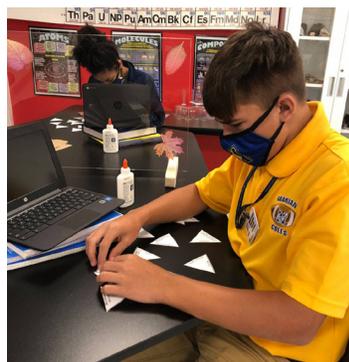


Marian Catholic ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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MARIAN WELCOMES 237 STUDENTS BACK TO CLASSROOMS

The 2020-2021 school year got underway in Colt Country during the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 4 with an enrollment of 237 students, including 64 boys and girls who comprise the freshman Class of 2024. The student body includes 76 new students with the enrollment at a 98% retention rate.

Fr. Allen Hoffa, Marian Catholic Head of School, stressed COVID-19 guidelines have been strictly in place, while the school has moved forward with technology improvements, including issuing Chromebooks to every student.

Fr. Hoffa explained the need for the Marian Catholic family to reach out to local congressmen and women to help secure

funding for the high school. "In light of the 180 Catholic schools that have closed due to the pandemic and the fact that we do not receive public tax dollars, we are seeking grants," said Hoffa, who assured the Marian Catholic family the school will be good to reopen and operate on a normal five day week schedule for "many years."

In the interest of safety of staff and students, all teachers and students are issued masks. When a safety grant is secured, infrared temperatures will be taken for everyone at the ticket both in front of the gym. Hallways, public areas, and desks have been sanitized regularly.



MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Alumni Association

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Whether it's a job promotion, family addition, honors or special occasion – we invite you to share it with us. We will gladly post it on our Facebook page for our followers, and would include any request in our upcoming newsletters. Email us at alumni@mariancatholic.org or send it directly to the Advancement Office, kevina@mariancatholic.org, and we will be happy to share the great news about our Marian family members. Keep up on all school new by visiting our school's website at mariancatholic.org. *We look forward to hearing from you!*

'99 GRADUATE HELPS GET SCHOOL 2,500 MASKS



Thanks to Mike Bartholomew, Marian Catholic Class of 1999, our current school family – faculty, administration, and students – had an ample supply of safety masks when they returned to school on August 31.

Mike helped to get 2,500 disposable face masks delivered to his Hometown alma mater. His employer, PF Nonwovens in the Humboldt Industrial Park, Hazle Township, made the donation at Mike's request.

The masks will be used on an as-needed basis for students, staff, faculty and visitors to help assure optimal safety for everyone on the Marian Catholic campus.

"This is another example of the Marian Catholic family operating at its best," said the Rev. Allen Hoffa, Marian Catholic's Head of School. "When multiple entities come together, great feats and goals can be accomplished. Part of Marian Catholic's success has been the continued support of alumni and benefactors – both near and far – supporting our mission, especially during this pandemic."

We thank Mike, who is the Alumni Association's Class Representative for the Class of 1999. He is just one example of how Marian Catholic alumni can help our alma mater. There are many ways alumni can pitch in, even if it is just by volunteering to lend a hand around the campus. We welcome suggestions from anyone who wants to help. Emails us today at alumni@mariancatholic.org.

MARIAN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE HELPED '06 GRAD PURSUE DREAM



A 2006 graduate of Marian Catholic High School is pursuing his dream of coaching basketball at the collegiate level, and he is quick to credit his "Marian Catholic experience" as playing a key role in his success.

John Miller, son of Peter and Jeanne Miller, formerly of Lake Hauto, Nesquehoning, is a current assistant coach of the women's basketball team at Yale University, the Ivy League school located in New Haven, CT.

John's father is a retired principal from the Kutztown School District while his mother retired as the site coordinator of the Lehigh-Carbon Community College.

"Coaching in college has been a dream come true," John said. "It is an incredibly challenging career and is unbelievably rewarding. I have had the opportunity to travel the world, and coach in famous arenas, but coaching and developing athletes has been the best experience."

After graduating from Marian Catholic, John attended Mount St. Mary's University. While he was (and is) an outstanding golfer – a sport he planned to pursue at Emmitsburg, MD – it was basketball that he always loved.

John said he built a relationship with the women's basketball coaching staff and started helping the program in multiple

ways. In the summers, he spent time working college camps at St. Joe's and at Notre Dame for Mike Brey and Muffet McGraw. "This experience and the connections I made really inspired me to become a college coach," he said.

Upon graduation, John became a women's basketball assistant at the Mount for Vanessa Blair. After one year, he took a job at Rider University, where he helped Lynn Milligan build her program. Lynn, incidentally, is a daughter of Marian Catholic graduates Bill "Angel" Donovan, and wife, Maureen (Yorke), '63 and '64 graduates, respectively.

After seven years at Rider, John became the top assistant at the University of Richmond, where he spent five years, helping the team advance to two post-season playoff appearances. Last June, he took a job at Yale as the director of player development and then later assistant on the Yale staff. Yale had its best season in the program's history last season, capping it off with a win at UNC in Chapel Hill and final ranking of 47 in the RPI.

“My time at Marian Catholic High School was amazing and I always thought the family atmosphere and sense of community gave me the confidence to pursue a career I once would have thought unattainable. My message to all current Marian Catholic students is to use our alumni to help further their interests.”

For John, his "Marian Catholic experience" set the tone for pursuing his goals!



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It was a phrase I've heard hundreds of times throughout my 40-plus-years friendship with Stan Dakosty.

Speaking to the class representatives of the Marian Catholic Alumni Association on September 15 via "Zoom," and referring to Marian Catholic High School, he hit the nail firmly on the head when he said, "It's worth fighting for."

That's what Stan Dakosty has been doing for over four decades in Hometown, fighting for a school he believes in – and one that he helped to build – academically, athletically, financially, and otherwise.

He not only piloted one of the most successful football program in the history of District 11 (his 310 wins rank him as the winningest coach in district history), but his influence on young boys and girls played a role in their success as well. He'll tell you one of his most meaningful personal achievements is not so much the scores of championships his teams have won, but close to his heart was when he was named "Teacher of the Year" by his colleagues some years back.

Equally important to the stability of the school is the somewhat reserved role Stan plays in helping to bring dollars into the school. I say "reserved" because he doesn't brag about it; he just does it. He constantly looks for and pursues opportunities that can benefit Marian Catholic.

Like the state's tax program, for instance. Our relatively-new and always-enthusiastic Advancement Director Kristine Evina pointed out during the meeting, "Stan is a frequent visitor in

my office; always wanting to help. He has helped to bring thousands of dollars into the school through his contacts with graduates who take advantage of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program in Pennsylvania."

Stan's dedication to Marian is something to behold, but it's certainly not new. In fact, I picked up a copy of the 2005 Marian Catholic football program just to reminisce, and, sure enough, there he was, stressing the importance of helping Marian Catholic to continue to exist, something we as an association work at every day.

Here's what he said 15 years ago (and I'm certain for years before that and years after that, to this day, and in the future):

“I'm a true believer of Marian Catholic High School. I have seen the product it turns out and it is a place worth fighting for. We can't take Marian Catholic for granted. All of us who are involved in this school have to be aware of its value and potential. The future looks bright, but we have to keep it solid and moving in a positive direction.”

As we enter the 2020-2021 school year, it's important that all of us heed the advice of one of our most staunch supporters and play a role in the mission of "moving (Marian Catholic) in a positive direction."

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to advance the goals of our Alumni Association, and invite the thousands of graduates to join us, in appreciation of Marian Catholic's past, and, as Stan would put it, to promote awareness of "its value and potential" for this and the next generation to enjoy.

MARIAN CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We know our alumni are proud about the education they received at Marian Catholic!

Join our Alumni Association today for a nominal membership fee of \$10 per year. In an era when Catholic schools are facing continuous challenges that have prompted many to close their doors, our alumni strive to be there for the next generation and for years to come. If each of us can do just a little, together we can do great things for our Alma Mater! Go www.mariancatholics.org and click on "Alumni" and "Join" to become a member today!

THE 2020 GRIDIRON CAMPAIGN IS SET

Despite the pandemic that brought with it challenging regulations such as social distancing, the PIAA announced in August that high school football would continue with specific restrictions.

For our Marian Catholic Colts, once again under the capable guidance of Coach Stan Dakosty – who returns to the program after a three-year hiatus – an eight-game schedule was put in place as announced by the Schuylkill League.

2020 COLTS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 11	Jim Thorpe	L, 43-0
Sept. 18	at Panther Valley	L, 28-7
Sept. 25	at Shenandoah Valley	W, 24-7
Oct. 2	Nativity BVM	
Oct. 9	at North Schuylkill	
Oct. 16	Tri-Valley	
Oct. 23	at Minersville	
Oct. 30	Williams Valley	

Unfortunately, those “certain restrictions” deal, in part, with spectators being present at sporting events. Consistent with state regulations, that means only 250 persons are allowed in attendance at outdoor events. That includes student-athletes, coaches, and staff of both schools participating in the event, which doesn’t leave much room for fans. Since cheerleaders and the band need to be factored in,



the school needed to implement a voucher system for in-person spectators, with preference obviously going to parents. School officials are providing a live stream option on the school’s Facebook page for those who want to watch the games but cannot attend because of these limitations.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN REDIRECT YOUR STATE TAX DOLLARS TO MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL?

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs provide tax credits to eligible individuals and businesses contributing to the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation (EPSF).

The EPSF awards nearly 1,500 scholarships to students attending elementary and secondary schools, special learning centers and pre-kindergarten programs within the Diocese of Allentown during the school year.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? You can keep Pennsylvania state taxes in your community. If you own a business or are a Pennsylvania taxpayer, you can help build a brighter future for deserving students at Marian Catholic High

School by participating in this amazing program.

Individual or business contributions are used by the Foundation to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships. EPSF provides financial assistance to families at Marian Catholic High School to help cover the cost of tuition.

Your support of Marian through the Pennsylvania State Tax Credit Program benefits qualified families. We are grateful for your support!

To learn more about how you can participate in this program, contact Kristine Evina, Director of Advancement, at advancement@mariancatholicshs.org or call 570-467-3335 x.2219.

OUR CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to the families of the following Marian Catholic High School alumnae:

Patricia A. Alonge, 74, of Brockton, passed away on Aug. 30, 2020. She was the wife of Bernie Alonge. A daughter of the late Joseph S., and Cecelia (Nowak) Zelinsky, she was a 1963 graduate of Marian Catholic and the mother of Bernard II and Richard W.

Joan Coleman-Forys, 62, of Tuscarora, passed away on Aug. 7, 2020. She was the wife of John Forys. A daughter of the late Tom and Eileen (Weingart) Coleman, was a 1976 graduate of Marian Catholic and the mother and sister of several Marian Catholic graduates.

Margaret A. (Bonner) Furey, a member of the Class of 1958, passed away on July 28, 2020 in Baltimore, MD. She was the wife of James Furey, Class of 1957. Margie and Jim were among the first re-join the Alumni Association when we launched our initiative last year and had been longtime devoted Marian Catholic supporters.

Ronald M. Hlavaty, 74, of Mahoning Township, passed away on July 25, 2020. He was the husband of LaRae M. (Stein) Hlavaty. He was a 1965 graduate of Marian Catholic High School.

James M. Hydro, 64, of Easton, formerly of Nesquehoning, passed away on Sept. 8, 2020. A son of the late Vincent and Joan (Ulshafer) Hydro, he was a 1974 graduate of Marian Catholic, the father of Michael and brother of Vince, and his wife, Nanette, Irene, wife of Scott Downey, and Ann, wife of James Yusella.

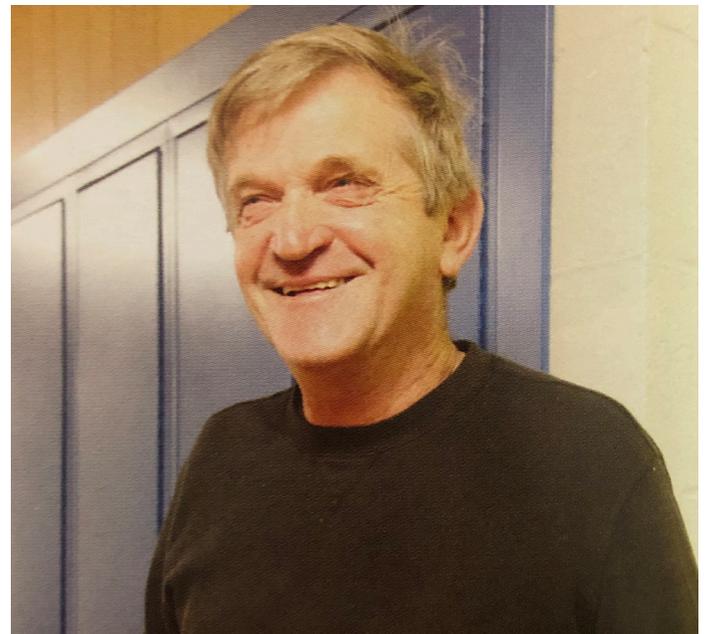
Judith Kosica, 73, of Lansford, passed away on Aug. 30, 2020. She was the widow of Robert Kosica. A daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret (Yatsko) O'Leary, she was a 1964 graduate of Marian Catholic and the mother of Mark and Robert Kosica and Debra Keer.

Jean D. Lutwin, the oldest member of the Marian Catholic Alumni Association at 97, passed away on Aug. 21, 2020. She was a 1942 graduate of St. Jerome's High School, Tamaqua, and a proud Marian Catholic supporter. She was the widow of Joseph Lutwin and the mother of Joseph E. Lutwin and Jeannie A., wife of Frank Rutch.

Gerald R. Marcheski, 85, of Denver, CO, passed away at on June 28, 2020. The husband of Estella (Martinez) Marcheski, he was a 1952 graduate of St. Jerome's Catholic High School, Tamaqua, where he was involved in drama, basketball and baseball.

Margaret McArdle, 79, of Tamaqua, passed away on Aug. 15, 2020. She was the widow of Vincent A. McArdle. A 1959 graduate of Marian Catholic High School, she taught for 25 years in Catholic schools, including St. Jerome's, Tamaqua, and McAdoo Catholic School.

Dale M. Stewart, 50, of Hazleton, passed away on July 28, 2020. He was the husband of Susan (Huber) Stewart, a member of the MCHS Class of 1990, daughter for former Marian teacher John Huber, and his wife, Marcella, of Jim Thorpe.



"Always ready to help, Mr. Kaz Szlagiewicz worked hard to maintain Marian Catholic. His constant smile and friendly Polish accent could put any student in a good mood!"

— 2013 MCHS Yearbook

Kazimierz M. Szlagiewicz, 74, of Coaldale, passed away on Aug. 14, 2020. He was the husband of Wieslawa (Kurzawa) Szlagiewicz of Coaldale. Kaz retired from Marian Catholic High School having worked as the custodian for several years, where he enjoyed working and spending time with the students and staff, who will greatly miss him.

Stephen W. Yuhas, 79, of Jim Thorpe, passed away on Aug. 22, 2020. He was the husband of Carol (Hawk) Yuhas and the father Stephen W. IV, and wife Rashunda, and Jennifer, wife of Tom Knowlton. Many will remember Steve as a worker with the Men of Marian.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED AND SOUGHT...

The success of any organization is cooperation, communication and the ability to work together. In that respect, we sincerely welcome graduates who will be serving as representatives of their individual classes. A class representative will work with class lists to update information about their classmates. They will encourage classmates to join the Marian Catholic Alumni Association, welcome input from alumni and work with the Marian Catholic Advancement Office with regard to how their class or individual class members can help their alma mater.

The class representatives as of this newsletter include:

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| | | 1958 | Richie Bimler, richie.bimler@gmail.com |

We are looking for graduates to lead the classes where no representative is assigned. If you would like to volunteer to help as a representative of your class, please contact Tammy Long Chrin at tammychrin@gmail.com or alumni@mariancatholichs.org.

