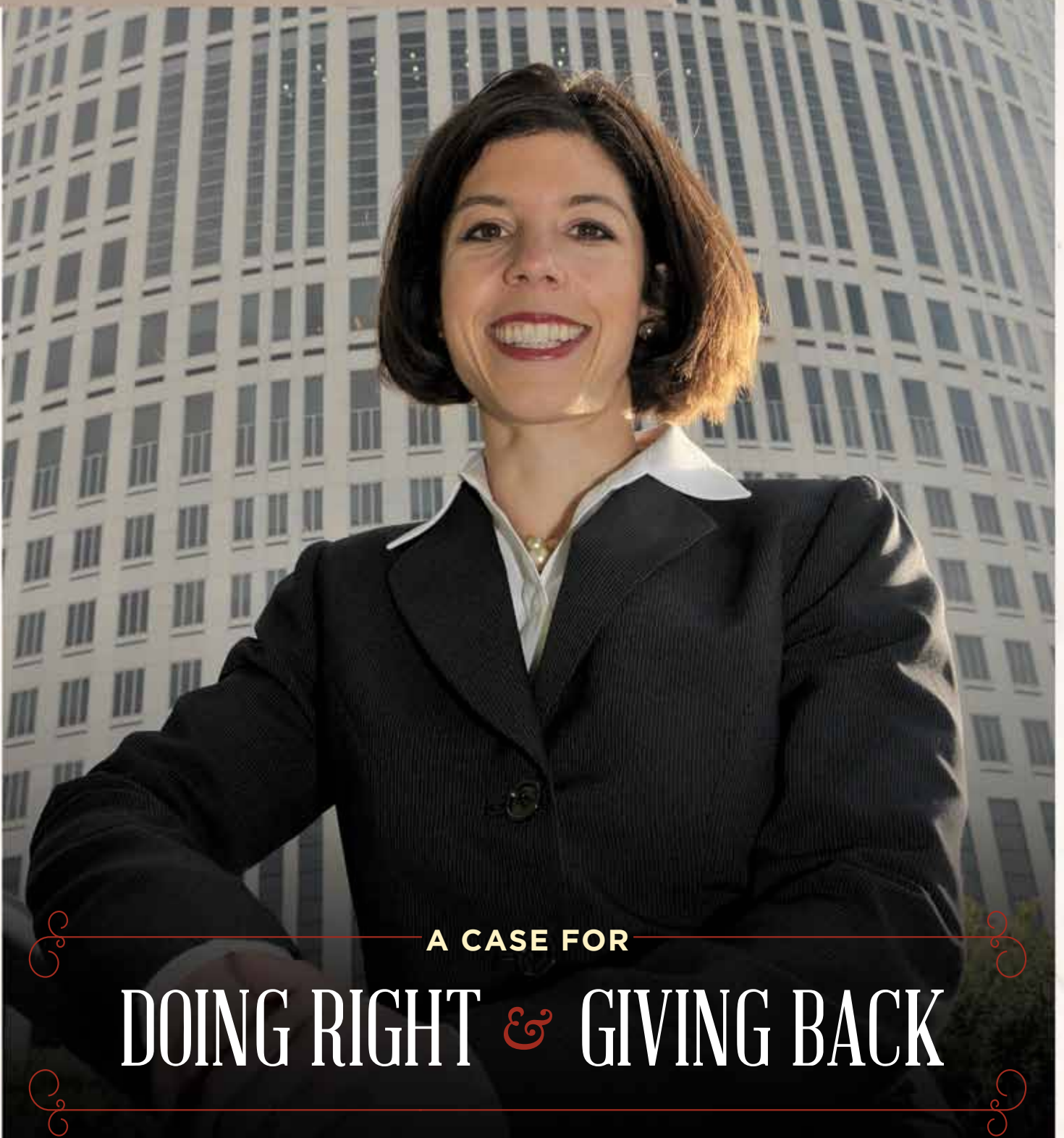


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FROM WHERE I SIT...

...it has been an amazing gift and blessing!

Forty years ago I joined the Franciscan Order as I entered our novitiate for a special year in which to study and reflect on this Franciscan way of life. During that year we studied and reflected on the meaning of the vows which consecrated religious make – vows of poverty, chastity, obedience. I suppose that, for a Franciscan, the vow of poverty would seem to be of the greatest importance. However, since that time of novitiate, the vow which seemed to be most meaningful to me, the one that seemed to “tie them all together” and make sense of this vowed life was the vow of obedience.

At the root of the Latin verb meaning to obey (from which our English word obedience comes) is the verb meaning to hear or to listen. It seems to me that that is what obedience is most especially all about: hearing as best we can the word that God speaks to us each day, even each moment... listening for the call of Christ as in every experience He invites us to come and follow Him. That word, that call isn't always heard easily or clearly. There are many voices that we listen to – and most times, perhaps, it is our own that is the strongest and the loudest. There is plenty of other noise as well that gets in the way to distract us. It takes effort and perseverance. It takes faith and courage. I am fairly certain that Francis knelt many times before the crucifix at San Damiano until at last he heard the voice of Jesus calling him by name and saying “Francis, go, rebuild my church...”

In my experience, that word, that voice comes in a variety of ways, through a variety of persons and a variety of circumstances – certainly in times of quiet and prayer... very often too in the relationships and circumstances of my daily life. For me (and, I believe, for all of us who belong to Jesus), it is essential (even though so very difficult and challenging at times) to hear that word, that call – to listen to and be attentive to that voice which will guide and direct and give shape to my choices and my life – as it did for Francis and as it does for me in my desire to follow Christ, poor and chaste and crucified.

And so it is that – in that spirit of listening, in that spirit of obedience, after much conversation and prayerful reflection – at the end of this present school year, when my current contract as President of Padua Franciscan High School comes to an end, I have decided not to seek an additional term in that role.

For twelve years I have had the honor and the privilege of ministering to the Padua

Franciscan community. At the conclusion of this year, I will have been its president for ten years. There is no time that I have not loved being a part of this amazing place, being a member of this incredible community. I am so very grateful for the grace and blessing that this community has been in my life. I give thanks to God for the persons and experiences which in the very beginning were instruments of God's call, helping me to hear and respond to the invitation to be a part of this mission and ministry. I give thanks for all the opportunities which I have had – all the ways in which God has used me, weak and limited as I know so well I am, as an instrument of goodness and love and peace. I give thanks for the persons with whom I have shared this good and important work – each and every one of you and so many more besides – for all that we have done and shared together as we build up this community of holiness and learning. I let go of and prepare to hand on to another this ministry, with faith and with trust that it is the right decision and a good decision at this time for Padua Franciscan High School – and for me as I continue to listen for and discern the call of God in my life.

I know in my heart that those persons – our Provincial Minister, Father William Spencer, and his council, and the members of the Padua Franciscan High School Board of Trustees – who are responsible for choosing the next person who will be President of Padua Franciscan – will make that choice with thoughtfulness and care. I am sure that they will begin that process soon. I am confident that they will provide a leader for this school who is committed to the values of Christ and his gospel, the vision and the ideals of Francis and Clare, the ongoing growth of this community in holiness and learning.

I will continue to be the president of Padua Franciscan for the remainder of this academic year. In the time that remains to me in this role, I will continue to dedicate myself and offer my best energy and efforts to the good, the success, the prosperity of this institution and the Padua Franciscan family. While the details of my future are still being shaped, I have asked and received permission to stay in the Cleveland area. Many of you know that I grew up in Fairview Park. My 86-year-old mother still lives in the home in which I grew up. I help my brothers and sister attend to her needs. And I am glad that I will be able to remain in the area to continue to do that. I hope to also have some time for my own personal and spiritual renewal. I will continue to explore the ways in which I can be of service, discovering new opportunities to share what gifts I may have to offer.

God has always led me and put me in the right place. I am confident that God will do that once again.

There will be other opportunities in the weeks ahead, but for now I want to say a simple thank you to all who are reading this – all the members of our Padua Franciscan family. Thank you for all the ways in which you have so faithfully and generously made Padua Franciscan what it is today – all that you have done to support me and my efforts as President of Padua Franciscan High School. I continue to need that generosity and that support and will continue to count on that (as will my successor) every day, in all the days ahead. Perhaps particularly so, I feel the truth of what Mr. Stec has set for our theme this year: Bruins are better... TOGETHER.

I would like to conclude with a prayer of Saint Francis – one which he himself wrote... one of my favorites:

Almighty and eternal, just and merciful God,

give us the grace to do for you alone

what we know you want us to do

and always to desire what pleases you.

Inwardly cleansed and enlightened,

inflamed by the fire of your Holy Spirit,

may we be able to follow in the footprints

of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

and, by your grace alone,

may we make our way to You, Most High,

who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple unity,

and are glorified God almighty,

forever and ever. Amen.

Blessings of peace and everything good!

Fr. Ted, O.F.M.

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A CASE FOR

DOING RIGHT & GIVING BACK

By Pamela J. Willits

In what may be the most publicized legal case Cleveland has seen since the Sam Sheppard trial, **Antoinette (Thomas) Bacon '93** recently became the focus of public attention as the lead prosecutor for the Jimmy Dimora trial. Yet, as the Assistant U.S. Attorney tasked with convicting the former Cuyahoga County commissioner on racketeering charges, Toni remains self-effacing.

Whether she's prosecuting white-collar criminals or teaching children to swim, Toni remains true to lessons she learned in Key Club at Padua. "It's all about what you can do to take the talents God gave you and use them to serve others," she says. The high expectations and strong work ethics she has set for herself are reflected in the public service she has chosen as her profession, as well as in her time spent volunteering.

DRAWING ON PADUA'S PHILOSOPHY

Based on lessons learned in school and professional life about the importance of giving back to one's community, Toni found a way to combine this philosophy with her past experience on Padua's swim team to benefit children.

Volunteering at a local YWCA, she became a swimming coach, teaching kids more than the butterfly stroke she was once known for at Padua. She instilled in them the importance of setting goals, how to turn those goals into reality, and the value of earning a sense of accomplishment.

When she asked her students about their own life goals, the list ranged from wanting to go to college to becoming a business tycoon - only it was spelled "typhoon." While the latter one makes her laugh, she's serious about the impact adults can have on improving a child's life. "You can't put into words the feeling you get when you see these kids maturing and growing."

Toni also recalls memories of her former music instructor, Mr. Wayne Miller, who recruited her to Padua on a music scholarship for percussion. "He was a Padua icon, known for his distinguished tenure, attention to detail, and work ethic."

When asked about the somewhat unconventional choice of musical instruments, Toni credits her father's influential words — "why not drums, those look fun." You might say his daughter has been marching to the beat of her own drum ever since.

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HONING HER SKILLS

It was during her undergraduate years at American University that Toni decided to become a prosecutor. Working in the sex offense unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office during her freshman year inspired her to help people, by making the city and community a safer place. United States Attorney General Eric Holder was the U.S. Attorney who hired Toni as an intern, so she credits A.U. and Mr. Holder for putting her on the path to becoming a prosecutor.

Spending a semester in Paris, gave her the opportunity to intern at the World Bank. "Mr. Lorz, our French instructor at Padua opened my mind to wanting to see the world. Eastern Europe was really starting to boom then...my job was to help support the finance ministers."

Returning state side, Toni went on to attend law school at the University of Virginia. There she interned at the local prosecutor's office where she got her first taste of "real world experience in what it is like to be a trial attorney. It was a great chance to make mistakes and learn my way around and really grow into my skin as a lawyer."

THE RISE OF A PROMISING CAREER

Following graduation and a stint as a clerk for a U.S. District Court judge in Virginia, Toni went to work for the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division in Cleveland. "I liked economics in college, and these complicated white-collar cases intrigued me because they are big puzzles." After years of dealing with street crime, Toni was drawn to the challenge of

Photos by Stephen Crompton Photography

working with data and documents. “I wanted to try something more cerebral in terms of piecing together these complicated schemes.”

While at the Antitrust Division, Toni gained experience investigating public corruption. That experience would lead to a position with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio. Assigned lead prosecutor of the team responsible for prosecuting former Cuyahoga County Commissioner Jimmy Dimora on charges of racketeering, Toni’s career has continued to soar upward. Following the trial, U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach promoted Toni to Senior Litigation Counsel, a position where she will take on expanded responsibilities, while continuing to prosecute complex cases.

Having competed in the 2009 Arnold 5K Pump & Run, a competition that combines weightlifting and running, Toni acknowledges similarities in training for a marathon and the process of getting ready for trial. “What you do the year before dictates how you’re going to perform that day. It’s the same with a trial, you don’t begin prepping for trial the night before opening statement.”

She also recognizes the need for teamwork. “If you don’t have a good team, you’re not going to try a good case.” And given the magnitude of the Dimora trial, it would take a team of investigators and prosecutors, each going the distance to reach the finish.

THE FALL OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Following years of investigative work, a 36-count, 148-page federal indictment was filed against Dimora, alleging he used his public office as a base for his criminal activities. Characterized as a power broker, Dimora stood accused of defrauding the public by using his position to enrich himself, family, and friends.

With investigative support from the FBI, IRS agents followed the money, examining bank accounts and tax returns.

Evidence showed that Dimora received bribes in the form of cash, home improvements, trips, expensive meals, entertainment, jewelry, and prostitutes. In



As cameras were not permitted in the courtroom during the Dimora trial, a local television station began a nightly reenactment of the trial using hand puppets. At the end of the trial, an unnamed participant presented Toni with this avatar.

exchange for personal gain, Dimora used the power of his office to award jobs and attempt to fix court cases, as well as to assist selected contractors in gaining an advantage over others.

Attempting to cover his tracks, Dimora sought forged, backdated invoices from contractors for work completed at his home. To paraphrase a line from Shakespeare – what tangled webs mere mortals weave. Dimora would come to find himself caught up in his own web of deception.

Held in Akron, the trial was presided over by U.S. District Judge Sara Lioi. Smacking of Chicago-style politics, charges against Dimora included bribery, extortion, obstruction of justice, and racketeering. Over the course of seven weeks, the prosecution called 65 witnesses. The six days of jury deliberation resulted in a verdict of guilty on all but one count.

During her closing statement, Toni characterized the trial as “a long journey through a dark world,” referring to Dimora as the “king of the county” who broke the public trust by “buying and selling power and influence.”

The corruption probe, which began in 2007, is the biggest crackdown on public corruption in the county’s history. Overall it has netted convictions against more than 60 county employees and businessmen. More await trial. It has also led to an unprecedented reform of county government within Cuyahoga County.



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NOT THE NORMAL NINE TO FIVE

The life of an assistant U.S. attorney is both physically and mentally demanding. The months leading up to trial involve over 100 hour work weeks. A typical trial day starts at 6 a.m. and ends after midnight. Trials also include a 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday commitment. During a trial, Toni says exercise, sleep and a social life are nonexistent.

It's during those times she relies on family and friends to help carry the day-to-day responsibilities, while she addresses her caseload. She credits her husband, mother, and neighbors for being there for her during the Dimora trial. "My husband did all the cooking, cleaning and laundry, even when it meant having dinner on the table at ten o'clock at night – and then he would do the dishes, all without saying a word."

The families of each of the trial team members also sacrificed tremendously, spending many weekends and holidays alone, while shouldering all of the household chores. As for the trial team, Toni says instead of listening to Christmas carols on Christmas Eve, they listened to dry runs of her opening statement.

TRIAL AND TEAMWORK

Despite being the lead prosecutor in the Dimora trial, Toni is quick to point out that trials are all about teamwork. Drawing a parallel between sports and legal trials, she says "lessons you learn in high school athletics transfer to a litigation setting."

At the beginning of a trial, she starts a file of notes containing the best quotes from witnesses, key documents, and the best pieces of evidence that demonstrate her overall message. These all become snippets for the closing statement. Before writing her closing, she pulls the legal team together for a brainstorming session and asks what components of the trial stood out for each of them.

For the Dimora trial, her opening statement ran an hour and twenty minutes. Her closing statement ran 3 ½ hours long - a career record for Toni. She spoke from memory — no notes. When asked about the process of writing a closing statement, she says it's the same every time. "I pace around my living room for hours, thinking about what the case is really about at its core. I think about

how I would explain to a layperson what's in my heart, what I want to communicate." And her ability to communicate would lead to Dimora's March 2012 conviction.

On July 31, he was sentenced to 28 years in prison for racketeering, amongst other charges. During a press conference that followed, Toni spoke about the hard work and dedication of the FBI and IRS agents who contributed to the investigation. In video footage posted on YouTube, she offered the following thoughts – "The women and men who have lead this investigation have given up countless nights, weekends and holidays... this case was built on their backs...their tireless work and dedication stands as a shining beacon of public service."

CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Toni hopes the notoriety of the Dimora trial will inspire others to want to make the community a better place. "Coming to work every day to make a difference goes back to what they teach you at Padua. You don't become a prosecutor for the money or the glamour, you do it to make a difference."

With the Dimora trial behind her, she has a brief respite before starting another trial stemming from the countywide corruption probe. However, relaxation doesn't seem to be part of her lexicon. She likens the period after a trial to that of completing final exam week at college. "It's the feeling of decompression. It takes a while for your body and mind to adjust. It's different for everyone and it's different for every trial."

Now that the Y has a new swimming coach, Toni is looking forward to her next community project. Having recently joined the Cleveland United Way's Women's Committee, she's helping conduct a workshop designed to provide women with job interview and resume writing skills. And who better to get career advice from than a woman with her own list of career successes.



FRIAR CLUB MEETS *to Celebrate and Pay Tribute*

The first Friday in November is the traditional date for members of Padua's Friar Club to gather for dinner, share memories, and enjoy an entertaining program. The annual event is held at the spacious indoor pavilion located at Padua's soccer and lacrosse facility (formerly Camp Cordè) in Parma.

The Friar Club is composed of individuals, corporations, and foundations which have made an extraordinary commitment to Padua Franciscan and the young people it serves. It is therefore appropriate that during this annual meeting new members of the Friar Club are inducted.

Last year, **Enzo Maddalena '82** and Edward Ranieri of ServiceMaster were inducted in recognition of their work installing a new water line that supplies the camp's pavilion, caretaker's house, and irrigation system. Installation of that water line from the street a quarter of a mile away through dense shale was a major undertaking. In return for this kindness, the school offered to name the pavilion in their honor. They declined. Instead, they requested that it be named after the late Dale Polick, former Padua soccer and wrestling coach, teacher, and athletic director (1975-1983).

Padua fulfilled this request in a ceremony held at the outset of the Friar Club dinner. Special guests at the event were several members of the Polick family including Dale's wife Pat, son Brian, daughters Debbie and Kelly, brothers **David '76** and Donald, plus spouses, nieces and nephews.

Among those inducted this year as members of the Friar Club were:

CARGILL DEICING - In recognition of their support of Padua's MedTrack program through the construction of a new Cargill Science Center in Padua's science wing. Cargill was represented by Jennifer Rhodes and **Bill Hileman '79**.

TOM '75 & JILL EISENMANN - Tom is presently the Howard H. Stevenson Professor of Business Administration at Harvard, chair of Harvard's MBA Elective Curriculum, co-chair of the school's Rock Center for Entrepreneurship, and director of Harvard Business Publishing and Harvard Student Agencies. When asked why he made his gift to Padua's Endowment Fund, he said simply, "I've always wanted to give back, and it was time." Although the Eisenmanns were



TOP: Members of the Polick family listen to Fr. Ted Haag, OFM, president of Padua Franciscan, as he formally dedicates Padua's pavilion to the memory of Dale Polick.

BELOW: Patrick Perotti '73 speaks to the Friar Club about his work providing funding for charities through the distribution of unclaimed class settlement funds.

unable to attend the induction, Tom will be the featured speaker at Padua's commencement ceremonies in May.

BRUCE '67 & LINDA FOX - For the Fox family, Padua and the Friar Club are a family tradition. Bruce's late father Ray, and mother Eileen, are also members of this distinctive donor society. Joining them in celebrating membership were daughter Jennifer and her husband Jason Coleman, as well as son **Rob '98** and his wife Stacia Fox.

TIM & JOAN GIULIVO - Combined, Tim and Joan Giulivo have served Padua Franciscan for 55 years as instructors. Tim has also served as vice principal and principal. Their generosity has included generous financial assistance through the Giulivo Fund.

THE IAFIGLIOLA FAMILY - Nick Iafigliola has been a member of the Padua Franciscan High School Board of Trustees almost continuously since 2001, having been elected twice to that position. Parents of **Brett '00, Ryan '03** and **Jason '08**, Nick and wife Beth have been extraordinary supporters of Padua for a decade.

Following dinner served by **Bob Pacanovsky '83** of Robert J. Events & Catering, members and guests enjoyed an inspirational presentation by **Patrick Perotti '73**. Partner at the law



firm of Dworken & Bernstein, Patrick heads up the Class Action Department and is a certified specialist in the field of Employment Law and Discrimination. Named as one of the top 75 plaintiff trial lawyers in the country, he outlined his efforts that have already resulted in the distribution of more than \$25 million dollars to charities through cy pres, the distribution of unclaimed class settlement funds.

For more information on the Padua Friar Club, go to <http://paduafranciscan.com/giving/donor-societies>.

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PADUA CAR RAFFLE ON CRUZE CONTROL

For the third consecutive year, The Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville have donated a Chevy Cruze LS to Padua Franciscan for a raffle in support of student financial aid and capital improvements. Tickets are \$10 each, and the drawing will take place May 5.

Proceeds from the last two years have provided more than \$75,000, helping to make possible such projects as the renovation of the band room and the air conditioning of the cafeteria. The Padua Parents Club, Athletic Boosters, Music Association, and Alumni Association also benefit from a "share" option

allowing ticket purchasers to designate \$2 of their ticket price to one of those organizations.

Tickets may be acquired online at PaduaFranciscan.com or by writing to: *Padua Cruze Raffle, Padua Franciscan High School, 6740 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134.*

New Staff Profiles:

JENNIFER BUDZICK of Rocky River, Ohio, has joined the Padua Franciscan staff as a guidance counselor. Prior to coming to Padua, Budzick worked as a counselor at St. Ignatius. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Ohio University and a master of arts degree in community counseling at the University of Akron.

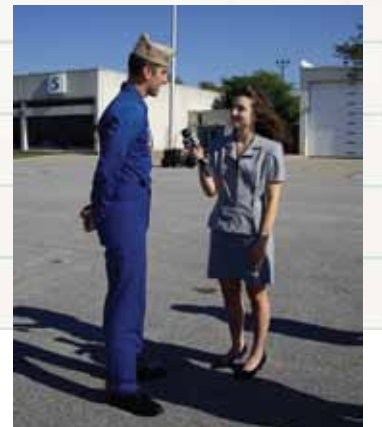
KIMBERLY MERRYMAN SHERER of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, has joined the Padua Franciscan staff as director of marketing and public relations. Prior to coming to Padua, Sherer worked as the communications specialist in adult education for Parma City Schools. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in communication from Mount Union College and a master of business administration from Baldwin-Wallace College.

JOHN SHIPITALO of Novelty, Ohio, has joined the Padua Franciscan faculty as a physics teacher. He teaches regular and AP classes. Prior to joining the faculty at Padua, Shipitalo taught at Aurora High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University and a master of education in curriculum and instruction from Cleveland State University.

Student / Faculty News:

Alexis Nieszczur '14 was selected as WKYC's Kid Reporter for the Day. Her interview aired over Labor Day Weekend. Nieszczur interviewed Lt. Mark Tedrow of the Blue Angels, the Navy's flight demonstration team.

Kathleen Gorbach received her Ph.D. in biology specializing in freshwater ecology.



International Students:



This year 26 international students joined the student body. The students represent seven countries throughout the world.

ROW 1: Hao Zhang (China), Alex Jang (South Korea), Yifan Chen (China), Suthini Permpeerapat (Thailand), Sophie Lamiral (France), Clarise Sankoff (France), Maximilian Reisinger (Austria), Franz Schermaier (Austria), Zihang Zhang (China); **ROW 2:** Sung Eun Lee (South Korea), Yiji Kim (South Korea), Xiaotian Yue (China), Qi Shao (China), Geonhee Choi (South Korea), Triet Cong Le (Vietnam), Piotr Konopka (Poland), Feiyu Lu (China), Chen Yang Li (China); **ROW 3:** Hung Tran Nguyen (Vietnam), Y Thi Nhu Ho (Vietnam), Yanming Su (Vietnam), Xue Chen (China), Yuxin Li (China), Jiwoon Hwang (South Korea), Thu Thanh Tran Nguyen (Vietnam), Cao Anh Nguyen (Vietnam).

Bruin Blaze of 2012

Where there is smoke, there is usually fire. That's what Padua students discovered on September 5 when a 12-inch plastic fan in the weight room stalled and overheated. At the first sign of smoke, students were quickly evacuated (most thought it was a drill until fire trucks appeared). The fire quickly was extinguished by principal Dave Stec '86 before firemen arrived. In fact, there was more smoke than fire (left) and the school was closed for a day for cleanup. The only victim was the little fan (left) which was completely consumed.





THE LIFE OF BR. DAT HOANG, O.F.M.

By Alexis Nieszczur '14

Recent students will remember the jovial man in a friar habit that helped with their math last year, or made silent study hall a little more fun. He is Br. Dat Hoang, O.F.M., best known to all as Br. "Dot." I had the wonderful opportunity to sit down with Br. Dat before he made his Solemn Profession as a friar on September 28. The stories of his life and experiences were far beyond what I had expected. Br. Dat has become a friend to me, and I hope his story inspires and awes you as much as it did me.

Br. Dat came to the United States from Vietnam in May 1992. His father fled to the United States eight years earlier, seeking refuge from a life of manual labor. His mother and sisters followed eight years later and were successfully able to meet up with their father in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He knew

little English when he entered the United States yet still entered into third grade. It was in his sophomore year of high school (1999) that he knew that the religious life was the life for him. He can't remember a specific person, event, or thing that made him realize he was called to religious life, but nonetheless he called the Vocational Service that year. Since the minimum age to join was 21, Br. Dat kept in contact with them for six years and joined them as soon as he turned 21 in 2005. He decided that being Franciscan was the right calling for him, as he enjoyed meeting new people and living simply. The path to becoming a friar, however, did not come without preparation and trials.

The first year of Br. Dat's time at the Friary was the Postulancy Year. This was a year that Br. Dat questioned whether this

was a correct fit for him and if he could see himself as a friar in the future. It is the year of asking questions. The second year in the friary is called the Novitiate Year. In this year, most of the time is spent in confinement, praying and learning about the order's history. In fact, Br. Dat was only allowed to go out for nine hours a week on a Saturday for free time! He took classes in spirituality and psychosexuality, in which one turns sexual desires into positive energy. In this year he also made his first vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. These signify the three knots on their robe rope. Each year after this he renewed these three vows. Once he makes his Solemn Profession, as he did on September 29, he has proclaimed his vows for life.

Br. Dat has had an exciting journey to

the religious life. When I asked him what the most exciting thing that happened so far was, he said with a smile, "Meeting so many people and learning many cultures. I also have lived in so many places, from my birthplace of Vietnam to Joliet, Illinois; Cedar Lake, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Indian River, Michigan; and Cleveland, Ohio." Brother Dat is currently teaching psychology in Quincy, Illinois. We as the Padua community were blessed to have Br. Dat stay with us during his journey. He used Padua as a chance to see what friar life would be like and here decided that he was called to priesthood. He even told me that the best place he had ever been was Padua! It was "a life-conversion experience" for him. He was a math tutor and silent study hall moderator

during his time at Padua and is proud to say that he "didn't have to give out any detentions!" He loved being able to go on Kairos retreat and see many of the students he tutored succeed.

As his years of being a Novitiate came to an end, Br. Dat decided it was time to make his Solemn Profession as a friar for life. Br. Dat has spent years of preparation for this day, and I was lucky enough to experience the ceremony firsthand. What a wonderful experience it was for me and the Padua community to help shape such a holy and humble man!

GRATEFUL VOICES PLEDGING...

The Padua 1K Club

Are you interested in helping Padua achieve our integrated goal of keeping the school affordable, without sacrificing the necessary improvements needed for us to continue to thrive? We have a donor society that's right for you...The Padua 1K Club!

The Padua 1K Club recognizes those who commit to contributing at least \$1,000 each year. The Club's primary purpose is to keep a Padua education accessible to all those who seek it. Therefore, current financial aid and Endowment are key options available for your annual investment, although we also recognize that some supporters may wish to invest in a variety of other programs such as fine arts or athletics. Best of all, your employer may even double the value of your investment through your company's matching gift program (see your human resource professional.)

"It is so great to be a part of the Padua Franciscan Community as part of the 1K Club. This ongoing commitment is an investment in the students of today and tomorrow. Their futures are bright as they grow in "Holiness and Learning" and build on the solid foundation of their Padua Franciscan education. I am grateful for my years at Padua, and I enjoy helping make that same experience more affordable for others."

- DONNA (DEMMA) ROSS '89

"Giving back and sharing our blessings is what Jesus calls us to do. Including Padua in my family's annual giving plan allows me to show my appreciation for the outstanding education I earned while at Padua. Padua's 1K Club offers me an opportunity to be a part of Padua's giving community."

- JOSEPH REEDER '02



Learn more about the Padua 1K Club and the benefits of membership at PaduaFranciscan.com or by calling alumni director, Rob Holz '90, at 440.845.2444, ext. 106.

NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

for 2013 Induction Class

The Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to recognize those who have contributed to the success of Padua or the Padua community in some significant way. Padua is currently taking nominations for the fifth induction class scheduled for the fall of 2013. The Hall of Fame is comprised of four categories listed below. Anyone within the Padua community (faculty, students, current parents, past parents, alumni, and friends of the school) can cast their vote for any or all of the categories. Those inducted will be honored at a special HOF induction reception and will be prominently displayed on Padua’s “wall of fame” listing the year of induction, category, and a brief summary of their impact on Padua.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES WILL BE ACCEPTED:

ATHLETIC AWARD

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

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS/A AWARD

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

PADUA PARTNER AWARD

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

FRANCISCAN MEDAL AWARD

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

Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame Past Inductees

ATHLETIC AWARD

Tom Andrews '80
 Brian Holzinger '91
 Kenneth Kowall '67
 Charles Priefer
 Rob Moss '86
 Lawrence Pizon
 John Peyton '74 (RIP)
 Thomas Kohuth
 Dan Schmotzer '70
 Dave Schmotzer '70

PADUA PARTNER AWARD

Anthony Kaniecki
 Joe & Pam Shuman
 Wayne Miller
 Michael Barth Sr.
 Raymond Fox
 John & Ginger Price

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Tom Goebel '78
 Jerry Koler '86
 Terence Monnolly '66
 William Melchior '65
 Thomas Stasek '65
 Anthony Joseph, M.D. '68
 Brian Miluk '74

FRANCISCAN MEDAL AWARD

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

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

PADUA SUMMER EXPERIENCE

ROCKS

It is the way summer is meant to be! During the week of June 18, nearly 200 youngsters going into grades 5 through 8 attended Padua’s popular Summer Experience program.

A three-track program, the 5th/6th grade track offered students a chance to go where they have never gone before... giving them courses in robotics, rocketry, computers, wild outdoor activities, and creative indoor arts.

The 7th graders were entertained at Padua’s 19-acre Camp Corde facility where they learned environmental science as well as camping and survival skills.

Eighth grade students enjoyed a special track of math, science, and English to help them prepare to score well on the high school placement test.



The 2013 Summer Experience will be held June 17 – 21. To obtain further information, contact Kim Sherer at 440.845.2444, ext. 111, or write to her at KSherer@PaduaFranciscan.com.

LITTLE CAMP FOR LITTLE ATHLETES



In July, Padua hosted a football camp for young players ages 8 to 14 sponsored by Greg Little of the Cleveland Browns. The youngsters learned basic skills and were treated to autographs.



MY PHARMACY EXTERNSHIP: *by Alexis Nieszczur '14*

This summer, I completed an externship through the MedTrack program in my chosen field of pharmacy. I wanted to view two aspects of pharmacy, retail, and hospital. Therefore, I shadowed Dr. Tan Carlin at Rite Aid in North Royalton and Dr. Kevin Zupancic and his pharmacy team at Parma Community General Hospital.

I saw so many interesting things in my ten observation sessions. I learned about the duties of a pharmacist and was able to make labels and check prescriptions, just like they do. I went on rounds of the hospital and learned how technology is changing the pharmacy world. At Rite Aid, I made fake compounds and learned how to interact with customers. It was truly an experience I will not soon forget.

MedTrack has helped me tremendously in my career search. I went from hoping that pharmacy would be for me to knowing that a career in pharmacy was my perfect fit. I temporarily stepped into the role of a pharmacist, an opportunity that is not usually offered to students until college. I learned how to be professional and saw firsthand how my future may materialize through hard work. Not only will MedTrack's advanced courses help me transition into college, but the off-site opportunities the program provides are invaluable. Being

named as the Best Overall Externship Experience came as a complete shock to me. To know that my hard work paid off and was appreciated by others was a gift in itself.

I hope that future Padua students take advantage of all that MedTrack has to offer them. It has certainly been a life changer for me! I sincerely thank all of the MedTrack Board and administrative team for their belief in me and their support along the way. This has been a fabulous opportunity for me, and I am honored to be a part of the Padua community and the MedTrack program.

Editor's Note: Other Externship winners included **Julie Cheich '14** (second place overall) and **Julia Milano '14** (third place overall). Alexis also joined **Lauren Gurich '14** and **Kaileen Shevchuk '14** as the best presenters.



TO BE OPENED: *September 5, 2061*

After more than a year of preparation, the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule Committee installed a time capsule this summer at the end of junior hallway in two free-standing lockers. Items were selected to give the Padua community of 2061 a snapshot of what life was like in 2011-12. Among dozens of other memorabilia, they will find a Padua cookie encased in Lucite, the actual receipt from the annual CFO shopping trip to benefit the Bishop Cosgrove Center, and a new self-contained DVD player/viewer (since the technology to view enclosed DVDs is unlikely to exist five decades from now).

The lockers themselves were kept intact from daily usage as part of the actual time capsule rather than repainted, since everyone hopes that the remaining school lockers will be refurbished before the capsule is opened. Locks dangle from the handles of the lockers (rather than the secure holes underneath each handle) to memorialize the current approach of students. Though partly out of expediency, this non-locking phenomenon also represents the trust that our students have in one another.

The time capsule was dedicated by Padua's president, Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M., at commencement on June 1, 2012. The capsule was actually loaded at a "closing party" in

mid-July, where the committee members inscribed their signatures on the interior of the lockers. An acrylic panel bearing the 50th anniversary logo, dedication and opening dates, and the alma mater, was secured over the lockers in August. The entire time capsule project was sponsored by the Class of 2011, which was represented at the dedication by class president, **Matt Logan '11**.

The Committee members included Br. Tom Carroll, O.F.M., Linda Darus Clark, **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89** (chairperson), **Mark Iacobelli '75**, **Tony Iacobelli '13**, **Vince Iacobelli '14**, **Michael Jindra '12**, **Jerry Jindra '70**, **Christine Hilscher Koler '87**, **Kevin Leigh '89**, **Jessica Marra '02**, **Lynn Keco Moran '89**, **Jaclyn Moran '14**, **Katelyn Moran '16**, **Ronald Piepsny '80**, **Rachel Piepsny '12**, **Natalie Piepsny '14**, and **Tony Shuman '91**.



Welcome to the Padua Archives

Hi, I'm **Jessica Marra '02**, and I am the new part-time archivist at Padua. I have a bachelor of arts degree in English from Ohio Northern University and a master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University. My concentration at Kent State was in archives, and I have two years of experience interning and volunteering in the archives at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Padua has never had an official archivist before; and with 50 years of history behind us, there is a lot of work to be done. I will be establishing policies, collecting material, processing collections, and making those collections

available to the public. I envision an archive where alumni, students, and staff will be able to do research or just reminisce about important events and figures in Padua's past.

I will only be able to make this happen with the support of the Padua community. This archive has a dual purpose. It will not only house the papers of this institution, but it will also house the papers of important alumni and friends of the school. If you or someone you know has an interesting collection of papers, photographs, or other media related to Padua, please contact me at

JMarra@PaduaFranciscan.com. I would love to talk with you about donating your material to our archive. Only through donation of collections will the archive be able to grow into the amazing collection I hope it to be.



ALUMNI CALENDAR

What's Happening Through June 2013

MARCH 1

RED, WHITE AND BREW'N

Mark your calendars now for the Alumni Association's 3rd annual, *Red, White & Brew'n* on Friday, March 1, in the Padua gymnasium. From 7:00-9:00 p.m. you can enjoy a sampling of 12 different wines from all over the globe, craft beers from The Brew Kettle, as well as various food samplings. Tickets are \$20/person which includes all samplings, a commemorative wine-tasting glass, and a chance at various door prizes. Tickets will go on sale January 7 and will be available for purchase in the school office. Only 350 tickets will be sold, and another sell-out is expected. 21 and over please.



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

APRIL 13

AUCTION, DINNER, RAFFLE, ENTERTAINMENT

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 rholtz@paduafranciscan.com



JUNE 7

PADUA/JAMES W. DAY GOLF CLASSIC

It's not too early to begin organizing your foursome for the 28th annual Padua Alumni Golf Classic at Shale Creek Golf Course on Friday, June 7. This shotgun start will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Reunions in the News

CLASS OF 2002 - 10 YEARS

Members of the class of 2002 will celebrate their 10-year reunion on Friday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Jocko's Bar & Grill (1100 W. Royalton Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147). Contact rachelteron@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1988 - 25 YEARS (SAVE THE DATE)

Plan now to attend the class of 1988 reunion on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Both an afternoon and evening event are being planned. Details are forthcoming.

Are you a member of a Padua class ending in a 3 or 8? If so, 2013 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 3 or 8 and would like to assist in your reunion planning, please contact the alumni office.

CLASS OF '72 REUNITE



Members of the class of '72 met over Labor Day weekend to celebrate their 40-year class reunion. The reunion kicked off with an exclusive tour of the frigate USS De Wert and continued in the evening with a casual gathering at the Trademan's Tavern in Parma.





A LONG JOURNEY TO

SPACE

RUSS HAGAN '87

"I wasn't a very good student at either Padua or Cleveland State," revealed **Russ Hagan '87**. "Once I did a single problem correctly and understood it, I rarely focused on completing the remainder of the assignment. This is not the recommended approach, I might add." However, this did not deter Russ from pursuing his dreams of becoming a military aviator and working in the aerospace industry.

A MILITARY TRAINING GROUND

After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering, Russ joined the Army, where he served three years as a calibration technician before beginning flight training in the highly-selective U.S. Army flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He learned to fly UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, a skill he put to good use over the next several years handling diverse missions such as combat support, resupply flights, and downed aircraft recovery in Korea, Kuwait, and Iraq. During this time, Russ was also certified as a pilot-in-command and instructor pilot, helping to train other pilots on their new mission assignments.

Russ feels very strongly that his military training helped him to grow and prepare him for his future career in important yet intangible ways beyond his technical training. He highlighted the ability to work with diverse individuals to build a cohesive team, the opportunities that would be otherwise unavailable to him, and the underlying attitude of selfless service that is so common with military personnel.

REACHING FOR THE STARS

Upon his discharge from the Army in 2007, Russ began working for one of the primary engineering and science contractors at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. His first project involved a space shuttle tile repair kit which could be installed in orbit to enable the shuttle to return safely to earth in the event that its protective thermal tiles were damaged during lift-off. This was an important

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on-going project in NASA's Return to Flight program after the Columbia disaster in February 2003.

His next project involved the renovation of NASA's Thermal Vacuum Chamber A, which is listed as a National Historic Landmark due to its use in the Apollo program in the 1960s. The project included the design, manufacturing, and installation of a gaseous helium shroud, 45 feet in diameter and 65 feet tall, which simulates the deep cold and lack of air in space. The Chamber A test facility is preparing to conduct testing of the James Webb Space Telescope, the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. Just how cold is "deep cold"? The helium shroud enables Chamber A to reach temperatures of 20° Kelvin (-424° Fahrenheit) or below.

The Capsule Parachute Assembly System is Russ' latest project. He performs testing of the vehicle parachute system of the future Orion space capsule. The capsule is a three-chute system designed to land in water, similar to the Apollo capsule. He loves the hands-on work and problem solving necessary for the job, which includes dropping full-scale capsule simulators out of aircraft flying at 25,000 feet and alternating the variables to determine their impact on the effectiveness of the parachute system. In an interesting combination of his military and civilian careers, Russ performed duties in the UH-1 Huey chase helicopter to capture high speed footage of a test drop and assure that the aircraft remained clear of airborne debris generated during the drop test. "I really enjoy being part of a team working to reach national and even international goals set for space exploration," he said.

THE PADUA EDGE

Though he did not participate in many extracurricular activities at Padua, with the exception of the infamous Rifle Club, Russ felt that Padua did an excellent job of centering him and his life on the right values. He also felt that his teachers set the bar high as something to strive for. "Even if I wasn't an honors student in high school, I always knew the value of learning and hard work. I always knew the direction I needed to take. It just took me a little longer to get there."





I AM AMERICORPS: *Nicole Trimble '89*

Nicole Trimble '89 was honored at the White House this summer as a “Champion of Change” for her time and effort supporting AmeriCorps throughout her career. AmeriCorps is a national service program providing opportunities for 75,000 Americans to serve their country and communities each year. They do this by meeting critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. The White House event honored 125 AmeriCorps alumni, 12 of whom were specially featured as a “Champions of Change.”

THE LAUNCH OF AMERICORPS

After obtaining a bachelor of science degree in business from Miami University, Nicole enrolled in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps as a legal services paralegal in Yakima, Washington. “I would have joined the Franciscan Volunteer Corps if they had one. I was looking for an opportunity to give back and get some work experience before applying to graduate school.” Nicole soon realized that a career of service was great unto itself and not simply a stepping stone to something “greater.” On a White House blog, she wrote:

I was so inspired by the new AmeriCorps program that I enrolled as an AmeriCorps Leader launching ASPIRA AmeriCorps to provide opportunities to Latino youth. AmeriCorps inspired me to integrate my service experiences into my career choices, and also seeded my deep belief that providing all Americans opportunities to

serve is a very important element building essential human connections and maintaining a strong democracy.

Since then, Nicole has had diverse experiences in the national service, nonprofit and philanthropy arenas including working for Casey Family Programs and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She is currently the director of corporate responsibility at Coinstar, Inc., where she is responsible for developing and supporting the company’s community engagement, philanthropy and environmental sustainability initiatives while working to encourage “innovation for good.” “I have been blessed with a more fulfilling career than I could have ever imagined and I owe much of it to national service. Whether it is the military, AmeriCorps, or volunteering regularly in your community, service can lead to a very meaningful career while you are addressing real problems and making a positive impact.”

INSTILLING A DESIRE TO SERVE

Nicole’s own commitment to service began at a young age, first inspired by her father, her parish (St. Ambrose), her elementary school (Incarnate Word Academy), and then by Padua. “At Padua the faculty stressed the importance of community and taking care of each other. Being a part of that strong community at a young age had a profound impact on me.” Nicole said. “Faith in action in the form of service is critical to the change we want to see in the world.” As the

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mother of two young sons whom she hopes will serve their country someday, Nicole was particularly excited to learn of Padua’s four-year service program and Social Justice, a senior theology course.

Though her national service days were nearly two decades ago, Nicole’s AmeriCorps identity and accomplishments will always be with her. She wrote:

Last year after the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri, I asked a crew of employees volunteering with the clean-up which organization in Joplin was doing the most impactful work so we could partner. The manager leading the initiative said “There is an amazing group here called AmeriCorps. Have you heard of AmeriCorps?”

Yes. I HAVE heard of AmeriCorps. I am AmeriCorps. And I am proud.



Navy Hosts Padua Aboard Frigate



On September 1, the US Navy hosted hundreds of Padua visitors during an exclusive tour of the frigate USS De Wert at the Port of Cleveland in celebration of Navy Week. The tours were arranged by Dave Zavagno '72, chairman of The Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial Committee.

DID YOU KNOW?

CLASS OF 2012 FAST FACTS

SAT average: 1645 (*Ohio mean: 1620*)

ACT composite: 23.7* (*Ohio average composite: 21.8*)

11 AP scholars with honors, 14 AP honors with distinction, and 16 AP scholars; 71% of the AP exam scores were a "3" or higher (*out of 5*)

3 National Merit Semi-finalists and 1 Commended student

Students in the Class of 2012 were awarded over \$17 million in merit-based scholarships

**100 percent of Padua students take the ACT*

PADUA IS

- 100% wireless Internet accessible
- Air conditioned in its cafeteria and music wing
- Ranked 17th in the U.S. in volleyball
- Consistently among the top 6% in Ohio Graduation Test results
- Internationally recognized, attracting students from 7 foreign countries

Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to get more involved in Padua by using your business/accounting, legal, financial, marketing or fundraising experience? The Padua Endowment Board is responsible for managing all aspects of the Endowment trust, from investment strategy to spending decisions. The Board is always seeking new members for staggered terms of three years each. In particular, we need candidates with financial experience for a term to begin in July 2013.

If you are interested in adding your name to the list, please send an inquiry summarizing your experience and qualifications, along with contact information, to Laurie Grabowski at lgrabowski@paduafranciscan.com.



"A vow of poverty and sponsorship aren't necessarily exclusive."



SPORTS *Notables*

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Bruins volleyball team is off to a good start thus far to the 2012 season, placing second in two tournaments and riding a 14-2 record to a 1st place ranking in the State Poll and a 17th place ranking in national polls. The Lady Bruins finished 2nd in both the Magnificat Varsity Showcase Tournament as well as the Kenston Invitational. **Gina Kilner '14** was named Plain Dealer Player of the Week for the week of September 24. **Mary Djukic '13** was named WKYC Channel 3 "Student Athlete of the Week" for the week of October 15.

GIRLS TENNIS

Rachel Yurchisin '13 has continued to stand out for the Lady Bruins on the court this year. Despite a hyper-extended knee and a nagging elbow injury, Rachel has played her way to an 11-1 record this year playing 1st Singles. Yurchisin is a past sectional champion and two-time district qualifier.

BOYS GOLF

The Bruin golfers excelled early on in North Coast League play, earning victories over Benedictine, Trinity, VASJ, Walsh Jesuit, and Holy Name. **Nick Schley '14**, **Joey Szpak '14**, and **Jimmy Szpak '15** have been top shooters so far for the Bruins. Padua also finished 5th in the Gilmour Invitational and 2nd in the Coppertop Classic. Nick Schley place 2nd overall in the NCL tournament at Pine Hills posting a 73, earning him 1st Team NCL honors. He was also named Player of the Year this past summer in the Southwest Junior Golf Tour. As a team, the Bruins also advanced to the District Tournament out of the Division I Sweetbriar Sectional.

CROSS COUNTRY

Padua represented the state of Ohio well at the Midwest Catholic Championships in Dayton on September 22. Teams from Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio all competed. The Bruin boys took 3rd in their division, while the Lady Bruins took 4th in theirs. Junior **Peter Krafcik** finished 10th overall in the boys race.

BASEBALL

Last spring, the Bruins rode a Cinderella playoff run all the way to the regional semifinals, highlighted by an 8-2 district championship win over Firelands. The stellar pitching by **Kyle Ward '12** along with the hitting of **Tyler Weeks '12**, **Bryan Mitchell '12**, and **Paul Schley '12** helped carry the team to victory. The Bruins fell to eventual state runner-up, Wapakoneta in the regional semifinals.

Ortiz Signed As Head of Bruins Baseball

Padua Franciscan has announced the appointment of **Ken Ortiz '82** as head baseball coach.

A 1982 graduate of the school, Ortiz was baseball co-captain his senior year when the Bruins were runners-up in the regional championship

race. From 2003 to 2007, he served as assistant varsity coach under former head coach **Mark Zofka '82**.

Ken Ortiz has more than 20 years of coaching experience. Since 2004 he has managed and coached travel baseball teams such as the Stars Baseball Club, Northern Ohio Baseball Club, and Steve's Sports Baseball. "Over the years I have had the pleasure of leading players to become better athletes, students of the game, and most importantly, strong, confident young men. I am looking forward to being back at Padua to guide this program."

Kevin Leigh, Padua athletic director, said of Ortiz, "We are excited to have Ken back with the Bruins. He will work to provide a great experience for our boys in our baseball program."

FOOTBALL

Senior receiver **Brian Kornowski** was one of 12 players representing the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Browns in the NFL's national 7-on-7 tournament. Cleveland had one of the 32 teams in the tournament which took place this past July in Indianapolis. Brian was one of the 12 high school players chosen to represent the Browns because of his outstanding performance in the regional 7-7 tournament at Cleveland Browns Stadium last June.



Senior receiver Brian Kornowski (*far right*) in the NFL's national 7-on-7 tournament.

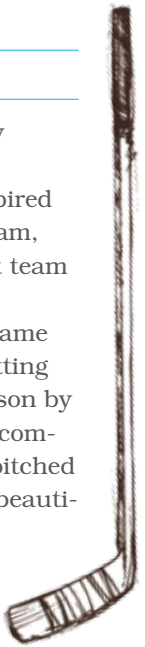


2012 Alumni Hockey Team Photo

SPORTS *Notables*

HOCKEY

Coach **Sean Evans '97** and the hockey program adopted the team motto “The Brotherhood” this past off-season. Inspired by Miami University’s men’s hockey team, the motto is meant to reflect important team principals including discipline, faith, commitment and service to others to name a few. The hockey team focused on putting this motto into action this past off-season by giving back to the St. Albert the Great community in June. Players and coaches pitched in to help with landscaping and other beautification projects around the school.



Hockey Alumni...don't miss the 2013 Brew 'N' Brat & alumni game fundraiser at Hoover Arena. All alumni hockey players are encouraged to email Coach Evans at bruin.alumni@hotmail.com to sign up for the alumni game or to attend the Brew 'N' Brat event on June 27, 2013. Tickets will go on sale in May.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Armbruster, father of **James '84** and **Karen '88**

John Branco Jr., father of **Gina '95** and **Joseph '99**

Kathy Carman, mother of **Michelle Druso '01**
Kathleen Crawford, mother of **Brittany '96** and **Christopher '99**

Harry Decker '79, September 13, 2012

Art Foth '93, July 8, 2012, husband of **Kelly Harris '89** and brother of **Colleen '90**

Kevin Fox, brother of **Sean '09**

Richard Gannon, father of **Richard '06** and **Alyssa '08**

Mildred Glowacki, mother of **Jim '69**, grandmother of **Victoria '98** and **Vanessa '01**

Madison Grace Kuhn, daughter of **Travis '95**, niece of **Jared '93** and **Lindsay '99**

Alessandro Lungo, father of **Mark '81** and **Mike '82**

Therese McGoun, mother of **Patrick '68**, **Bryan '72**, and **John '80**

Marion McCaffery, mother of **George '76** and **Bob '77**

Edward Medrick, father of **Edward '75** and grandfather of **John '05**

Dolores Mey, mother of **Donald '70**

Otto Penitz, father of **Chris '89** and **Maria '90**

Jean Poticny, mother of **Allan '71** and **Frank '77**

Rich Potting '72, September 4, 2012

James Roth '65, July 30, 2011, father of **Jim '95**

Lawrence Schade, father of **Ryan '92**

Michael Spirnak, father of **Michael '77**

Christine Stanley, mother of **Melissa Koebler '16**

Edward Taseff, father of **Craig '82**

Monica Vlana, wife of **Mark '83**



Something Bruin

1965

After 40 years in the computer business, **Mike Joyce** left his job behind as a project manager at the CIA and retired to Sun City Carolina Lakes with his wife Darlene.

1969

Philip Matisak recently retired after a 35-year UPS career that began in 1970 as a part-time package sorter/loader, then driver, and was followed by management assignments at the district, region, and corporate levels in various cities.

1970

Nino Seritti has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Parma Community General Hospital.

1974

In April, **Ray Schmotzer** retired from teaching after 32 years.

On September 30, **Charles Goss' 18**-year tenure as police chief, and member of the Strongsville police force for 34 years, came to an end. He is presently transitioning into the role of safety director for Strongsville.

1987

Barb Kuchar surprised her husband Miles with the renewal of vows on their 16th wedding anniversary.

1988

BIRTHS: Adam Vincent born to **Danielle Barbato Syrone** and her husband Mark on June 25.

1993

Pat Spicer was ordained in May and is currently an associate pastor at St. Rita Parish in Solon.

1994

Vanessa Sykora married Mark Carlson on October 1, 2011.

1999

BIRTHS: Ronan James born to **Lindsay Kuhn Oppman** and her husband Joe on October 9.

Lily Colette born to **Amber Fahey Meholif** and her husband Bill on December 15, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas.

2001

BIRTHS: Miles Edmund born to **Rachel Seskes Berning** and her husband Matthew on December 29, 2011.

Joshua Robert born to **Tina DiLiberto Dzik** and her husband **Justin** in July.

Michelle Druso Koussa was the recipient of the PD Crystal Apple Award and was also on the 2012 Ohio Middle School Team of the Year. She teaches sixth grade at Independence Middle School and also recently took a job as an adjunct professor at Ashland University.

2002

BIRTHS: Michael Graves born to Lisa and **Joe Reeder** on September 6, 2012.

2003

BIRTHS: Edward Louis born to Kelly and **Edward Lajeski** on September 3, 2011, and also Andrew Stanley on August 1, 2012. Edward is currently a police officer with the City of Parma.

Kurt Gross married Amy Presan on October 6 at St. Francis DeSales Church.

2004

David Schwark graduated from The Ohio State University with honors in 2008, married

Amanda Barcikowski on May 23, 2009, and graduated from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He is now an assistant prosecuting attorney for Cuyahoga County. Amanda is currently a stylist at Vanity Lab in Westlake.

Matthew Federico

graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School on May 20, 2012. He is also a graduate of Bowling Green State University.

With two associate degrees from Cuyahoga Community College, **Mitchel Kline** then graduated from the Remington College Pharmacy program and is now working for Parma Hospital. He married Megan in July 2011 and welcomed son Landon this past June.

2005

On June 2, 2012, **Kaitlin Zamborsky** and **Bob Waltzer** were married. Bridal party included **Lynn Zamborsky Baranowski '02**, **Daniel Zamborsky '00**, **Kelly Watson '05**, and **James Vasko '05**.

In May, **Marianne Rapacz** graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a doctorate in physical therapy. In August, she married Nate Tokar. Padua alums in the bridal party were **Ashley Kawa '07**, **Steven Jagniszczak '15**, and **Janet Rapacz '09**. **Samantha Scholz** was a reader.

2006

Elizabeth Little graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in 2010 and accepted a teaching position in the Garfield Hts. School District and was recently certified with the Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement for grades 4 and 5 from Walsh University.

Julie Martin married Michael Plaspohl on June 30, 2012.

2008

With a bachelor of science degree, **Zachary Kline** graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with honors this past spring. He is working on his internships and will enter into the computer science field.

Kelly Milheim recently graduated from Kent State with a degree in education to teach integrated social studies to grades 7-12. She has recently started an adult education training position at the Cleveland Clinic.

Jack Pietraszkiewicz was recently hired as a patrolman for the Village of Valley View

2009

Carrying a 3.63 grade point average in exercise science and currently leading the MAC in tackles per game, senior linebacker **Dan Molls** has been chosen as a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Award, which recognizes the top scholar-athlete in the nation.

2010

After working as a ball boy for the Cleveland Browns for five seasons, **Corey Dobeck** accepted a scholarship to transfer to the University of Arkansas and work for the Razorback football team.



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⚡ HARD ROCK CAFÉ CREATES PADUA GUITAR PIN ⚡

Cleveland's Hard Rock Café has created a Padua Bruins Guitar Pin to benefit Padua's athletic program.

The first high school commemorative pin ever created by Hard Rock Café International, the pin measures 2.25 inches high and bears the legend Hard Rock Café Cleveland 2012. One hundred pins went on sale this fall at the Cleveland café and were sold out in days, picked up by fans and members of the Hard Rock Pin Collectors' Club.

Don't fret, however. The Padua Athletic Boosters still have a number of the pins for sale. To get yours, send a check for \$20 made payable to Padua Boosters, 6740 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134.

Hurry, once these remaining pins are sold, they are like, gone.

