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FROM WHERE I SIT...



Praise Jesus...the winter has disappeared and summer is creeping into Parma! Cook-outs, golf, baseball, outings are just a few of the summer events that demonstrate the support of friends and family in today's world. We need one another and depend on one another for all sorts of reasons, not the least of which is to feel loved and part of something larger than ourselves

Why do parents sacrifice to send their children to Padua? Why do our teachers and administrators give so much of themselves to the education of our youth? I'd like to believe we live the Franciscan and Christian values that will guide our students for the rest of their lives. Some recent happenings give credence to who we are and what we do!

Two of our students were driving and noticed a woman on the side of the road who was having car troubles. The cold and snow surrounded her vehicle and so our students stopped to help. They didn't have to, but they chose to reach out to another in need. She eventually dropped a note to our principal thankful for the boys' help and the values that Padua lives.

We also heard from an elderly lady having dinner one evening at a local Denny's. Startled and con-

cerned when about 10 of our guys suddenly appeared at the eatery, she wondered what they were up to. She was more than relieved at overhearing their enlivened conversation, surprised that it was both respectful and appropriate. Without fear, she asked the group what school they attended and heard clearly "Padua"...and "it's a Franciscan school"!

Well over a year ago and before I became President, one of our alums, J.J. Marino, was involved in a car accident and died. When word circulated about his passing, even though it was a Sunday night, close to 100 friends and classmates gathered for prayer in our chapel. Unplanned and spontaneous, we came together in crisis for support and community.

I am forever grateful to the participants of this year's Bruin Benefit. Over 280 "Paduans" came together to enjoy a great meal, libations and a community spirit that grew as the evening progressed. Our auction and donations added over \$170,000 to our Scholarship Fund that allows us to offer students tuition assistance. Thank you all for your generosity!!

The Christophers used the image of one lit candle being passed on to another, and those two passed on to four others, incrementally

growing to a point of seeing thousands of lit candles lighting up a space. The students you help attain an education will light up our world much like those individual candles did, as they live and carry the Franciscan values they internalize here wherever they will go in the future. Live life to the fullest and never be afraid to serve those who are in need...it's not just a one time event, it's a way of life!

Peace and all that is good!
Have a wonderful summer!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Fr. Allan DaCorte.

Fr. Allan DaCorte, OFM
President

COVER STORY UPDATE:

DR. TONY JOSEPH, MD



The cover story of our Fall 2006 issue entitled *Dr. Tony Joseph—Stalking the Heart of A Killer*, chronicled the career of **Tony Joseph '68**, from emergency room doc to healthcare entrepreneur. At that time, he was dedicated to improving the processes leading to the early diagnosis and treatment of heart attack. Within two years of that story he founded The Healthcare Colloquium, a collaborative member organization that enables hospitals to improve patient outcomes by focusing on the needs of the person rather than the issues of regulation and reimbursement. Yet, it is this year's accomplishment that may well transform American healthcare.

If you ever speak with Tony about the state of today's healthcare, the cost of compliance, or the Affordable Care Act, the one thing that strikes you is that he avoids using the word "patient." To him, it has become a label of what is wrong with American healthcare. "Our real focus needs to be the suffering person, or 'patients' in Latin," says Tony. "We were taught that in Latin class. The healthcare industry

and big government have distorted the image of the human person into a stereotype labeled 'patient' on the chart of accounts, an impersonal transaction measured by the bottom line. 'Transactional healthcare' is something even Hippocrates could not have imagined."

Tony is motivated by equal part professional oath and Catholic faith. He felt he was called to do something to bring healthcare back in line with its purpose. "The smallest unit of healthcare is the human dyad: the person who is suffering and the person caring for them. We need to restore this fundamental unit as the essential core of healthcare—and build from there," he says.

This "call to do good" led him to found The Healthcare Colloquium in 2008, dedicated to improving the healthcare delivery system through the systematic study and review of procedures in the treatment of heart failure (the initial focus of the Colloquium). Although the concept of process improvement is not new, its application to healthcare was



COLLOQUIUM MODEL FOR HEALTHCARE THE FOUR DOMAINS



somewhat unique. He showed that mapping out the steps and outcomes used during the entire healthcare process led to discoveries of inefficiencies, waste, and even unnecessary suffering and death. Combining process improvement with evidence-based medicine was the key. Within its first five years, 75 hospitals had joined the Colloquium and a couple dozen more were considering membership.

The centerpiece of the Colloquium is its focus on the four domains of healthcare: Community, Hospital, Clinician, and Science. Clearly, he is thinking outside of the traditional hospital box. "With each domain working together, we inject an understanding of the disease process. It is a continuum of care. The one giving the care may in fact be an entire multidisciplinary team—but they are acting as one."

The Colloquium model for healthcare deserves thoughtful consideration as a potential replacement for the current mess. W.C. Benton, Ph.D. of the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University agrees. He notes that for too long hospitals have been looking to become efficient from the outside, utilizing business consultants and academicians, without proper understanding of the context of healthcare. "We have the best care in the world, but the delivery of it is the problem," he said. Given that the healthcare environment is changing he said that Tony and the Colloquium proved to be an innovative idea; providing a way to provide the best care per dollar with the patient in the center, not the middle.

Just as hospitals were taking notice, so were others with vested interest in healthcare. One of those was key player Battelle Memorial Institute, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Battelle is the world's largest independent research and development organization, founded in 1929 through

the legacy of Gordon Battelle, who believed, as does Tony Joseph, that business and scientific interests can go hand in hand as forces for positive change. This similarity was not lost on Battelle which officially acquired The Healthcare Colloquium on January 2 of this year. "As an organization founded to improve the human condition, Battelle seeks to improve healthcare, but we weren't sure of the best way to do that until we met the Colloquium and its members," says Dr. Bob Wilkins, MD who has become the Colloquium's president and CEO. Dr. Tony Joseph continues to serve the organization as chief strategic officer.

The linkage with Battelle was the game changer that may well lead to the Colloquium's influence throughout healthcare. While Battelle's work in health and life science has led to major advances in medicine, it particularly brings significant analytic resources to the Colloquium. Analytics are an important tool in the improvement process because it allows the study of huge amounts of patient information, leading to more efficient, effective, and predictive methods of relieving human suffering.

"In my role at the Colloquium, I engage a wide range of hospital administrators, physicians, nurses, and the industries providing devices and services. Most agree that we are in a crisis. Some say the meltdown has begun. We do not need healthcare reform. We need restoration. We need to bring healthcare back to the human dyad."



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MINISTER GENERAL DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TO 50TH GRADUATION CLASS



May 30 marked the graduation of the Class of 2014, and the 50th commencement celebrated by Padua Franciscan. It was therefore appropriate that the graduation speaker be Fr. Michael Perry, ofm, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor.

During his remarks, Fr. Mike urged the seniors to listen to their inner voice, God speaking in their hearts and souls. "This is the difference between vocation and occupation, the living

out of your dreams, of the inner voice and the intuitions that flow from an awareness that your life is a sacred calling and journey, one you do not make alone but always together with God and others, moving forward together in trust, hope, and joy!"

As the 120th successor of St. Francis, Father Mike is the leader of the tens of thousands of Franciscan friars worldwide. Although he now resides at the Curia Generale dei Frati Minori in Rome, Italy, he is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Ordained to the Priesthood in 1984, his academic curriculum includes a Ph.D. in Religious Anthropology from the University of Birmingham (England), M.A. in Theology, M.Div from Catholic Theological Union (Chicago), and a B.A. in History and Philosophy from Quincy University.

Fr. Mike served in the Franciscan missions in the southern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) where he was superior of a large mission, director of Franciscan formation, teacher, prison chaplain, research director and also a farmer for 8 years. He also conducted research in the region of the Lower Congo for 2 years on the role of religion and spirituality in the daily lives of people.

In 2004, Fr. Perry was one of the co-founders of Save Darfur Coalition, a major social movement of more than 180 religious and humanitarian organizations calling for international intervention and support for the victims of ethnic cleansing in the western region of Sudan, Darfur.

Fr. Perry has worked as foreign policy adviser on issues related to peace, social reconciliation, security, poverty, HIV/AIDS, and trade at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Franciscans International and Catholic Relief Services.

He was elected provincial of Sacred Heart Province in 2008 and then, 11 months later, Vicar General of the entire Order of Friars Minor. In May 2013, Fr. Mike was elected Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor to complete a vacant term of his predecessor who was chosen by Pope Francis to become Archbishop and Secretary of the Congregation for Religion in the Vatican. He will complete his term in June 2015.

"...your life is a sacred calling and journey, one you do not make alone but always together with God and others, moving forward together in trust, hope, and joy!"



Fr. Perry arrived at Padua following a week in Palestine and Israel with Pope Francis. When the Pope learned of his forthcoming visit to Padua, he gave Fr. Perry a message of greetings and peace which he related during his commencement address.



Fr. Mike Perry, ofm speaks to Joe and Pam Shuman during a reception held at the school prior to commencement ceremonies.

PADUA WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES



The Board of Padua Franciscan High School, Inc. recently welcomed three new Trustees to its ranks. Lay individuals are nominated by the entire Board of Trustees and approved and appointed by the Members of the corporation (leadership of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart). Friar representatives are nominated by the Provincial Minister and approved by the Trustees. Trustees serve three-year terms.



William D. Mason is a law partner with Public Finance group of Bricker & Eckler. He is best known as the former Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney (1999–2012). Prior to taking that office, he was the chief prosecutor and law director for the City of Parma and before that, an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

While at Cuyahoga County, Bill created the Community Based Prosecution (CBP) Unit, which is a partnership between the prosecutor's office and local residents.

He also created and serves as chairman of the statewide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Bill created a mortgage fraud unit and helped establish the Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud Task Force in response to the foreclosure crisis. He also worked with leaders to reform Cuyahoga County's criminal justice system, created the Cuyahoga County Forensic Crime Lab, and was a main proponent in getting the new charter on the ballot that led to the restructuring of Cuyahoga County's government.



Br. Thom Smith, ofm, has had many different ministries throughout the midwest after completing his fifteen year tenure (1980–1995) at Padua. He was Pastoral Minister and shrine director at The National Shrine of Cross in The Woods in Indian River, Michigan; campus minister at Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois; and pastoral minister at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Louis, Missouri.

In August 2013 he was asked to be part of a new team to work in the Franciscan Vocation

Office located in Joliet, Illinois. Even though he has been gone from Padua for almost twenty years, Br. Thom still keeps in touch with many alums, parents of alums, and former and present faculty.



Paul F. Marnecheck II '00 is manager of Small Business Solutions for the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) where he works with new and current members as well as volunteers. Previously he was the statewide outreach administrator with the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a division of the county prosecutor's office. Prior to that assignment he worked with their tax foreclosure department. Paul holds an M.A. in public policy. He was elected to city council for North Royalton, Ohio in 2009, 2011, and 2013.

A complete list of Trustees can be found at PaduaFranciscan.com.

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

PADUA STAFFER INTERESTS ARE VARIED, UNUSUAL

Ever wonder what Padua employees do when not working with high school students? We did, so we asked. Here are a few examples of the varied interests of Padua's staff:



Dean of Students **Gary Jennrich** was an official frog caller with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 12 years (you just can't make this stuff up). Although he did not literally make frog noises, he did record and list the number of type of calls at 10 sites. Unfortunately, ODNR has decided not to fund the research this year.



During the day, **Richard Tramont** is director of information technology for Padua. At night, he feeds his collection of carnivorous plants (still not making this stuff up.)



Speaking of plants, **Mary Jane Reffert** holds a number of degrees in addition to a professional florist certificate. She has also collected unusual rocks from around the globe.



On a more academic note, English teacher **Eric Larson** teaches part time at Kent State University.



Lora Winger (theology & social studies) teaches a course in Western Civilization at Notre Dame College.



Gina Smith (auxiliary services) volunteers at Seeds of Literacy, an adult education program, where she also serves on their board.



Physics instructor **John Shipitalo** is a former homebuilder and developer who now spends his summers doing smaller projects. His hobby is wild food gathering.



Not all teaching is academic. German teacher **Brenda Kuvn** is a water safety instructor in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and is often asked to play her cello in pit orchestras around town. (Because there's always room for a cello.)



Finally, we hear that veteran Latin teacher **Benjamin Lupica** has been alumni relations advisor to the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at John Carroll University since 2007.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE STORY ABOUT A CURRENT OR FORMER BELOVED PADUA TEACHER?

We'd love to hear about it and maybe share it with the Paduan world. Send your tales to GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com.

Senior Awards Assembly

The Padua Franciscan community celebrated our outstanding students during the Senior Awards Assembly on Friday, May 23, 2014. The Class of 2014 earned nearly \$13 million in merit-based college scholarships. Ninety-eight percent of our graduates will be attending college this fall.

The Class of 2014's valedictorian is **Anna Bialosky** (4.82 GPA). The salutatorian is **Matthew Howenstine** (4.77 GPA).

In keeping with Padua tradition, each year the Padua faculty has the honor of selecting one senior young man and woman who best represent the ideals of Padua Franciscan High School. The awards of Mr. and Miss Paduan are given to the seniors who exemplify the finest characteristics of the ideal Padua man and woman. All facets of personality are considered in the selection for this honor including: Christian values, Franciscan compassion, academic dedication, strong character, superior leadership qualities, and concerned citizenship. Both are alumni of St. Columbkille School in Parma.

The following students were nominated for Mr. Paduan: **Nathaniel Hanna, Jake Hartman, Nathan LaGuardia, Jeremy Litwinowicz, Andrew Walsh,** and **Austin Wells**. The Mr. Paduan 2014 award went to **Nathan LaGuardia**.

The following students were nominated for Miss Paduan: **Lauren Gurich, Alexis Nieszczur, Natalie Piepsny, Emily Rowan, Alyssa Wallace,** and **Alexis Willoughby**. The Miss Paduan 2014 award went to **Alexis Willoughby**.

Unique to Padua's athletic department is the coveted Mr. and Miss Bruin awards. The athletic department and coaches select the seniors who most deserve the honor of the best athlete at Padua. The qualities on which the athletes are evaluated are their athletic skills, athletic achievements in high school athletics, participation, coachability, sportsmanship, leadership, academics, and school involvement.

The following students were nominated for Mr. Bruin: **Matthew Goebel, Jake Hartman, Ryan Kazimour, Greg Kacsmarik, Samuel Platt, Nicholas Schley, Michael Stryffeler,** and **CJ Yonek**. The Mr. Bruin 2014 award went to **Jake Hartman**.

The following students were nominated for Miss Bruin: **Anna Bialosky, Gina Kilner, Emily Marcinowski, Leah Mehwald, Julia Milano, Sarah Peterson, Jenna Veres,** and **Olivia Wasco**. The Miss Bruin 2014 award went to **Emily Marcinowski**.

***Congratulations to all our seniors
on their many accomplishments.
Go make a difference in the world!***



VALEDICTORIAN: Anna Bialosky
SALUTATORIAN: Matthew Howenstine



MR. PADUAN: Nathan LaGuardia
MISS PADUAN: Alexis Willoughby



MR. BRUIN: Jake Hartman
MISS BRUIN: Emily Marcinowski

Chromebooks Coming for 2014-2015

Next fall every student will be equipped with a Chromebook as part of Padua's 1-to-1 technology initiative. "This is a dynamic and bold commitment to our students and our future. The integration of 1-to-1 technology will immediately impact our learning and help students meet their academic potential. This next step in engaged learning allows us to utilize the highest level of technology and provide a premier education for our students," said principal, **David Stec '86**.



PADUA GUIDANCE SERVICES

A STEP BEYOND COLLEGE PREP



For many of us, our experience with our high school guidance counselor involved one meeting (or maybe none at all) prior to graduation, usually involving a short conversation about “what you want to do when you grow up.” Maybe the student excelled in math—in which case a major in accounting may have been suggested. Perhaps science was their strong suit. Pre-med may be the answer.

Today’s school counselors have come a long way and Padua’s Guidance Department is committed to so much more than vocational guidance. While the goal of the Guidance Department is still to help each student realize their full potential in high school and beyond, Padua offers a comprehensive program addressing academic, career, social, and personal needs. While the counselors of the past were often concerned mostly with directing students to careers after high school, Padua’s counselors also focus on helping students succeed while in high school. While academic success is at the forefront of Padua’s mission, success can mean different things to different students. Success in not just about achieving good grades. While Padua is a college-prep school and college is often our primary focus, our counselors exist to help students make the transition into high school, to cope with challenges they may face in and out of school, as well as plan for their future.

Many students find the transition to high school to be a challenging one. Because of this, one Padua counselor focuses solely on freshmen. Students meet with her several times a year; she provides useful information on study skills, academic resources like tutoring, and extracurriculars. Campus Ministry trains upperclassmen to serve as peer ministers, and these students meet with the freshmen several times a year to touch base and provide a mentoring

relationship. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors then work with the same counselor for their remaining three years at Padua.

This provides a unique opportunity for the counselor to get to know each of their students on a much deeper level. At the typical high school across the U.S., counselors serve a caseload of 400–500 students. Padua counselors each have a caseload of approximately 150 students. This truly allows the counselors to spend more time getting to know their students and families, and ultimately, being able to help them with their specific goals and needs.

High school can be a stressful time for many students, and often look to their counselors for support. The Guidance Department meets regularly with Campus Ministry, administrators, and the nurses to collaborate and share

information on students that may need additional assistance. Last year, the counselors began offering a grief group for those students who have lost a loved one. The group is a safe place for students who share a common experience to gather and support each other. Many teenagers today experience feelings of depression or anxiety, and most of us can remember how stressful high school can sometimes be. Padua’s counselors are often the first line of defense, and can help families find professional help by providing referrals for resources in the community. The counselors, along with Campus Ministry, are available for students who may need help with personal or emotional issues. The goal of the counselor is to empower students to solve their own problems, by helping them explore their gifts and talents, and building on their strengths.

Padua promises “We’ll Get You There”, and clearly one of the main goals of the guidance counselors is to help students plan for their post-secondary future. The college planning process no longer starts in the senior year; counselors provide college planning information starting in the freshman





year, bringing in local college admissions officers and hosting Parent Information Nights. In the junior year, students, along with their parents, have the opportunity to sit down for an individualized college planning

meeting with their counselor, to begin mapping out their plans after high school.

Padua has also made a commitment to utilizing technology and the Guidance Department is at the forefront of this technology. Last year, the counselors introduced the Naviance/Family Connection platform to students and parents. Naviance is a career and college planning program that allows students to begin planning for careers and colleges starting in the freshman year. Counselors can communicate with students and parents easily, and students can begin formulating their plans for careers and college in their freshman year. Students can take personality assessments to help them explore majors and careers that are a good match, and they can research colleges and scholarships starting in the freshman year.



While much of the counselor's time is focused on preparing students for their future, their role has become much wider in scope—to facilitate academic success while fostering the personal and spiritual growth of every student. The counselors each bring a unique perspective to their work—the current Guidance Department includes a former theology teacher and retired Army major, two physical education teachers, two mental health counselors, and one former college admissions officer.

Through collaborative partnering with parents and guardians, school staff, and other educational professionals, Padua Franciscan's professional school counselors facilitate academic success while fostering the personal and spiritual growth of every student. Just another example how a Padua Franciscan education is truly a step beyond college prep™.

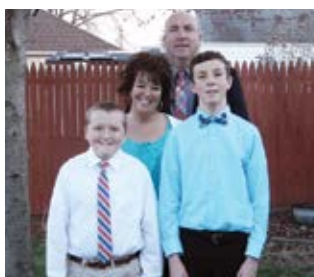
DID YOU KNOW?

Being a Bruin is increasingly becoming a family tradition. Roughly 20 percent of our incoming freshman class of 2018 have parents who are Padua alumni. For some, both their mother and father attended Padua.



Timothy Gus '89
Kathleen (Fitz) Gus '87
Taylor Gus '18

We are so proud our daughter Taylor has chosen to attend the high school her parents attended. To us, it is important that she receive the same quality education we did, and to be part of the Padua family, because it's an experience she will carry for the rest of her life. We are Padua proud!



Rich Bruening '87
Erin (Pearl) Bruening '87
Max Bruening '18

The well-rounded experience we received prepared us for the future. We want Max to be as prepared as we were. Padua offers stability, friendship, and the tools needed for success. We are very excited he can be part of the family too!



Jeff Yurik '88
Jennifer (Collura) Yurik '88
Julianne Yurik '18

When Julie shadowed at Padua, she felt Padua was a perfect fit for her. We are excited that she'll have the opportunity to receive "The Padua Edge." We want her to have an enjoyable high school experience that will mold her into a responsible, caring young adult. We feel that Padua will provide her with the college prep courses and atmosphere that will teach her the values and morals that will guide her down a successful path.

2013 CFO Fundraising Totals



December is the most wonderful time of the year at Padua Franciscan High School. All month long our students, faculty, staff, and alumni participate in our Christmas For Others campaign. CFO is a program designed to make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate.

This year, Padua set a school record collecting over \$30,600 in cash and donations for families in need. The money and goods were distributed during our CFO Liturgy on Friday, December 20, from 9:30am–10:30am.

Our students raised funds in a number of ways. The most exciting was our Coin Wars competition. Our freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and faculty/staff competed against each other to raise the most money. This year, in 18 minutes, we collected more than \$10,400 cash for local charities and families in need. Our main lobby was full of large, red bins to collect the following: toys, books, coats, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, blankets and food. Students went door to door in our neighborhood to collect canned goods for local food pantries. Our Italian Club hosted a spaghetti dinner and the French Club hosted a French toast breakfast, which raised several thousand dollars. We also had a senior vs. faculty volleyball game, a blood drive and multiple other events.

Here are several of the local charities who received donations of \$500–\$1,000, in addition to toys, clothing, food, etc.: Bishop Cosgrove Center, St. Francis School (our sister school in Cleveland), Habitat for Humanity, Parma Hunger Center, Parma Heights Food Pantry, Little Sisters of the Poor, Matt Talbot Inn, West Side Ecumenical



Ministry Food Center, KICK-IT: Facing Cancer, Finding Cures, The West Side Catholic Center, Maggie's Place, Church Street Ministries, Project Cheer, Salvation Army, Seeds of Literacy, Coar Peace Mission, Metanoia, Cleveland Pregnancy Center, Birthcare of Medina County & Labre.

Student/Faculty News

Joseph Westover '16 took first place in the Parma Rotary Club's 4-Way Speech Contest. He defeated senior representatives from all five Parma high schools. He will move on to the District competition. This is the 6th year in a row that Padua has claimed first place in this annual speech contest.

Lauren Stepanski '16 and **Joe Logan '15** earned silver medals at the Cleveland Theatre Conference.

Nicholas Schley '14 was named an Academic All Star from Ohio Lottery. The Partners in Education Academic All Star Award recognizes K-12 students who have exhibited academic achievement, community involvement, citizenship and leadership in and out of the classroom.

Alexis Nieszczur '14 earned second place in this year's LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Art & Essay Contest in the composition art category and third place in the art, essay, and poetry categories. They had over 2,500 entries. She also was awarded the red ribbon prize for her poetry submitted to the Cleveland Clinic Expressions program. She was chosen out of 1,200 submissions.

Mock Trial members **Koraima Denerville '14**, **Tyler Szuch '14**, **Alex Shackleton '15**, and **Olivia Shackleton '16** were all awarded Outstanding Attorney; **Lauren**

Stepanski '16 and **Matthew Howenstine '14** were awarded Outstanding Witness during districts.

Tyler Szuch and **James Meade '15** were awarded Outstanding Attorney and **Annmarie Rosa '15** was awarded Outstanding Witness at regionals.

Matthew Howenstine '14 and **Emily Rowan '14** each received a scholarship and iPad through the Cavaliers/First-Merit Bank Scholarship Program. Only 10 seniors were selected from 600 applicants.

Matthew Howenstine '14 also received a \$1,000 scholarship at the Cuyahoga County Valley Chamber's Annual State of the Schools Luncheon today. He will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall. In addition, he also received a proclamation from Independence Mayor **Gregory Kurtz '71**.

Br. Tom Carroll traveled to Spain with six Padua students to Madrid, Toledo, Sevilla and Cordoba, Granada, and to the Costa del Sol (Mediterranean). They visited a number of historical sites in the various areas and learned how the Spaniards, Jews, and Moors (from northern Africa) lived together for years in an ethnically diverse southern Spain.

Congratulations to Padua's winning team this past March on News Channel 5 Academic Challenge. The team, consisting of **Thomas Kan '15**, **Andrew Sasala '14**, and **Jon Konopka '15**,



finished with an overwhelming first place finish with a total score of 520 over competing schools, Orange (380) and Sandusky (310).

We continue to pride ourselves in academic accomplishments!

Congrats to our students in Italian IV who competed in two language contests sponsored by Il Cenacolo Italiano di Cleveland and The Italian American Cultural Foundation. To encourage students in their studies of the Italian language and culture, they wrote essays and were interviewed in Italian. I'm pleased to report that **Andrew Sasala** and **Gianfranco Rolando** won 1st and 2nd place respectfully! Essay winners were **Lia Jerse**, **Anna Bialosky**, **Gianfranco Rolando**, **Natalie Piepsny**, **Melissa Najpayer** and **Lou Marich**.

Regarding the recent musical performance, Mr. Stec received this comment from the principal of one of our major feeder schools:

"By the way, the Padua performance of *Singin' in the Rain* was absolutely fabulous. I hear that all your performances are "that good" and I plan to attend them each year from now on. As I sat in the audience, I kept thinking that your students could be performing in one of the theaters at Playhouse Square. Thanks for an awesome experience."

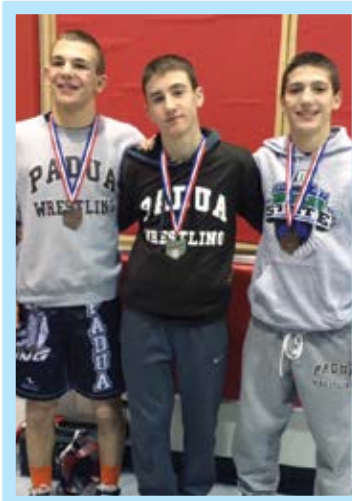


The first weekend in May, Padua performing arts welcomed more than 3,000 guests into the gymnasium for our 26th Spring Musical, Singin' in the Rain. A cast and crew of more than 100 students worked tirelessly for 3 months to entertain the audience. Special thank you also to the increasing amount of alumni who shared their time and talent for the program as well as the many members of the community who were involved this year.





SPORTS *Notables*



WRESTLING

Bruins Finish 9th at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament.

Senior **Jake Hartman** joined three of Padua's state placers, to capture a 9th place finish in Columbus this past March.

106 lb. Sophomore **Tony DeCesare**, State Runner-up

113 lb. Junior **Paul Petras**, State 5th place

138 lb. Junior **Kyle Kaminski**, State 5th place

The Bruins also captured their third straight NCL team championship, and Coach **Dave Morell '80** was named NCL Coach of the Year.

BOWLING

Junior **Belle Panza** placed third (out of 1,000 female bowlers) in the OHSAA Division 2 Girls Bowling Championships and was named to the OHSAA All-Star Team.



Kevin Leigh '89, athletic director of Padua Franciscan High School, was awarded Athletic Director of the Year by the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NEOIAAA). This award is presented to an association member who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism and has made significant contributions to their students, school, and community.

Nick Schley '14 was chosen as an Ohio Lottery Student-Athlete of the week.

FIGURE SKATING

Bruin Skaters Capture Fifth State Title

In only their eighth year of competition, the Padua Franciscan Figure Skating Team has captured their fifth state title by winning the 2014 Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Championships on February 9 at the Thornton Park Ice Arena in Shaker Heights. This year's team was led by junior co-captains, **Michaela Pinzone** and **Marissa Impala**, who stated, "We're really proud of how everyone skated in their individual events and our group number this year. We were definitely the team to beat, and our skaters really delivered!" This year's top scorer was **Angela Graham**, who earned a perfect four gold medals in her individual events. Overall, the team won 33 medals in their 56 individual events.



Every year the team chooses a theme for the season, which is based upon the music selected for the group production number. This year's theme was vintage baseball. The team skated to a medley of songs from the movie *A League of Their Own*. The movie told the story of the Rockford Peaches, a member of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League that existed between 1943 and 1954. The skaters actually wore replica uniforms of the Rockford Peaches baseball team.

Back row (L) to (R): Beatriz Guerra, Angela Graham, Courtney Kriausky, McKenna Montgomery, Captain Michaela Pinzone, Andrew Spagnola.

Middle row (L) to (R): Jessica Monaghan, Janelle Spagnola, Alexis Keltner, Laura Senkar, Captain Marissa Impala.

Front row (L) to (R): Callie Sua, Samantha Dopson, Kara Buher.





Something Bruin

Alumni News

1971

With a Ph.D. in psychology, **Lawrence Dalton** has enjoyed a 27-year career practicing cognitive-behavioural therapy in the heart of the nation's capital.

1975

John Kullman writes that he has been working at Goodyear Akron Tire & Rubber for 35 years, manager of racing for 6 years.

1988



Every year the Cleveland Association of Broadcasters holds an awards program to honor "Excellence in Broadcasting." One of the four honorees this year was **Jennifer Melchior Hansen**.

1989

Musician and author, **Sherry Sefcik-Ellis** was appointed secretary/director of the Claire Power Murphy Foundation.

Michael Lehman was recently appointed as the medical director of the laboratory at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida, which opened in October 2013. He is a partner in St. Vincent's Pathology Associates, a five-physician pathologist group.

Living in Ft. Lauderdale, **Kathy Kozak** freelances nationally as an opera coach/pianist. This season she is working at the Dallas Opera and also returning to Glimmerglass for a third season.

1990

BIRTHS: Lilly Jane born to Rebecca and **Matt Cantwell** in April. She joins siblings Joe, Hannah, Nayla, Derek, Emily, and Grace. Matt owns his own firm in digital marketing consulting.

1994

BIRTHS: Katharine Grace born to **Sandra Madej Crundwell** and her husband Jason on March 19, 2013.

1996

BIRTHS: Charlotte Ann born to Heather and **Michael Rakauskas** on April 12, 2013.

2000

Anne Marie Owczarzak married Peter Persuric on June 1, 2013 and honeymooned at St. Thomas Islands. Her sisters **Colleen '93** and **Jeanette '96** were members of the bridal party.

2001

Rema Ina recently joined the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd.

Nikki Rock married Remon Kaldas last September 14. She is currently a nurse anesthetist at the main campus of the Cleveland Clinic, specializing in general surgery, liver transplantation, and interventional bronchoscopy.

2002

Dawn Marie Kaminski married Ronald Bokan Jr. in June 2013. She started her own company, "Dawn the Nanny" in 2012.

Jenn Vojta recently married Graham Day.

2003

Tom Goebel and **Luke Kuchta**, DPT have opened STRENGTH Fitness and Therapy in Parma. Their private practice encompasses physical therapy, rehabilitation, as well as sports enhancement training. The new 80,000 square-foot facility provides patients and athletes with all the amenities required to help them reach their goals. For an appointment or tour, call 440.882.6220.

2004

With his wife Julie, **Alex Harnocz** has recently moved back to Northeast Ohio, taking a job as transit planner with Akron METRO RTA, where he optimizes bus routes and other transit service.

2005

BIRTHS: Aiden Reid born to **Megan (Wish)** and **Neil Kaptein** in January.



Jennifer Gittinger married Andrew Mooney in July 2013.

2006

In May, **Rachel Hipp** received her doctor of pharmacy at The Ohio State University. She was nominated by her peers and awarded the Stephen W. Birdwell Award for her contributions and leadership at the college of pharmacy. She will be completing a two-year residency in health-system pharmacy administration at The OSU Wexner Medical Center.

2007

With an M.A. in clinical psychology, **Ryan Marek** recently graduated from Kent State University. He is now a doctoral candidate pursuing a Ph.D. and is interested in better understanding bariatric surgery candidates and spine surgery patients in an effort to improve their surgical outcomes.

2010

Graduated from Cleveland State in May, **Patrick Haws** has been accepted into the Masters of Occupational Therapy Program at Shawnee State University.

An honors program student majoring in physics and electrical engineering at Cleveland State, **Marie Blatnik** is the sole recipient of this year's National Student Exchange Bette Worley Student Achievement Award.

A December 2013 honors graduate of Bowling Green State University, **Chelsea Bohaty** earned a bachelor degree in science/marine biology and is accepted into the marine sciences graduate program of Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida, beginning this fall.

Adrian and **Tim Vopat's** band has released their debut single, *Nightfall Riot*. Check them out on YouTube.

TACKLING A TRIATHLON FOR A CAUSE



This September, **Paul Glatzhofer '00** will participate in one of the most grueling tests of human endurance, the New Jersey IRONMAN triathlon. Many people decide to take on a challenge like this to test their own will or push their physical limits. For Paul, the decision was to help someone very close to him in her battle of cancer.

"A little over a year ago my mother-in-law, Helen Hays, moved away from her home state of Massachusetts for the first time in her life in order to help raise her two granddaughters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (where my wife, Jaime, and I have lived for the past 8 years). After about 10 months in Pittsburgh, we found out that Helen had been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer."

Battling cancer is not easy physically, emotionally, or financially. There is a feeling of helplessness when someone close to you is either in pain or battling a disease. A 2011 study by Duke University showed the average cancer patient in the U.S. pays over \$8,500 a year in out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by insurance. "Making matters even more complicated is that my mother-in-law moved away from one of the best (if not THE best) state when it comes to social services and healthcare coverage."



Most of Helen's family is 10 hours away and also wanted to help. Paul had the idea to put a fundraising page together in an attempt to help with medical bills, while at the same time giving an outlet for friends/family members/others to donate and help the cause. His idea involved training for his first of five triathlons that he would complete.

"Triathlons, particularly the IRONMAN, is something that I was always very interested in but never got involved in or talked about much. I remember as a kid watching the IRONMAN world championships on TV with my dad. I was always impressed with the event, the distance, the athletes and really everything about the sport, although I never dreamed it would be something I would do in the future."

So the decision was made and the goal was to compete in five triathlons in a one-year period, starting with the shortest event (an Olympic distance triathlon). To add a little incentive for people to donate to his fundraising page (a

provided motivation for himself), he let his supporters decide which type of event he would do next. The more money raised, the more difficult the event he would register for. The support was overwhelming and in September his efforts will culminate in Princeton, New Jersey, in his first-ever IRONMAN triathlon.

"I remember as a kid watching the IRONMAN world championships on TV with my dad. I was always impressed with the event, the distance, the athletes and really everything about the sport, although I never dreamed it would be something I would do in the future."

All of the donations will help defray the medical costs for Helen's on-going medical bills. "I will be paying for the entrance fees and travel expenses for all events. Jaime and I are encouraging all friends, family (and others) to help if they can. This past Christmas, we encouraged anyone who would typically get us a Christmas gift, to instead donate to this important effort."

If you are interested in reading more of Paul's journey or supporting his fundraising efforts, you can contact him at PGlatzhofer@selectintl.com.



ALUMNI SHARE STORIES OF PADUA LOVE

In the last issue of the Paduan, we asked alumni couples to share their stories of how they met. You may be surprised how many Padua marriages have taken place over the years. What follows are just a few short stories of how their time at Padua has turned into love connections.

PAUL & SUSAN (LOWE) COLELLA '88

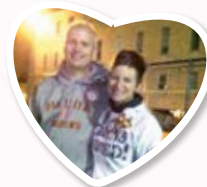


"Susan and I did not really know each other until senior year. As it happened, I was friends with one of her grade school friends—**Wally Romaniv**

'88 and she was friends with one of my grade school friends—**Ida Barcelona** '88 (RIP). During senior retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center, we were asked to pick a partner of the opposite sex and take a walk to 'reflect' around the grounds of the retreat center. As Wally and Susan were walking out of the woods, Ida and I were walking into the woods. That is the point where we were introduced. Divine intervention?

That same night Susan and I met at the Padua Social and started to get to know each other. As it happened, the following night was Homecoming. Neither of us had dates, so I got the nerve to ask her to go to the dance with me. She accepted the invitation, and the rest, as they say, is history. Susan and I were married in 1994 and have three girls, two of which are current students at Padua—**Allie** '14 and **Christina** '17, carrying on the tradition of attending Padua!"

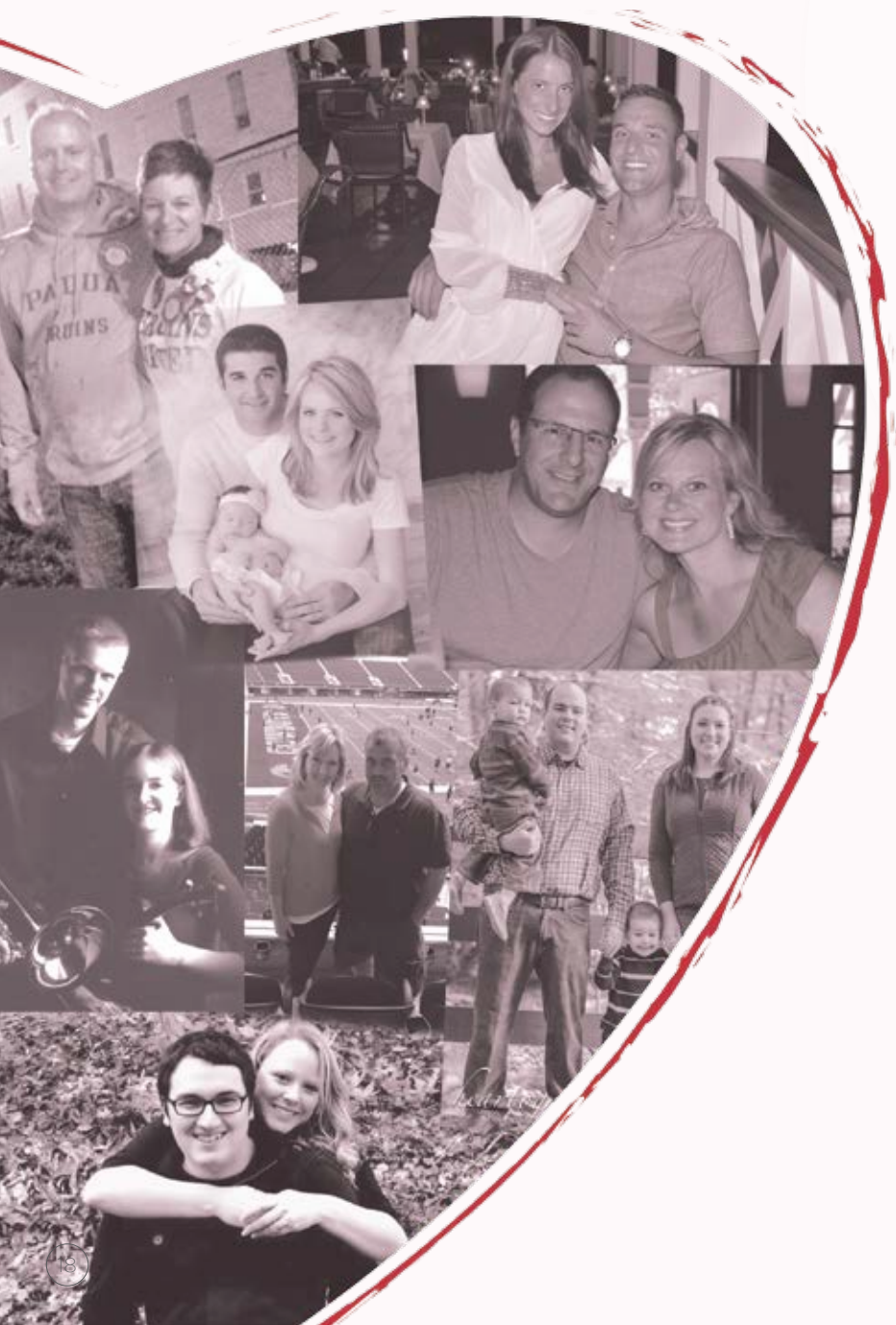
BRIAN & ELAINE (STUPKA) HEINZERLING '86



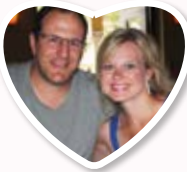
"It was 1984 and we were both sophomores at Padua. Brian and I first met in Mrs. Gatherers' typing class, and a friendship ensued almost immediately.

In the next three years, we shared the same friends, classes, and many momentous occasions including National Honor Society, CFO, homecoming court, hockey games. Through all of this, we never went on an 'official' date.

Fast forward to age 24 when we reconnected. We were out of college and already working in our careers. We hung out together that entire summer until one day in September Brian asked, "Do you want to go to dinner?" My initial response was "why?" I accepted the invitation, and we were married in 1998. We have three children. **John** '17 is a current freshman at Padua paving the way for **Pete** '23 and **Brenna** '25."



DAN & AMY (FALKOWSKI) DIMARCO '91



"Dan and I met our freshman year of 1988. Initially I thought he was somewhat obnoxious. So much so that as he ran for class president

that year, I decided to help his opponent win the race!

We both ran for class positions the next year. This time Dan did win the position of president and I was voted in as class secretary. I came to realize he wasn't so obnoxious after all.

We started to date. Dan wore the #16 on the hockey team and I #16 on the soccer team. We were both on the homecoming court together and eventually went to prom together.

Senior year the class took a test—"Who Are You Most Compatible With?" Dan... most compatible with Amy! Amy...most compatible with Dan!

During college we split up; but thanks to our Padua friends, we were reconnected the night before Thanksgiving, November 1995. We sat and talked that entire night and were married in 1998 and today have three beautiful children. Thank you, Padua!"

DINO '01 & RACHEL (TERON) DEGIROLAMO '02



"We met during the spring of Dino's senior year (my junior year) a few months before he graduated. We were both on the track &

field team and in the spring musical (The King & I). My friend was supposed to be Dino's prom date. They were just friends though. A few weeks before the dance, she started dating another senior and really wanted to go with her new boyfriend. Two weeks before the dance, Dino was without a date.

A few of our track teammates suggested he take me. After a lot of encouragement (and our teammates literally pushing the two of us together), Dino asked me to prom. We went "as friends," but realized we kind of liked

each other while we were dancing at prom. We started dating that weekend and have been together ever since (12 years now)! We have a beautiful daughter named Deanna."

MICHAEL '03 & AMANDA (TWEDDELL) LEONARD '05



"We met when I was a freshman and he was a junior in the spring musical "Anything Goes". We had a few mutual friends that introduced us and

became close friends right away. Mike wanted to start dating soon after, but I wanted to just stay friends. After a few months and encouragement from friends who thought we would be good together we decided to go on a date and give it a try and we have been together ever since!

This July will mark 12 years together as a couple, and we will celebrate our fifth wedding anniversary on May 16. We have two beautiful little boys; Caleb Michael (July 22, 2010) and Liam Edward (November 25, 2011). Michael currently works for Equity Trust Company in Westlake as a network administrator; and I am a stay-at-home mom, although last year I started helping with the musicals at Padua with building and painting the set and doing the hair and makeup for the cast!

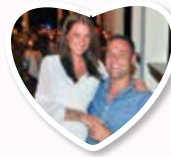
JOSEPH '95 & DAWN (HANIS) KULIKOWSKI '00



"We met and fell in love in 2005 when Dawn was finishing her master's degree at Cleveland State University and I was a trombonist in resi-

dence performing in the ensembles at CSU, and at the same time both of us taught lessons at Royalton Music. We got married in 2007 and currently reside in Seven Hills. We are both music teachers and professional musicians. Joe teaches band in Shaker Heights (5th & 6th grade band students and conducts one of five high school bands) and Dawn teaches orchestra in Avon Lake (5th grade, 8th grade, & high school orchestra)."

ALEX '03 & JESI (ROSATI) KOCIN '04



"Although only graduating a year apart at Padua, and growing up a mere ten minutes away from each other, Alex and I never met

until the night before Thanksgiving in 2009. I lived in Houston at the time but was visiting home for the holiday, and Alex was beginning his career with Lubrizol and living at home.

Our paths crossed at an unofficial 'Padua reunion' at the ever-romantic Fox and the Hound. After an intense dance-off and a few drinks, a long-distance courtship began! We sealed the deal pretty quickly, and found out that his company was moving us to Wilmington, Delaware. We documented our big move to Wilmington via HGTV's show "House Hunters" and are currently living in Chicago, where I teach and write my blog Pepperminting! Ironically, we still rendezvous at Fox and the Hound for Browns Backers games every Sunday during football season."

BRAEDON KELLY & ALICIA MELILLO '09



"The first date for Braedon and I was Padua's Junior Ring dance. We then dated throughout our junior and senior years. We were both part of the

marching band with Braedon playing the tuba and I as part of the color guard. Some of our best memories at Padua came from traveling to Disney World with the band over our spring breaks our junior and senior year. We were both very active in the Key Club, Eucharistic Ministry, and the St. Francis School tutoring program.

We are currently both employed in the Cleveland area; Alicia is a pediatric nurse and Braeden is an engineer. Our wedding date is July 19, 2014, and will be held in Medina. The bridal party will also include a few Padua alums; best man: **Mark Kelly '01**, maid of honor: **Julie Melillo '13**, groomsmen: **Anthony Melillo '08** and **Jimmy Grotenrath '08**, bridesmaids: **Allison Bonvissuto '09** and **Jessica Coyne '10**."

ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS

Padua promises students "We'll Get You There". This means more than just preparing them for college. It means helping our students develop their unique individual talents and abilities for life after Padua. We have so many alumni success stories. Here are just a few alumni entrepreneurs and the creative products they have developed.



Bill Bishilany '03

Bill attended The Ohio State University.

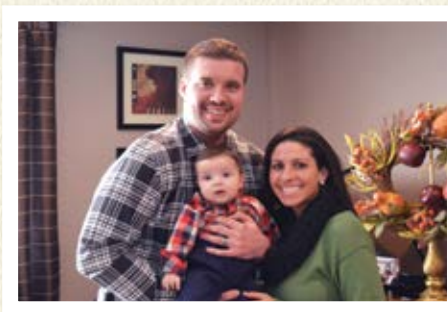
He graduated with a bachelor's degree in construction systems management and city and regional planning.

HIS INVENTION: Intellicoin

WHAT IS IT? "The cash transaction process was in serious need of an update." With Intellicoin, Bill created a way to merge your coins onto a card right at the register to make spending and accepting cash easier for everyone.

For more information visit: www.intellicoin.com.

Bill is engaged to Samantha Santora. He is currently living in North Royalton with his dog Ari.



Alicia (Bishilany) Schreiber '01

Alicia attended the University of Mount Union.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in business & marketing.

HER INVENTION: Press Pouch

WHAT IS IT? "Press pouch is a reusable food pouch for babies & children. For parents that prefer to make their own food and know exactly what their children are eating, Press Pouch offers a convenient way to do just that. Prep it, Fill it & Press it."

For more information visit: www.presspouch.com.

Alicia is married to Ryan Schreiber. They have a 10-month-old son Preston. They currently live in Columbus, Ohio.



Nick Stanoszek '02 & Joe Stanoszek '99

Nick attended Miami University (in Oxford, Ohio).

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management information systems.

Joe attended the University of Mount Union.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

THEIR PRODUCT: Payr

WHAT IS IT? "Payr is a revolutionary mobile application aimed at standardizing mobile payments, initially focused on the hospitality industry." Using a patent pending point-of-sale integration technology, they created a way for users to open and close tabs at a restaurant and easily split checks among friends without ever handing over a payment method to the server. It is set to launch in Cleveland and Columbus this summer.

For more information visit: www.payrmobileapp.com.

Nick is engaged to Stephanie Schempp. They are in the process of relocating from Atlanta, Georgia, to northeast Ohio. Joe currently resides in Cleveland.



Therese (Nally) VanDenHaute '04

Therese attended Ohio University.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

HER PRODUCT: Resey Doodles

WHAT IS IT? "Resey Doodles is primarily focused on handmade baby items, including blankets, pillows, and bib/burp cloth sets." Therese designs and makes every item herself. Her products can be found on Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/reseydoodles).

For more information email: reseydoodles@gmail.com.

Therese is married to Jeff VanDenHaute (brother of **Kari '03** and **Kelly '98**). They currently reside in Strongsville, Ohio.

BRUIN ALUMNA IS UP & COMING BLOGGER

Jessie (Rosati '04) Kocin is a teacher by day and a blogger by night. With the help of her husband, **Alex Kocin '03**, she created Pepperminting.com. She describes it as a "virtual big sister, full of tips, trends and all things girly." A few months after it launched, Pepperminting.com was named one of the top Chicago health blogs on Refinery29.com.

Q: Why did you decide to start a blog?

A: I started this blog because I love sharing successful recipes, great deals, and health tips with my friends and family. I thought it would be a fun, almost therapeutic way to get my opinions and thoughts out; and it's turned out better than I could have imagined.

Q: When did you start your blog?

A: The official launch date of Pepperminting was October 6, 2013, so it's about six months old.

Q: Do you write, photograph and design the blog by yourself or do you have helpers?

A: I write, photograph, and design the blog posts on my own, but my family and friends have been so amazing giving me advice and pitching in ideas. My husband Alex is incredibly wonderful and patient; he has taken 90% of the pictures of me for the blog. I know he'd much rather be doing something else! He did have the smart idea of buying me a tripod for Christmas, so I can do some on my own now (and he can golf!)

Q: What inspires you?

A: The messages and comments I receive from friends and new viewers inspire me and motivate me to keep writing. Even if it's a simple, positive comment, it's an incredible feeling knowing that someone out there is reading and enjoying my posts.



Q: What do you want your blog to accomplish?

A: Although I started Pepperminting for fun, I would love to see it gain even more followers and spark new ideas and creative posts for me to write. I have worked with and met some amazing people through the blog, so continuing to network with other bloggers and companies is also a goal of mine.

Q: Your blog quickly took off very quickly. What was it like to be recognized as one of Chicago's Best Blogs a few months into your adventure?

A: I was blown away when "Refinery 29" chose Pepperminting as one of Chicago's top ten health inspiration blogs. My sister and I screamed on the phone for a solid minute when we found out,

it was really exciting! It was an amazing affirmation to see that something so personal to me was inspirational to others, especially when I had only been writing for a few months. It motivated me to continue to take risks and write about what I love.

Q: Tell us about your education and work experience. Where'd you go to college? What did you study?

A: I went to Loyola University Chicago after graduating Padua, and I studied criminal justice, Spanish, and psychology. This led me to a career teaching in urban environments, and I loved it so much, I am still in the classroom teaching fourth grade. I can't imagine doing anything else. Teacher by day blogger by night!

Q: Has Padua influenced your blog at all?

A: Honestly, Padua influences my adulthood a lot. I still keep in touch with the friends I made there, and I would have never met Alex if I hadn't gone to that reunion! One way Padua has influenced my blog is in the realm of social justice, which I include in my blog occasionally. My interest in human rights, animal rights, and social issues was sparked through volunteer projects, retreats, and classes led by passionate teachers!

Q: How has Padua prepared you to be a successful blogger?

A: My writing skills were appreciated and fine-tuned at Padua, and that prepared me for college, and now for my blog. It can be really tough to get all of your thoughts into a short, interesting post that people will actually want

to read! Also, Padua taught me how to be appreciative and gracious, which is important in every aspect of a huge project like a blog. I'm thankful for my friends and family who have helped me make Pepperminting successful, and I'm grateful for all the viewers who take time out to read and comment on my posts.

Q: What's next for you? Will you keep on blogging or do you think you'll use this as a stepping stone to do something bigger and better?

A: I am having so much fun blogging, so I'll keep writing as long as people keep reading! Teaching is my passion, and I've been managing both teaching and blogging pretty well so far, so I really don't see any changes in the near future. Various companies and networks have reached out to work

with me through Pepperminting, and I'm looking forward to collaborating with others and make my posts even more interesting and helpful for viewers.

Q: What can people do to help Pepperminting or any of their favorite blogs succeed?

A: Comments and views are the most important thing when it comes to collaborating with other networkers, so the more you click on posts, share posts with your friends, and comment on ones you like, the more you are helping that blogger! I appreciate all of the support, so if you've read Pepperminting, or had any part in spreading the word, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Shadowing BE A BRUIN FOR A DAY

Students are starting the high school selection process earlier than ever before. In order to meet the needs of our prospective students, our Admissions & Recruiting Office added a special event for 7th graders this year called a "Shadow & Stay Day." On Friday, March 7, 2014, we had 116 local 7th graders "shadow" a current Padua student and "stay" after school to meet and greet other 7th graders who share an interest in becoming a Bruin. We plan to continue inviting 8th graders to shadow during the fall and winter, while 7th graders will have an opportunity to shadow in the spring.



Enrollment Update

- Overall, the number of 7th & 8th graders shadowing has increased by 37% this year.
- Our incoming freshman (Class of 2018) enrollment is expected to be about 210 students. That is a 19% increase, in comparison to the Class of 2017.
- The number of incoming freshman MedTrack applicants has doubled, increasing by 57%. The MedTrack Class of 2018 will be our biggest yet at roughly 50 students.
- Overall, our student body is expected to be about 800 for the 2014–2015 school year.



Bruin Benefit '14

More than \$170,000 was raised this past April for student financial assistance at the annual Bruin Benefit dinner/auction. Nearly 300 guests were on hand as the event featured a live and silent auction and various raffle opportunities. This is Padua's

most ambitious fund raising event, and plans are now underway for next year's event scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Volunteer committees are now being formed in the areas of gift and guest recruitment and sponsorships.



For more information on how you can be involved in the planning committee, contact rholtz@paduafranciscan.com



Red, White & Brew'n

One of the most anticipated alumni events on the school calendar is the annual Red, White and Brew'n event held in the school gymnasium. Now in its fourth year, a sell-out crowd of more than 350 alumni and friends were treated to a two-hour beer and wine tasting to help provide financial support to alumni families. The Alumni

Association would like to gratefully recognize the following alumni for offering their time and talent in making this event so popular; **Brian and Elaine Heinzerling '86, Mike Campo '75, Jeff Tkachik '88, Mike Frantz '04, Chris Raymont '99, Dan Stupka '92.**



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...
red, white, and brew'n
An experience of wine, beer, and food.

Mark your calendars now for next year's event on Friday, February 27. Ticket information will be available in early January.



ALUMNI CALENDAR

What's Happening Through February 2015

Alumni News

JULY 25

FOOTBALL HELMET CLUB GOLF OUTING

Support the Bruin football program by joining us for this four-person scramble at Ridgewood Golf Course on Friday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are \$100/person and can be made payable to Padua and mailed to the attention of Coach **Tony Shuman '91**. For sponsorship opportunities e-mail tshuman@paduafranciscan.com.

AUGUST 1

HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

The Padua hockey program will host their annual outing Friday, August 1, at Pine Hills Golf Club. Contact **Sean Evans '97** at bruin.alumni@hotmail.com for information and sponsorship opportunities.

OCTOBER 17

HOMECOMING FOR ALUMNI AND THEIR FAMILIES

Homecoming for alumni families is Friday, October 17, as the Bruins take on Archbishop Hoban at Padua Stadium (7 PM game). The Padua Alumni Association welcomes all alumni families to our hospitality area for complimentary food and drink beginning at 5:30 PM.

FEBRUARY 27

4TH ANNUAL RED, WHITE & BREW'N

The Alumni Association Red, White & Brew'n will take place on Friday, February 27, from 7-9 PM in the school gymnasium. Tickets for this beer and wine tasting event will go on sale in January of next year.

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



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...

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An experience of wine, beer, and food.

The alumni office is looking for volunteers to serve as class representatives.

Contact rholtz@paduafranciscan.com to learn more about this opportunity to serve as a liaison to your class.

REUNIONS IN THE NEWS

CLASS OF 1994: 20 YEARS

The Class of '94 will be celebrating their 20-year class reunion on Friday July 18 and Saturday July 19. A Friday night cookout is planned at Padua and an evening at House of Blues on Saturday. Invitations have been mailed to all class members. If you have not received one or require more information, please call the Padua Alumni Office.

CLASS OF 1989: 25 YEARS

Members of the Class of '89 will gather on Saturday, July 19.

Visit their reunion page:

www.paduafranciscan.com/1989

for details or e-mail:

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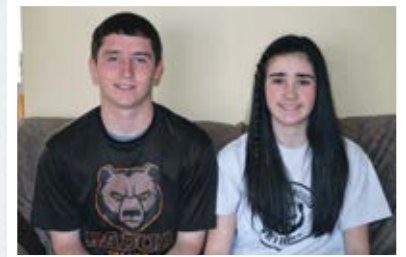
ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE 1974 CROWN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

Members of the 1974 football team are gathering on September 19 and 20 to celebrate this special year and accomplishment. Invitations are now being sent out to all team members and staff. If you have not yet received an invite, we may not have good contact information for you!

Please contact **Greg Cielec** at Cielec@hotmail.com or call the Alumni Office at 440-845-2444, ext. 106.



INTRODUCING MEDTRACK FAMILIES



A “MedTrack family” is a term affectionately coined by Director **Laurie Grabowski '89** to describe any family which has two or more students participating in Padua’s MedTrack program. This fall, MedTrack is welcoming 45 students in its freshman class—the largest class ever. Five students will join their older brothers or sisters in the program, including **Kelly '18** and **Kaitlin Conner '16**, **Evelina '18** and **Alicia Cristino '15**, **Jessica '18** and **Jacob Grimmer '15**, **Gina '18** and **Jenna Karim '16**, and **Lauren Roth '18**. The Roth family holds a special distinction as the first Padua family with three students in MedTrack—**Tyler Roth '13**, **Colleen Roth '14**, and Lauren. Several other families have already

had two students in the program, including **Izzy '13** and **Nathan Hanna '14**, **Alexandra '15** and **Olivia Shackleton '16**, **Olivia '14** and **Mary Ellen Wasco '16**, and **Courtlyn '15** and **Kelly Zagore '16**. “I’m pleased that MedTrack is delivering on its purpose—to help students explore and prepare for careers in healthcare,” said Laurie. “The fact that so many siblings are taking part is a testament to that fact.”

To learn more about MedTrack, please visit paduafranciscan.com/medtrack.

Remembering where you've been is as important as knowing where you're going.



George and Julianne Keco wanted to help make the gift of a Padua education available for students in need. As parents of twin graduates Laurie Keco Grabowski '89 and Lynn Keco Moran '89, they knew what it was like to struggle to pay the tuition bills. Now, as grandparents, George and Julianne felt a renewed sense of commitment to the school. Since their children are all grown, the need for insurance proceeds is not as urgent, so they changed the designation on one of their policies to list the Endowment as a 50% beneficiary. The proceeds from the policy will establish The Keco Family Fund within the Endowment to help students with tuition assistance.

25% of our students can't afford the Padua tuition without assistance and dozens more don't enroll due to cost. YOU can offer that assistance, and help students experience a Padua education like you had.

A gift of life insurance affords the chance to make a legacy gift that you may never have imagined you could accomplish for the benefit of Padua and our students. It can also create current or future tax savings and preserve assets earmarked for family members.

Consider supporting Padua by:

- Naming Padua as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy
- Donating an existing, paid-up life insurance policy you no longer need
- Purchasing a new life insurance policy and naming Padua as the owner and beneficiary

Life insurance is an excellent option for making charitable gifts. Let's talk about the creative gift that best matches your financial state and charitable intentions.

To learn more about creative ways to give, visit PaduaLegacy.org

Or contact:

Jerry Jindra '70
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440-845-8224
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IN MEMORIAM

Charlene Battini, mother of **Tina '88** and **Amanda '02**; grandmother of **Justin Oblak '06**

James Bier, father of **James '06, Kelly '10, and Katelyn '14**

Melissa Bontempo-Wiseman '96, March 6, 2014, sister of **Jennifer '93**

Hugh Coyle, father of **Jeff '75, Greg '77, Kammy '88, and Elizabeth '98**; grandfather of **Lindsey '05, Jacob '05, Christopher '07, and Amy '10**; uncle of **Tyler Weeks '12**

Tony Czack '81, February 26, 2014, brother of **Mike '77**

Vincent DelCalzo, father of **Vince '65**

Jean Goss, mother of **Joseph '71, Charles '74, John '77, and Martin '86**; grandmother of **Charles '15 and Hallie '17**

Thomas Graham, father of **Geoff '98**

Jim Hansen '65, January 30, 2014

Daniel Hurley, father of **Patrick '71 and Dan '80**; grandfather of **Colleen Hurley '06 and Katie '06, Mary '07, Stephanie '09, and Julie Vondra '13**

Ryan Hurt, brother of **Laura '89 and Megan '93**; brother-in-law of **Chris Seidenwand '07**

James Jira '70, February 26, 2014, brother of **Craig '72, Jay '80, and Robert '84**

Leonard Kucharski Sr., father of **Leonard '75 (RIP) and Robert '78**; grandfather of **Rachelle '03**

Richard Kukawka '84, January 24, 2014, brother of **John '79**

Paul Lammermeier Sr., father of **Paul '76**

Douglas Luke '67, September 2013, father of **James '00 (RIP) and Daniel '07**

Donald Manuszak, father of **Melissa '87 and Don '88**

Mary McCarthy, mother of **Ray '79 and Kevin '84**

Charlotte McIver, mother of **Kevin '73 and Terence '74**

Frank Meszar, father of **Dan Stelter '76**

Matthew Mirka '07, December 19, 2013, son of **Ron '78**

Joseph Nuti, father of **Justine '92**

Blanche Pajka, mother of **Ralph '70 and Stan '83**

Richard Priem, father of **Richard '75, David '79, and Jeffrey '82**

Eugene and Frances Santosuosso, parents of **Joseph '70 and Anthony '72**; grandparents of **Leah '01 and Lauren '03**

John Santosuosso, brother of **Joseph '70 and Anthony '72**; uncle of **Leah '01 and Lauren '03**

James Smith Jr. '82, November 23, 2013, father of **Kayla '07, Cavan '08, and Taylor '11**

Frank Svoboda, father of **Lee '94**

Anthony Tortorici '69, October 5, 2011, father of **Matthew '02**

Stephen Vey '72, November 15, 2013

Eleanor Vilinsky, mother of **Jerry '65**; grandmother of **Leah '93**

George Wildschrey, step-father of **Jerry Jindra '70**; step-grandfather of **Erin '97, Heather '00, Amy '03, and Michael Jindra '12**

Ralph Yappel, father of **Jennifer '94**