

Stepinac e-Newsletter Winter 2017



Stepinac establishes first-of-its-kind Honors Academy

Continuing its leadership position in curriculum innovation to prepare students for success at college and beyond, Stepinac has established the Honors Academy which is the first-of-its-kind in the region. The three-year, small personalized learning program began this fall with 44 high achieving students who will pursue advanced studies in either engineering health sciences (medicine), economics/finance or law leading to potential careers. To qualify, the inductees needed a cumulative average of 90% or higher in their freshman year and were required to apply for acceptance with the knowledge and support of their parents. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor as well as an outside mentor. The program will culminate in the senior year with an internship and a final capstone research project and presentation that will be designed to encourage students to think critically and develop the skills that will help prepare them for college, careers and adult life. [Click here to learn more...](#)



SAVE THE DATE — DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Stepinac Trustees Awards Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 | 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

FENWAY GOLF CLUB
OLD MAMARONECK ROAD | SCARSDALE, NY

Join Us in Honoring

Distinguished Alumnus Award,

Partner in Education Award,

Corporate Citizens Award,

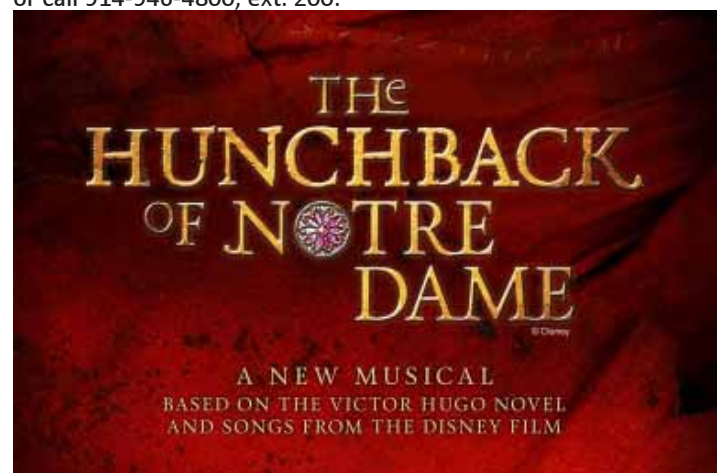
Student Enrichment Award,

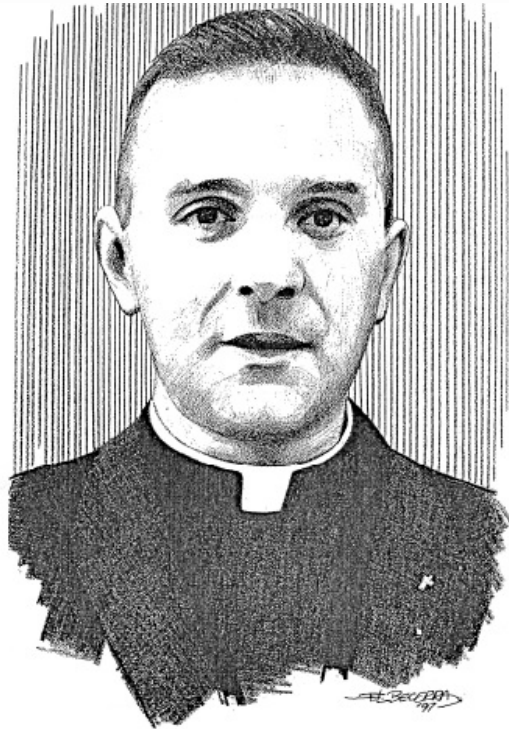
William J. Kolman '72

Scully Construction Corp.
James Scully '80

Rev. Thomas Collins '79
President

Stepinac High School's acclaimed Drama Club announced that it secured the rights to stage the New York regional premier of Disney's *"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"* as its spring musical. The exciting news was splashed on the front page of the January 29 issue of The Journal News in an article by reporter Pete Kramer and which went viral via postings on LohHud.com and Kramer's Facebook page. Check out Kramer's video interviews of Drama Club students and of Frank Portanova, Director of Theater Arts and Keith Sunderland, Producer. Performances of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be at 7:30 p.m., April 28, 29, May 5 and 6 and at 2 p.m., May 7. Cost of tickets are \$22 and \$18 for seniors and children under 12. To order tickets, visit www.Stepinac.org or call 914-946-4800, ext. 200.





Rest In Peace

Reverend Monsignor Peter A. Gelsomino entered into eternal life on February 18, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was born March 14, 1929 in New York City to the late John and Frances Campana Gelsomino. He was raised in New York City graduating from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1946. He attended St. Jerome College and graduated from Cathedral College. He entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie and was ordained a priest at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 28, 1955 by Cardinal Spellman. In 1958 Father Peter became a member of the faculty at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains where he remained until 1993. While there he taught English, Religion and most notably Russian Language. Father Peter was well known for his many trips to Russia with his students as well as many other roles at Stepinac. While at Stepinac, Father Peter assisted at many local parishes in Yonkers, Armonk, Rye and Port Chester. In 1994 Father Peter became the pastor at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Port Chester where he became a beloved member of the community. On March 4, 2006 Father Peter was elevated to Monsignor at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. He retired as pastor in 2014. He is survived by his brothers Vito Reciniello of Huntington, NY and Anthony Receniello and wife Annmarie of Dix Hills, NY, sisters Josephine Simeone of West Babylon, NY and Rosemarie Milano of Coram, NY. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Wednesday February 22, 2017 at the Archbishop Stepinac High School 950 Mamaroneck Ave. White Plains, NY. Mass of Christian Burial was also celebrated on Thursday February 23, 2017 at the Major Bowes Auditorium at Archbishop Stepinac High 950 Mamaroneck Avenue White Plains, NY. Msgr. Gelsomino was buried at St. Raymond's Cemetery Bronx, NY. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Missionaries of the Poor PO Box 2983 Atlanta, GA 30359 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Memphis, TN.

"The Greatest Achievement in life is to Love- to give oneself for others without counting the cost. God is Love. If we Love one another, God lives in us. 1 John 4."

"The Greatest Achievement in Life is not to gain honor, fame, prestige, power or wealth, but to give oneself for others without counting the cost!" It can be truly said that Fr. Peter Gelsomino lived what he preached because he truly loved God and Humanity and gave himself for others without counting the cost.

If you would like to make a contribution to the "**Fr. Pete**" **Scholarship Fund**, please make your donation in the form of a check payable to Stepinac HS Foundation with a note in the memo line indicating it is for the "Fr. Pete" Scholarship Fund. Or if you choose to donate online, please go to <https://46261.thankyou4caring.org/>. From the designation drop down menu, select "Fr. Pete" Scholarship Fund.



More photos of Stepinac and Stepinac happenings, ([click here](#)) on *instagram*, click the photo to expand the picture with caption. Check out photos on *Twitter* ([click here](#)). Visit Stepinac's *Facebook page* ([click here](#)) as well as the *Alumni Facebook page*.

Seniors participate in polar bear plunge to raise money for Special Olympics NY.

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Nick Tabio spends summer at Oxford University. [Read More...](#)



Charlie Iarocci at Sports Broadcasting Camp.

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The following Seniors inked their commitments to continue their football careers at the college of their choice during a National Signing Day ceremony held in Stepinac's gymnasium - Antonio Giannico (Bryant University); Louis Blackwell (Gannon University) Izayah Powell (Brown University, Devonte Myles (Sacred Heart University) Tyger Winston (Gannon University) and John Walsh (Ithaca College).



Harshal Shet receives honors from Westchester County Youth Board [Read More...](#)



Deuce Prince at Vanderbilt University this summer. [Read More...](#)



Award of Excellence for Thomas Panik. [Read More...](#)



Good Luck to Eric Terminello '14 at USNA. [Read More...](#)



Marc DeSantis in a TV Commercial. [Read More...](#)



At a recognition ceremony for his father, Austin Hamilton meets President Obama at the White House. [Read More...](#)



Giving Time on Giving Tuesday. [Read More...](#)



Arizona Regional Alumni Reception attendees hosted by Paul Rubeli '61.



Ft. Lauderdale Regional Alumni Reception.



West Palm Beach Alumni Golf & Regional Alumni Reception at PGA National hosted by Jim Luddy '72.



New England Alumni Regional Reception attendees held in Franklin, MA.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all alumni who attended our regional receptions. In addition to those pictured, regional receptions were also held in La Jolla & Los Angeles California as well as in Naples & Tampa Florida. For those in the San Francisco area, please consider joining us Thursday, March 23, 2017 for an evening with fellow Crusaders. Hear from Fr. Tom Collins '79, President of Stepinac, about the good things happening at your Alma Mater. The gathering will take place at Schroeder's, 240 Front St., San Francisco, CA 94111. Phone number for Schroeder's is (415) 421-4778. Schroeder's E-Mail address is info@schroederssf.com. For more information, contact Dennis Buckley '82 at dbuckley@stepinac.org or (914) 946-4800 ext. 282.

Support Stepinac Through Our Recurring Gifts Program

Supporting Stepinac is easy. Please consider making a one-time gift or use our recurring gift program. Through our recurring gift program, your support is spread out over time. To make your recurring gift, please go to the donate page at www.stepinac.org or go directly to <https://46261.thankyou4caring.org/> and follow the instructions. It's that simple. Your recurring gift will directly sustain the student experience, support our financial aid and scholarship programs, our academic programs, and student services. Supporting Stepinac can inspire others to follow your example. Your on-going support makes a powerful, lasting statement about the value of a Stepinac education.

Fr. Collins Hoists Trophy at Turkey Bowl Game



Turkey bowl returns after a three year hiatus. Stepinac beat White Plains, 49-32. [Read more...](#)



Save the Dates

April 2, 2017

Holy Name Society Mass and Breakfast will take place on April 2, 2017. Details to follow.

April 27, 2017

Trustees Awards Reception will take place on April 27, 2017. Details on page 1.

June 7, 2017

Archbishop Stepinac's Golf Outing will take place on June 7, 2017. Details to follow.



Board of Trustees

Kevin Keane '74, Chairman, Thomas Martin '65, Vice Chairman, James Scully '80, Secretary, William Plunkett '58, Chairman Emeritus, Noelle Beale, Ph.D, Trustee, John Cahill '77, Trustee, Christopher Daly '89, Trustee, Sr. Anne Massell, PBVM, Trustee, Thomas Ulrich '82, Trustee

School Administration

Rev. Thomas Collins '79, President, Paul Carty, Principal, Dennis Buckley '82, VP Advancement, Thomas D'Agostino, Director of Finance, Frank Portanova '94, VP Academics, Keith Sunderland '93, Dean of Students

Advancement Office

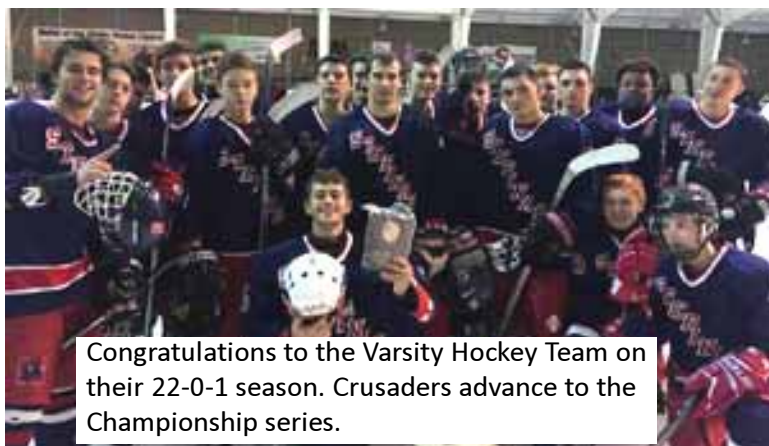
Dennis Buckley '82, Patrick Massaroni '06, Br. Fred Sambor, fms, Paul Thomas '80



Congratulations to the Varsity Bowling team on winning the 2017 CHSAA League Division Bowling Title! Great Job!



Congratulations to the 2017 CHSAA Varsity "B" Basketball Champions! Team beat Bishop Loughlin to win first title in history!



Congratulations to the Varsity Hockey Team on their 22-0-1 season. Crusaders advance to the Championship series.



Congratulations to the 13 wrestlers who qualified for the CHSAA State Championship! Stepinac put on another strong performance and took 3rd overall!!!

Scenes From *All The Way*



On November 18th, 19th & 20th, the Stepinac Drama Club

successfully presented the Tony Award-winning Broadway play & HBO acclaimed film that both starred Brian Cranston, *ALL THE WAY* by Robert Schenkkan. The play depicted President Lyndon B Johnson's efforts to maneuver members of Congress to enact, & civil rights leaders including Martin Luther King Jr. to support, the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Congratulations to the Swimming program on the division title and Congratulations to James Kelly '18 on winning the Vin Harkins MVP award for Stepinac swimming CHSAA championships! Great job!



Special congratulations to Sr. Daniel Modad (pictured at right with Coach O'Hare), who became the first Stepinac wrestler to win the City Championship in back-to-back years!!!

