has ever received. The anonymous donor from the Class of 1964 covered the entire fee to have Blackthorn at our 2014 Burrs at the Beach reunion. We are most grateful. You are truly a loyal son.

THE EMISSARY

is currently issued twice a year by the Alumni Associations Communications Committee
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

The Cost of Eduaction presented by Financial Review Committee

West Catholic just like any other business or organization has certain expenses and operating costs. Also, like any other business to stay current, marketable and competitive West Catholic must stay on track with the latest current trends and technology's in education.

Here are some current costs that a family must incur to send ONE student to West Catholic, for ONE school year. Conservatively the school has a operating cost of \$800,000+.

Catholic Students:
\$6800 tuition
\$725 school fees
\$7525 total

Non Catholic Students:
\$7700 tuition
\$725 school fees
\$8425 total

Tuition increases by \$350 next year per student (Catholic & Non)
Athletic Fees: Covers gear, transportation,venue location, misc. Base fee: \$125 per student. Depending on the sport the total fees range from \$150 - \$350(football is the highest fee) * football increases to \$375 next school

year.
Other programs with various ranging fees:
Music / Art / Engineering Academy Theater Program: \$20 per student. Students make their own costumes, along with designing & building the sets.

Now throw in some other incidentals(uniforms, supplies, allowances, etc) a family could be paying a little more then \$10,000 a year for ONE student, \$40,000 over four years for HIGH SCHOOL alone. I know my parents did not spend \$40,000 combined to send four kids(2 boys, 2 girls) through West Catholic during the 60's, 70's & 80's. Now add a family with more than one student attending West Catholic.

The Financial Review Committee receives Non-scholarship requests for donations. Requests are reviewed and presented to the Board of Governors for approval or recommendations. The committee is also charged with the review of Board related expenses / operating costs to help run the organization as efficiently as possible.

Jack Savage Class of '54 (special thanks to philly.com)

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Savage was a 1954 graduate of West Catholic High School and a 1958 graduate of St. Joseph's University. He played basketball for both.

In 1953, he was part of the West Catholic team that beat Wilt Chamberlain's Overbrook High team, 54-42, in a game at the Palestra. Mr. Savage told the story of that upset many times, said Pat Costello, Mr. Savage's grandson, a sophomore writing for the Fordham Ram newspaper. "Leading up to the game, West Catholic did everything it could to prepare for the young phenom, Chamberlain, including having a priest stand on a table near the basket and wave a broom in the air to simulate the Overbrook center," Costello wrote. "The game was fierce, but Savage's underdog squad overcame the odds and beat Overbrook, 54-42." At St. Joseph's during his freshman year, Mr. Savage was a walk-on addition to the basketball team, which was

then coached by the famed Jack Ramsay, Costello wrote. In a game against Muhlenberg College, Mr. Savage got the chance to shine. St. Joseph's point guard Dan Dougherty hit the floor hard after being fouled during a jump shot, Costello wrote. "Ramsay pointed his finger to Savage, knowing that he was a great free-throw shooter. Savage stepped up to the line and made both shots and was promptly subbed back out in favor of Dougherty," Costello wrote. In the locker room after the game, Mr. Savage was praised by his teammates because the Hawks won by two points, Costello wrote. But Ramsay wasn't exactly effusive. "Hey, you did your job," Costello quoted the coach as saying. Mr. Savage was voted team captain in his senior year. That season, St. Joseph's went to the National Invitation Tournament, played in Madison Square Garden. The Hawks beat St. Peter's in the first round but lost by four in the quarterfinals to St. Bonaven-

John Loughran '46 "the reports of my passing have been greatly exaggerated"

In our last issue of the Emissary, it was reported that John was no longer with us. Let me assure you that is not the case and we are all thankful for that. We would first like to apologize for that "misprint" and instead let you know what John has been up to.

John class of '46 is an amazing



person. He worked as an HVAC technician for over 40 years for E.B. O'Reilly. After getting

married in 1957, he and his wife moved to Chalfont, PA in 1963. They raised 6 strong Catholic children who he's watched and guided with pride as they've raised his 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild all with the same Catholic values. He and his neighbors became main participants in establishing St. Jude Parish Church in Chalfont. When they first arrived, there was no church or school in existence so they started worshipping at a local fairground. After the parish was built, John became the "go to" fix it guy for the next 30 years.

His son-in-law stated that when the church did their last major capital campaign, John stated it was his 4th one and immediately signed up without hesitation. Unfortunately, John lost his



beloved wife over 8 years ago. Today he is in good health even after battling and beating cancer 4 times. Like everything he has done in his life, he smiled and took it in stride when he read in the Emissary that he had "passed".

Thank you John for exemplifying the Values of the Christian Brother Education we have all received.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Pursuant to Article 3, Section C, of the Bylaws of the West Catholic Alumni Association, the annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Monday May 11, 2015 beginning at 6:45 PM at the AmVets, Post 118, 270 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070.

Pursuant to Article 4, Section B, of the Bylaws of the West Catholic Alumni Association, the purpose of the general meeting will be to elect members of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association for the term September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

All Members of the Association are eligible to vote in the Alumni Association election and to be elected to the Board of Governors. The Bylaws define "Members" of the Association as: (a) graduates of West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys; (b) Graduates of West Catholic High School; (c) former male or female students of West Catholic High School who have completed at least one year at either school and whose original class has graduated. All members interested in being elected to the Board of Governors must notify the president, David Joslin, Jr. '88 by email (david@davidjoslin.com) or phone (610-517-8249) no later than May 5, 2015 so that your name may be placed on the ballot.

Pursuant to Article 4, Section K, of the Bylaws of the Alumni Association, an organizational Board Meeting shall be held in June, 2015 at which the newly elected Board shall elect the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Finance and the Recording Secretary for the term of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. No person shall be elected President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance or Recoding Secretary unless that person shall have served as a Member of the Board for at least one year. At that same organizational Board Meeting, the newly elected President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, the Vice President for Communication and the Executive Secretary.

If you would like any further information concerning the general meeting or the election, please contact David Joslin, Jr. '88 by e-mail (david@davidjoslin.com) or phone (610-517-8249).

ture, effectively ending Mr. Savage's basketball career.

Mr. Savage went on to work for Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, starting out as the hospital's chief financial officer. Later, he became the first chief financial officer of Main Line Health at its inception in 1985. After retiring in 1998, Mr. Savage served on the board of directors of Saunders House and Camilla Hall, both senior care facilities. "He was a loving husband and father, a caring friend and, to me, an amazing grandfather," Costello wrote. "In the end, he succumbed to Alzheimer's, but he never forgot one moment of his basketball career. His life was full of wonderful stories that will be remembered forever."



IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Philip Barr	1938	Edward Conway	1955
John Carney	1942	Joseph J McGonigal	1955
James Bonner	1942	Francis J "Pop"	
Thomas Hogan	1944	McNally	1956
James O'Connor	1945	Nicholas Mangraviti	1959
Robert R Redding	1947	Vincent D.Callahan	1959
Raymond L Ruddy	1947	Carl Butler	1960
Ralph Sinnott	1950	Louis W Springer	1960
James McDonnell	1950	Joseph Lunsford	1962
John Butrus	1950	Charles Zirilli	1963
Frederick Laterza	1950	Charles McAllister	1964
James G "Jerry"		Leo J Harrigan, Jr.	1964
O'Reilly	1950	Louis Maiaroto	1965
Charles P Bingnear	1950	Joseph Fuschino	1966
Robert McCormick	1951	Dennis Massari	1970
Thomas Mason	1951	Thomas E Pembroke	1970
Edward Biondi	1952	Gino Francescangeli	1971
John McDonnell	1952	David A Haug III	1975
John J McDonnell	1952	Joseph Sheehan	1976
Francis Ruane	1953	Stephen Clark	1977
William Eberle	1954	Kevin Kelly	1984
Robert R "Odie"		Anthony Agatone	1986
O'Donnell	1954	Kyle Atras	2007
John C Savage	1954	David B Weir Sr.	??

Please keep the families of our deceased in your prayers