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From where I sit...

...it's hard for me to imagine anything more deeply rooted in the vision and example of Saint Francis.

In the following pages, you will read about the work of Gina Pestak — a graduate of Padua Franciscan High School, Class of 2004 — who traveled to Andhra Pradesh, India this past January as a medical researcher. There, at Sivananda Rehabilitation Home, she worked among patients with leprosy and HIV, doing research on the opportunistic infections which HIV patients face. The eventual goal of her project is to raise the consciousness of the global medical community not only with regard to the scope of HIV in India but also the deep and far-reaching biological consequences of poverty.

From her days at Padua, Gina remembers well the account of Francis' meeting of the leper along the roadside outside of Assisi. There was nothing more abhorrent to Francis than leprosy, no one more terrifying to him than a leper. Yet he describes that meeting in his *Testament* as one that forever changed his life: *When I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body.* There on that roadside Francis embraced the leper and kissed him. As he continued to discover the call of Jesus to live the gospel, his ministry to the lepers was an essential part of that vocation — not only for himself but for all those who would join him in that way of life.

In *The Little Flowers of Saint Francis*, one of the earliest collections of stories about the life of Francis, there is an account of his interaction with a leper who was particularly impatient and unruly. He was so mean to all who tried to care for him that all the brothers eventually abandoned him and left him alone. When they explained this to Francis, Francis himself decided to reach out to him. *Francis said to the leper: "I'll do whatever you want." "I want you to wash me," said the leper... Francis immediately had some water heated with many sweet-smelling herbs. Undressing the leper, Francis began to wash him with his holy hands, while another brother poured the water. And as the leper's body was being washed on the outside, on the inside his soul was being cleansed. For by a divine miracle, where Francis touched him with his holy hands, the leprosy went away, and there remained only perfectly healed flesh. And as the flesh began to heal, the soul also began to heal.*

Saint Francis was certainly a person of deep faith. He had absolute trust in the goodness of God that would provide for him in every need. He knew without a doubt that the love of God could accomplish in and through him, as Saint Paul says, more than he could ever ask or imagine. Yet he was never content to simply let things take their course, to sit back and let God do it, to wait and hope and pray for the best. He knew that he had to be himself that instrument of faith and goodness and hope and love. He had to be like the Word-Made-Flesh who came to dwell among us — sharing our life, bearing our burdens, enduring our sufferings. Francis realized he could never just pray for the leper. He had to reach out with his very own hands, touching — and, yes, embracing — the leper's wounded flesh and broken spirit. He had to somehow be one with that leper in his pain and need.

Only then could he truly be that instrument and only then would there come some healing of body and of spirit. It is the greatest lesson Francis teaches us: We **are** instruments. We **must be** instruments of faith and hope, of light and joy, of pardon and peace.

It is the greatest lesson he teaches us — and, in my experience, it is the hardest lesson to learn and put into practice. It is so easy to distance ourselves from the sufferings of our world, from the needs of those who surround us and are a part of our lives each day. It is easy, as persons of faith, to simply commend them and their needs to God in prayer and so feel we have done our duty. It is certainly easier for me to sit in my office in the farthest corner of the building and essentially be untouched by and unconcerned about the needs of our students and their families, the needs of those who are a part of our faculty and staff. It is easier for me to say a little prayer for them at morning Mass and entrust those needs to the care and concern of someone else. It is easier, but I don't believe it is at all Franciscan. It isn't at all true to the lesson Francis teaches me and what he wants me to learn from his example.

We, all of us and each of us, if we truly are Padua Franciscan, cannot simply leave it to someone else. I need to know the needs of the members of our community. I need to listen to them and be touched by them. I need to reach out and I myself must touch those burdens and challenges: the anxiety of families struggling in these harsh economic times... the anguish of students who must give up their dreams to be a part of the Padua family... the hurt of broken relationships and divorce... the hopelessness of those who feel abandoned and forgotten... the pain of sickness and suffering... the sadness of loss and death. Only when each of us has embraced as somehow our own these needs of body and spirit, only then can we be the instrument that God calls us to be; only then can we be the instrument that Francis teaches us to be. And that which once seemed bitter will be turned to sweetness of body and soul.

The following pages contain accounts of those members of our community who continue to learn and practice that lesson, those who indeed are God's instruments in the great variety of opportunities and relationships of their daily life — not only Gina Pestak but also the Schmotzer brothers, Dan and Dave, at Coker College; and more recent graduates Brian Freeman and Peter Niro; and Mary Baumann who has taught math here at Padua Franciscan for twenty-two years and been a generous instrument in the ministry of *holiness and learning*. These, along with so many others in our community are our good examples. And their example challenges us.

As always, may you be filled with (and ever be an instrument of) God's blessings of peace and everything good!



Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., President



Science, Service & Solidarity

Gina Pestak '04: Following in the Footsteps of St. Francis

Gina Pestak '04 never dreamed that she would find herself so far away from home, craving such “luxuries” as eating with utensils, sleeping on a mattress, or washing clothes with laundry soap rather than a rock. Yet these are but a few of the challenges Gina faced when she agreed to work as a medical researcher for four months at Sivananda Rehabilitation Home (SRH), a 50-year-old complex housing leprosy and HIV patients in Andhra Pradesh, India. University Hospital physician, Dr. Gopal Yadavalli, remotely supervised Gina’s work from Cleveland as she collected clinical data from the HIV cases at SRH. Their ultimate objective is to publish a paper about the types of opportunistic infections which HIV patients face in India, such as tuberculosis, meningitis, or pneumonia. The goal of the work is to inform and help draw important connections for the global medical community about the biological consequences of poverty and the scope of HIV in India. In addition to the scientific aspect of her work, Gina’s experiences have opened her eyes even further to the suffering in the world, the simple kindness of strangers, and the pure joy of living life to the fullest.

Growing Up

Gina grew up in Parma Heights, attending Incarnate Word Academy, and historic St. Peter’s Parish in downtown Cleveland. She credits her family as the major influence on her life, providing the best possible education and opportunities, while instilling a strong value system. As one small but power-

ful example, every night at dinner, they ask God as a family to help them bear each other’s burdens in strength and harmony and unselfishness. Her parents were instrumental in her high school discernment process, leading Gina to ultimately choose Padua because of its academic standards and its commitment to faith and solidarity — key virtues she finds within her own family. “My parents are so supportive, doing everything within their power to help me grow. Leading by example, they are such amazing role models for me,” said Gina.

While she did not know it at the time, Gina took a few steps closer to India while at Padua. She praises her alma mater for helping her to become a well-rounded critical thinker, and motivating her to pursue both English and biology at John Carroll University. Gina loved her involvement with the St. Francis school children, shared her faith as a Eucharistic Minister, and fostered a desire to serve others via Key Club. Her passion for drama continued at the college level as well.

One of her most influential classes was Social Justice. Actively learning about the role of solidarity in the community, both locally and globally, inspired her to incorporate service and compassion into whatever God called her to do. “In class,

I learned about social leaders such as Mother Teresa and Mohandas Gandhi; I have seen their footprints here in India.”

While working toward a dual degree in English and biology at John Carroll, Gina felt a strong calling to pursue a career in medicine. She worked in healthcare research during college breaks and eventually became a research assistant for Dr. Yadavalli at UH, performing statistical analysis of infectious disease data. Since Dr. Yadavalli is on the board of directors at SRH, he asked Gina to consider doing similar work in India to help him bridge the two medical communities. “Whenever I look back on my ‘path’ I just have to marvel at God’s presence in my life.”

A Whole New World

Gina set out for India in mid-January, enduring 30 exhausting hours with plane delays, missed connections, screaming babies, and less-than-adequate airline food. Her first car ride through the city of Hyderabad to Kukatpally was worse than she imagined. “The level of poverty and destitution is indescribable — shanties made of scrap metal and rags, garbage barrel fires, crippled beggars in the streets, and the unmistakable scent of disease in the air,” said Gina.

“Whenever I look back on my ‘path’ I just have to marvel at God’s presence in my life.”



Living. Luckily her accommodations at Sivananda, though sparse, were adequate to meet her needs. "My house certainly isn't glamorous, but it was clean, and it was safe, which is more than many people in India can say for their homes." "Guest house one" contained a small living room, a bedroom with a bed frame made of scrap wood and a two-inch-thick mat woven from coconut hair, a bathroom (with a flush toilet, for which Gina was incredibly thankful!), and a small kitchen. Her "state-of-the-art" washing machine consisted of a blue plastic bucket, still proudly supporting its adhesive label. Gina quickly learned that one of life's little pleasures was the day she found a store that sold Tide. Technology, though spotty, was available via a cellular Internet connection, allowing her to remain connected to her family and friends via her travel blog.

Working. Gina's workday focused primarily on HIV data, though she also worked directly with patients and alongside doctors within all the disease departments at SRH. She spent time with the "leprosy children," who were healthy children of leprosy parents in residence at the facility, as well as the HIV children, who were infected with the virus in utero and are orphans because of the devastation of AIDS. Gina also observed her first surgery, a procedure to remove a severe gangrene infection, along with other surgeries such as tendon grafting to help restore some function to patient limbs which had been ravaged by leprosy.

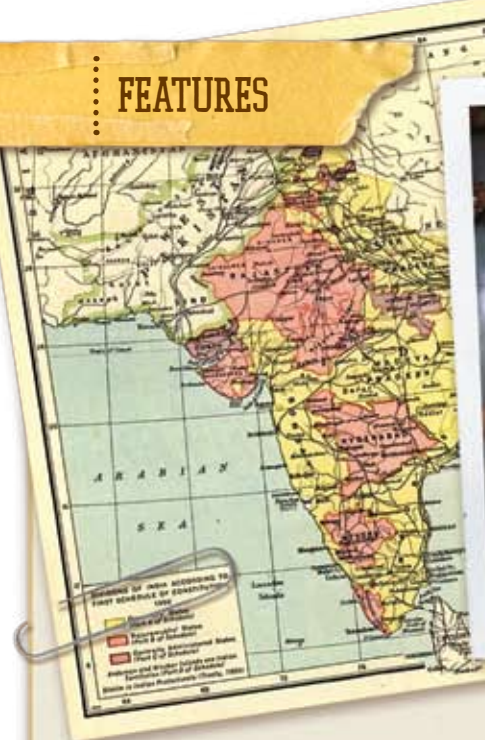
When talking with patients and staff, Gina learned firsthand of the social forces working against medical advancement in India. Unfortunately, the topic of sex is a cultural taboo, and sex education is reserved

for those at the graduate level. Therefore, misinformation persists, especially about the transmission of HIV. "Millions of people are dying from an incurable, but highly preventable disease," Gina shared. "The cultural issue, while not to be taken lightly, is certainly frustrating." Her data analysis will hopefully make progress on stemming the tide of HIV infection in India and other developing countries.

Playing. Communication was one of the first barriers that Gina faced, since she knew little of the local language (Telugu), and the Sivananda workers and residents knew little English. Over time, they learned to better communicate using simple



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sentences and pantomiming, while each helped the other improve their language skills. Movies played on her computer such as *Wall-E* assisted in the language gap, though it was startling (and refreshing) for Gina to find individuals on the planet who had never heard of Walt Disney!

Gina recalled that during her first week in India, she heard a sound that is joyful in all languages — peals of children's laughter. "Children are children no matter where in the world they live, or their background," she said. Gina taught them "Duck, Duck, Goose" and freeze tag, while the children reciprocated with "goats and tigers" and the "Shabba," a Bollywood dance. Simply playing was often the highlight of Gina's day.

During Gina's stay, the children also learned that science can be fun, too. A guest teacher conducted a contest to determine which team could design a bridge to hold the greatest load (sounds an awful lot like physics class!). Thankfully some drawing and acting overcame the language barrier and conveyed the main objective — to create "strong bridges." The students enthusiastically tackled the project, proudly showing off their "engineered" creations to anyone who would listen.

The guest teacher was amazed that the students are universal, with the class reminding him of his third graders back home. Gina instead marveled at the difference a good teacher can make, transforming some printer paper and a bag of lima beans into an afternoon of teamwork, pride, and academic interest. One difference she did notice? "In America, if you ask a child to draw an animal, she will most likely respond with a dog or cat. In India, you are just as likely to see an elephant, tiger, or peacock... and sometimes even a cobra!"

Prayer. Gina's Indian roommate Theresa prayed the rosary with her every night, which reminded Gina of praying the rosary with her grandmother. She rose at 5 am on Sundays to be chauffeured in a car, along with nuns in full pink habits, to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. This house of worship was different than anything she had encountered, with the streamers of tinsel, gold glitter letters proclaiming "Jesus is the Living Bread," a plastic illuminated Jesus behind the altar, and a neon-red crucifix. From these unique surroundings, Gina learned an extraordinarily valuable lesson. "The congregates worshipped with joy in their hearts

— probably more than 90% of the Christians back home, but with 10% as much to be thankful for. They focused on what truly mattered — Jesus Christ," said Gina. "These people have so little, yet they insisted on sharing it with me. I felt so thankful for the opportunity to be in India among these people, and I knew I had so much more to learn."

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me

"I never truly understood the importance of this verse from the Gospel of St. Matthew until my second week in India," Gina proclaimed. "My first uncertain days were particularly blessed with such amazing people. From the doctors who took me under their wings, to the kitchen staff who made my food less spicy, to fellow Americans who reached out to give me a little bit of home, I was treated with unparalleled hospitality and warmth."

These simple acts of kindness repeated themselves throughout Gina's stay, and she returned the favor whenever possible. For example, she once purchased 20 kites for 80 rupees (approximately \$1.60). These kites provided the children with hours of delight in honor of Pongal, the Telugu New Year (never

mind the fact that her Indian “guide” felt she paid way too much!). On another occasion, she shared a Tylenol with a worker, who became Gina’s most fiercely loyal friend, because of this simple act which had such a profound effect. Gina was usually the instigator behind birthday celebrations, which are not common in India, especially among those of the working class. Every day, Gina and her new-found Indian friends lived the Gospel of St. Matthew, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis

Just as St. Francis’ life was forever changed because of his meeting with the leper along the roadside outside of Assisi, so was Gina’s life changed by her experience. She learned to understand suffering, joy, and ultimately compassion in a new and important context, and hopes to carry this valuable perspective into her medical career.

“I credit Padua with helping me lay the foundation for my professional career, and integrating the message of St. Francis within it,” said Gina. “I have been so blessed by the examples and opportunities in my life for Holiness and Learning, Science, service, and solidarity — it’s how I want to live my life.”

Editor’s Note: To read more of Gina’s experiences following in the footsteps of St. Francis, check out her blog at <http://ginainindia.wordpress.com>.

AIDS/HIV & Leprosy in India

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is caused by the virus HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). HIV attacks the “Helper T cells” of the immune system, which help the body to fight infection. A drop in the Helper T cell count translates to an increased risk of opportunistic infections, most commonly tuberculosis (TB). India is the TB capital of the world, which is why Gina concentrated her research efforts there. Sadly, many of the children accept their classmates’ TB-induced coughs as simply a fact of life. HIV/TB co-infections are treated with extraordinarily complex and powerful drug therapies, which challenge the physicians to find a balance between effectively treating the disease and opportunistic infections, while avoiding hazardous side effects. Treatment is complicated by fear of social reprisal, ignorance, economic status, illegitimate doctor scams, and transportation, among many other factors.

Leprosy is a curable disease, caused by bacteria, which affects the nerves. Since the bacteria prefer cooler temperatures, the disease tends to localize away from the core and in the limbs and face. The bacteria settle in the nerves, which thicken and often “freeze” the limbs in certain positions (or worse yet, prevent a patient’s eyes from blinking, resulting in discomfort, infection, and blindness). Since leprosy patients lose feeling in certain parts of the body, they are at risk for severe injuries which ultimately become infected and possibly gangrenous, giving rise to the stigma of lepers as “unclean.”

India and Brazil make up more than 80% of global leprosy cases. Though patients are “cured,” the disease is not reversible. Therefore, they live a life of complications, disfigurement, and social isolation.

About Sivananda Rehabilitation Home

Sivananda Rehabilitation Home is a private, 54-acre institution committed for 50 years to one of India’s poorest and most destitute populations — leprosy patients. According to Gina, SRH does an amazing job of treating the whole patient, not just the disease. Patients who are too disfigured to live “outside” live within its walls. At SRH, they have dignified work, food, clothing, and a welcoming community. In addition to leprosy, SRH has taken on care of patients with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis as well. Sivananda is not itself a religiously affiliated community; however, people of the Christian, Muslim, and Hindu faiths all work together in social solidarity with the common goal of service to the poor and the sick. Sivananda Rehabilitation Home is certainly continuing a ministry begun by St. Francis himself eight centuries ago. Check out the website www.sivanandarehab.org to learn more.

This Time, It's Personal: *Keeping Dreams Intact*

At Padua, we take an individual interest in students because we want them to succeed. It's this personal approach that makes us distinctly Franciscan. But for some students, it takes a little more than desire to keep those dreams of a Franciscan education from slipping away. From the new MedTrack program to the fine arts, Padua provides students with an outstanding education that costs less than \$6 an hour. While that is half the per capita cost expended by most public school systems, and mid-range among greater Cleveland's Catholic secondary schools, Padua's tuition is a mountain to climb for a family that's experienced the worst of the economic downturn. And many Padua families have succumbed to the meltdown — ten students withdrew at the end of the first semester alone because of that perfect financial storm.

Padua promises all students that We'll Get You There. Simply stated, this means that Padua helps students identify and leverage their God-given talents and abilities so they can succeed in college, career, and beyond. Unfortunately, the resources that drive that engine are very limited — and the fuel tank for financial aid quickly runs dry.

The Tuition Dilemma

The problem and the solution are both deceptively simple to describe and maddeningly difficult to implement. Raise tuition too much, and enrollment may be at risk. Raise tuition too little, and programs are underfunded. How do we maintain that delicate balance without driving eager young minds away from Padua solely due to cost? By encouraging alumni, parents, and friends to invest in the Padua Franciscan dream.

Financial contributions (of all sizes) enable Padua to keep tuition increases reasonable, provide desperately needed financial aid, and make improvements possible. But it is your support that is so important. For alumni, it is a matter of "unending loyalty;" for parents, it is a commitment to young people; for friends, it is the belief that the Padua edge makes greater Cleveland a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Whatever your reason, together we can keep more dreams from being lost!

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Contact **Laurie Grabowski '89** in the Office of Institutional Advancement at **440.845.8224** or **lgrabowski@paduafranciscan.com** with any questions.

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MedTrack[™] Inspires New Science Labs: *First Online This Fall*

The launching of the new MedTrack program this fall, designed for students who wish to pursue a career in the medical profession, also marks the beginning of Padua's science lab renovation program. The first phase of this \$750,000 multi-year project will be the

complete rebuilding of the oldest biology lab (room 209), in continuous use since 1961. The new state-of-the-art biology lab features polygonal work stations so that all students face the front of the classroom featuring a computerized, interactive whiteboard.

Future MedTrack-inspired renovations include two new chemistry labs as well as upgrades to other science facilities and equipment. For more information on how you can be a part of this scientific venture, call **Jerry Jindra '70** at 440.845.8224.



Floor plan of Padua's newest biology lab, scheduled for completion in time for the fall semester. Drawing courtesy of Tomsik & Tomsik Architects, Inc.

X = 22: (Years of Teaching Math at Padua)

Mrs. Mary (Gerry) Bauman will be retiring at the end of the 2008–2009 school year, after having taught various math classes at Padua Franciscan for the last 22 years.

Mrs. Bauman started out teaching the Basic Algebra IA and Algebra IB classes; from there, she taught the Algebra I and Honors Algebra I/Geometry classes; then the Honors Geometry-Algebra II/Trig classes. For the past few years she has been teaching Honors Algebra II/Trig — a course she developed and created. In fact, this course has been her favorite to teach as the students who take it seem to be more motivated and excited about learning.

When recently asked what her most memorable event was while at Padua, she responded, without hesitation, “Winning States in hockey!” Mrs. Bauman could often be seen in the stands, cheering for her beloved Bruins.

Though she is retiring from teaching, it sounds as though Mrs. Bauman will have an even busier schedule — she plans to volunteer at an animal rescue (Save Ohio Strays), travel (she would love to take a cruise), spend time with the grandkids, sew, sign up for a water aerobics class, and volunteer with the Red Coats at Playhouse Square. Plus, you just might see Mrs. Bauman in the halls again substituting for other teachers here at school. Mrs. Bauman will miss the students and the staff and the family-oriented

atmosphere that exists at Padua Franciscan. She feels that she has grown as a person through the years and has found her experience at Padua extremely rewarding. She also appreciates the fact that her children, **Mike '85** and **Denise '90** who attended Padua, received an excellent education and are now doing very well for themselves.

Students past and present will definitely miss Mrs. Bauman — not only for sharing her vast knowledge of math with them, but also for sharing her knowledge of life.



Classroom Technology Update

Educational technology is no longer an accessory to learning... it's a necessity. Padua recognized that trend a decade ago with its first technology plan, and has since invested more than \$1 million in hardware and software. In fact, the school spends more than \$60,000 a year in additional equipment as well as to keep computers, software, and operating systems current. So, just how “wired” is Padua Franciscan?

- Ten classrooms have already been equipped with SmartBoards (interactive white boards), and two more will be installed by fall.
- There is at least one computer in use in each classroom, most connected to multi-media equipment.
- Every classroom is hard-wired for uninterrupted, high speed (T-1) internet access, with online availability throughout the school.
- Aside from 62 units in two computer labs, another 42 computers can be found throughout the student library.
- There are 14 mobile wireless presentation stations (laptop and projector) for teacher use.
- For teachers wishing to provide students with computer access within the classroom, there are 3 mobile classroom carts, each equipped with up to 16 laptops.
- Padua students can keep current on school announcements and activities via several large “Exhibio” screens throughout the building.
- Wireless Internet access is available in the cafeteria and library, and an “Internet café” with workstations and printer will be installed in the cafeteria this summer.
- Padua employs one full and one part-time information technology technician.

Student Helps Encourage Area Teens



Abigail Stryffeler '12 (right) recently appeared on several Cleveland area billboards as part of the “iBelieve” campaign targeting middle and high school students. The object is to create awareness of the goals and aspirations of teens and encourage teens to develop healthy relationships, strong character, and practice sexual restraint.

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A New State Road Presence: *Padua Goes Digital*



Drive past Padua on State Road, and you'll notice something different. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we have upgraded our State Road sign to a new state-of-the-art electronic display housed in a distinguished stone structure. The new color display enables the school to load multiple messages and graphics to more effectively promote Padua events and news.

Friends Gather for a Celebrazione: Bruin Benefit 2009

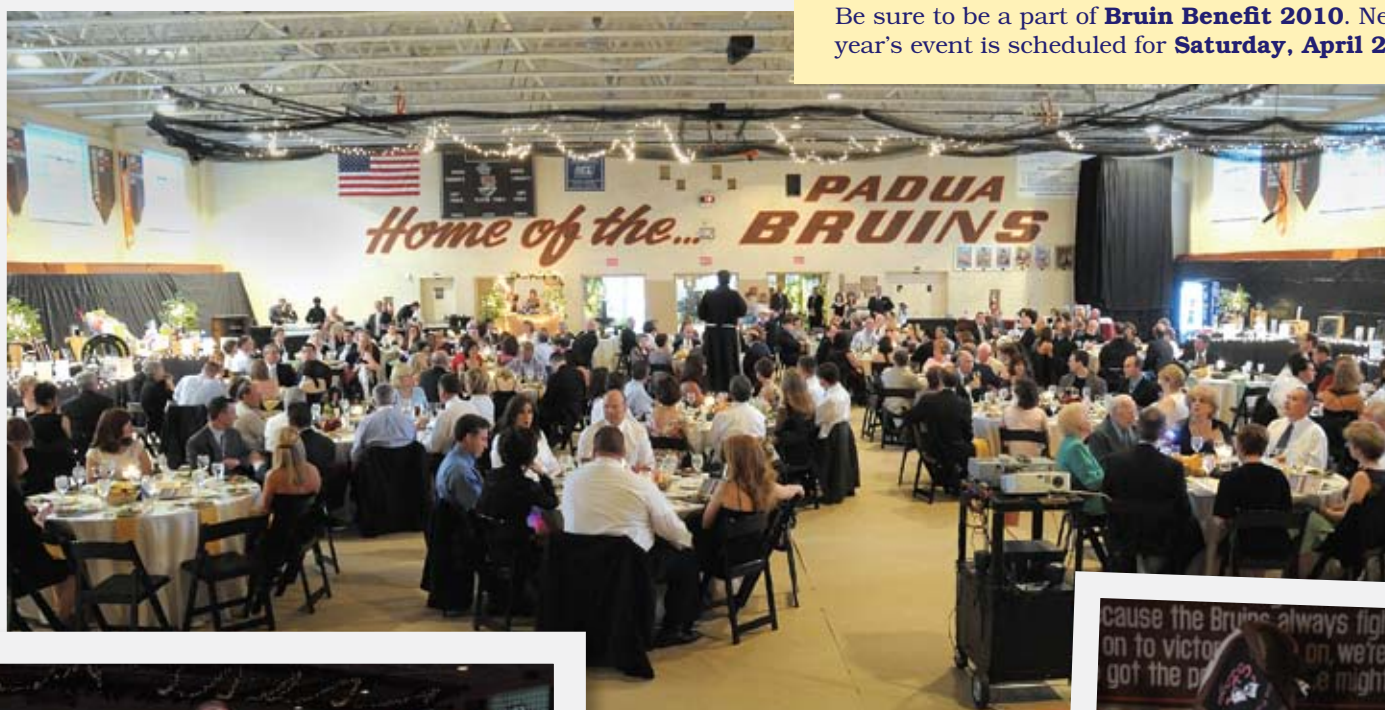
This past April, parents, alumni, and friends of Padua Franciscan gathered in the gymnasium for Bruin Benefit '09, known as Celebrazione, to raise funds for student financial assistance. Guests were treated to a Tuscan-themed dinner and had a chance to bid

on over 100 silent, live, and raffle items. Thank you to event chairpersons Kathleen Craider and Meg Moreal; Tracy Culkar and Toni Szymczyk for their time and effort in providing the event décor; and all the parent and student volunteers, including stage band and

choir performers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Bravo to Padua faculty member Mrs. Debbie Green for creating an enormous quilt comprised of various types of Padua t-shirts. Her quilt proved to be worth the effort, auctioning for \$3,000!

» SIDE NOTE.....

Be sure to be a part of **Bruin Benefit 2010**. Next year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 24**.



Alumni Calendar: *What's Happening Through November 2009*

Class of 1969 Gathering: June 16

Classmates **Al Adams**, **Bill Pfeil**, and **Tom Novak** are planning a casual gathering to celebrate their 40-year reunion on **Tuesday, June 16**, at Shula's Steak 2 on Rockside Road and I77 in Independence. All classmates are encouraged to attend for cocktails and a walk down memory lane.

Padua Alumni/James W. Day Golf Classic: June 26

The Padua Franciscan Alumni Association is proud to announce the 24th Annual Padua Alumni/James W. Day Golf Classic on **Friday, June 26, 2009**, at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina. The outing begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

The tournament includes: complimentary driving range, beverages, commemorative giveaway, boxed lunch, 18 holes of golf w/power cart & GPS, and steak dinner (approx. 3:00 p.m.).

As always, prizes will be awarded for the various skills contests on each hole. Team prizes will be awarded for the top three foursomes; and thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be up for grabs in chipping, putting, and hole-in-one contests. The driving range will offer unlimited practice balls beginning at 7:00 a.m. **Play in this four-person scramble begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.**

The individual cost of this year's tournament is \$135 per person or \$540 per foursome. Call today to reserve your team.

Padua Hockey Golf Outing: August 21

Support the Padua hockey program at their annual golf outing on **Friday, August 21**, at Pine Hills Golf Club. Reservations are \$125/person or \$500/foursome. Contact the athletic office for more information at 440-845-0442.

Padua Alumni Night at Progressive Field: September 24

Join us for Padua Alumni Night on **Thursday, September 24 (7:05 p.m.)**, on the Bud Light Party Deck as the Tribe takes on the Detroit Tigers! This area of the ballpark is located in the right-field corner, boasting a great view of the field. This is the only place in the ballpark where you can watch the game and enjoy your picnic meal.

This unique option combines traditional ballpark seating with high-top table and chairs while providing an ideal atmosphere for alumni to mingle and enjoy the ballgame.

- Private bar with plasma TVs

- General seating, no reserved areas
- \$50 per person includes game ticket and meal

Make checks payable to Padua Alumni Association, 6740 State Road, Parma, OH 44134. Tickets ordered by September 12 will be mailed; otherwise, they will be available for pick-up at Padua.

Homecoming 2009 for Alumni and Their Families: October 16

Don't miss homecoming for alumni families **Saturday, October 16**, as the Bruins take on Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School at Padua Stadium (7:00 p.m. game). The Padua Alumni Association will again sponsor a designated area for alumni and their families with food and drink.

Padua Open House for Alumni and Their Families: November 8

If you are a parent of a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student who may be considering a Padua Franciscan education, this is an important date for you! Begin your VIP open house tour at 11:00 a.m. with Mass for you and your family in the Padua gymnasium. Padua president, Fr. Theodore Haag, O.F.M., will be the celebrant. A private reception will be held immediately following in the gym with refreshments. From there you will enjoy a tour of the building with a student guide.

RSVP is required, including the number of adults and the names and ages of children attending. Call **440.845.8224**, or e-mail all information to **ckuhn@paduafranciscan.com**.

**** A crowd of over 1,000 people is expected when the doors open to the "public" at 1:00 p.m., so you will want to take advantage of this VIP tour! ****

Padua Franciscan Reunion Date Set for Classes Ending in a 4 or a 9: November 27

Don't miss this opportunity to re-unite with former classmates and faculty.

What: Reunion Weekend 2009 for Classes (1969 • 1974 • 1979 • 1984 • 1989 • 1994 • 1999 • 2004)

When: Friday, November 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Paul Hellenic Center, Wallings Road, North Royalton

Invitations will be sent out to all alumni whose graduation year ends in a 4 or a 9 in September.

» SIDE NOTE

For more information on any of these events, e-mail **rholz@paduafranciscan.com** or call **440-845-2444, ext. 106**.

Double the Fun: Schmotzer Twins Find a Home at Coker

By: Greg Johnson
The NCAA News

Editors note: The following article appeared in a recent issue of the NCAA News and is being re-printed with the permission of the author. **Dan and Dave Schmotzer** are 1970 graduates of Padua. While students here, they were stand-out players on the Bruin basketball and baseball teams. For the last 20 years, the twin brothers have served as head coach for the basketball and baseball programs at Coker College.

Dan and Dave Schmotzer are products of the rock 'n' roll era — they love just about anything from the Rolling Stones or Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.

But the Schmotzers' love of music isn't all these twin brothers have in common. Besides their mannerisms and sense of humor, their biggest common trait is a love of teaching, mentoring, and coaching.

For most of the last two decades, the 56-year-old twin brothers have been the men's basketball and baseball coaches at Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Dan is in his 21st season as the men's basketball coach and a winner of 275 games. Dave will enter his 17th season as the school's only coach in baseball program history. Of his 556 career coaching victories, 471 have come leading the Cobras.

But the number of wins and losses pales in comparison to the impact they've had on the lives of the students they've coached. And it's all been done with a touch of flair that is unmistakable to those around the Coker campus.




Laughter is a major part of your day, your week, your month, and your year. It's a great stress release, but sometimes our players don't think we are very funny.

"Everything from the way we talk, our jokes, our attention to detail and how we deal with our teams is similar," said Dan Schmotzer, who has a goatee to help others distinguish him from his brother. "Even our hobbies are the same. As we get older and look at this, all you can say is, 'This is pretty fun.'"

Dan was the first to join Coker in 1987 after serving as an assistant basketball coach at TCU for ten years. Dave was also an assistant baseball coach at TCU for nine seasons, and he left the same year to become a head coach at Union College in Kentucky for three years.

When Coker decided to add baseball, Dave interviewed and got the job. "It's not something where we said, 'Let's be together for the rest of our lives,'" Dave said. "It just snowballed. In hindsight, it has been a pretty good trip. Our families are here, and Coker is a special place. It's our UCLA."

Most people on campus just refer to them as Coach Dan or Coach Dave. And being at a Division II institution, they wear more hats than just that of a coach. "You teach and you have responsibilities on campus, whether it is looking after a building or helping with fund-raising," Dan said. "You have to learn to manage your time or it eats you up."



This is where the Schmotzer brothers' sense of humor serves them both well. "Laughter is a major part of your day, your week, your month, and your year," Dan said. "It's a great stress release, but sometimes our players don't think we are very funny."

To the best of their knowledge, only one student-athlete has attempted to play for both Schmotzer brothers while attending Coker. "When you get tired of one of us, you don't really want another one. It could lead to huge psychological damage," Dave joked.

The Schmotzers, who have two older sisters (Mary and Anne) and two younger brothers (Tim and Raymond), fostered their competitive nature during their childhood in Cleveland. Their father Raymond was a youth baseball coach, and their mother Laverne was the general manager of food services at Cleveland Municipal Stadium for 35 years.

That meant the Schmotzers regularly attended Browns' and Indians' games. They each follow those teams and the Cavaliers through sports subscription packages, which means John Elway and Michael Jordan are still co-Public Enemy No. 1 on their list. "It was a blast to get to go to those games growing up," Dave said. "We both get all the sports packages and go over to each other's house to watch the games."

After graduating high school in Cleveland, the Schmotzer brothers headed to St. Edward's in Austin, Texas, to compete in basketball and baseball. They were particularly adept at turning double plays with Dave at shortstop and Dan at second.



I know when we sit around the campfire and look back, we are going to consider ourselves very lucky with the way our lives turned out.

"We played since we were kids, so by the time we were done playing in college, we had worked together for like 25 years," Dave said. "You knew where to flip the ball on the double play."

Finding symmetry on the field isn't the only place the Schmotzers displayed their close bond. It can be seen in everyday life. "My mom and dad were the only ones who probably understand this, but there is some sort of mental telepathy about being a twin," Dan said. "It's amazing. I could probably tell you right now what he's doing."

Dan, who met his wife Sheila while recruiting her seven-foot brother to play for TCU, has three children. His daughter Mimi is a sophomore at Coker, and Raegan is a high school freshman. His son Jereme played basketball and graduated from Limestone, Coker's rival in Conference Carolinas. Dan thought it was a great idea for his son to branch out and play for Larry Epperly, who is now an assistant coach at East Carolina. "My kid wanted to get away for college," Dan said. "Larry Epperly was a Godsend. He did a terrific job making a man out of him."

The Schmotzers try to attend each other's games, but it is a futile endeavor. They are so close that it takes all the fun out of trying to be a fan when your stomach is churning. "I don't attend as many basketball games as I should, but I sit there in

the stands and get too worked up," said Dave, who lives with his wife, Brenda. "I'm not enjoying it. I have my own stress with my own team."

Dan has the same problem, although he likes to sit in the dugout when he goes to Cobra baseball games. "You are sitting there thinking, 'I'm supposed to be a fan enjoying this, but my heart is beating,'" Dan said. "He took a team to the Division II finals a few years back, and I made that trip. They asked me to be the analyst on the television broadcast. I enjoyed that, because I was focused on making sure I was saying the right things rather than just watching the game."

Through the years, both Schmotzers realize how special it has been for them to work in this profession and remain close. Coaching is normally a nomadic experience; but Hartsville, South Carolina, is the place they both call home.

"At the end of the day, you want to be happy," Dave said. "The game has been so great, and it's been a privilege to coach this many years at a great institution."

Dan added: "Who knows how much longer we have left to coach. I know when we sit around the campfire and look back, we are going to consider ourselves very lucky with the way our lives turned out. It's great to know that you have some effect on the players you coached."

Freeman Takes Center Stage as National Scholar-Athlete

What do **Brian Freeman '05**, 2007 Heisman Trophy finalist Chase Daniel, Ohio State wide receiver Brian Robiskie, and Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell all have in common? These young men were among the 15 college football players who were honored as National Scholar-Athletes and finalists for the Draddy Trophy (better known as the "Academic Heisman") at the 2008 National Football Foundation Annual Awards Dinner in New York. Past National Scholar-Athletes include Peyton and Eli Manning, Stone Phillips, Mark Harmon, Steve Young, and Doug Flutie. Alex Mack, an All-America center from the University of California and recent Browns draft pick, became the 19th recipient of the Draddy Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the best in the country for combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary community leadership.

"I realized that I was never going to be the best pure scholar, or the best athlete," said Brian, a senior offensive tackle and team captain for the Division III Carnegie Mellon Tartans. "So I set my sights on being the best scholar-athlete that I could be. I am honored and thrilled to be nationally recognized for my accomplishments."

Brian's Record — On and Off the Field

Brian's accomplishments are certainly remarkable. A three-time EPSN The Magazine Academic All-American selection (First Team for two years straight), Brian maintained an impressive 3.95 grade-point average in biomedical &

chemical engineering. He is the recipient of the Chemical Engineer Alumni Scholarship and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Brian was a member of the Chemical Engineering Association and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council. He performed research in the University of Pittsburgh's chemical engineering program and is a three-time Carnegie Mellon Student Employee of the Year finalist. We expected nothing less from Padua's 2005 valedictorian!

On the field, his success continued. A four-year starter, Brian helped the Tartan offense lead the University Athletic Association, with 223.3 rushing yards per contest, for the third straight season. He played an integral part in creating holes for two teammates to rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons in 2006 and 2007 (when CMU's rushing attack was named in the Top 10 nationally for Division III), while blocking for a running back that scored a rushing touchdown in every game this season. Brian was named to the All-UAA First Team for the second year, after receiving an Honorable Mention in 2006.

December in New York

The Annual Awards Dinner, which also served as the College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, was held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City in early December. Never having been to New York, Brian enjoyed his first views of the



city, as well as a reception and the Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall with the other Draddy finalists. What are these players like in person? "Great guys, every single one of them. I really enjoyed getting to know them as individuals."

Perhaps the best part for Brian was sharing the experience with his family, including parents Dennis and Joyce, older brother **Patrick '03**, and younger brother **Kurt '11**. "I would not be where I am today without the strong foundation and support I received – and continue to receive – from my family," Brian proclaimed. "Plus, it is just plain fun for everyone to meet the other outstanding players, and legends such as two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin." Unfortunately, after a black-tie gala and ESPN after-party, he was immediately jolted back to the reality of final semester exams!

Up Next — Graduate School

In honor of being named a National Scholar-Athlete, Brian will receive a scholarship for post-graduate education from the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame. The F.M. Kirby National Scholar Athlete Award will help him pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This career path is a natural progression after having completed a biomedical research internship at the University of Maryland and a research and development internship with Procter & Gamble.

Brian is also enthusiastic about Padua's new MedTrack™ program. "I had excellent preparation for the demands of the Carnegie Mellon curriculum," said Brian. "I had the proper study skills and work ethic to achieve at the college level, thanks to Padua." He continued, "I'm really excited about the direction of the MedTrack program, which I feel is right on target. Elements such as probability and statistics and bioethics are key components for my career path. Like many other alumni, I'm a tad jealous that such a program wasn't available during my tenure!" Brian will still be involved in the program, however, as a member of the MedTrack Advisory Board. In that role, he will keep Padua updated on the current direction of the biomedical field from an academic perspective, as well as participate in Advisory Board discussions regarding program development.

Whether tackling opposing players or biomedical research, you can be certain that Brian Freeman will come out on top. Congratulations!

Editor's Note: Are you interested in becoming involved in the MedTrack program as a career mentor or speaker, or can host a student for a shadowing or externship experience? Please contact Virgil Daniel at 440.845.2444, ext. 126.



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The Freeman family: Brian, Kurt, Joyce, Dennis, and Patrick.



A special introduction to Archie Griffin.

» SIDE NOTE

Brian is not the only member of the Class of 2005 pursuing a career in biomedicine.

Best of luck to **Joshua Sellke '05**, plus all Padua grads pursuing advanced degrees in a variety of fields.

Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame: Nominations Now Being Accepted for 2010 Induction Class

The Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame has been established to recognize those who have contributed to the success of Padua or the Padua community in some significant way. Padua is currently taking nominations for the fourth induction class scheduled for a date to be determined in 2010. The Hall of Fame comprises four categories listed below. Anyone within the Padua community (faculty, students, current parents, past parents, alumni, and friends of the school) can nominate individuals in any or all of the categories. Those inducted will be honored at a special HOF induction reception and will be prominently displayed on Padua's "Wall of Fame" listing the year of induction, category, and a brief summary of their impact on Padua.

Nominations for the following categories will be accepted:

Franciscan Medal Award

Award given to the individual (or company) who has actively worked toward the advancement of education of young people at Padua or in the Parma area. The candidate should possess a record of community service, community leadership, volunteerism, and have actively worked to promote the quality of life in Parma and the surrounding suburbs.

Athletic Award

This is awarded to the male or female alum who either excelled in one or more sports while at Padua OR made a major impact to the school's athletic program or to local sports leading to the enhancement of Padua's image. Candidates may include former coaches who may or may not be a graduate of Padua. Candidates (with the exception of coaches) must have graduated a minimum of five years prior to being considered. The candidate should demonstrate ongoing concern and loyalty to Padua Franciscan High School.

Outstanding Alumni/us Award

This is awarded to the male or female alum who has made a major impact either in service to Padua, service to the community, or achievement in their chosen field of work.

Padua Partner Award

Awarded to a non-alum (parent, friend of Padua, etc.) who has made or is making a major contribution to Padua through volunteerism or other service.

Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame: Past Inductees

Athletic Award

Brian Holzinger '91
Ken Kowall '67
Chuck Priefer
Rob Moss '86
Larry Pizon
John Peyton '74 (RIP)
Thomas Kohuth

Padua Partner Award

Joe & Pam Shuman
Wayne Miller
Mike Barth Sr.
Ray Fox
John & Ginger Price

Outstanding Alumni/us Award

Terry Monnelly '66
William Melchior '65
Thomas Stasek '65
Dr. Anthony Joseph, M.D. '68
Brian Miluk '74

Franciscan Medal Award

James W. Day
Daniel O'Connell, O.F.M. (RIP)
Dr. Charles Garven, M.D. '73
John Uhrin (RIP)

Do you know of someone that should be inducted in Padua's HOF? Submit your nominations to rholtz@paduafranciscan.com or regular mail to **Padua Franciscan Hall of Fame, 6740 State Road, Parma, OH 44134**. Please indicate the name of the person you are nominating along with as much supportive information as possible; such as: a resume, newspaper clipping, or letters from yourself and others attesting to the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Questions? Call the Alumni Office at 440.845.2444, ext. 106.

Peter Niro '09: *Beaudry Award*

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The Beaudry Award was established in honor of the late Robert Beaudry of the class of 1950. Each year, a graduating senior is recognized by his or her classmates and the university community for exemplary contributions in the areas of academic achievement, Christian life, leadership, and service to the university and civic community during their time as a student.

This year's recipient of the Beaudry Award is **Peter Niro '09**. Peter is from Seven Hills, Ohio, and will be graduating with a major in finance and a minor in computer science. He has been involved in a variety of student organizations including Rhapsody Blue, Beta Theta Pi, WJCU 88.7, the Finance Association, and the Italian Club.

Leadership

Peter was the host of "The Undiscovered" on WJCU 88.7 for two and a half years, a radio show dedicated to showcasing the best local bands in Northeast Ohio. He quickly gained popularity as a radio host and generated the most donations of any student disc-jockey in the 2008 WJCU Radiothon. As a sophomore, Peter served as the assistant director of the 2007 Mentorship Program, which assisted incoming freshmen in becoming acclimated to the opportunities available at John Carroll. He also served as a First Year Retreat leader in 2006 and facilitated small group activities. As a junior, he became a founding father of Beta Theta Pi and served as the chorister. In his junior and senior year, Peter served as

the assistant and senior music director of Rhapsody Blue, an all-male a cappella group on campus. He was responsible for arranging and teaching new songs to the rest of the group as well as organizing larger performances. Peter has been a John Carroll tour guide since the fall semester of his sophomore year and has served as a student representative in the Committee for University Enrollment.

Commitment to Christian Values

In his first couple years at JCU, Peter played the guitar and sang in the Praise and Worship Band. As a sophomore he was a First Year Retreat Leader. Additionally, he has volunteered to perform as a singer and guitarist at various liturgy services, and has served as both a Eucharistic Minister and lector at St. Francis Chapel. Peter has volunteered to perform at various social justice and charity events on campus, such as Relay for Life, Kappa Alpha Theta's "Mr. University," Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Dance Marathon," and "Rock Out AIDS."

Academic Achievement

Peter has been on the dean's list each semester and has been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Sigma Nu. In addition, he was recently granted the Wall Street Journal Award by the finance department. Peter also received first place in the 2006 Hyde Park Speech Competition.



Service to the University and Civic Community

Peter has organized and participated in various charity events including helping coordinate the 2007 WJCU Blizzard Bash which raised funds and canned food for the homeless.

A few months ago he helped organize the 'Concert for Lindsay' in which over \$2,000 was raised and contributed to the Lindsay Matthews Foundation. Peter has also participated in other charity events administered by Beta Theta Pi, such as 'Carroll's Got Talent.' Other honors for Peter while at JCU include: Homecoming King in 2008, Mr. University in 2007, and receiving the 2007 WJCU Disc Jockey of the Year award.

Did you know? *Got Dreams? Padua will get you there!*

- Half of each freshman class arrives with an academic scholarship, and they maintain that edge; half of the entire student body qualifies for the honor roll. Even more fascinating, a Padua student with an admittedly impressive 3.0 GPA is actually in the lower third of their class!
- Padua Franciscan offers 6 foreign languages.
- The school is hosting 8 foreign exchange students this year from 7 foreign nations.
- Padua has exchange programs in Germany, Poland, and France.
- Padua students average 12,000 total service hours per year.
- This summer, 29 Padua students will volunteer in Honduras.
- Padua is continually upgrading and expanding classroom technology.
- This summer, Padua will completely renovate its oldest biology lab, in continuous use since 1961.
- Padua has Internet access in every classroom.
- Padua has a graphic design lab.
- A Padua education costs less than \$6/hr.
- Padua has 30 Honors and Advanced Placement courses.
- An amazing 75 percent of Padua seniors earn college scholarships.
- Padua is the only area school chartered as college prep.
- Every Padua senior passed all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test; 94% of the junior class has already successfully completed all sections.
- Padua seniors are offered, on average, \$12+ million in college scholarships each year.
- The mayors of 3 area cities are Padua grads.
- Not surprisingly, 40 percent of Padua students have an interest in healthcare careers.
- Padua has 19 interscholastic sports.
- Padua has 30 clubs and organizations.
- Padua has the area's finest fine arts program.
- Padua offers 130+ courses

Sports Shorts

Junior **Mitch Zofka** was named Plain Dealer baseball player of the week for the week of April 27.

Junior **Kaitlyn Leary** was named to the 2009 USA Youth National Volleyball team.

Three school track records were broken this year in the Discus 290'2" (**Stefani Graber, Carly Molls, Brittany Mackulin**), Sprint Medley Relay 1:54.3 (**Olesya Rabosyuk, Sarah Jay, Nicole Trapp, Caitlin Higgins**), and Pole Vault 20'6" (**Melanie Grotenrath, Gabrielle Mey, Julie Kane**).



Bruin Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

This past February four Padua student athletes realized the fruits of their labor as they signed national letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Signing (from l to r) are **Ronni Rock** (Ohio University, soccer), **Dan Molls** (University of Toledo, football), and **Scott Blasinsky** (Naval Academy, football).

Not pictured: **Brittany Morris** (Walsh University, volleyball)

Lady Bruins Capture First State Crown



It seems fitting that on the 25th anniversary of co-education at Padua Franciscan, the Lady Bruins captured their first state title defeating three-time champion Kettering Alter in the OHSAA volleyball championships.

While winning the first girls state championship in school history, the Bruins (26-3) became the first Northeast Ohio team to win a Division II state title since Hoban in 1992.

What made the victory more remarkable was the opponent. Alter, which was 3-0 in state finals since 2002, is a member of the highly regarded Girls Greater Cincinnati League, which has long dominated Ohio high school volleyball while Cleveland area teams in Divisions I and II have been happy to come home with an occasional second-place trophy.

To celebrate this milestone victory, the Lady Bruins were recently paid a visit by Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. Mayor DePiero presented the team with a street sign announcing Parma as Home to the 2008 Lady Bruins State Volleyball Champions. Seven of these signs will be prominently displayed around Parma.



Bruins Capture District Baseball Title



The Bruin Baseball team continued their winning ways by capturing the District tournament with a 12-3 victory over top-seeded Benedictine. The Bruins jumped ahead in the first two innings scoring 10 runs. Junior **James Flowers** delivered a solid pitching performance going all seven innings for a Bruin victory.

Bruins Finish 9th at OHSA State Wrestling Championships



Freshman **Brent Fickel** (left) and junior **Riley Kilroy** (right) helped the Bruins post an impressive showing at this year's state tournament with 3rd and 4th place finishes respectively.

*Bruins led by freshman **Brent Fickel**'s 3rd place and junior **Riley Kilroy**'s 4th place finishes.*

A young Bruin wrestling squad has a lot to be proud of this season. In addition to advancing six wrestlers to Columbus, the Bruins were team champs at the Strongsville Super 10 duals, North Coast League champions, sectional champs, and district champs. It was the first time in school history that the Bruins captured the team district crown.

When re-capping the year's accomplishments, Coach **Dave Morell '80** said, "This team, while being very young, accomplished a lot! We have learned a lot about each other and what it takes to be men of character and champions. Thirteen of our fourteen starters are returning next year, and believe me when I say that I can't wait until next season!"

Padua's 2008–2009 state qualifiers were:

103 - **Bobby Mason**, freshman
 112 - **Andrew Romanchik**, sophomore
 125 - **Brent Fickel**, freshman
 135 - **Steve De Sciscio**, senior
 160 - **Riley Kilroy**, junior
 171 - **Todd Gaydosh**, junior

In Memoriam

Edwin Berger, father of **Phillip '82** (RIP)
 Philip Brannigan, father of **Michael '73**
Patrick Garven '78, April 14, 2009,
 brother of **Charles '73**

Mary Alice Goebel, mother of **Tom '78**,
Chris '81, **James '83**, **Jeff '85**; grand-
 mother of **Tricia '97**, **Kristin '02**, **David**
'03, **Tom '03**, **John '04**, **Patrick '06**,
Rachael '06, **Christopher '08**, **Danielle**
'09, **Joshua '10**, **Lauren '10**, **Justin '11**
Goebel, and **Matt '96**, **Bryan '99**, and
Lucas '03 Kuchta

Doris Ann Hayest, mother of **Steven '83**
 and **Gregory '89**

James Hoover, father of **Cynthia '87** and
James '90

Raymond Ignaut, father of **James '73**
 and **Jeff '76**

Matthew Kajfez, father of **Robert '83**

David Karasek '69, November 26, 2008,
 brother of **Ed '66** and **Joe '84**

Shirley Krause, mother of **Gregg '71**,
Douglas '73, **Robert '79**, and **Rick '82**

Joseph Leahy, father of **Thomas '70**

Joe Margevicius, father of **John '73**, **Ron**
'74, **Mark '82**, **Mike '82**, and grandfather
 of **Steven '07** and **Allison '10**

Jeff Marini '72, March 27, 2009

Raymond McCarthy Sr., father of **Ray Jr.**
'79, **Jack '81**, and **Kevin '84**

Helene McIntyre, mother of **Sean '87**

Rosemary Mewhinney, mother of **James**
'77, **Brian '79**, **Kevin '83**, and **Mark '87**

Stephania Miezin, mother of **Casey '72**

Carmella Miller, mother of **Ron '83**

Edward Nose, father of **David '88**

Ruth Pytel, mother of **Allyn '75** and
Norman '79

Anthony Ruggiero, father of **John '80**
 and **Mark '84**

Karen Scheck, mother of **Brian '93**
 and **Darren '95**, sister-in-law of **Paul**
Iacobelli '79

Regina Schwarzwald, mother of
Michael '78

Meriann Skory, mother of **Jim '09**

Mark Spehar, father of **Mark '10**

James Stimson '69, April 8, 2009,
 brother-in-law of **Frank Ondus '70**

Mary Szklarz, mother of **Ed '68** and
Greg '70, grandmother of **Stephen**
'06, **Peter '07**, and **Robert '09**

Patrick Walsh '95, brother of **Michelle '93**

Kenneth Zarembo, father of **Alexander**
'10 and **Cassandra '12**

Dean Zevchek '81, January 8, 2009,
 brother of **Don '70**

1971

After 31 years of teaching in the Cleveland Public Schools, **Mark Fredrick** has retired to farm in Medina raising corn, soybeans, beef, and exhibition Polish chickens.

1981

In January, **John Harris** retired from the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant after 23 years. He also received his bachelor's degree from Liberty University in December in information systems.

1982

Owner of Rocky's Pizza for the past seven years, **Larry Medvin** and his wife Anita have been taking time from their holiday festivities to provide meals for the young people living at Parmadale residential treatment center at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter.

1983

Robert J. Events & Catering, owned by **Bob Pacanovsky**, is now the preferred caterer of the Akron Art Museum.

1985

Andy Dorman has recently joined Reminger Attorneys at Law as a partner in the Cleveland office. His practice includes a wide range of civil defense litigation including professional liability defense, employment related disputes, and securities litigation.

1989

Sherry Sefcik-Ellis has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Ohio String Teachers Association.

1992

BIRTHS: Oswald Kenneth was born to **Jennifer Banaszak-Fritz** and her husband Greg on March 16.

1993

BIRTHS: Ryan Louis born to **Elizabeth Lash-Potak** and husband Bob last December.

Kristine Jaeb married Evan Ross in July 2007. She teaches second grade in Bay Village, and they currently live in Westlake.



Marissa Gaeta-Carcioppolo, husband Tony and twins girls Allegra (l) and Adriana (r) won top honors at a recent twins-fest held each year in Twinsburg. The girls won the gold medal for "most-alike" twins in their age bracket.

1994

Allan Papp is currently working in Los Angeles as a project designer for Mattel Toy Company.

1995

BIRTHS: Dean born to **Erica Ekstrand Sabados** and husband Rob on December 24.

Taylor Faith born to **Julie Vinarcik Hamski** and her husband Mark on March 5.

1999

In February, the Parma Sun Post honored **Collin Fallon** as "Student of the Week" for graduating summa cum laude and being named

vaedictorian of the December 2008 graduating class at Cleveland State University with a double major in sociology and criminology. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2001 and served two tours of duty in Iraq and was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant in 2005.

In May, **Lev Horodyskyj, PhD**, graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania with a doctorate in Geosciences and Astrobiology. His thesis was entitled "Soil Formation and Terrestrial Biosignatures in the Middle Cambrian." Lev's research shed new light on the development of complex plant life 500 million years ago.

Emily Jaklitsch married Steven Crumley last August at St. Matthias Catholic Church, and they are now making their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Anthony Scarcella is a 2nd lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps and was deployed to Al Taqaddum Airfield Iraq on February 8. On March 30 he was re-assigned to Forward Operating Base Camp Bastion in southern Afghanistan where he flies the AH-1W Super Cobra. He and his wife are both graduates of Baldwin-Wallace College and make their home in Jacksonville, N.C.

2000

Melissa Cesa married Nate Evan in Beachwood on September 20, 2008. **Sara Zaranec** was an attendant.

2001

A captain in the U.S. Army, **Tim Katanik** is currently serving a 2nd tour of duty in Iraq as senior signal officer in the 2nd battalion, 8th field artillery regiment of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

Mary Schall-Ruminski and her husband Chris are parents of 2½-year-old Gabriel and 1-year-old Ethan.

2002

Brittany Buffington will wed Steve Yanke of Brunswick in June. She received her master's degree in sociology from the University of Akron and is currently studying to be a marriage and family therapist.

2003

Ulyana Horodyskyj spent her 2008-2009 winter break scaling the Himalayas in Nepal. Her trek took her into the Sherpa capital of Namche Bazaar, then to Everest Basecamp, and finally to Kala Patar – which at 18,500 feet offers one of the finest views of Mount Everest and the Khumbu Valley. She is currently in her third year of graduate studies at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

On October 11, **John McNamara** married Jaimee Jenkins in Perrysburg, Ohio, and they are currently living in Bowling Green.

For the last four years, **Jamie Shadd** has been the captain of the Lady Knights soccer team at Gannon University. She is graduating in May with a master's degree in special education and a 4.0 gpa.

2004

Aaron Apathy completed his masters degree in accounting and has accepted a position at Corrigan and Krause Accounting Firm in Westlake. In other news, Aaron posted an impressive 2nd place finish in the 1/2 marathon at the recent Cleveland Marathon with a time of 1:14:29.

2005

In March, **Lindsey Coyle** was recognized with the Jane Weston Chapman award for her contribution in enhancing the climate for women's participation in any and all areas of Mount Union College community life at the Women's History Month Convocation.

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- Team prizes for the top three foursomes
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