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FROM WHERE I SIT...

...we're ready for and excited about our next fifty years!

The celebration of Padua Franciscan's jubilee is coming to a close. Over the past year, in a variety of events, we have taken the time to reflect upon our past, to be mindful of our history and our heritage, to remember the events and the persons, over many years, that brought us to our present day. It certainly has been a good and worthwhile thing to make this memory, for it is those events and those persons which have shaped Padua Franciscan High School – not only as an institution but also as a community. Together as that Padua Franciscan family we have made use of many opportunities in these past months to recall successes and challenges, the joys and sorrows we have shared; we have celebrated a wealth of relationships, the enduring bonds knit together in the pursuit of a common goal and the living of a common vision; and we have given thanks together for countless blessings received.

As a part of the “looking back” of this past year, I took a moment to read again the reflections which have filled this space in recent years. As a matter of fact, I will confess that I usually review them most every time I must write a new one, just to make sure I'm not repeating myself here! However, this time it was with a different eye – as I reread them as a kind of chronicle of what has been in my mind and heart as a result of my experiences here at Padua Franciscan these past nine years. One that made me pause was written last spring, and another was the very first *From Where I Sit* that I wrote as I began my role as president of Padua Franciscan High School.

A year ago, as we began our celebration of this anniversary year, I noted here that it was a time not only for looking back but also for looking forward – *not just where we have been but also and especially where we are going, not just the footprints but also the path that lies ahead – that bright and promising future that is before us because of where we have been and who we have been together these past fifty years. We will continue to build*

*together – build relationships, build hopes and dreams, and build a community of holiness and learning for many years, for many generations to come.*

And nine years ago, my reflections on what lay ahead for me in my first year as president fit just as well today as I consider that bright and promising future mentioned above that we will build together. For I wrote there about life and work at Padua that, for me, was and is exciting, has a sense of adventure, and *carries with it the spark of an energy that welcomes all the experiences and opportunities that lie before us.* As I looked forward then to my own future, and look forward now to Padua's future, the next fifty years, what was true for me then is just as true for me now... *What a marvelous place to be! What a wonderful thing to experience and be a part of! I say marvelous and wonderful because they fairly describe much of what I feel... I marvel as I consider what surrounds me – the talents and gifts and abilities of all who make up the Padua Franciscan family. I witness their generosity, their faith, their genuine care for devotion to one another, their appreciation of the past, and their deep commitment to the future. I wonder that this has been entrusted to me – to us – by a God who is so full of goodness towards us; a God who is so full of confidence in us and our ability to care for and nurture what has been so generously given. I am amazed at what is already present and at all the promise and potential it yet holds.*

So as we come to the conclusion of our jubilee year of celebration, there is a renewed sense of deep appreciation and profound gratitude in my heart. And there is as well a feeling of confidence and anticipation, of joyful and eager expectation for the unfolding of that promise and potential that is our next fifty years as the Padua Franciscan High School community!

And thus with that in mind, I would like to close here with a passage from one of the letters of Saint Clare of Assisi. I don't often refer here to Clare – and that is unfortunate. For Clare is indeed an indispensable part of our

Franciscan heritage – as she herself lived so clearly and handed on with such commitment and resolve the vision and the spirit of Francis. Her words in her second letter to Saint Agnes of Bohemia are fitting words to us all – as we have remembered and given thanks, as we make a new beginning together in our commitment to pursuing that purpose and being that community of *holiness and learning...*

*Because one thing alone is necessary, I bear witness to that one thing and encourage you, for love of Him to whom you have offered yourself...*

*that you always remember your resolution*

*and be conscious of how you began.*

*What you hold, may you always hold.*

*What you do, may you always do and never abandon.*

*But go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly*

*on the path of prudent happiness,*

*believing nothing, agreeing with nothing,*

*which would dissuade you from this resolution*

*or which would place a stumbling block for you on the way,*

*so that you may offer your vows to the Most High*

*in pursuit of that perfection*

*to which the Spirit of the Lord has called you.*

*Blessings of peace and everything good – always!*

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# THE SCIENCE OF SPEED

## Pat DiMarco '89

**Pat DiMarco '89** walked into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with his dad and uncle in 1982 for the Indy 500. He saw Pit Row for the first time and promised himself he would do that for a living someday. Someday arrived sooner than he expected, leading to a career with Ford Racing.

Pat's racing goal combined with a natural affinity for math and science led him to take physics and honors calculus while at Padua (with special thanks to Mr. Cohen). He obtained a master's degree in mechanical engineering from The Ohio State University in 1995 before working at Ford on the Ford College Graduate Program, a rotational program for new hires to expose them to all functional areas of



the company. However, Pat was able to alter the typical rotation period by spending half his time in Ford Racing. Luckily, a friend from co-rec hockey was vacating a position in the NASCAR Truck Series and alerted him to the opening, thus paving the way for his first professional foray into the racing world.

After a stint in testing operations and vehicle development on the Ford Ranger and Explorer, Pat was able to return to the Racing Division in 1998 to focus on NASCAR chassis design projects for Ricky Rudd and Robert Yates Racing. In 2000, his role shifted to simulation engineering for Team Rahal in the Indy/Champ car series before moving back to simulation for NASCAR team Roush Fenway Racing. Pat was promoted to chassis and vehicle dynamics supervisor and eventually NASCAR program manager for Ford Racing. Both of these positions encompassed all of Ford's NASCAR teams (currently three in number), which demands a delicate balancing act when one's "colleagues" within Ford Racing are also one's primary competitors.

### THE NEED FOR SPEED

Winning NASCAR races — or any racing series for that matter — is primarily about speed, which is influenced by highly complex, often miniscule changes to the engine, chassis, aerodynamics, and simulation variables such as tire pressure. However, Pat is quick to point out the importance of the driver. Rather than merely putting "the pedal to the metal," a driver's trust in his team, reflexes, flexibility in adjusting to changes on the fly, and ability to provide feedback to the engineering team are all crucial elements of success, not to mention the excellence of the driver's pit crew. Contrary to popular assumption, the goal of the NASCAR governing body is not to promote speed above all else. Rather, its goal is to provide for speed along with safety and parity of the race teams. In the eyes of NASCAR, each team should be in a position to win any given race. That means

there are ever-growing rules designed to restrict the advantages of the fastest drivers.

All elements of the car must be approved — from the bare chassis to newly designed suspension components. If a problem is found during inspection, the correction could range from a simple directive to alter the offending item up to impoundment of the vehicle. NASCAR can also fine crew chiefs and take away points which are crucial to the Sprint Cup Race at the end of the season. What if the violation is an accident? "There are no accidents; everything is intentional," replied Pat. "As the old saying goes, 'If you aren't cheating, you aren't trying'." He explained that a team's job is to push the rules as far as they will go, and it is NASCAR's job to push back.

Despite the breathtaking speeds at which they operate, the drivers are dramatically safer today due to technological advances in car design, restraints (including head and neck restraints), padding, and foam-reinforced steel barriers replacing the old concrete ones.

### BEHIND THE SCENES OF NASCAR

Back in the '20s, daring drivers with fast cars ran moonshine during Prohibition. Even as the need for illicit alcohol decreased during the '30s, these drivers were still bootlegging, this time to outrun those trying to tax them for revenue purposes. They also began to put on races for entertainment, profit, and pride. The National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing began as an off-shoot of these races to provide consistent rule enforcement across competitions and tracks.

During a normal week, Pat is traveling home from a race in the wee hours of Monday morning. Tuesday, Wednesday, and part of Thursday are typically devoted to corporate activities such as management reviews and race weekend specific performance reviews, after which he travels to the next race site. Friday involves practice, inspection, and qualifying; Saturday is race practice and the Nationwide

Series race; Sunday is the actual Sprint Cup race. For better or worse, he is evaluated on his performance on a weekly basis. If his teams do well as a whole — such as Ford Racing's wins in the Daytona 500 in 2009, 2011 and 2012 — management is happy. If not, he is under increased scrutiny to change those results for the following week.



One of the problems Pat faces is that most changes can't be made in between each race. For example, by the time of the post-race evaluation with each team, the car that will run next week's race is already en route to the next track. The only changes that can be made include changes to parts on the underside of the car or to simulation variables (e.g., alignment settings). More major changes to the design must wait for future races.

In addition, it is often difficult to determine exactly what the competition is doing to beat you. Unlike in the production model where an engineer can go buy a competitor's product and dismantle it, the same cannot be done in NASCAR. Instead, Pat and his team use driver interviews, photos, and video programs such as Dartfish (which allow you to overlay two cars side-by-side) to help them assess performance advantages at various points during the race.

## NASCAR: JUST THE FACTS

- *First sanctioned race in February 1948*
- *38 yearly races, 36 competitive and 2 exhibition*
- *TV audience is second only to the NFL*
- *75 million fans with extremely high consumer brand loyalty to race sponsors*
- *Attendance is 40-200,000 per race, depending on capacity*
- *Each team fields 10-15 cars per car number*
- *Tires are \$1,800/set and teams go through anywhere from 13-17 sets each race*
- *Operating budget per team per year is \$15-25 million*





## More Padua Connections to NASCAR: Jon Ivory '99

### THE FUTURE OF FORD RACING - NASCAR

The term “stock car” means a car that is currently in production by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM), with only slight modification for racing. However, NASCAR and the OEM’s had drifted from the founding premise of NASCAR. An industry-wide directive was requested by and finally given to the OEMs to put the “stock” back in stock car racing. How was this accomplished?

First, Pat and three OEM colleagues sat in a trailer week after week at each race to review the rules and establish a common surface. Then he used the Design Center in Dearborn, Michigan, to go through the whole Ford Motor Company Design Process just like any other production car. This included aerodynamics (40% scale model and wind tunnel testing in Indianapolis), computational fluid dynamics (simulated wind tunnels), full-size wind tunnel testing in Charlotte, and design studio, along with meetings with senior management all the way up through the President/CEO and Board of Directors.

The end result of this collaborative process is the 2013 NASCAR Fusion, whose production car version will be available to consumers in the third quarter of 2012. The Fusion is an excellent example of the technology transfer that exists between Ford Racing and the production vehicle teams. Why is Ford in racing at all? Quite simply, to sell cars. According to Pat, the on-track success of Ford Racing correlates directly to market share.

### LIVING A DREAM

The job is certainly not all roses, particularly with respect to managing expectations and relationships in a fast-paced, high-stress environment. He also spends nearly 40 week-ends away from his twin daughters, Nicole and Sydney, and his wife Jackie, who is the chief engineer on the Ford F-150.

Despite the time away, Pat wouldn’t change anything. “This is always what I dreamt of doing, and I love it.”

Pat also has a final piece of advice for students. “Play a team sport. With team sports, you learn to trust your teammates and understand that your success is shared and others depend on you to do your job so they can do theirs. I attribute a portion of my success, and the professional success of my teammates, to the time I spent playing hockey at Padua.”

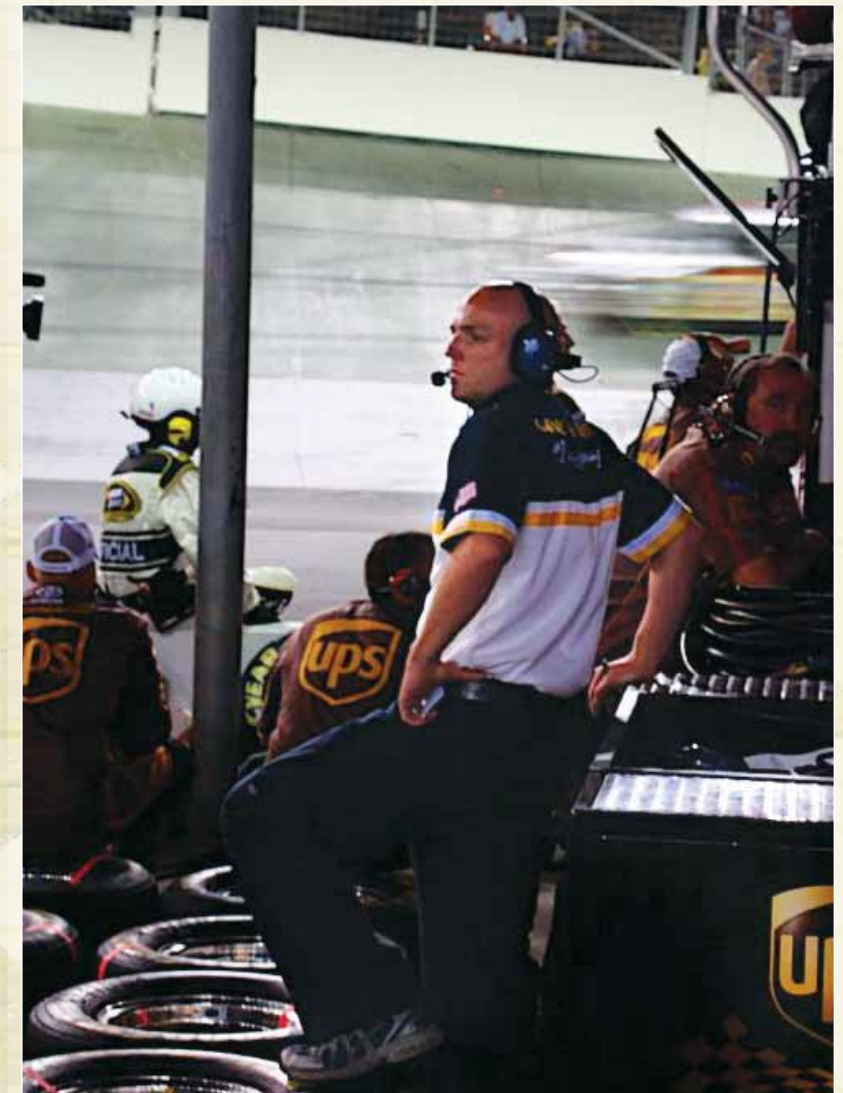


**Jon Ivory '99** learned that he and Pat DiMarco were Padua grads when they both walked into the all-class reunion in 2009 (his 10-year and Pat’s 20-year). “Up until that point it just never came up,” Jon said with a laugh. Jon and Pat also share OSU as their alma mater, with Jon earning his degree in mechanical engineering in 2004 prior to beginning his career at Goodyear Tire & Rubber. He began as a tire engineer in sports car racing development and currently works in the vehicle dynamics group as part of the NASCAR development team.

Goodyear is the sole supplier of tires for the top-three NASCAR racing series and Jon is responsible for its tire data program for the NASCAR teams and manufacturers. Interestingly, tires are uniform for a given NASCAR race; the teams are not permitted choice from among an array of approved options. Most of the time, the teams are in agreement on which tire is best for a particular surface given the racing conditions, but occasionally Goodyear must make the call using objective data and comments from drivers.

Key factors in making this decision include all aspects of performance (such as balance and drivability in addition to speed) and avoidance of problems with wear and heat, particularly for safety concerns. Ultimately, tire uniformity leads to parity, which is ideal when the major purpose of the sport is entertainment. To further this objective, Goodyear supplies its tire data equally to all of the teams for their simulations, which is part of the race support that Jon’s team provides. In addition, Jon is also involved in track testing (12-16 per year) and the vehicle instrumentation program, the data from which he uses to develop predictive tools to help improve performance.

The evolving, fast-paced environment of NASCAR is what keeps Jon coming back week after week. Certain things can even change literally overnight.



**Ivory stands at the ready during a race.**

For example, if a particular tire wasn’t running well during Friday’s track testing, and assuming enough tires were in stock for the entire field, Jon’s team can arrange to swap out race tires by Saturday. It is not a typical scenario, but it can be done.

When asked why Goodyear was involved with NASCAR, Jon replied with the same simplicity as DiMarco had: “To sell tires.”



# » OH DEER «

## PADUA COOPERATES WITH CLEVELAND METROPARKS WILDLIFE PROJECT

If you live in Northeast Ohio, you know that the deer population has exploded. But did you know that a century ago, whitetail deer had nearly disappeared from Ohio, the result of over-hunting and loss of habitat? They were reintroduced into the state by the Department of Natural Resources in 1922 with about 200 deer placed into a 700-acre corral in Niles Township (part of the Teddy Roosevelt Game Preserve) and allowed to reproduce in that protected environment. Deer being deer, they did just that. In 1932, the resulting herd of about 1,000 deer was released to go forth and multiply. Hunting regulations introduced in the late 1940s limited the time period, number, and sex of the deer that could be taken.



About five minutes after anesthesia has been administered, the team, including a veterinarian, waits for the drugs to take full effect before removing the animal from the trap.

As farms were abandoned, wooded areas actually increased for the remainder of the previous century, and so did the deer. Moreover, deer are very good at adapting to their environment. Today, despite the fact that shrinking habitats have caused them to be more visible in residential neighborhoods, they face few predators and have a relative ample food supply (known by humans as landscaping). In case you are wondering, there are now an estimated 700,000 deer in Ohio.

The Cleveland Metroparks wants to know more about the range of the suburban herds, their reproduction and migration, as well as the effect, if any, of predation by coyotes. In the 1980s, population estimates in Cleveland Metroparks averaged 18 deer per square mile. By 1997, that number ranged from 70 to 120 deer per square mile. This winter, Padua was asked to assist in a Metroparks research project that involved the capture and tagging of specimens at the site of the school's new soccer/lacrosse facility (former Camp Corde).



**Top to bottom:** The animal is blindfolded to help keep it calm while measurements are taken.

After the reversal drugs have been administered, the blindfold is untied and just held in place as the doe recovers.

After about four to eight minutes, the deer usually bounds off quickly. Here you can see her ear tags and neck transmitter. The transmitter is designed to last about two years. Smaller collars will be placed on fawns that will fall off after seven to eight months.





# CHRISTMAS FOR OTHERS - ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY OF CELEBRATION

*By Michael Jindra '12*



While celebrating the 50th anniversary of Padua Franciscan High School's opening, we also celebrated the 40th anniversary of Padua's own Christmas for Others program. Coming a long way from its inception, CFO has grown from a simple food collection to encompass twenty-two separate fundraising events. To describe CFO, I recall former Key Club president, **Zach Sefcovic '10**, and his representation of perfect joy. CFO is perfect joy. The generosity of this community has translated into a lot of change, pun intended. I am sorry that everyone cannot see where their pocket change goes, or the change they made in so many lives.

To offer my personal experience, I had the privilege to read some of the letters from community members benefitting from CFO. From hardly being able to afford spaghetti for Thanksgiving dinner to unemployment and escalating medical bills, these families have weathered any hardship imaginable. I want to thank everyone who shared what they had during this CFO season. Every dollar did make a difference.

Parochial high schools are often labeled as "schools for rich kids." Our CFO accomplishments may be undervalued by this stereotype. Some may speculate, "How difficult is it for a community of surgeons and lawyers to write CFO a few hefty checks at the plea of their children?" By being a part of the Padua family, I testify that the faculty and student body are the largest donors and they do not come from the Fortune 500. While we deeply appreciate every-

one's contributions to the fundraising, it is important to stress that upper-class families are not the only people capable of giving. The annual Coin War is an affirmation to this claim. I am going out on a limb, but I would venture to guess that most of us students usually do not have more than a few singles in our wallets. What we do have is a lot of change, left over from purchasing Padua cookies or an Arnold Palmer ice tea. We raid our piggy banks, car seats, and sofa cushions to amass an impressive horde, and collectively, this bulk of quarters, nickels, dimes, and pennies



from the Coin War alone grew into a sum of \$10,840.45. Then there was the daily First Period Collection sponsored by the sophomore class which raised an additional \$4,839.02. Other campus clubs and organizations also took part, holding events and fund raisers from a pasta dinner to nachos, chocolate mousse, and root beer floats during lunch periods. But perhaps the most impressive moment came when our principal, Mr. Stec, announced on the last day that we had raised the third-highest amount in 40 years. Within minutes, students contributed an additional \$723 to break all previous records, totaling \$25,786.19. Even that number did not take into account the blankets, food, toys, and clothing that were also gathered in the name of the true meaning of Christmas.

One of the most "hated" books by the student body is Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. While I admit nodding off more than once through the reading, I recall a potent passage that reminds me of CFO and Padua. "I'm learnin' one thing good... Learnin' it all the time, ever' day. If you're in trouble or hurt or need--go to poor people." Students who I know receive financial aid are some of the first ones to contribute and volunteer in the season's activities. Their selflessness knows no boundaries, and it infects the whole school. So again, I challenge the convention that students who go to school wearing ties and polos drive home in convertibles and BMWs. At Padua, this is surely not the case. We are just good at being Franciscan: building from the ground up, stone by stone.

**Editor's note:** Mike was president of the Padua Key Club, coordinating organization of Christmas for Others, during 2011-12 school year. CFO is the largest student-run outreach program in northeast Ohio, designed to make the holidays a bit brighter for those less fortunate. In addition to cash, students collected toys, food, blankets, coats, hats, mittens, and other clothing for agencies that serve the poor as well as providing direct assistance to local needy families. We asked Mike to describe CFO from a student point of view.

**In his article about Christmas for Others, Mike Jindra mentions the change that this annual event brings to the lives of those who benefit from this outpouring of student caring. Here is an excerpt of a letter we received from one family whose lives were touched when students showed up at their door with a basket of food, clothing, and toys...**

*"I am seldom at a loss for words... After you left (from dropping off the basket), we all sat and looked at each other in disbelief. No one said anything. We didn't know what to think, to be honest. After a little while, we began to open the gifts. That's when the reality of what you had brought to our family began to unfold. The Padua family has brought so much to all of our lives. To watch the faces as they opened each gift, their faces telling what no words could, is something I will hold in my heart for the rest of my days. You will never know that this meant to us."*





# STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to **Hien Nguyen '12** and **Samantha Gorczyca '14** on winning awards at the Scholastic Art and Writing Competitions: Hien won a Gold award for his photography portfolio, and Samantha won a Silver award for her artwork.



ABOVE: Samantha and Hien pose with their award-winning entries.

**Rachel Rymont '13** had her award-winning artwork displayed at the Great Lakes Science Center as a part of the Cleveland Clinic Expressions Art Show.

Padua's Mock Trial Team won at least one of their four trials and several individual awards in the district competition, which was the first time the team participated in this event. Outstanding attorney award went to **Alicia Harrison '12** and **Koraima Denerville '14**; outstanding witness award went to **Tyler Szuch '14**. Other team members included **Carlin Stalder '12**, **Andrea Cotugno '13**, **Izzy Hanna '13**, **Jenn Romanin '13**, **Luc Devis '14**, **Michael Schloemer '14**, **Jaclyn Moran '14**, **Nate Hanna '14**, **Alex Shackleton '15**, and **James Meade '15**.

**Sarah Krafcik '12** has been selected as one of the top ten finalists for \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes in the 2012 Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out essay contest, sponsored by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Sarah's essay about combatting the effects of hate in our society was selected from more than 1,800 entries throughout seven counties. She made an oral presentation of her essay at a special ceremony in Reinberger Hall at Severance Hall in April.



Pine Tree Poetry (pinetreepoetry.com) publishes an annual compilation of poems written by students 5-18 years of age. This year's book will include poems by a number of Padua students, including the following juniors: **Robert Beran**, **Vincent DeSciscio**, **Lauren Gittinger**, **Heather Halcisak**, **Isabella Hanna**, **Alyssa Holley**, **Renee Kraft**, **Michael Nock**, **David Oby**, **Tyler Roth**, **Christina Szuch**, and **Andrea Trompak**. Please visit the Pine Tree website for more information and to read these poets' poems.



**Jacob Joseph '12 & Rachel Rymont '13** were among the Padua students serving as interpreters and guides for Spanish-speaking students from Luis Munoz Marin Elementary School.

On May 4, eight Padua students served as English interpreters and co-tour guides for kindergartners and first graders from Luis Munoz Marin Elementary School in Cleveland during a visit to Stearns Homestead in Parma. The children primarily speak Spanish at home and one of the goals of the trip was for the students to speak as much English as possible. They also served as tour guides along with **Renee Schapel '87**, a trustee of the Parma Area Historical Society.

## Student Initiative Prepares Meals for 24,000 of the World's Hungry



**Emily Nash '12** knew the facts. She knew that every four seconds, someone died of hunger. She knew that one in four children in developing countries was malnourished, and that more than a billion people do not have enough to eat - more than the populations of USA, Canada, and the European Union combined. Believing that one person could make a difference, she sought the support of **Laura Hodakievic '12** and **Anne Burns '12** to host a meal-packaging program through Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief agency.

Enlisting the help of Mr. Michael Dubiel, Padua Theology Instructor, they set out to raise \$10,000. They solicited the help of area schools as well as their fellow students, holding events such as a Fake Sale (selling paper cookies and cupcakes), and "Skip 2 Feed 40," during lent, encouraging friends to skip two opportunities to buy fast food, donating the funds instead to the campaign. In the end, they had secured more than \$6,000.

On May 4, Stop Hunger Now delivered bags of rice, dehydrated vegetables, soy protein, and vitamin packets and every member of the junior and senior classes took turns measuring, mixing, and repackaging the ingredients into individual meal pouches. At the end of the day, some 24,000 meals were prepared and boxed for shipment around the world.



## FRESHMAN CLASS SHINES FOR WOMANKIND

All juniors participate in Christian service in support of the "marginalized," or persons whose needs are greater than the "average" member of society and whose needs are typically unmet. The project selected by **Rachel Rymont '13** not only met the criteria, but it inspired more than 60% of the freshman class to join her in her efforts and in doing so, set a record!

Familiar with the Cleveland organization Womankind, a maternal and prenatal care center offering free adoptive, medical and legal assistance to women, Rachel decided to conduct a fundraising project in support of the agency. Padua's Campus Ministry department saw her idea as a way to involve the freshman class at a time that the juniors and seniors were engaged in the Stop Hunger Now Project (see article). Borrowing nearly 250 baby bottles from Womankind, Rachel

began distributing the units to freshmen, requesting that they fill them with loose change and paper money.

After a month's time, Rachel collected the bottles and returned them to Womankind... full. When the cash was counted, the staff was astounded to discover that Rachel's initiative had raised an incredible \$3,429.62, a record in the history of high school bottle campaigns.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As you read the stories of recent student accomplishments in this issue, you will note that Padua students collected more than \$35,000 this year for those less fortunate. In this 50th anniversary year, it is good to know that the Franciscan spirit is indeed alive and well.





## CAR RAFFLE *Brings Cool Relief*



Padua principal, **David Stec '86**, draws the winning ticket on April 29 for a 2012 Chevy Cruze during intermission of Padua's spring musical. The raffle was sponsored by Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville. The winner was Jo Long of Parma Heights, Ohio. The winning ticket was sold by **Sara Long '15**. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to air condition Padua's cafeteria, which will make the facility better suited for large group meetings and functions.

## CARGILL RENOVATIONS SLATED FOR FALL 2012



Principal **Dave Stec '86** (right) accepts a check from Cargill Incorporated representatives, **Bill Hileman '79** and Jennifer Rhodes, to begin renovating classroom space that will be renamed in Cargill's honor. It will be used for environmental science classes, science club, as well as periodic MedTrack "Lunch & Learn" programs. The new facility will be equipped with full interactive media resources as well as furnishings appropriate for its new multi-science function.

## MEDTRACK STUDENTS AT *NEOMED University*



Juniors in Padua's MedTrack program recently visited NEOMED University in Rootstown. During the visit, students learned about NEOMED's admission requirements for its Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy before participating in an anatomy lab led by Professor Jon Walro. Dr. Walro taught them basic anatomical directions and then helped them to conduct their own examination of real human hearts. Students also viewed a cadaver under very solemn conditions as the lab director spoke of treating the human body and all of its parts with the utmost respect. In fact, during the visit, the medical students were preparing for their annual memorial service to honor those who gave their bodies to science.

After a lunch and campus tour, students ended the day in pharmacy lab under the direction of MedTrack Advisory Board member and NEOMED faculty member Dr. Dale English. In that lab, they mixed "drug components" and learned to "punch" capsules effectively. The field trip was one of the highlights of the MedTrack program to date. According to AP Biology teacher, Mrs. Barbara Kraemer, "Students just couldn't stop talking about it the next day, especially about how they held a human heart in their hands."



Dr. Walro teaches the inner workings of the human heart as well as the reverence in which it is handled, before students examine for themselves.

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# TCHAIKOVSKY STOOD THERE:

## Will Kan '12 & Mark Wozniak '97 at Carnegie Hall



In February, percussionist **Will Kan '12** performed as a member of the Honors Performance Series Orchestra at Carnegie Hall after being nominated by **Mark Wozniak '97**, Padua's band and orchestra director. Will was chosen after preparing an audition tape which included a tympani etude, a mallet solo, and a snare drum solo. He joined 99 other orchestra members, as well as 100 band and 300 choir members, in the performance series.

Mark was also selected to be an assistant conductor for the Honors Performance Series Band after submitting a resume and teaching philosophy. He was responsible for rehearsals for the French horn section. During their only rehearsal in Carnegie Hall, Mark's main conductor gave him chills by exclaiming, "You know, Tchaikovsky stood there."

In addition to the chance to perform under the direction of renowned conductors such as Charles Peltz, Jeffrey Grogan, and Jeffery Ames, the musicians received professional guidance such as a music seminar and the opportunity to be heard by collegiate music programs invited to the performance. Will explained that by interacting with the other finalists, he gained experience on what it means to act professionally.

Sightseeing experiences included enjoying a Broadway performance, staying at

Times Square, the 9-11 Memorial, touring lower Manhattan and the Observation Deck of the Rockefeller Building, and prominent placement in a crowd shot for the Today show. Will's favorite moment was obtaining an eagle-eye view of the orchestra pit during intermission of the Lion King because he might perform there for a living someday.

The nearly-sold-out show on February 12 was certainly the highlight of the week for Will, who started playing in the fourth grade. "I chose percussion because I figured that would be the most fun to play. I continued playing because I enjoyed it, even when I wasn't very good," he said. "As I improved and random people would give me high praises, well, I cannot explain how good it feels. Playing music — and playing it well — gives me a joy like no other." Will plans to continue his passion by majoring in music education at Wright State.



# ALUMNUS HELPS DISTRIBUTE MILLIONS

## to Charity Through Cy Pres

**Patrick Perotti '73** is often referred to as "the father" of cy pres. Co-Founder of Ohio Lawyers Give Back and a partner at the law firm of Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A., Perotti has directed more than \$25 million in unclaimed class settlement monies to charities and nonprofits.

Cy pres means "as nearly as possible." This ancient legal doctrine is putting smiles on the faces of many charities and those they serve. When a class action is settled, the plaintiff and defendant agree to a fund amount to pay all class members. Since many class members have moved, passed-away, or can't be found, millions of settlement dollars go unclaimed. That settlement money is intended to benefit the class—rather than revert to the wrongdoing defendant—so the ancient doctrine is now being used to distribute the unclaimed money to charities and nonprofits.

In a settlement, both sides reach an amount of compensation which they agree is fair. "A settlement is an agreement which has terms that are presented to the court," said Perotti. "The parties gain the court's approval based on the agreed terms. Truth in settlement means you actually pay the agreed amount, rather than having it revert back to the defendant a year later. Demanding a cy pres provision in the settlement agreement makes the full payment happen, and makes the process transparent and honest." Mr. Perotti typically will not settle a case without a cy pres provision. "Not all cases have leftover funds, but when they do, Dworken & Bernstein wants them distributed 'as nearly as possible' to the intended benefit."

The good that cy pres does for the community is really an issue of social justice, which I learned from my mother (a very devout Irish Catholic)

and the Franciscans while at Padua. My mother always taught me, "Patrick, you do the right thing." But it was the Franciscans who taught me what 'the right thing' was."



Patrick J. Perotti, Partner

"Pace' Bene!" (Peace and All Good!) has been the motto of Franciscan teaching since St. Francis, and we learned this at Padua in SO many ways. I remember the teachers (Mr. Kohuth, Fr. Jeff Donnelly and Fr. Justin) weaving the ideas of social justice into their lectures on virtually every subject. We learned that Franciscan men and women had a history of responding to acute social problems." Countless Franciscan men and women took in homeless young people, giving them protection and education not provided by society. The Franciscan tradition established hospitals and health care systems to care for those who could not afford it.

"Through it all I learned that earning a law degree was not to win cases, but to do justice. What a blessing it was to discovery cy pres to allow justice to be done for so many people!"

To date, over 187 charities throughout the state have shared over \$25 million in unclaimed funds. In some cases, certain charities were within weeks of having to close their doors due to the economy and budget cuts.

Patrick graduated from Cleveland State University with a B.A. in 1977 and was awarded his law degree, cum laude, from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 1982. He specializes in commercial litigation, civil rights and employment discrimination, consumer benefit, and



United Cerebral Palsy is just one of the more than 187 charities throughout the state that have benefitted from Mr. Perotti's efforts

class action practice. He has frequently appeared before the Supreme Court of Ohio, and as counsel in litigation in state and federal courts throughout the country. Mr. Perotti is a certified employment law specialist. Less than one percent of attorneys in Ohio hold this certification.

In 2010, he was named to the exclusive ranks of the top 75 plaintiff trial lawyers in the United States. The group, called 'Trial Lawyer Kingpins,' was chosen in a survey of defense attorneys throughout the country to identify 'the best plaintiff trial attorneys in terms of experience and influence.'

To learn more about Mr. Perotti's extraordinary work visit [ohiolawyersgiveback.com](http://ohiolawyersgiveback.com).

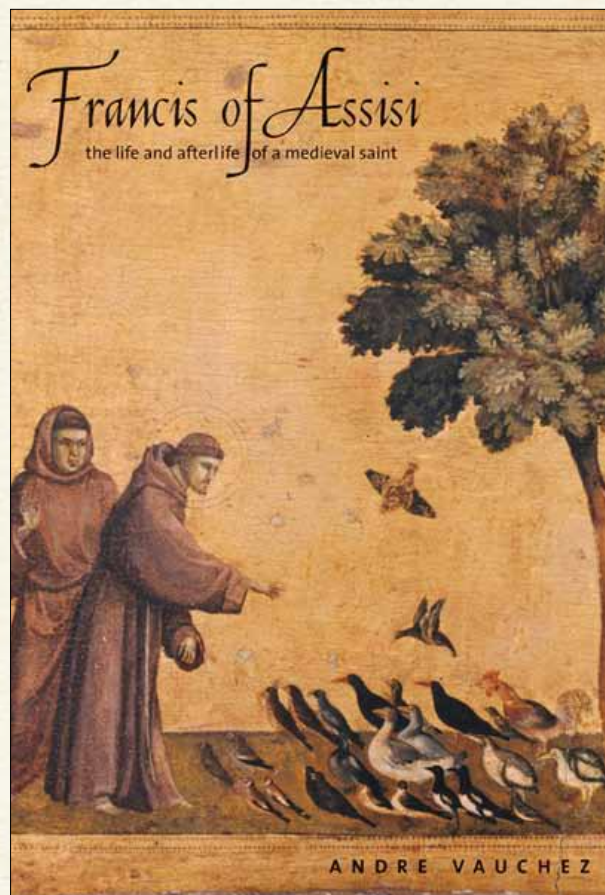
Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A. is the largest law firm in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties, Ohio, with additional offices in downtown Cleveland. Serving the community for over 50 years, Dworken & Bernstein and its 25 lawyers and staff of 65 offers a full range of legal services for businesses, individuals, and families.



# FRANCISCAN SCHOLAR/ALUMNUS

## *Translates Epic Work on St. Francis*

**Fr. Michael F. Cusato, O.F.M. '71**, friar and a member of the Padua Board of Trustees, has just put the final touches on his translation, from the French, of a major new study on Saint Francis of Assisi entitled *Francis of Assisi: The Life and Afterlife of a Medieval Saint* (ISBN: 9780300178944, Cloth: \$35.00). The volume was first published in 2009 by Fr. Michael's doctoral professor from the Sorbonne, Dr. André Vauchez, one of the most renowned historians of medieval religious movements at work today in Europe. This volume, which will be published in English by Yale University Press in October, represents, according to Fr. Michael, the single most significant contribution to the study of Francis and his movement produced within the last 80 years.



Counting approximately 500 pages (in the original French), this long-awaited work synthesizes into a scholarly and yet eminently readable narrative the enormous research that has been done over the last century on Francis and his friars. Refusing to repeat the all-too-common fanciful accounts which paint Francis as a care-free bon vivant with a strange talent for talking to animals as well as those overly-psychologized portraits of the Poor Man of Assisi that are fashionable in bookstores today, Vauchez approaches Francis as a towering spiritual giant. The book paints Francis as relevant to his own time as well as to our own, who struggled to place himself at the disposition of God, affect the inner renewal of the men and women of his day, show respect for the dignity of all creatures, and work for the common good.

The title of the book — especially its unique subtitle created by the translator for English-language audiences — points us toward the intentions of its author. The first 215 pages of the volume offer a fresh synthetic picture of the life of Francis and his brothers (1205-1226) as they struggled to put into place, first in the area around Assisi and then well beyond,

an evangelical vision of human life as God intended it to be lived out in all its fullness. The second and third parts reflect on the “afterlife” of Francis: how he became, almost immediately, a canonized saint in the Church and how his followers (those who had known him and those who had never met him while he was alive) began to re-read that life and put down their recollections in writing. This latter action constituted the creation of the Franciscan sources which present highly diverse, even conflicting visions of what, they believed, Francis wanted his gospel life to be in the world, thus sowing the seeds for the long and famous quarrels over Franciscan identity. The fourth and last part of the book then attempts to take stock of those unique aspects of Francis' life and spirituality which have made him so distinctive - and appealing - throughout history, marvelously transcending

religious, ethnic and cultural boundaries. He is truly, as G.K. Chesterton once called him, “everyone's saint.”

Michael F. Cusato is, in his own right, an internationally known scholar of Francis and his movement. Receiving his degree from the Sorbonne in Paris under the direction of Dr. Vauchez in 1991, he returned to the States where he has taught undergraduate history at Siena College (1991-1996), graduate church history at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and Christ the King Seminary outside Buffalo, New York, and twelve years (1999-2012) at the Franciscan Institute on the campus of Saint Bonaventure University in western New York. He currently lives in Washington D.C. and teaches at the Dominican House of Studies. He has published almost seventy articles on the Franciscan movement, a sampling of which can be found in his volume *The Early Franciscan Movement (1205-1235): History, Sources and Hermeneutics*.

# SPECIAL FORCES HONOR MEMORY OF

## *Joseph J. Andres Jr. '89*

*Alumni News*

On August 26, 2011, the 1st Special Forces Group (U.S. Army Airborne) held a building memorialization ceremony at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, honoring the sacrifice of Master Sgt. **Joseph J. Andres Jr.** Joe enlisted in the Army reserve as a combat medic in 1992. The following year, he volunteered for active duty and became a combat medic with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He was killed in action on December 24, 2005, while conducting combat operations in Iraq.



Plaque commemorating the dedication of Alpha Wing of the new 4th Battalion building to Andres.

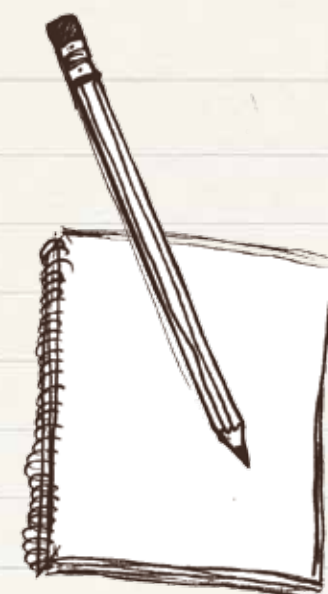
## “WE GET LETTERS”

Dear Paduan Staff:

I just want to let everyone on your Paduan staff know how much I enjoyed the Fall 2011 issue of our alumni magazine. I believe your team did a terrific job of tying in the entire 50 years of history.

So many names and events were incorporated into the magazine. I would be remiss if I did not recognize your research and accuracy. As a retired public school educator, I am very aware of Padua Franciscan's sterling reputation, but please understand many of us early graduates received a wonderful high school education. It was a gift given to us by a caring faculty without smart boards, computers, or corporate sponsors. For a few brief pages, your staff recaptured that moment in Padua history. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
**Rich Storey**, Class of 1966





# STACEY SKUZA '04:

## Putting Social Justice Into Action

**Stacey Skuza '04**, a graduate of Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati College of Law, worked tirelessly on behalf of wrongfully convicted inmates as part of the Ohio Innocence Project. Stacey's involvement in the OIP began when she was awarded a fellowship as a second-year law student, along with 19 other classmates. She would actively work 30-45 cases in cooperation with another fellow and under the supervision of a staff attorney. After law school, Stacey returned to the OIP for several months under a fellowship designed to help graduates gain valuable legal experience while still pursuing full-time employment.

Proving one's innocence is a complex, time-consuming task with many roadblocks in the way. The number of inmates who take the time to fill out the Innocent Project questionnaire is relatively small. The project has received 5,079 case review requests since 2003; it is actively investigating 287. The OIP has litigated for DNA testing for about 70 cases and has gone to court claiming its client is innocent fewer than 15 times. As of today, the OIP has helped free 10 innocent people; nationwide, over 250 innocent people have been freed.

The OIP cannot always investigate or accept inmates' requests for assistance. Sometimes the person is guilty, other times the case does not involve biological evidence and no other exonerating evidence exists. Sadly, still other cases cannot be pursued because the original biological evidence was not preserved. Therefore, there is nothing left to test even though the DNA analysis has improved dramatically in the last two decades. An Ohio law enacted in 2010 now makes the conservation of all biological evidence mandatory, hopefully paving the way for future appeals after further technological advances.

Even if the biological evidence is preserved, a DNA application can take 3-7 years to make its way through the legal system because it is often challenged by the prosecutor's office. As a condition of the process, the client must prove that the DNA testing will be outcome-determinative. However, a DNA test proving the inmate's claim of innocence is still not a get-out-of-jail-free card. A guilty verdict is rarely based solely on biological evidence; therefore, the next step is typically a motion for a new trial.

DNA testimony is not the sole basis for exoneration or a new trial. Other types of exonerating evidence would



include an eyewitness who has recanted his testimony or a new witness has stepped forward with knowledge that another person committed the crime. Though not specifically her cases, Stacey was happy to see two clients go free during her time at the OIP – Raymond Towler and Rico Gaines.

Stacey is now a staff attorney at Baker & Hostetler, serving as court-appointed counsel to the SIPA Trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC. However, she would ultimately like to pursue a career in criminal defense. This passion began at Padua under the tutelage of Auggie Pacetti in Social Justice class. "From him I learned what community really means," Stacey said. In fact, this interest prompted her to dual major in Theology and Philosophy with a minor in Peace Studies at Xavier. Upon graduation, Stacey received the Benjamin D. Urmston Family Peace Studies Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and the integration of the ideas and values of peace and justice activities with activities outside of the classroom.

# ALUMNI CALENDAR

## What's Happening Through April 2013

### OCTOBER 5

#### HOMEcoming FOR ALUMNI AND THEIR FAMILIES

Homecoming for alumni families is **Friday, October 5**, as the Bruins take on Archbishop Hoban at Padua Stadium (**7 p.m. game**). The Padua Alumni Association welcomes all alumni families to the hospitality area for complimentary food and drink beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

### SEPTEMBER 1

#### CLASS OF '72 REUNION

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, September 1** at Cleveland Port North at **7 p.m.** Full details on back cover.

### APRIL 13

#### BRUIN BENEFIT: CELEBRAZIONE '12 ...A NIGHT LIKE NO OTHER



Each year members of the Padua Franciscan community come together for an evening of fine dining, drink, entertainment, and auction items, otherwise known as Bruin Benefit! The purpose of the evening is simple — raise much-needed funds to support Padua's financial assistance program. Thanks to the efforts of so many, more than \$90,000 was raised on April 21. Bruin Benefit is 'the' fundraising event of the year, and we are already looking to next year's event scheduled for **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. Help us make Bruin Benefit '13 an even greater success! We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on the planning committee. E-mail [rholtz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:rholtz@PaduaFranciscan.com) for more information.

### MARCH 1

#### RED, WHITE & BREW'N 2012... A SELL-OUT SUCCESS

The Padua Alumni Association presented their 2nd annual Red, White & Brew'n event in the school gymnasium this past March 2 to a sold-out crowd of 350 people. The response to this event was overwhelming again, selling out in less than a month. In addition to local craft beers, 12 wines from various countries and several food stations, guests received a commemorative wine glass and a chance at various door prizes.



New this year were the addition of 50/50 raffle boards and other fundraising opportunities. Proceeds of this event help support student financial assistance. The Alumni Association would like to gratefully recognize The Brew Kettle, E&J Gallo Winery, and Verso Bistro & Pizzeria for their generous support of this event.

Next year's event is scheduled to take place on **Friday, March 1**, from **7:00-9:00 p.m.**, and only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Ticket information will be available in January.

**For more information on any of these events, e-mail [RHoltz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHoltz@PaduaFranciscan.com) or call 440-845-2444, ext. 106.**



## VETERAN TEACHER/STAFFER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

### *Mrs. Lillian Gathers...now and then*



Padua Franciscan has been blessed over the years to have so many dedicated faculty and staff members. Few names over the years, however, are more recognized (and cherished) than that of Mrs. Lillian Gathers. Gathers announced her plan to retire at the end of this school year, completing more than 40 years of service to Padua Franciscan.

While still enrolled at The Ohio State University, she started as a student teacher in the English Department in January 1972. Then principal, Fr. Dan O'Connell, O.F.M., asked if she would also take on the role of typing teacher which also led to teaching notehand (similar to shorthand note taking) and various business courses. In 1985, when the school went co-ed, she added teaching freshman and junior English, and computers to her resume.

Through the '80s and most of the '90s, Gathers continued in her role as teacher in the Business and English Departments, while also serving as senior class moderator for several years. Then in 1999 an opportunity would present itself that would offer a new challenge that she graciously accepted. Since that time,

*"Lil's dedication over many years, and her faithful and always generous contribution to the mission and ministry of Padua Franciscan is so very obvious. I am deeply grateful for the countless ways in which she has helped us to be and do our best as this community of holiness and learning."*

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

Mrs. Gathers has served as the marketing and admissions director, primarily responsible for Padua's recruitment of prospective students.

Without question, Mrs. Lillian Gathers has been beloved by thousands of alumni/ae. In 2007, she was recognized by the Padua Franciscan Alumni Association with the distinction of Honorary Alumna for her years of dedication, service and support of the students she touched. Although she will no longer be a fixture in the halls of Padua Franciscan, she knows that she will always be in the hearts of the Padua family. We wish her all the happiness and joy in her most deserved retirement. When asked if she would like to include a few thoughts in this issue of the Paduan, she offered these words....

*"Looking back at my 40+ years at Padua,*

*I can honestly say that there isn't another place I would have preferred spending my time teaching and working. The students have been wonderful, my colleagues have always been supportive, and my overall experience has been one of happiness and contentment. Thank you, Padua, for giving me so much in return—lifelong friendships and many, many pleasant memories."*

**Help Us Establish the Lillian J. Gathers Financial Aid Fund!**

To commemorate the legacy of Mrs. Gathers, Padua Franciscan has established the Lillian J. Gathers Financial Aid Fund within the Padua Endowment Trust. Help us by designating your gift today in her honor! Donations can be made to Padua Franciscan, c/o Lillian J. Gathers Financial Aid Fund, 6740 State Rd., Parma, OH 44134.



## SPORTS *Notables*

### HOCKEY

The Bruin skaters' season was highlighted by a 3rd Place finish in the Mark Rasmus Memorial Invitational hosted by Toledo St. John's in Sylvania, Ohio. The team recorded victories over Toledo Whitmer, Cincinnati St. Xavier, and a thrilling 5-4 win over Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller in the 3rd Place game. The team was anchored by **Mikey Palasics '12**, who scored nine goals in the four games that weekend.

Palasics was the top scorer of the season, putting the puck in the net 23 times in addition to assisting 20 goals. He also represented Padua in the Ohio High School Ice Hockey Coaches Senior All-Star Game in Columbus on March 10. Palasics netted the go-ahead goal for the North squad in their 3-1 win.

Palasics and **Joe Dimitrov '12** each earned all-North Coast League 1st Team Honors, while **Jared Bogdan '12** and **Kris Aigner '13** each were named to the All-NCL 2nd Team. Palasics was chosen for the Red Division All-League team as well.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Tyler Ptacek '13** was named 1st Team All-North Coast League, while **Chris Link '13** earned 2nd Team Honors and **Matt Milliken '13** was Honorable Mention. Ptacek ended the season with 998 career points over the course of his three seasons as a Bruin, currently on pace to break the school record of 1,331 career points set by **Ken Kowall '67** during the 1966-1967 season. The junior averaged 21.9 points per game this season, in addition to shooting 83% from the

free throw line. Link was named Team MVP at the Play-by-Play Classic at Baldwin-Wallace University on January 8. The Bruins fell to Kenston, 79-66, in the national event. Link scored 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the contest.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Tamira Ford '12** earned 1st Team All-North Coast League Honors, **Jenna Rippepi '12** was named to the 2nd Team and **Lea Walsh '13** was Honorable Mention. Ford will be playing Division I College Basketball next season for Miami University.

### SWIMMING

**Ryan Capp '12** placed 8th at the State Diving Meet, wrapping up a memorable senior campaign. Capp broke both school diving records throughout the course of the year, and also set the NCL Diving record while placing first at that meet.

**Dan Gober '12** placed 2nd at the North Coast League Meet in the 100 butterfly, while also qualifying for the District Meet. Other District Qualifiers included **Brian Frac '12**, **Andriy Sachovskyy '14**, **Nicholai Moysaenko '15**, and **Kaileen Shevchuk '14**.

### BASEBALL

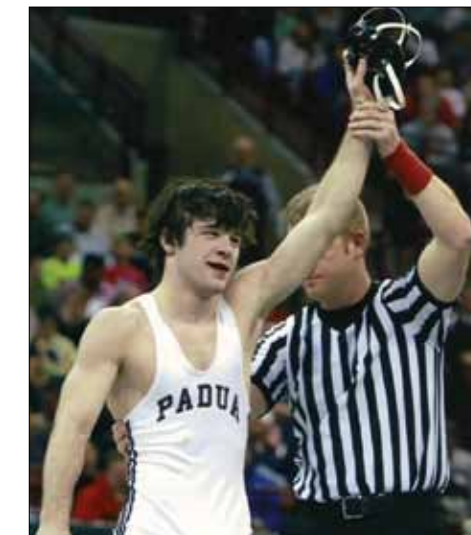
New baseball coach Tom Jurcak's first win came in a very unique way: behind a no-hitter hurled by **Kyle Ward '12** in a 17-0 win over Valley Forge on March 31. Ward struck out 13 of the 15 batters he faced to earn the victory and the coveted achievement.

### WRESTLING

*Fickel wins State Championship, Mason places 2nd*

**Brent Fickel '12** and **Bobby Mason '12** each had senior seasons that will be forever remembered in Padua Wrestling History.

Fickel won an elusive state championship match in the 132 lb. weight class, following three years of falling just



**Fickel raises his hand in victory after pinning his opponent in the State Championship.**

short in the State Semifinals, while Mason garnered a State Runner-Up finish in the 126 lb. weight class.

This concluded a record-breaking year for Fickel, who set the school records for career wins and pins. Fickel was also a champion at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament in December, while Mason won a title at the Catholic Invitational Tournament in January. Both wrestlers also became just the 7th and 8th individuals to be four-time North Coast League Champions, as they each took titles at that meet.

**Paul Petras '15**, **Jake Hartman '14**, and **Ryan McCullough '15** also took 1st Place in their respective weight classes at the NCL Meet. As a team, the Bruins were North Coast League champions and also won the Crestview Cougar Classic Duals. They placed 2nd at Sectionals, 7th at Districts, and 10th at States.





## Padua Football 16th Annual Helmet Club Golf Outing

### PADUA FOOTBALL 16TH ANNUAL HELMET CLUB GOLF OUTING

**Friday, July 27**

This annual outing at Ridgewood Golf Course is a 4-person scramble beginning at 9:00 am.

\$100 per person

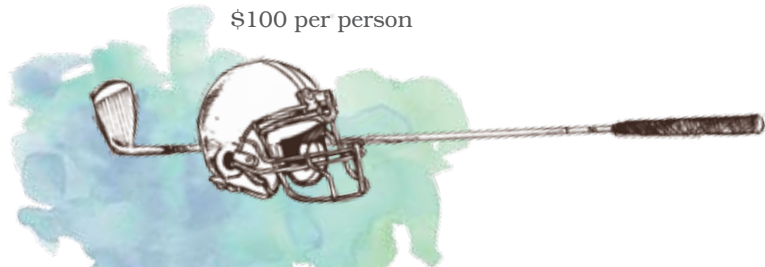
### PADUA FOOTBALL 6TH ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

**Saturday, August 11**

Join us in the newly air-conditioned Padua Franciscan High School Cafeteria for our annual reverse raffle to benefit the football program. There's a \$1,000 Main-Board Grand Prize up for grabs. Ticket prices are:

1 - Main Board Ticket + 1 Dinner: \$60.00  
1 - Main Board Ticket + 2 Dinners: \$100.00  
2 - Main Board Tickets + 2 Dinners: \$120.00  
Dinner Only Ticket: \$40.00

Contact Head Football Coach Tony Shuman at [tshuman@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:tshuman@PaduaFranciscan.com)



## The U.S. Navy invites...



RSVP: [DRZavagno@cs.com](mailto:DRZavagno@cs.com)

## the **Class of '72** for an On-Board Reunion/Reception

Family Reception & On-board Tour  
Location: Cleveland Port North of Cleveland Browns Stadium

**Sept 1, 2012 ~ 9am-Noon**

**Class Reception 7pm**  
at Tradesman Tavern, 5746 State Rd.

## IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Armanini, father of **Lee '83**

Therese Biley, mother of **Susan '77, Jeff '78, and Mark '81**

Bernard Boyert, father of **Michael '79**

Robert Brandt IV, son of **Robert '84**, nephew of **Shannon '89**

Rocco Capone, brother of **Matthew '97, Nina '05, Roman '09 and Salvatore '12**

Karen Cardinal, mother of **Jack '94**

Bernard Ciulli, father of **Dino '87 and Nick '88**; father-in-law of **Andrea Grilli '89**

Augustine Contrera, father of **Ken '75 and Joseph '79**, uncle of **Greg '79**

Dorothy Crea, mother of **Tony '67**

Geraldine Dlugoss, mother of **Mark '69 and Gary '71**, grandmother of **Karrie '98**

Thomas Ference, father of **Tim '10**

Elizabeth Gibbons, mother of **Terrence '82**, mother-in-law of **Richard Czyzynski '80**

Joseph Graskemper, father of **Joe '69**

**Paul Gurgol '74**, March 28, 2012

Mary Haytas, mother of **Joseph '73**

Francis Jannazo, father of **Jerry '65 and Francis '74** and, grandfather of **Jeffery '94 and Michael '97**

**Eric Jay '80**, December 8, 2011; father of **Sarah '09, Becky '11, and Marissa '13**, brother of **Brian '88 and Emily '89**

Anne Jeric, mother of **Marty '65**, grandmother of **Sean '89 and Allison '99**

John Kolasinski, father of **Ralph '75**, grandfather of **Nate '07 and Jason '11**

Marjorie Kluter, mother of **Jim '67**

Christine Komora, mother of **Tricia '99**

Francine Konecny, mother of **Joseph '89, Robert '90, Michelle '92, David '97, Sarah '00, Michael '02, and Amanda '04**

Ryne Mendat, brother of **Randy '66**

**Michael Miker '76**, March 5, 2012; brother of **John '66**

Dorothy Miranda, mother of **Tim '74 and Tom '77**, grandmother of **Steve '04, Anthony '06, Natalie '08, and Angela '11**

Earl Molenda, father of **Michael '85**

Anthony Papesh, father of **Tony '85**

Demetrio Peralta, father of **Lenny '88**

Raymond Rolinc, father of **Christine '87 and Daniel '02**, grandfather of **Anna Horne '16**

Ronald Sekerak, father of **David '92 (RIP)**

James Shokles, father of **Jeffrey '83**

Rosie So-Bunag, mother of **Robert '88 and Richard So '89**, stepmother of **Kim '95 and Kathryn Bunag '96**

Robert Stephen, father of **Thomas '91 and Gary '93**

Anton Strazar, father of **Jim '71 and Tony '77**

Mary Storey, wife of **Richard '66**

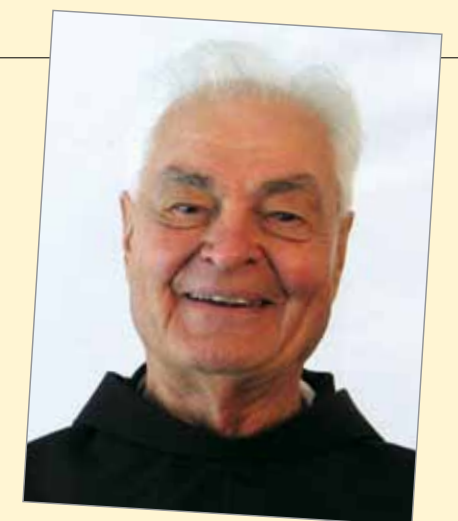
**Walter Sus '71**, October 8, 2011

Frank Turk, father of **Matt '84**, grandfather of **Bryan '10**

Thomas Wojciak, father of **James '90**

### *Fr. Cal Giesen, O.F.M*

A member of the original faculty of Padua Franciscan (1961-62), Fr. Cal (Callistus) Giesen was the first chairman of the music department, teacher of Latin, and first guardian of Padua's Friar community. He was responsible for recruiting Wayne Miller to the faculty, thus allowing Cal to return to pastoral ministry, his true passion. Fr. Cal died April 30 in Springfield, Illinois.







## 1969

Last year, **Joseph Graskemper**, DDS JD, became a diplomat of the American College of Medical Malpractice. A requirement of becoming a diplomat is having a dual degree in medicine/dentistry and law.

## 1970

In the March Democratic primaries, **Bill McGinty** was narrowly defeated in his bid for election as Juvenile Court judge in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Bill received 40.38 percent of the vote.

## 1981

After working in manufacturing and engineering roles for the past 25 years, **Rob Jablonski** recently published his book, *The Lean Hangover*, on struggling lean manufacturing and Toyota Production System implementations. The book can be found online at Internet book retailers.

## 1989

**Steven Scanlon** is now a paramedic at Southwest General Health Center as well as a lab instructor for Tri-C's paramedic program.

**Chris Calogeras** was recently appointed to vice president of The Carmon Group, an executive search firm based in Westlake, Ohio, specializing in senior leadership roles in operations, engineering, business development, and finance across a variety of industries.



## 1991

Wherever Bruins are gathered, it's a party! The Aromas family deck party last summer included Padua alums from three decades (and a few former teachers for good measure). Pictured: **Gil Aromas '94, Bryan Klimak '94, Liza Aromas-Janosik '01, Jackie Zassick '01, Kathy Petras '96, Melissa Gali Bird, Justin Aromas-Janosik '01, Michael Mendoza '92, Joshua Janosik '04, Cherrymae Aromas, Julianne Zannoni Stidham**, Mrs. Gerrie Bauman, Mrs. Judy Buhovecky, **Nathan Howell '09, and Sophia Viglione '10**. Not pictured: **Bethany Ross Reed '90, Kelly Fox Mendoza '93, and Kevin Howell '12** (*above*).

## 1993

**Jennifer Lantis** and **Michael McNeely** were married on May 28 last year.

Sergeant **David Drum**, whose "Walk for the Fallen" was featured in the Fall 2011 *Paduan*, completed his 390-mile journey over 11 grueling days this spring. He exceeded his fundraising and awareness goals, raising more than \$45,000 for the Concerns of Police Officers (*right*).

## 1994

Last October, **Cameron Rubino** was awarded the Crain's Cleveland 2011 CFO of the Year award in the medium private company category at the annual awards reception.

## 1997

**BIRTHS:** Natalie Rose was born to **Jennifer McGregor Haag** and her husband Chris on October 21, 2011.

**Sarah Stolkowski** and **Chris Uhrin** were married last October and are now residing in Strongsville (*right*).

## 1999

**BIRTHS:** Makenzie Katherine born to **Kim Gennaro Ware** and her husband Tyson on July 11, 2011. Kim is a 2nd grade teacher at John Glenn elementary school in Seven Hills.

**John Chmura** is a partner with Chmura Economics and Analytics, where he is the director of IT. He and his wife Tera have two children, Harrison and Reagan.

**Jill Matusek** graduated from Miami University in August 2011 with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and is employed at the Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders.



## 2000

With over 70 percent of the vote, **Paul Marnecheck** was re-elected to a second term on the North Royalton City Council Ward 4.

**Erin Zemanek** and **Andrew Brasse** were married last July. Members of the wedding party included **Steve Flachbart, Mark Rossi, Sharon Timure, Peter Brasse '01, Lauren Brasse '02, and Leah Brasse '04**.

In October, **Daniel Matlock** married Stephanie Hobe.

## 2001

**BIRTHS:** Summer born to **Courtney Hunek Heidelhoff** and her husband **Eric** in January.

**Andy Goebel** recently married Dr. Teresa Gula. He and his father, **Rich '71**, took ownership of Final Score Sporting Goods in Parma, a custom apparel and team uniform shop. His brother **Tom '09** also works there.

## 2002

**Vanessa Tripodi** married Matthew Caslow in September 2011.

**Matthew Gubanich** is now an RN on life flights and even travels the world as an RN on jets.

## 2003

**BIRTHS:** Annabella Margaret was born to Chrissy and **Don Keller** on January 26.

**Ulyana Horodyskyj** is currently at the University of Colorado in the second year of a Ph.D. program. Her research this year included preparing for a field season in the Himalyas.

**Anna Woods** graduated from Cleveland Marshall last May and passed the Ohio bar exam on her first try. She has accepted a job with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the child support enforcement unit.

## 2004

**Dana Banyasz** married Kara Lanzer last October (*below*).



**Andrew Summerson** will be ordained to the office of Subdeacon in the Byzantine Rite by His Grace John Kudrick, Eparch of Parma, in Rome at the conclusion of his Ad Limina Visit. Church of Sant' Antonio Albate all'Esquillino.

## 2005

On April 16, 2011, **Danielle Keller** married Mark Zehner.

## 2006

**Kristin Bohaty** graduated magna cum laude from Cleveland State University last December with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. She spent last summer studying at KCP Interna-



tional Japanese Language School in Tokyo and continues to work toward attaining a translator certification in the Japanese language.

**Theresa Bonvissuto** is a member of Ohio Dance Theatre, a professional ballet company located in Oberlin, Ohio. She teaches ballet, tap, and jazz to students at several dance studios in Northeast Ohio and also has a home-based pastry business called "Just One Bite." She graduated from Mercyhurst College in 2012 (*above*).

## 2009

Three former Bruin football players were honored as "Academic All OAC Winners for 2011" – **Tom Goebel, Nick Milano, and Clay Wolf**. They are currently juniors playing for the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets. The team finished second in the OAC and was ranked nationally for the 2011 season.

An early childhood education/intervention specialist major at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, **Allison Bonvissuto** was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society where membership is only awarded to the top 10 percent of students in the field of education.



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## PADUA ATHLETES *Sign Letters of Intent*

Congratulations to the following seniors who will be continuing their athletic careers in college:

<b>Rob Wallace</b>	Football	Gannon University
<b>Zak Baumer</b>	Football	Ohio Dominican University
<b>Joe Marco</b>	Football	Gannon University
<b>Steve Wozniak</b>	Football	Baldwin Wallace College
<b>Tamira Ford</b>	Basketball	Miami University of Ohio
<b>Jenna Ripepi</b>	Basketball	Otterbein University
<b>Brent Fickel</b>	Wrestling	Ashland University
<b>Bobby Mason</b>	Wrestling	Ashland University
<b>Ryan Capp</b>	Diving	Cleveland State University
<b>Joe Nichols</b>	Lacrosse	Baldwin Wallace College
<b>Ryan Nenadal</b>	Lacrosse	Mercyhurst-Northeast University
<b>Jake Opincar</b>	Lacrosse & Football	Baldwin Wallace College
<b>Steve Kilijanczyk</b>	Lacrosse	Baldwin Wallace College
<b>Bryan Mitchell</b>	Baseball	Thiel College
<b>Jim Solano</b>	Baseball	Mercyhurst University
<b>Kyle Ward</b>	Baseball	Walsh University
<b>Kaitlin Krauth</b>	Swimming	John Carroll University
<b>Dan Gober</b>	Swimming	John Carroll University

