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# FROM WHERE I SIT ...

### Dear Friends,

"The problem with Christians," the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is supposed to have said, "is that they don't look redeemed!" This is a devastating indictment of Christians, and in many ways I fear that it is true. In the year or so after his election in March 2013, however, Pope Francis has shown the world a whole new face of Christianity and Catholicism. He really does look redeemed! And, it seems to me, that the way Francis "looks" has made all the difference.

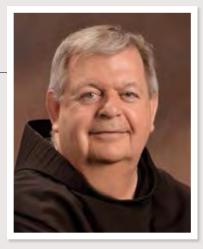
One of my favorite sayings concludes, "If you are a happy person why not let your face know it!" I have the opportunity to walk into the halls of our school every week, encountering students, faculty and staff who carry a smile and actually engage the President in a quick "hello" or even exchange some good ideas! A positive spirit is infective and just doesn't appear without hard work and the willingness to engage in life-giving, life-changing activity.

I had the opportunity to greet a gentleman who came to visit his alma mater forty-two years after his own graduation! Something inside of him called him to return and rediscover the positive spirit he enjoyed as a Padua student. I had to laugh when I told him I'd meet him at the football field and he asked me where it was located! We chatted and his reconnect called him to join the Friar Club! Welcome back Frank!

Outside of my office I usually run into many students, but I meet a handful somewhat regularly who have lockers adjacent to my office. One 2014 graduate who recently came back for a visit, and who was my "neighbor" last year, stopped by to say thanks and "hello". He put a smile on my face when he commented that our Padua curriculum and teachers gave him so many of the tools he needed to be successful in his college studies. It made me proud knowing Padua provided Devin, as well as all of our students, the strong educational and Franciscan foundations to succeed in accomplishing one's goals!

Our fall sports have wrapped up a solid season, most notably our girls' volleyball team who made it to the state semifinals once again after winning the State Championship title in 2013! It's quite an accomplishment to reach those levels two years in a row! Our performing arts students put together the production of "Pride and Prejudice" for the enjoyment of many a student, alum and faculty. Padua Franciscan also made it possible for our juniors and seniors to complete their annual retreat as we approach the holiday season.

Continuing a long tradition we again support the "Christmas For Others" campaign, a reminder to us all that the poor and marginalized are always with us and can use our help.



We distribute the more than \$30,000 collected to worthy causes locally to make a positive difference during this joy-filled season. I'm proud to say that Padua Franciscan makes service-for-others a way of life, not a one-time event! Your participation is most welcomed!

Enjoy the holidays and the spirit that accompanies them to the fullest! We enjoy a wonderful life... remembering how we "look" can make all the difference in the world!

Peace and all that is good,

Fr. Allan DaCorte, ofm

# MERT THE SMITTES



The Smith family (L to R) Connor, Tim, Ken, Gina & Ty Editors Note: The family picture was taken at the 2012 wedding of Ken and Elizabeth (Ole's) Smith. Elizabeth is an English teacher at Padua and the two were introduced with the help of Ken's mom, Gina, who works as a speech therapist at Padua. At the time of print of this issue Ken and Elizabeth welcomed the arrival of their first child, Declan Patrick Smith.

MEET THE SMITHS: Ken '03, Connor '04, and Ty '10. Sons of Tim '76 and Gina Smith, they are relatively recent Padua grads who received college degrees and began planning careers. That's where the typical part of our tale ends. In fact, this is the story of three brothers pursuing very atypical, cutting-edge careers.

Ken Smith's career journey began rather predictably. Graduating from the University of Dayton in 2007 with a BS in computer information systems, he hoped that his programming degree would lead him down an interesting path. Yet, he was not exactly thrilled by available jobs. "I just could not see myself doing programming in C++ my whole life," says Ken. He considered options ranging from getting a law degree to joining the FBI. "The FBI told me they were looking for candidates who had qualifications such as a second language, existing security clearances, and a military experience."

The advice led him to check out the options available in the Army; and liking what he saw, he enlisted. Following basic training, the military lived up to its promise and sent Ken to language school. "When you sign up to learn a language, it is up to the Army to pick what language you will learn," Ken says with a smile. "I was assigned Arabic." For the next 64 weeks he was

immersed in the language, with the goal of candidates achieving fluency. "It was like drinking from a fire hose," he says.

He spent the following six months at an Air Force base in Texas where he took an Iraqi dialect course. He also applied for and was accepted into the U.S. Army Special Forces and became a signals intelligence operative, examining foreign communications and activity in the Middle East. As a result, he was deployed to areas such as Iraq, Lebanon,

and Jordan, working alongside the CIA, Navy Seals, and other Special Forces personnel, witnessing the turmoil that became known as the "Arab Spring."

A year before mustering out of the army in 2013, Ken began an on-line master's program in security policy studies through Notre Dame College in Ohio. Just prior to discharge, the Cleveland firm SecureState reached out to him via LinkedIn and offered him a job. The day after that, the FBI contacted Ken, attempting to recruit him. He went with SecureState, a management consulting firm specializing in information security. "It's funny how things come full circle. I wonder what would have happened if I had gone with the FBI."



Ken is now what the industry calls a "white hat hacker." As part of an "attack and defense team," his job is to determine wireless and

physical weaknesses of companies and breech them. He probes computer systems remotely with a keyboard or his wit. With the coolness of an undercover operative, he has talked his way into banks and corporate offices just to see how far he can get and how much sensitive information is at risk. Sometimes he gets caught. "We carry a letter from an executive office of the firm with us, sometimes sitting in the back seat of a police car while they check it out," he says.

Ken has appeared on local news networks and has spoken to groups on the subject of data security. When asked about the current spate of consumer information breaches, he says that he does not know if the problem will ever go away entirely. "The technology is still not where it needs to be, but they are getting better at mitigating the problem when it occurs," says Ken. He is quick to remark, however, that the internet is a scary place. He believes that part of the answer lies in being vigilant beyond compliance with government regulations. "Merely checking the boxes" (or what is required) does not guarantee everything is being done to protect information, he says. While government-funded hackers in some countries like China mine for intellectual property, and other groups seek to steal terabytes of consumer information, the truly significant threat is from hackers who randomly select targets of opportunity. "They do it because they can," he says.

Connor Smith also began his path in a traditional manner before stepping onto the road less traveled. While acquiring a bachelor's degree in music at the University of Dayton, he began helping out with the sound equipment for an on-campus performance club. As a musician, he was always interested in resonance, and the production of quality sound fascinated him. He was hooked. Little wonder that his master's degree in music from the University of Massachusetts (Lowell) would be in sound recording technology, which combines the art of music with the science of engineering. His thesis, in fact, centered around the subject of architectural acoustics.

In 2010, just prior to graduation, a professor told Connor about a voice



data collection project being conducted by Nuance Communications. A leader in voice-recognition software, the firm was building a library of voice profiles from around the world and needed independent contractors to record dialects. He applied and was hired, spending a year "in the field," travelling throughout Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East (he even once crossed paths with his brother Ken in the Middle East).

Pleased with his go-anywhere, do-anything attitude, Nuance hired Connor as a full-time employee in 2011. He was assigned to the firm's audio engineering division, tasked with enhancing the quality of automobile voice recognition systems through the reduction of ambient noises. That means when you speak a command in your car or talk hands-free on your cell phone, algorithms are interpreting what you said or sorting out your voice from the sounds emanating from your radio or defroster. He also now manages the worldwide network of voice sample collectors.

According to Connor, the future is connected services, wherein automobile systems access the internet, providing a continuous update of information. He says that the processing power of cars is

limited due to cost. An active internet connection, on the other hand. provides huge possibilities, such as a more natural language understanding. "Imagine you want to play music by Nirvana," he says. To do that today you have to pre-load the music into your car's memory, and (if your car is equipped with voice-recognition software), say 'Play Nirvana.' When cars are connected to the internet, you might say "Let's listen to some music by Nirvana." Increasing in-car conveniences also increases the potential of distracting the user from the primary task of driving the automobile. "Oh, that is something we are very aware of," says Connor. "We are very concerned about the consequences of user interface and safety."

Tim Smith, better known as Ty, is the youngest of the three brothers, having received his bachelor's degree in general psychology from Auburn University in 2014. He discovered his road less travelled early in his studies. "I originally wanted to be a sports psychologist, but in my sophomore year I heard about industrial & organizational psychology. I was always interested in business because of my father, and I-O was the perfect combination of business and

psychology. It was calling my name," says Ty.

Ty is now a commissioned officer in the Ohio National Guard and enrolled in the I-O master's program at the University of Akron. The purpose of industrial & organizational psychology in the workplace, says Ty, is to create a more efficient company. Using a combination of personality tests and task analysis, an I-O can create a profile of the ideal personality for a job. The purpose, he says, is to put the right people in the right jobs, thus reducing turnover rates. The scientifically based results are also defensible in a court of law when an unsuccessful job candidate feels he or she was qualified for a position.

While the study of industrial psychology is as old as the industrial revolution, I-O really came to fore as a result of the Civil Rights Act (1964). Today, most of the larger corporations have an I-O psychologist on staff or under a consulting contract. Although the demand for I-O specialists is expected to grow by 150 percent in the next decade, there are less than 1,700 such psychologists in the United States. When Ty begins practicing in 2016, he will join a highly specialized, niche-group of professionals... just like his brothers.

# TOUCHING THE SKY

# '07 Alum, Tetraplegic Husband Scale Highest Peak in Switzerland



By: Terry Brlas, Strongsville Post editor (original story edited

**GRAVELLONA LOMELINA, ITALY**— Sometimes life is about taking leaps of faith. **Sarah Darby-Barisonzi '07** and her husband, Luca, have taken strides that lesser people could only dream about or have not had the inner strength to attempt.

The Gravellona Lomelina, Italy, residents have an amazing story to tell. Their union alone is one of kismet. A photo viewed by Luca thousands of miles from the United States and Sarah's Strongsville home set the ball in motion for their love for one another.

After graduating from Padua, Sarah attended Flagler University (Florida) and studied abroad in Costa Rica. Her friend's brother was a U.S. soldier stationed in Afghanistan in 2010. He showed Luca, a Marshal in Role of Honor in the Italian Alpini 8th regiment, family photos. Sarah happened to be in one of the images. Luca asked about the "pretty girl." Luca contacted Sarah via social media and the wick became lit on a soon-to-develop romance.





"Luca found me on Facebook, and we started talking when he could. At first it was casual and we really clicked," Sarah said. "I really didn't tell anyone about it until I was sure...I felt like this was meant to be almost from the beginning. I dated other guys, but no one really grabbed me. I was drawn to him as soon as I saw him on Skype."

The Darby family did not know that Luca existed until two dozen red roses showed up at their Northwood Trail home on Christmas Eve of 2010. Luca would Skype with his soon-to-be in-laws for the next number of weeks.

"We were cleaning our rifles when something seemed strange about how he was moving," Luca recalled. "By the time I tried to stop him it was too late. He (Taliban) opened fire on me and all the other guys. I fell on the floor and couldn't move anything."

When the Medevac helicopter arrived, the medics asked Luca if he could move any part of his body. He could not.

The injuries resulted in him becoming a tetraplegic (total loss of limbs and torso), bound to a wheelchair for life.

The hardest aspect of the ordeal for Luca wasn't the fact that he had been receiving medical treatment. Sarah has been at Luca's side since that time. The couple married in Erba, Italy, on July 5, 2014. The couple recently undertook a harrowing mountain climbing excursion to raise money for a new spinal care ward at Niguardia Hospital.

The couple climbed Mount Rosa (15,203 feet). Bordering Italy and Switzerland, it is the highest mountain in the latter nation and the second-highest in both the Alps and western Europe. Luca, who was attempting to become the first person with a spinal cord injury to reach

"I didn't know what I was getting into. I just knew I had to be with Luca. I knew he was doing something awesome and was doing it for so many good reasons."

#### THE 8TH ALPINI REGIMENT

The 8th Alpini Regiment is a light Infantry regiment of the Italian Army, specializing in mountain combat and was a perfect fit for Luca when he joined the Italian Army in 2008.

He went to Afghanistan in September of 2010. For a soldier in a war zone, life can change in the blink of an eye. That's exactly what happened a short four months after arriving in a country that is near the top of the alphabetical list, but near the bottom when safety and stability of nations are factored.

#### A FATEFUL DAY

Life changed for Luca, and Sarah for that matter, on January 18, 2011.

Luca and other Alpini were stationed in the Bala Murghab Valley in northwest Afghanistan. It was an important location for the Taliban to gain control.

January 18, 2011 was a day just like any other for Luca and his team, which included eight Alpini and eight Afghan soldiers. Unknown to Luca, or anyone else on this team, was that there was a member of the Taliban posing as an Afghani. An inside attack, what is known as a "green on blue," was about to take place.

paralyzed from the neck down, but was the fact that a fellow soldier met his demise. "The hardest thing for me to accept was that the other guy didn't make it, more than I was injured and couldn't walk anymore," Luca said.

#### PROVING THE DOCTORS WRONG

When Luca was transported to Germany to receive his initial treatment following the ambush, doctors gave him a very negative prognosis. He was told that he would be bed ridden, hooked to a breathing machine, and not be able to move any parts of his body for the rest of his life. "They were wrong. I remember when they told me that I said, "We'll see," Luca said. "I was focused on getting better to get back with my brothers in Afghanistan. That was my goal at the beginning."



# TOUCHING THE SKY

Sarah and Luca met in person for the first time in March of 2011 at Niguardia Hospital in Milan, Italy, where Luca was Capanna Regina Margeritha, a hut on the highest mountain in Switzerland, was accustomed to the mountains, albeit not in a wheelchair. Sarah, who was a self-described scared-of-herown-shadow individual during her formative years, was unaccustomed on almost every level.

"I didn't know about the equipment that was needed and didn't know about any of the technical terms," she said. "I didn't know what I was getting into. I just knew I had to be with Luca. I knew he was doing something awesome and was doing it for so many good reasons."

Luca went to a hospital in Aosta in the Italian Alps where he underwent a number of tests that measured breathing at extreme altitudes and how his body would react to such conditions due to his condition.

An ample supply of oxygen was brought along the climb to make certain that Luca did not suffer any deprivation along the way.

Now it was time to find a conveyance. What kind of wheelchair could sustain and survive the 15,203-foot ascent in less than desirable weather? They looked to America and discovered the Track wheelchair manufactured by

Action Track Chair. The wheelchair was offered to Luca at a discount to support the climb.

The original date for the climb was planned for July 27, but weather conditions canceled the event. Luca and Sarah circled August 17 on the calendar as the alternate day for the climb. They arrived at base camp August 16, the day prior to the ascent, in order to become acclimated to the conditions.

What were his emotions heading into this fundraising mountain climb?

"Going on the mountain doesn't scare me. You can prepare all you want, but in the end it's the mountain that decides whether you're going to go or not," he said. "The day we went I was breathing better than all the people that were climbing."

Even though Luca had experience with the mountains, Sarah admitted she was worried for his safety a couple of times.

The satisfaction of doing something that very few individuals have ever done, and no one in Luca's physical state had ever accomplished, was

worth the effort in and of itself. "The fact that he's the only person to do this might influence other people," Sarah said. "It might not be someone in a wheelchair, but maybe they're fighting other situations. I can change my story or change my life and make something positive out of it." Luca did it for a number of reasons, but there was one that was on his mind during the entire climb. "The thing pushing me up was thinking about the guys that didn't make it," he said. "I'm so lucky and had to do it for all of them. I don't think I'm special. It's important for the message."

#### **MEETING THE POPE**

Sarah's life has turned out far different than she could have ever imagined. She went away to the state of Florida for college, studied abroad, lives in Italy, and speaks two languages fluently. "I have done way more than I ever thought," she said. And she met the Pope during a June 2, 2013 Mass. "It was at a Mass for injured and fallen soldiers and their families," Sarah said. "He said a Mass in the Vatican. After, he met every one of us and talked with each of us individually. You see him



and feel at peace. He has this aura about him. "It was a bittersweet time because we were fortunate to be there. He gave you hope."

## Padua's LD Program Celebrates 30 Years of Success



Padua's Learning
Disability Program has
been around for more than
three decades. Our LD
faculty and staff members
have helped educate
hundreds of students to
reach their maximum
potential. Together,
they've helped to increase
students' opportunities
for success and
prepare them for future
educational experiences.

Because students' learning rates and styles vary, many of their classes are taught to the individual

needs, goals, and objectives in their Individual Service Plan.

Currently, about 25 students are enrolled in Padua's LD Program. One of those students thriving in the program is Rose Sanchez '15. She says her learning disability involves reading and writing two grades below her level. "I'm succeeding here at Padua and it's all due to the teachers," said Sanchez.

For four years, Sanchez has been working with Padua's intervention specialist, Mary Zolkowski, speech pathologist, Gina Smith, school psychologist, Sal Karanouh-Schuler, along with several tutors.

"Rose has always embraced the fact that she learns differently and doesn't look at having a learning disability as a negative thing," said Zolkowski.

The future is looking bright for Sanchez. "I feel so prepared for college," said Sanchez. Her goal is to become an ESL (English as a second language) teacher. Mrs. Smith is confident that Sanchez will make this dream a reality.

"I am so happy to be working at a Catholic school that lives its mission. Not many private schools are willing to work with the students with learning disabilities and learning differences. These students thrive within Padua's community. We are truly Franciscan, because everyone has a place at the table here," said Smith.

Photo: Rose Sanchez '15. (Photo credit: Thomas Cooke Photography.)

## A SUMMER TO IMPROVE

Over the past 52 years, Padua has seen a lot of changes. Padua has completed at least one major renovation project every year over the past two decades. Last summer, the gymnasium underwent a complete make-over, including new bleachers. The summer of 2014 was a busy one as well. Here's a look at what's new for this school year.

#### CHROMEBOOKS -

Every student received a chromebook during the first week of school. The integration of this 1-to-1 technology will immediately impact learning and help students meet their academic potential. This step in engaged learning allows Padua to utilize the highest level of technology and provide a premier education for our students.

#### LOCKER ROOMS

The boys locker room received a complete makeover with new lockers, floor, benches, and paint.

#### HALLWAY LOCKERS

It was estimated that, since September 5, 1961, each student locker has been opened more than 200,000 times. Two coats of paint and 11,400 students later, these original steal closets clanged shut for the last time this past June. One of the summer's major projects was the replacement of every student locker in the school.

#### STADIUM TURF

Perhaps the most ambitious of the campus projects this summer was the installation of synthetic grass turf in Padua Stadium. The consistent condition of artificial turf will permit teams to both practice and play on the stadium's lighted field, and will make it possible for the school's marching band to practice on a soft surface instead of the asphalt of the parking lot. During good weather, physical education classes will use the field as well. "Because we had a natural grass surface, the field took quite a beating, and despite the best efforts of our grounds crew, could quickly transform into a mud bowl during particularly rainy seasons," said Kevin Leigh, athletic director. "With grass, we were limited to about 50 field uses a year. Switching to a synthetic turf will allow us to increase that use to 350 times a year."



## New Staff Profiles:

**ANDREA (FATICA) MIKOLAJCZYK '02** of Parma Heights has joined the Padua Franciscan staff as the elementary band program director and assistant marching band director. Prior to coming to Padua, Mikolajczyk worked at Holy Name High School. In addition, she has been a volunteer for the Padua theatre program for the past several years. She earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Bowling Green State University and master of music education from the University of Akron.

**BRIAN RAYMONT '06** of North Royalton has joined the Padua Franciscan staff as the assistant athletic director. Prior to coming to Padua, Raymont served as the liaison for the Men's and Women's Mid-American Conference Basketball Championship at Quicken Loans Arena. In addition, he has also been the game operations manager for Padua since 2012. He earned a bachelor of science degree in education and master's of science in sports science and coaching from the University of Akron.



# MEDTRACK: WINNING PRAISE

As MedTrack continues to connect with professionals in both education and healthcare, it has received some wonderful feedback along the way, including:



I can't begin to tell you how impressed I am with the MedTrack program. I was showing this (externship) poster to some of my colleagues, and they were equally impressed! Congratulations on a wonderful program!

Dr. Jon Davidson, interventional radiologist at University Hospitals, externship host to **Kenneth Jacklitch** '16.

Chad embraced every moment of his time with us and was extremely engaging. This honor is well deserved,

Ms. Janie Oakley, director of the Transplant Institute at University Hospitals, externship host to Chad Jaenke '16. (See next page)



"I have chills hearing about all the opportunities that MedTrack provides at the high school level."

Dr. Gina Weisblat, director of education for service (Dean's office) at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

The externship experience gives our MedTrack students the unique opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals in a real world healthcare setting. As a host, I take great pleasure in sharing in each student's memorable takeaway moments in the Emergency Department. In doing so, I am reminded how privileged I am to be a caregiver.

**Dr. Steven Dorsey** '89, emergency medicine physician at the Cleveland Clinic, externship host to **Sara Thomas** '16



"Thank you for everything MedTrack has done for me. Many of my professors and organizations are so impressed with MedTrack when I explained all that the program entailed. Thank you for pushing me to stay focused. I couldn't have done it without you!"

#### Chad Jaenke '16 Embraces Opportunity in Transplant and Cardiology



This past July, I had the distinct honor of fulfilling my MedTrack junior externship in the cardiology and transplant units at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. My host was Ms. Janie Oakley, who is currently the director of UH's Transplant Institute. Ms. Oakley and the entire team of doctors and nurses were extremely cordial and hospitable. They were eager to explain transplant procedures and allow me to accompany them on patient visits. I was also able to shadow surgeons in the pre-kidney and pre-liver transplant clinic and be present during two board meetings.

My most memorable moment in the transplant unit was witnessing two brothers who were entering transplant surgery. I will never forget watching them as they said their parting words before being taken into the operating room. In cardiology, I was able to view echocardiograms, observe transesophageal echocardiograms, and watch heart catheterizations.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at University Hospitals. I was impressed with the entire medical staff and their knowledge and skills. This opportunity provided great insight into the doctor-patient relationship and allowed me to witness how technology and medicine saves human lives. This externship has reinforced my desire to go into the medical field. Thank you to University Hospitals and the Padua Franciscan MedTrack program.

#### Chad Jaenke '16

Editor's Note: Chad was honored as one of the top 3 externship speeches (along with Katie Brown '16 and Mary Ellen Wasco '16) and took top prize for the Overall Externship Award. Christine George '16 earned second place honors, while Emily Halfacre '16 took home third. Congratulations to all MedTrack juniors for their hard work in these exciting transformative experiences.

# By the Way... MedTrack Seniors on the Road

Laurie Keco Grabowski '89 (Director of MedTrack) and Dr. Kathy Gorbach (MedTrack's Honors Advanced Science Seminar instructor) chaperoned eight MedTrack seniors — Mackenzie Carroll, Jack Fender, Nathan Fletcher, Jacob Grimmer, Amanda Jancewicz, Brianne Litwinowicz, Kaitlyn Patacca, and Courtlyn Zagore — on a trip to Arlington, Virginia last month. Students presented posters relating to their senior project at the Family Medical Education Consortium (FMEC) Northeast Region Meeting, while Mrs. Grabowski presented MedTrack as a best practice.

"I am so thankful for all the opportunities MedTrack and Northeast Ohio Medical University's Health Professions Affinity Community (NEOMED HPAC) provided me with during this conference weekend. The other HPAC student projects inspired me to keep working hard, striving to make a difference in the world," said Amanda. Mackenzie continued, "There's something promising about hearing a third-year resident tell me that I am as articulate as a



medical student. That has a lot to say about MedTrack and how it has prepared me." All MedTrack seniors will be presenting their capstone projects at NEOMED at Scholars' Day in April. The best presentations from this competition will have the opportunity to attend the FMEC conference next fall.



# PADUA RECEIVES GIFTS FROM JAPAN

#### HIROKO CHABATA.

president of the Hiroshima International Home Stay Club, from Hiroshima, Japan, gave two gifts to Padua during the summer of 2014. Teachers Tim and Joan Giulivo presented a thousand origami paper cranes, which is a symbol of peace and good luck, to president, Fr. Allan DaCorte, ofm. The second is a woodblock painting commissioned by a wellknown Japanese artist who was a good friend of her late husband, Dr. Chabata.

The Chabatas were inducted into Padua's Hall of Fame in 2013, as Franciscan Medal Award recipients. For years, their generosity was directed at enriching

the lives of people and sharing Hiroshima's vision of international peace and understanding to the Padua family. Traveling here from Japan for the

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first time in 1992–93, Hiroko taught Japanese language and culture to Padua students. After just one year here, Hiroko and the late Dr. Takayuki Chabata established a program which allowed Padua teachers and students the opportunity to spend two to three weeks in Japan during the summer. For more than 12 years,

the Chabatas provided dozens of teachers and students this unique opportunity to promote world peace and learn the Japanese culture.



Teachers Tim and Joan Giulivo present a thousand cranes and a woodblock painting to president, Fr. Allan DaCorte, ofm, on behalf of their friend Hiroko Chabata.

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"Thank you"



### We Get Letters...

Every so often we receive notes or emails from alumni or parents about how their Padua experience has had (or is having) a positive impact on them. Here's one from a current freshman parent.

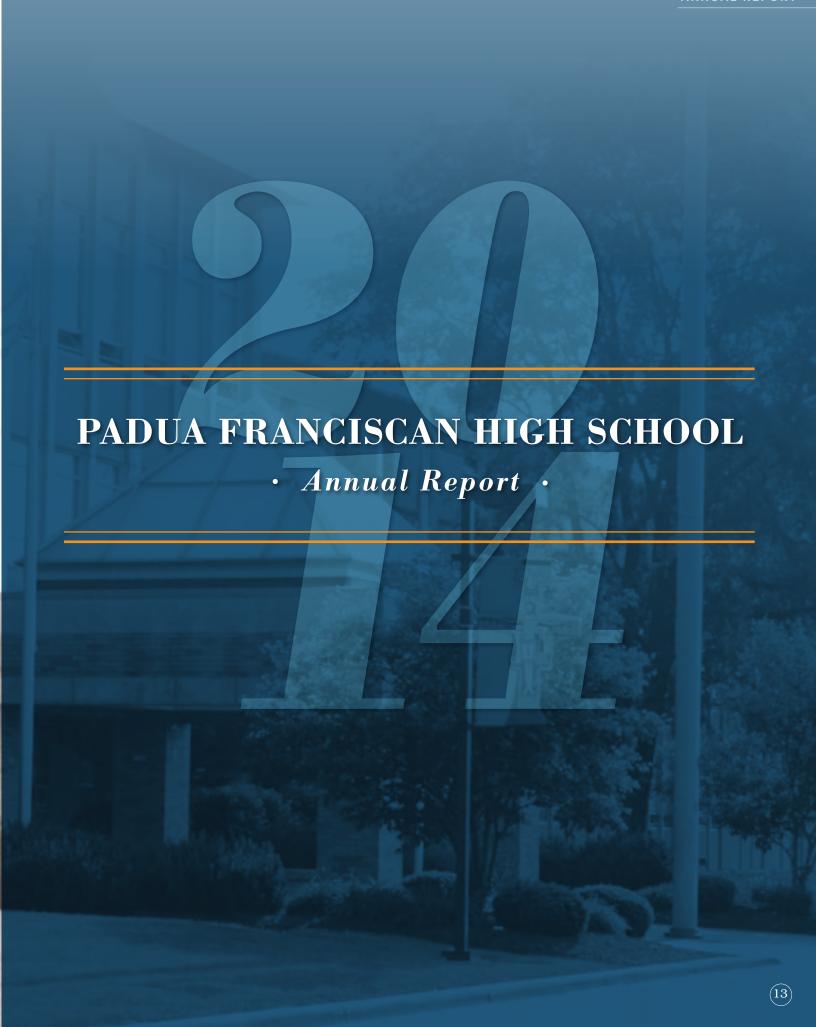
#### DEAR PRINCIPAL STEC:

We really enjoyed the freshman orientation. I have four children and all my kids went to public school. My youngest and only daughter seemed to need a little something extra. I felt a change was needed for both of us. I wanted her to have a chance to be a someone, instead of just another student at the high school. She may not be your academic superstar, but she has a wonderful voice and loving heart. I have felt a Bruin "hug" every time we have walked through the doors.

Tonight as we were leaving, I was trying to put my finger on what "feeling" I was having. Then it hit me (like a slap to the back of the head), It's God! He is present, and He is allowed to be present, and He is actively sought out. I guess I never realized what was missing in the public schools.

Thank you for opening this school and experience up to my daughter and family.

God Bless (I can say that with no apologies or fear of offending)!



# PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT TRUST

The endowment was founded in 1981 to provide for student financial aid as well as program support for Padua Franciscan High School. The trust grows through tax-deductible contributions, including gifts of cash, securities, life insurance, bequests, and memorials which are invested. The endowment trust is managed by an independent board of trustees with makes a distribution to the school each year from the Trust. Contributions and inquiries regarding the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust should be directed to Gerald R. Jindra, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at 440.845.8224.

Financial summary for the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust for the year ended June 30, 2014:

NET UNRESTRICTED ASSETS \$2,127,361

NET RESTRICTED ASSETS 1,048,949

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 3,176,310

SUPPORT, REVENUE AND UNREALIZED NET GAINS \$490,639

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROVIDED 140,000

**INVESTMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES** 51,779

TOTAL EXPENSES \$191.779

**CASH VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES** \$ 217,614

(included in Total Assets)

#### NAMED FUNDS

Numerous benefactors have established funds within the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment

Trust for a variety of charitable purposes, from memorials to inspirational family legacies. These "Named Funds"—which are tracked separately within the Endowment Trust—are created with a gift of \$10,000 or more (cash or pledge, or proceeds from a will, insurance policy, or other planned gift). These Funds are typically organized to generate annual tuition assistance for Padua families

with the greatest need. The donors are also eligible for membership in Padua's Friar Club.

The Trust currently has 37 Named Funds, comprising approximately \$2.3 million of the Trust net assets.

F.J. O'Neill Charitable Corp. Fund Robert and Grace Kane Fund CFT Friar Development Casey Brian Shuman Fund CFT Technology Assistance (38%) CFT Financial Assistance (37%)

CFT Faculty Assistance (25%)

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James Bucci Fund

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Walter L. Dolan, O.F.M., Fund

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Arlene and Charles Carroll Fund

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Padua Parents Club

Simonetti Family Fund

Miluk/McLemore Fund

James and Edward Higdon Fund

Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M. Fund

J.J. Marino Financial Aid Fund

Lillian J. Gathers Financial Aid Fund

Schuessler Fund

Padua Alumni Fund

Class of 1970 Endowment Scholarship

Catherine R. Fredecker Nursing Scholarship Fund

Joyce Family Fund

Robert and Myrtle Jira Fund



# THE PADUA FRIAR CLUB

The Friar Club was established to recognize individuals, corporations, and foundations who have made a significant commitment to the young people we serve. Membership is reserved for those who have demonstrated a desire to ensure the future of Franciscan education at Padua, either through present or deferred giving.:

- A deferred gift of \$25,000 or more through a trust or a will; or
- Assignment of an existing or new life insurance policy (\$25,000 minimum) naming Padua Franciscan as sole owner and beneficiary; or
- A gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more (contributions for current needs, capital projects, as well as Endowment qualify).

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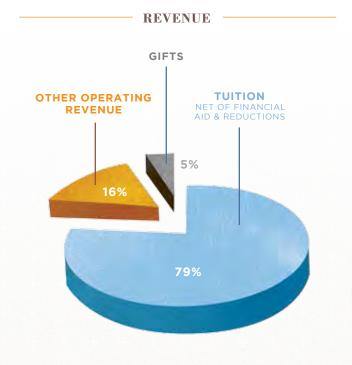
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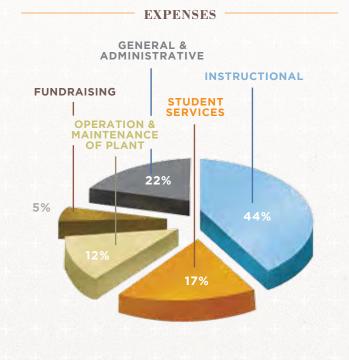
# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2014

REVENUE		
Tuition (net of financial aid & reductions)	\$5,899,101	78.65%
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,238,862	16.52%
Gifts	\$362,417	4.83%
Total Revenue	\$7,500,380	100.00%

EXPENDITURES		
Program Services: Instructional	\$3,415,148	43.61%
Student services	\$1,361,709	17.39%
Operation & maintenance of plant  Total Program Services	\$957,915 \$5,734,772	12.23% 73.24%
Supporting Services:		
Fund-raising, PR, Alumni activities	\$413,069	5.28%
General & administrative	\$1,682,637	21.49%
Total Supporting Services	\$2,095,706	26.76%
Total Expenses	\$7,830,478	100.00%

GIFTS	
Restricted Income	\$98,750
Unrestricted Income	\$50,397
Financial aid	\$66,377
Auction 2014— deferred to FY2015	\$181,264
Car Raffle 2014 — deferred to FY2015	\$26,000
Gifts in Kind	\$700
Total	\$423,488





## Student/Faculty News:

Over the summer, Tim Giulivo and his son Kevin '16 embarked on their first bicycle trip together. They cycled from Pittsburgh, PA, to Washington, DC, a distance of roughly 350 miles. The trip took a week and they camped along the way, carrying tents, sleeping bags, and other equipment. They followed the Great Allegheny Passage trail from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD, and the C and O Canal trail along the Potomac River from Cumberland to Washington. They were then met by his wife Joan and younger son William in DC for some sightseeing.

**Michael Sullivan '16** spent five weeks visiting our sister school Ursulaschule in Osnabrück Germany, this summer. He intends to spend his senior year at Ursulaschule.

Also, **Steven Sivik '15** visited friends at Osnabrück this summer—the friends he made when they visited us here at Padua. Friends for life!

During June, six students along with Matt Harley, campus minister and David Stec '86 traveled

to the Higuey Dominican Republic for an eight-day mission trip. During the stay, the mission team dug foundations for six homes, painted and readied five homes into which residents will move. The students held a baseball camp for local kids each afternoon. They also met the local bishop, visited the Basilica and celebrated Mass with the community in the new church in the village. The students learned firsthand the effects that poverty and poor living conditions can have on people. The trip opened their eyes to the needs of the poor and helped them to be grateful for all the blessings in their lives.

Football kicker and punter **Dan**Madden '15 wanted to help kids
with cancer (in honor of his cousin who
was diagnosed with leukemia when she
was just two years old). For every point
he scored this season, he donated \$1
to the Kick-It campaign to fight cancer.
We are happy to report that with his
donations and the match of others, at
the time of print of this issue, Dan
exceeded his goal of raising \$2,000.

Alexandra Frech and Elizabeth Oles-Smith took 14 students and one parent on a great summer trip to England. They made stops at Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, the Globe Theatre, the Tower of London, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's Birthplace, and Oxford University, just to name a few. "It was so great for students to actually see the many places about which they have been told and taught. They will never view Shakespeare in the same way again!" said Frech.

Rosie Green participated in two Dragon Boat Festivals, one in Toronto and again here in Cleveland. She rowed in support of breast cancer research. The festival acknowledges dragon boat history and its connection with Asian culture. It promotes the people and unique cultures of Cleveland's Asian community. Dragon Boat racing incorporates high energy, fitness, team building, and recreational exercise in a fun and competitive atmosphere.













# PADUA ACCEPTS ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE



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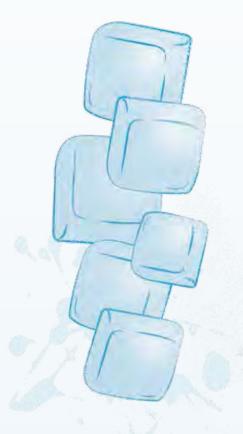
**ALS DIDN'T MEAN MUCH** to science teacher Mrs. Kathy Craider last year, but in May 2013, that all changed. Her brother, David Stuczynski, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

Craider says after her brother's diagnosis, everything in their lives began to change. "It came out of nowhere and it truly hit our family hard. It is all-consuming of our day. It's becoming something that I think about every day. I don't think 15 minutes can pass where I don't think about my brother and the struggle he is going to face very soon," said Craider.

Someone with ALS is told on the day of their diagnosis that they have 1,000 days to live. Stuczynski made the courageous decision to fight. He and his business partner organized "The STU MAN Group" to participate in the Cleveland Walk to Defeat ALS. In September 2013, Stuczynski's team was the largest team in the state of Ohio and the fourth largest team in the country.

"As a family, we have one option. We can pray. We pray as individuals, as a family, and as a team. We want to beat this thing. We are praying for a miracle," said Craider.



In the summer of 2014, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge went viral on social media. Thousands of people began dousing themselves with buckets full of ice water to raise awareness and money for ALS research. By August 2014, the ALS Ice Bucket Initiative had raised over \$40 million nationwide.

"When I prayed for a cure, this is not what I imagined, but who am I to judge the method? In my mind, this (the Ice Bucket Challenge) is the miracle we have waited for. With this type of funding, I am convinced that something is going to happen soon to get these researchers in place to find a cure," said Craider.

Craider believes this money is going to help find a cure, not only for ALS, but for many other motor neuron diseases, like multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.

"I wanted Padua to start off the school year by being part of that miracle," said Craider. On August 22, 2014, she nominated three people, who she considers to be part of her family, to take the challenge. She nominated Principal David Stec '86 and teachers Mr. Jake Lantz and Mr. Tony Shuman '91 to accept the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS. They accepted the challenge and passed it on by nominating the boys basketball team, marching band, dance team, color guard, cheerleaders, girls volleyball team, and the football team to do the same.

"It's really all about raising money for this cause, so in two weeks, we want to raise \$2,500. I promise you the money will be used correctly, connected to our values," said Stec. Our students accepted the challenge and collected \$2,554.59, which was donated to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute which provides direct support for ALS research.

You can watch Padua take the Ice Bucket Challenge by logging on to our YouTube channel "PaduaFranciscan."

# PADUA ALUMNI AND FAMILIES

# Give Back

**ST. ROCCO CHURCH** in Cleveland is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, thanks to dedicated parishioners, many of whom happen to have ties to Padua.

The Bellflower family has been volunteering at the festival every Labor Day weekend for decades. **Dave Bellflower '73** runs the famous Italian sausage sandwich stand, along with his brother, **John Bellflower '75**, and cousin, **Jimmy Bellflower '76**. Dave's wife, Rosemary, runs the nearby pop stand with her daughter, **Becky Bellflower '98**, and niece, **Julie DeStefanis '10**.

Many of the church's parishioners have long since moved out of the west side neighborhood and into the suburbs, but many remain dedicated members of the St. Rocco family.

Nick Mastroianni, of Parma, sent his two children to Padua. He has continued his lifelong commitment to the parish, preparing the sausage and peppers with many of his childhood friends. He has worked at the festival for 50 years now. His wife, Chris, and daughter, Lana (Mastroianni) O'Malley '99, volunteer in the school cafeteria, which transforms into an Italian restaurant known as The Villa.

Even though he's exhausted at the end of the festival, Mastroianni wouldn't miss it for the world. "It's part of my life," he said. "It wouldn't be the same without it."

Mastroianni's sister, Anna DeGirolamo, also sent two of her children to Padua. For years, she has helped organize the student servers in The Villa, while her husband, Tony, and sons, **Dino DeGirolamo '01**, and **Anthony DeGirolamo '03**, volunteer in the casino. Her daughter-in-law, **Rachel (Teron) DeGirolamo '02**, also helps out in The Villa.

"We all were taught to serve the community while we were students at Padua. After four years of doing good deeds and service, it just becomes part of who you are. It's still so important to my family and me to give back," said Anthony DeGirolamo.

The priests at St. Rocco are moved by the power volunteerism holds for members of the church devoted to the festival. "Together, they've helped raise tens of thousands of dollars over the years," said Fr. James Mayer.









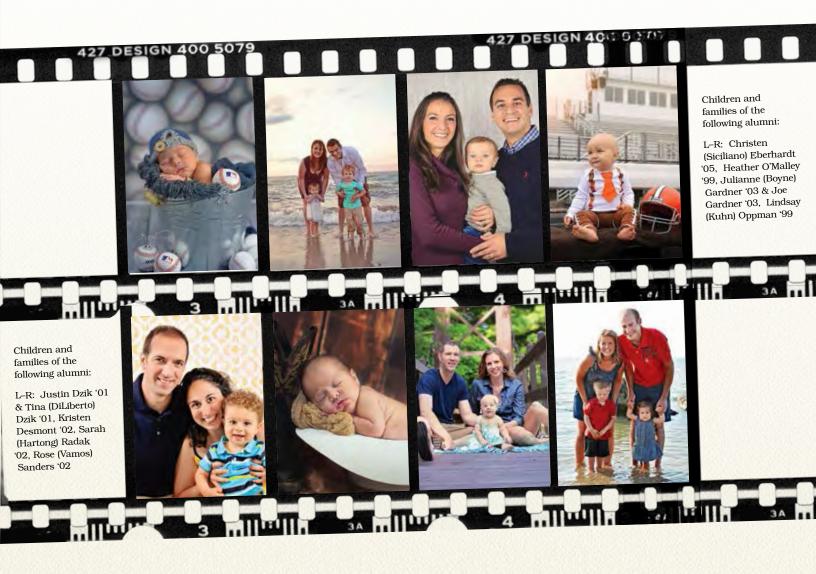




Nick Mastroianni, his wife Chris and their grandson, Patrick O'Malley, relaxing before the St. Rocco's Festival begins.

# ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS:

# Photographer Rachel (Kwitkowski) Good '01





As a teenager, Rachel (Kwitkowski) Good '01 never imagined she would own her own business. Fast forward a decade and she is doing just that. After graduating from Padua in 2001, she went on to study at Cuyahoga Community College and Kent State University, where she earned her associate of arts degree.

When God closes a door, He opens a window. Good was working at a law firm when she was placed on bed rest while pregnant with her second son. She eventually quit her job. After watching a number of northeast Ohio photographers struggle to take photos of her son smiling, she decided to launch her own photography business. Since 2012, Good has photographed over 100 newborns, 400 families (including maternity, children, and family sessions), and a dozen weddings. Many of her clients are Padua alumni and their children.

In just a short time, Good has gotten very good at what she does. She won Best Maternity Photographer (2013 and 2014), Best Newborn Photographer (2012, 2013, and 2014), Newborn Magazine Published Photographer (2013 and 2014), Best Portrait Photographer (4th place on Fox 8 "Cleveland Hot List"), and Best Wedding Photographer (6th place on Fox 8 "Cleveland Hot List"). She is a proud member of the International Associate of Newborn Photographers

"I love capturing moments that families can treasure forever," said Good.

One valuable lesson that Good learned at Padua, which she continues to carry with her, is no matter what struggles you are going through in life, God is always with you.

Good is now booking photo sessions six months in advance. To learn more about her growing business, visit www.rachelgoodphotography.com.



# SPORTS Notables

#### **BOYS GOLF**



The Bruin golfers finished their regular season with an 8–2 overall match play record. They placed first in the Brunswick Tee Classic out of 20 teams and also posted second-place finishes at the Trinity Invitational at Ironwood and the Port Clinton Invitational at the

Catawba Island Club. The boys finished second at the NCL Tournament at Pine Hills with a team score of 317. Gaining NCL first team honors were sophomore Ben Jones with a score of 75 and senior Jimmy Szpak with a 76. The Bruins qualified as a team for the District tournament shooting a team score of 308.

Special congratulations to **Ben Jones** for gaining Medalist honors at the Aurora Invitational at Barrington Country Club. Ben's round of 75 was tops in a very competitive field. Ben was also chosen as PD Player of the Week in the final week of September.

#### **GIRLS GOLF**

Junior **Michaela Thomas** qualified for the OHSAA District girls golf tournament yesterday. Michaela shot an 83 at Punderson Golf Course and helped her team earn 7th place out of 16 teams at the Sectional tournament. Junior **Nikki Johnson** contributed with a 94.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**



The Lady Bruins cross country team finished first at the Avon Lake Early Bird Invite. The girls came away with a 40-point victory over conference rival Beaumont in the Gold Division

race. Senior co-captain Jaimie Adams led the way as she garnered top individual honors, winning the race in a time of 20:51. Freshman Megan Casselberry finished 5th overall in a time of 22:01. Freshman Ashlynn Uzl (11th, 22:40), freshman Kristen Seballos (12th, 22:42), and junior Jamie Zickes (13th, 23:08) rounded out the scoring for the Bruins.

Congratulations to **Jaimie Adams** on being named PD Player of the Week in September.

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**



The Lady Bruins finished their regular season with an impressive 15–1 season.

More after sectional results

Coach Doug English prepares their girls prior to their 5–0 win over Parma.

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

The Lady Bruins finished their 2014 season with a 21–7 record. They were regional champs and again returned to the state final four in Dayton

Senior **Katie Stansbury** was featured on High School Sports Insider, a weekly half-hour show of highlights and features on Ohio high school student athletes and teams. Early in October, Katie also captured her 1,000 career kill as a Lady Bruin.

#### PADUA WRESTLING-50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE





All Padua wrestlers are invited to attend the January 30 dual match vs Benedictine in Padua's gym to celebrate 50 years of wrestling at Padua. The varsity will start at 7:00 p.m., and there will be a brief celebration in the cafeteria prior to the varsity match. Padua alumni wrestlers will be admitted free of charge for the match. For more info, please contact head coach, **Dave Morell** 280 at dmorell33@gmail.com.

Photos: Top: 2014 Bruin wrestlers Bottom: 1965 Bruin wrestlers

#### **DID YOU KNOW??**

This year's team returns 3 state place winners and 9 seniors.

Led by head coach **Dave Morell '80** in his 14th season, over his past 13 seasons the Bruin wrestlers have accumulated 156 dual meet victories and 8 top-ten team state finishes.

Included in that have been 5 state individual champions, 27 state place winners & 54 state qualifiers. His team's have won 9 NCL Championships, 5 Sectional Championships, 1 District Championship, and the 2014 State dual's Regional Championship.

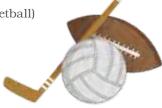
Coaching staff includes alumni, **Jim McLemore '75, Gerry Scott '95, Ricky Randazzo '01, Brian Becka '02** 

#### **FALL ATHLETIC SIGNINGS:**

**Katie Stansbury** (Volleyball) Colgate University

**Kyle Kaminski** (Wrestling) Ohio University

**Savannah Heckelmoser** (Basketball) Carlow University





# Somethin Bruin

Editors note: The class of '65 will celebrate their 50th anniversary this June. Members of the reunion committee have been hard at work planning a weekends worth of events to celebrate this milestone. Following are just a few 'fun' facts about what some members of Padua's first graduating class have been up to.

#### 1965

**Joe Hendricks**, the school's first Mr. Paduan is an avid golfer and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bob Riester, Padua's first graduate (students lined up by height, no other criteria) commutes back and forth from Cleveland to Jacksonville, FL weekly for work. He is also attempting to nurse his wonderful wife Ginny through her recent knee replacement surgery which took place in early September. Who doesn't remember Bob's infectious laugh? Bob and Ginny will be participating in the entire reunion weekend.



**Don Baracskay** lives in Apollo Beach, Florida. He and his wife Jane will be flying in to participate in the entire reunion weekend. In fact Don sent us a photo of how he & Jane plan to fly into Cleveland.

**Thomas Quinn** is well and doing missionary work in Scotland. **Bill Melchior**, class member in charge of locating 'missing classmates', was able to track him down.



**Tom Stasek** is the Class of 1965 Historian. Ask Tom any question about any of our classmates...and he will give you an answer. Tom was also a teacher at Padua from 1971–79.



Vince DelCalzo is very active in Community Theater and has starred in such plays as Neil Simon's Plaza Suite, Twelve Angry Jurors, Fiddler on the Roof, etc. Vince is currently

starring in Witness for the Prosecution at the Strongsville Community Theater. **Fr. Lou Papes** is also featured in the play. This is the first opportunity that Vince and Fr. Papes have had to collaborate in the theater.

**Dave Bender** recently starred in the film Alex Cross, an American crime thriller directed by Rob Cohen and featuring Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox, Edward Burns, Rachel Nichols and Jene Reno.

George Ferencz has been active in New York Theater as a director, producer and teacher for over four decades. Currently he is a resident director of LaMaMa E.T.C. where he has directed 31 productions. George has directed the premieres of over 30 writers and has directed classics from Shakespeare to O'Casey at regional theaters including the Cleveland Playhouse. He is the Founding Director of three New York non-profit theaters. George has taught directing at Yale School of Drama, Brooklyn College, N.Y.U., Columbia and Marymount as well as the Michael Howard Studio, the Lee Strasberg Studio and Playwrights Horizons Directing Lab. George has lectured on directing at Cornell, Ohio University, Kent State University, Syracuse University, and an international directors symposium at La MaMa Umbria, Italy. George currently lives in Brooklyn with designer Sally Lesser. For more on George go to www.georgeferencz.com

Mike McNamara served as an announcer for AFRTS (American Forces Radio/TV Service) and has been in broadcasting for thirty years. Mike has taught Broadcasting/Journalism/PR classes at Marietta College & Trine University for 15 years. Currently, Mike freelances sports assignments in IN, MI, OH & KY

**Mike Rizk** starred in the movie "One Way Out" and attended the world premiere in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Jack Kane** currently co-anchors "13 News This Morning" and anchors "13 News at Noon" in Charleston, West Virginia.

#### 1971

A Coca-Cola employee since 1981 and currently the CFO of the Eurasia and Africa Group, **Mark Harden** is living in Istanbul, Turkey.

#### 1975

In 2011, **Daniel Cawthon** retired as the director of clinical engineering from Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. In 2013, he took a job as the regional service specialist for Merry X-ray Corporation in Houston, Texas, touring and installing digital medical imaging equipment along the Gulf Coast. He is married to Janette, and they have three children.

#### 1980

**Steve Mehal** will soon be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Mehal Transport Services Inc., a small trucking company that specializes in hauling liquid hazardous and non-hazardous commodities.

#### 1983

**Bob Pacanovsky** has sold his events and catering company and will now focus on his other company, Robert J. Training & Design, which has experienced strong growth over the past couple years.

#### 1986

**Rob Moss** won the Northern Ohio PGA Professional Championship at Beechmont Country Club with 5 under par.

#### 1988



**BIRTHS**: Christian Peter, born to **Danielle Barbato Syroney** and her husband Mark on June 17.

#### 2000

**Nicole Urban** married Joe Evans on August 15, and they honeymooned in Alaska. Her sister **Stephanie '03** was maid of honor.

#### 200

**BIRTHS**: Third son Liam was born to **Rachel Seskes Berning** and her husband Matthew on January 21.

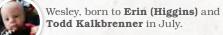


Griffin Joseph, born to **Michelle Druso Koussa** and her husband Tony on April 15. Samantha born to Tina (DiLiberto) and Justin Dzik in August.

#### 2002



BIRTHS: Nora, born to Christin (Whidden) and Nick Pozek in June.



William James, born to **Lynn Zamborsky Baranowski** on February 16.

#### 2004

In June, **Rich Ganim** was hired as team leader & CEO of Keller Williams Realty on the Water in Bradenton, Florida. He manages, coaches, and trains an office of 87 real estate agents focusing on residential and commercial real estate and luxury homes on Florida's Gulf Coast.

**Dana Banyasz '04** is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments in Bay Village. He holds the accredited asset management specialist designation along with his national securities licenses and accepted a limited partnership in the firm this past August.

#### 2005

BIRTHS: Ava Nicole born to **Kelly Watson**Miller on May 18.

Brady Daniel born to **Christen Siciliano Eberhardt** and her husband Dan on
September 9.

Robert Daniel born to **Kaitlin (Zamborsky)** and Bob Waltzer on June 28.



On June 13, Samantha Scholz married **Justin Meeson**, Padua cross country coach. **Marianne Rapacz Tokar '05** was

matron of honor, and **Matthew Frantz '10** a groomsman. Samantha is a registered nurse at University Hospitals Case Medical Center and will soon graduate from Ursuline College with an MSN. She plans to become an adult/geriatric nurse practitioner.

#### 2006

**Lauren Milheim** married Adam Kirkland on May 3 in Columbus, Ohio. She is a nurse at The Ohio State Medical Center.

#### 2008

**Matthew Kerschner** is now pursuing a JD at Wake Forest University School of Law.

**Mark Wozniak** is a middle school math teacher for the Bixby schools and a wide receivers coach at Bixby High School. He is married to Chelsea and has a two-year-old son named Gavin.

# ALUMNI CALENDAR

#### What's Happening Through June 2015

# RED, WHITE AND BREW'N FEBRUARY 27



Mark your calendars now for the Alumni Association's 5th annual Red, White & Brew'n on Friday, February 27, in the Padua gymnasium.

Join us from 7:00–9:00 p.m. for a sampling of 12 different wines from all over the globe, craft beers, and various food samplings. Tickets will go on sale January 6 and will be available for purchase in the school office. A limited number of tickets will be sold. 21 and over please.

AUCTION, DINNER, RAFFLE, ENTERTAINMENT APRIL 18



Don't miss your chance to enjoy a gourmet meal and bid

on some unique auction items that can only be found at Padua's Bruin Benefit. Volunteers are currently being recruited to work on the planning committee. If the excitement of a benefit auction sounds interesting to you, please contact msutton@paduafranciscan.com.

PADUA/JAMES W. DAY GOLF CLASSIC

#### **JUNE 5**

It's not too early to begin organizing your foursome for the 30th annual Padua Alumni Golf Classic at Shale Creek Golf Course on Friday, June 5. This shotgun start will begin at 9:00 a.m.

(For information on any of these events call 440.845.2444, ext. 106 or e-mail rholz@paduafranciscan.com).

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

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

## REUNIONS IN THE NEWS

#### **CLASS OF 1965: 50 YEARS**

Padua's very first graduating class will celebrate their 50th anniversary next June and plans are well underway to celebrate this milestone. There are three events already planned:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26** 

Stag night and catered dinner at Padua

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

An evening on the lake

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28** 

Mass and brunch at Padua

For information on all events planned, contact Lucian.lipera@gmail.com.

# PADUA CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1974 CROWN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Padua players and coaches of the '74 Crown Conference Championship were re-united on the school's campus the weekend of September 19 to celebrate the Bruins memorable season 40 years ago. Several events were planned as well as a special on-field recognition of the '74 team during halftime of the Padua — Perry game on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The '74 Bruins enjoyed what's still believed by many as the best football season in Padua's history, highlighted by the defeat of the unbeaten and state-ranked St. Edward Eagles. It was this victory that propelled the



Members of the 1974 Crown Conference championship team



Teammate **Bob Kruse '76**presents Coach Priefer with a
momento at the team dinner

Bruins to their first Crown Championship and a #1 rating in the greater Cleveland area.

The '74 Bruins were led by Coach Chuck Priefer. Coach Priefer was named the Greater Cleveland Coach of the Year in 1974. After leaving Padua in 1976, Priefer continued his football coaching at the collegiate and professional ranks and was inducted to the Padua Franciscan Hall of Fame in 2001.

#### Are you a member of a Padua class ending in a 0 or 5?

If so, 2015 is a reunion year for your class. The alumni office is here to help classmates plan their reunion, advertise, locate classmates, and assist with accounting if necessary. We do look to classmates to determine what their class would like to do and when.

If you are a member of a class ending in a 4 or 9 and would like to assist in your reunion planning, please contact the Alumni Office.

#### FIRST ANNUAL JJ MARINO MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Over 200 family members and friends gathered together to celebrate the life of **JJ Marino**'08 at the first Annual JJ Marino Memorial Golf Outing at Creekwood Golf Course on July 12, 2014. JJ died suddenly on March 31, 2013, when the car he was riding in was hit by a semitruck, as he and friends headed back to Ohio from a spring break trip in Florida.

At the event, the entire Padua hockey family, including coach Greg Coyle, former coach Doug Hauser and many former Padua hockey players were on hand to present JJ's parents, Kevin and Sandi Marino, with JJ's Padua hockey jersey, and to announce that JJ's number 28 would be retired and hung in the Padua locker room so that JJ's memory lives on in the hearts and minds

of Padua Bruins for years to come.

Shortly after JJ died, Bob and Ellin Sevchuk, along with their children Patrick '08, Kate '09, and Kaileen '14, created the JJ Marino Endowment Fund as another way to honor JJ's life. The fund is designed to benefit a Padua student who shared the same traits as JJ or someone in need of tuition assistance. The fund is administered by the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust, and the proceeds from the golf outing support the fund. Earlier this year, the first scholarship was awarded to rising senior Alex Dempsey '15.

Plans are already underway for next year's outing which will be held on July 11, 2015.



(Pictured left to right: Patrick Shevchuk '08, Chris Coyle '07, Dan Olejarski '08, Nick Allega '08, John Behr '08 and Chad Nykiel '08.)



(Pictured left to right: Allyson (Marino) Robinson '02, Sandi Marino, scholarship recipient Alex Dempsey '15, Kevin Marino, Mike Marino '05.)

# THE BEST GAME OF PINBALL EVER

#### Class of 1989 25th Reunion

The Class of 1989 celebrated its 25th Reunion in July with a series of events, including Mass in Padua's chapel with baccalaureate celebrant **Fr. Bob Stec '79**, school tours led by Kevin and **Pamela (Svonevec) Leigh '87** (with special guests **Kammy Coyle Shuman '88** and **Tony Shuman '91**), and a VIP experience at the House of Blues Restaurant. But the party didn't really start there. A Reunion Facebook group (recently renamed to Padua Class of 1989 – 25 Years and Beyond) was launched six months in advance as a way to find classmates, get feedback on plans, share information, and generate excitement. The group even triggered an impromptu "big hair" contest to get classmates psyched for a return to the '80s.

In addition to Facebook, the reunion team utilized a reunion webpage, email blasts, and a retro postcard mailing courtesy of freelance designer, Julie Trcka Landreth. These efforts resulted in a number of former and current teachers who were able to participate throughout the reunion events, including Mrs. Lillian Gathers, Mr. Joe Bazzichi, Mr. Harvey Cohen, Mrs. Tammy Plasterer, and Ms. Grace Carroll. Br. Thom Smith was also on hand to make Mark Vergilii an honorary alumnus of the Class of 1989.

The chorus of feedback echoed several main themes: "I'm so glad I came." "Four hours went by way too quickly." "I can't wait to do it again." The best post-reunion quote came from Michelle Kubick Phillips when she wrote, "Last night was like the best game of pinball ever. You run through the doors, see someone you haven't seen in forever and catch up





on life (ding ding ding). Then you turn around and see a few more people, and laugh, very hard, about stuff you thought you forgot (racking up points). Finally, you turn to get a drink and find even more friends you love but haven't seen and ... the whole night was just...jackpot!"

And what's a game of pinball without special effects? With the help of many classmates, Jon Boncela and Joe Konecny combined forces to create a video of then-and-now photos, accompanied by a soundtrack which made all children of the '80s proud!

Special thanks to all who helped to make this 25th reunion so wonderful (the list is incredibly long). The day served as a powerful reminder that what we had at Padua—and continue to have today—is truly special.

We need your help to ensure that the next generation of Padua students can create their own memories and keep the Bruin spirit alive.

# What Next? A Time to Lead the Way

To all classmates near and far who attended any of the reunion events, we thank you—for traveling, for finding baby sitters, for making the effort to rekindle the Bruin spirit in all of us. To all classmates near and far who could not join us, we missed you, plain and simple. As Jason Steiber so aptly stated, "I genuinely hope that it doesn't take me another 25 years to get or stay in touch."

So what's next? We have converted the reunion webpage (paduafranciscan. com/1989) into a list of ways we can stay connected with Padua and with each other, but we'd like to emphasize one key point. We need your help to ensure that the next generation of Padua students can create their own memories and keep the Bruin spirit alive. We can't do it alone. It's time to step up.

We have established the Class of 1989 Fund within the Endowment Trust as a continuing remembrance of classmates who are no longer with us. The fund will be managed for the longterm benefit of the school, primarily for tuition assistance. Please help us reach the minimum required, \$10,000, by donating electronically on the Class of 1989 webpage or by writing a check of any size to the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust (memo line: Class of 1989 Fund). Many employers will match your donation, which helps to increase the balance in the fund and the amount we can distribute to students (with priority given to the children of the Class of 1989). We are truly grateful for each and every donation.

In addition, under the leadership of Padua's new president, Fr. Allan DaCorte, ofm, Padua is entering a critical phase in its history. With new lockers, a new locker room, a new turf field, and a Chromebook for every student, the excitement at Padua is palpable. In the coming months, we will be seeking support for the next phase of the building upgrades. If you would be willing to receive a phone call or personal meeting to learn more, please contact either of us. We are confident that the Class of 1989 will lead the way in support for this transformational initiative.

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#### SILVER AND GOLDEN GRADUATES

Lynn Keco Moran and Mina Rescina Rolando were both a part of Padua's Silver Anniversary (25th graduating class). In a special turn of events, each has a child in Padua's Golden Anniversary Class of 2014. Congratulations to Lynn and her daughter **Jaclyn Moran '14**, as well as Mina and her son **Frank Rolando '14**.





# BRUIN BENEFIT '15—SATURDAY, APRIL 18

As a school in the Franciscan tradition, we believe that no child should be denied an education based solely on the ability to pay.

This is why your involvement in the Bruin Benefit is so very important. **HELP US** make a Padua education available to every student who desires it.

The Bruin Benefit is an unforgettable evening of camaraderie and giving. This benefit auction is Padua Franciscan's biggest fund raising event and includes a full open bar and featured wine bar, sit-down dinner, live music by talented Padua students, a live and silent auction and more! All proceeds benefit Padua's tuition assistance program.

**WE NEED** parents and alumni volunteers on the Bruin Benefit planning committee. Share your talents by helping us recruit guests, secure auction items, organize auction basket presentation, and promote the event. Have a great time while helping raise transformational funds for Padua students.

**JOIN US** and be a part of the planning committee. Contact Melissa Sutton (msutton@paduafranciscan.com) or call 440.845.2444, ext. 186 for more information.



Meet the Planning Committee:

**EVENT CO-CHAIRS:** 

Mark & Lisa Breen

**GIFT ACQUISITION CHAIRS:** Michelle Dogger-Dietrich '92 & Deb Gavdosh

> **GUEST RECRUITMENT CHAIRS:** Jerry and Michele Koler

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT CHAIR:

Kathleen Craider

**SILENT AUCTION CHAIRS:** 

Michael & Karen Cesa





# TRUSTEES OF DISTINCTION

An institution of Padua's stature is not an independent or isolated entity; it operates in a civic and corporate context. Recognizing that successful corporations seek the counsel of others in their efforts to create and implement a plan of action, Padua established a Board of Regents in May of 1984 and then a Board of Trustees in 1992 following the creation of Padua Franciscan High School, Inc.

The Board of Trustees (listed on the inside front cover of this publication), is comprised of up to 25 representatives of the Padua constituency, including alumni, parents, corporate and civic leaders. Ît also includes appointed friars and Franciscan leadership of the Sacred Heart Province, the latter of which serve as the Members of the corporation. Lay trustees can serve two, three-year consecutive terms.

In this issue we are honoring five trustees who will complete their second term:



JAMES A. CLIMER Jim Climer is chairman of the Padua Franciscan Board of Trustees. elected to that position in 2013. An attorney

with the firm of Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder Co., LPA, his leadership during times of leadership transition have proved invaluable to the school and the Province. Under his guidance the Board has implemented several policy, administrative, and building improvements and initiated plans for a capital campaign. Jim and his wife Mary are members of the Friar Club and parents of Matthew and Samuel, the latter a 2009 graduate of Padua.



**Timothy Dobeck** Tim Dobeck is a partner with the law firm Boyko, Dobeck and Weaver as well as law director and chief prosecutor in the city

of Parma, Ohio. He was instrumental in the revision of Padua's employee handbook and has served on the Board Development, Personnel/Faculty, and Mission Effectiveness Committees of the Board. He and his wife Rochelle are parents of Claire '10 and Tim '13.



ANN-MARIE DIPAOLO '86 Ann-Marie (Lehman) DiPaolo is a CPA and controller of St. Joseph and John School in Strongsville. Ohio. She has served

Padua as vice chairperson of the Board of Trustees since 2013. Her finance background and MBA have been instrumental in providing oversight of

the finances of Padua Franciscan. She and her husband Michael are members of the Friar Club and parents of Alexandra '17, Nicolas, and Julia.



DAVID J. SIBITS '68 Dave Sibits is president of CBIZ, Inc. Financial Services. He is completing his second "tour of duty" on the Padua Board, having

previously served from 1992 to 2000. Chairman of the Finance Committee during both of his stints on the board, he was also the subject of a popular feature article in the Paduan magazine in 2002. A Friar Club member, he and his wife Donna are parents of Leslie, Lisa, and Scott.



JOHN M. VERES John Veres is a CPA, controller for MAK Management Company, as well as director of finance for the city of

Independence, Ohio. He has served on the Board Development, Finance, Fund Development, Educational Affairs, and Strategic Planning Committees during his tenure. He and his wife Lorianne are parents of Jillian '08, Jaklyn '09, and Jenna '14.

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Kathleen Barendt, mother of **Chris '74**, **Joe '77**, **James '81**, **Charles '87**, and **Nicholas '91**; grandmother of **Kelly '11** 

Rose Bialecki, mother of **Phillip '81, Jennifer '91**, and **Rosemarie '93** 

**Tom Buescher '67**, June 19, 2014, father of **Brittany '96** 

Geraldine Chelmins, mother of  ${f David}$  '03

William Conlon '71, July 6, 2014

Joseph DeLuca '75, November 8, 2014

Scott Denby '80, July 19, 2014

Rafael Esmurdoc, father of **Ralph '84** and **Chris '87** 

Eleanore Felty, mother of **Robert '72** and **David '78**; mother-in-law of **Mike Evans '67** and grandmother of **Nicole Evans '91** 

Richard Fredecker, father of **Richard** '71 and **David** '78

William Frey '66, November 10, 2014

Elmer Heinrich, father of Bruce '67

Walter Homan, brother of Mike '80

Albert Hreha, father of Al '66

Patrick Kocon, father of Jessica '89

**Jeff Krotine Sr. '66**, August 2, 2014, father of **Jeff '92**, **Jason '97**, and **Jennifer '00**; brother of **Phillip '74** and **Ken '71** (RIP)

Dolores McDermott, mother of **Clarence '80** 

Eleanor Minute, mother of **James** '80, **John** '83, and **Thomas** '85; grandmother of **Amanda** '06

Teresa Olszeski, mother of **Harry Decker '79** (RIP)

Agnes Prada, mother of Joe '76 and Jim '77; grandmother of Lauren '03, Malorie '10, and Ron '12 Nowak and Tyler '13, Colleen '14, and Lauren '18 Roth

Dorothy Rohrbach, mother of  $\boldsymbol{Paul~'72}$  and  $\boldsymbol{Tom~'78}$ 

Roman Shust, father of Mark '02

Joseph Vozar, father of Jeff '85

**John Weiss '94**, October 1, 2014, father of **Ricky Reinholz '15** 

Mark Wilk '72, September 10, 2014