



Mater Dei MATTERS

TRACK RENOVATION PROJECT PICKS UP SPEED TARGET COMPLETION DATE IS SUMMER 2007

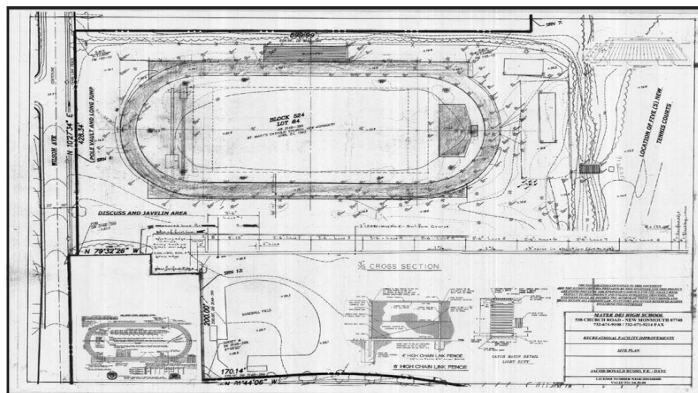
Under the supervision of the St. Mary Parish Athletic Council (PAC), plans have been developed to renovate the Mater Dei Track.

Those plans are quickly picking up significant speed as a result of aggressive alumni support and leadership. The targeted date for completion of Phase 1 is Summer 2007, subject to receiving the required Diocesan and local approvals.

The Phase 1 (short term) plans include widening the existing track to make it a 400m eight lane track with straight-aways and installing a paved-in-place polyurethane surface. They also include repositioning and updating the facilities for field events. The estimated cost of Phase 1 is approximately \$600,000.

The Phase 2 (long term) plans propose renovation of the Monsignor Bulman Stadium complex through the installation of tennis courts, new bleachers, and safety fencing. The Mater Dei football field will remain in its present location. The Phase 2 cost is estimated at \$850,000.

Commitments totaling \$340,000 have been secured toward implementing Phase 1. That total includes \$55,000 from the combined net proceeds from the St. Mary Athletic Association's annual "Spring into Summer" 5K race for the last three years, as well as a \$50,000 anonymous donation and a \$200,000 Pledge Challenge from three Mater Dei alumni and their families. (See related story on this page)



ALUMNI ISSUE PLEDGE CHALLENGE

Ran ('74) and Maureen Daly ('74) MacDonald and Ed ('74) and Barbara McLaughlin have demonstrated their support for the track renovation project by pledging a combined total of \$200,000 toward completion of Phase 1.

When the pledge was announced, Ran said, "Our parents generation started Mater Dei, and their sacrifice meant the school was there to prepare us to become successful adults. It's time for our generation to reach back and reinvest in Mater Dei so it is there for future generations."

Ed added, "Many alumni credit their success to our Mater Dei education. This project is a way to express our gratitude."

This pledge comes with an important challenge: MATER DEI ALUMNI MUST RAISE AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 IN NEW DONATIONS BY MARCH 31, 2007 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEIR DONATION.

To contribute to the project or get involved in raising funds for its completion, contact Ray Brush in the Mater Dei Development Office.

MATER DEI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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CLASS AGENTS WANTED



Mater Dei is recruiting alumni to serve as Class Agents for each of the alumni classes. Class agents serve as the liaison from their class to the school's fundraising programs. Class Agents are also a key link in communicating alumni and school news.

Interested alumni are asked to volunteer by contacting Ray Brush in the Mater Dei Development Office; for more information please email rbrushmdhs@nac.net

ALUMNI MENTORS PROGRAM

Mater Dei has created an Alumni Mentors program for alumni interested in talking to students about their college, career, and work experiences. Alumni perspectives and insights are invaluable in helping Mater Dei's students make informed decisions regarding their college and career choices.

This program will take a small amount of your time, but it will make a big difference to our students! Interested alumni can choose to work individually with students, work with them in small information groups, or give group presentations - the alumni mentors determine what works best for them.

To volunteer in the Alumni Mentors program or for more information, contact Ray Brush by email rbrushmdhs@nac.net or phone 732.671.9100

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES REORGANIZATION

The Mater Dei Alumni Association is reorganizing and adopting a new structure, effective January 1, 2007. The association will also be implementing revised by-laws at the same time.

A primary goal of the restructuring is to increase alumni participation and board diversity. These changes will create new opportunities for Mater Dei alumni to serve on the Board of Trustees and will expand the association's charter. The changes will also build on the excellence of the association's previous work by creating additional energy and focus on Mater Dei.

All Mater Dei alumni are automatically members of the Mater Dei High School Alumni Association and are eligible to serve on its Board of Trustees and operating committees, as well as be elected to serve as officers.

The Board of Trustees will expand to include a maximum of 30 Trustees recruited from the five decades of Mater Dei Alumni classes. Trustees are expected to attend approximately four to five board meetings per year and to serve on the association's operating committees such as the Golf Committee, Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, Special Events Committee, etc. Under the terms of the revised by-laws, Trustees will serve three year renewable terms with no limitations on length of service. Officers will be elected from the Board of Trustees to serve two year terms and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms in that position.

In conjunction with these changes, the Alumni Association's website (www.materdeialumni.org) will be moved onto the school's website (www.materdeihhs.org).

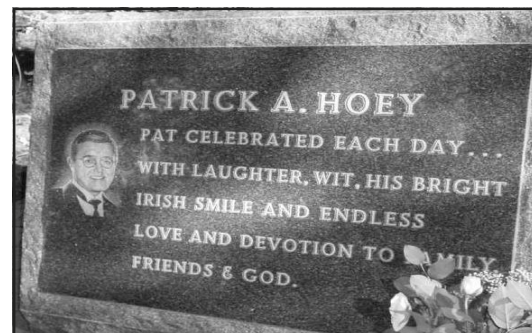
The Board of Trustees is especially interested in recruiting Alumni Trustees representing the graduating classes from 1980 to 2002 to join the association's board.

ALL alumni who are interested in serving on the Alumni Association's Board of Trustees or any of the association's operating committees are asked to contact Ray Brush in the Mater Dei Development Office (email to rbrushmdhs@nac.net or telephone 732.671.9100)

Is this the first time you have heard from Mater Dei in years or the first time you have ever heard from Mater Dei? If so, please accept our sincere apologies. We have recently updated our alumni database and look forward to keeping you informed about Mater Dei High School.

HOEY SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Patrick and Eileen Hoey strongly believed that providing their four children with a Catholic education was of the utmost importance, and they educated them at St. Mary School and Mater Dei High School. After high school, they were able to send their children to Catholic colleges: **Brian, Mater Dei '92**, is a graduate of Villanova University; **Robert, Mater Dei '94**, graduated from Marist College; **Michael, Mater Dei '95**, is a graduate of the University of Scranton; and **Sharon, Mater Dei '00**, graduated from Fairfield University.



Patrick Hoey was a devout Catholic who lived his faith. A huge supporter of Mater Dei's mission, Hoey was dedicated to the school and its students. He was active in the Mater Dei PTA, serving a two year term as its president, and he was always ready and willing to help the school in any way he could.

Patrick Hoey was killed on September 11, 2001 in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. He worked on the 64th Floor of the World Trade Center as an Executive Manager in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Tunnels, Bridges, and Terminals Division.

To celebrate Patrick Hoey's life and to honor him by assisting students with their Catholic education, his family and friends established Mater Dei High School's Patrick A. Hoey Scholarship. It is awarded annually to two Mater Dei students at the end of their junior year and is paid as a credit against their senior year tuition. This year Michael Accurso and Monica Puga, both Class of 2007, were named as the recipients of the 2006 Patrick A. Hoey Memorial Scholarships. To date, \$20,000 in scholarships have been awarded in his memory.

Each year the Hoey family hosts the "Patrick A. Hoey Memorial Scholarship Day at the Races" to raise funds for the scholarship; it is also funded through private donations. This year's "Day at the Races" was held on Saturday, September 16, at Monmouth Park Racetrack and was the most successful ever - 185 people attended, ensuring that the scholarship amounts awarded in 2007 will increase.

For information about the Hoey Scholarship's 2007 "Day at the Races" or to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please contact: Eileen Hoey at 732.275.9041 or Ray Brush in the Mater Dei Development Office by email: rbrushmdhs@nac.net or by telephone: 732.671.9100

The Benefits of Charitable Giving

Donors expect that their gifts to Mater Dei will make a difference to the school and its students, but did you know that some of the best gift plans can also benefit your financial and tax situation? The chart below summarizes the benefits of some popular charitable gifts.

TYPE OF GIFT	WHAT IS IT?	WHAT ARE THE TAX BENEFITS?	WHAT ARE SOME OTHER BENEFITS?
OUTRIGHT GIFT	A donation of cash, securities or personal property	Income tax deduction for the value of the gift, plus no capital gains tax on appreciated property	Allows you to tailor your gift to Mater Dei for immediate needs
LIVING TRUST	A trust you establish to take effect during your lifetime	Potential estate tax savings if Mater Dei is the beneficiary of the remainder trust	Terms of the trust can be changed at any time
BEQUEST IN A WILL	A gift you make by naming Mater Dei in your will	Estate tax deduction for the value of your Mater Dei gift	Offers flexibility in providing for your family's needs

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR TEAMMATES

The Mater Dei High School Hall of Fame inducted five alumni at the ninth annual Hall of Fame Dinner on October 6. The well-attended event was held at the Navesink Country Club. The 2006 Hall of Fame class was: **Katie Thompson '78** (Cross Country); **Tom Curti '85** (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball); **Jodie McAndrew '88** (Cross Country); **Pat Smith '93** (Wrestling), and **Billy Marsh '99** (Track & Basketball). The inductees unanimously cited their teammates as critical factors in their success at Mater Dei. Thompson accepted her award on behalf of her teammates, indicating that she "valued their friendship and support." Curti commented that he was "receiving this award because of my teammates and their accomplishments." (Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2007 Hall of Fame class; see related article elsewhere on this page.)



*The Mater Dei High School 2006 Hall of Fame inductees:
Tom Curti '85, Katie Thompson Burke '78, Patrick Smith '93,
William Marsh '99, and Jodie McAndrew Crochet '88.*

Cathy Daniels '79 coordinated the 2006 Hall of Fame Dinner with assistance from a very dedicated committee of alumni volunteers



2007 HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE BY JUNE 1

The Mater Dei Hall of Fame Selection Committee is currently seeking nominations for candidates to be inducted into the **2007 Hall of Fame Class**. Letters of recommendation should detail the candidate's qualifications and **must be accompanied by supporting documentation**, including a comprehensive list of accomplishments and related newspaper clippings or press coverage.

Nominations should be sent to:

Hall of Fame - MDHS Alumni Association
c/o Ray Brush, Director of Development
538 Church Street
Middletown, NJ 07748
Email: rbrushmdhs@nac.net

The entire Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet in July 2007 to vote after evaluating the credentials and nominations of **all** candidates. If you are interested in serving on the Selection Committee and selecting the 2007 honorees, please contact Ray Brush.

Qualified HALL OF FAME candidates are:

Alumni who distinguished themselves through their athletic prowess while at Mater Dei or through their career/life/community service achievements

(Eligibility begins 5 years after graduation)

Former teachers, administrators, religious staff, retired coaches or Mater Dei Boosters

Qualified HALL OF FAME nominations must be:

Accompanied by a letter detailing their athletic record and / or career accomplishments

Supported by statistical data such as press clippings or other data validating their record

Postmarked on or received by June 1, 2007

12th ANNUAL MATER DEI ALUMNI GOLF OUTING & PICNIC

The Mater Dei Alumni Association held its 12th Annual Mater Dei Alumni Golf Outing and Picnic on Friday, June 30. The day began with a continental breakfast and a round of golf at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck followed by a picnic lunch trackside at Monmouth Park. Land Rover of Woodbridge sponsored the Hole-in-One contest, and Middletown's Outback Steakhouse sponsored the picnic lunch. Proceeds from the Mater Dei Alumni Golf Outing and Picnic support the Alumni Association's primary projects: The Michael Lawless '73 Memorial Scholarship and the Mater Dei Alumni Hall of Fame.

Photo, right: Dennis Poracky, Vice Principal of St. Mary School; Ann Monahan, St. Mary School; and Peggy & Bill Dolan, Mater Dei PTA Co-Presidents.



Photo, above: The winning foursome: Mike Moran '83, Charlie Hart, George Gross '83, and John Gross '91



Photo, above: Class of '75 Alumni strike a pose at the picnic: Jim McDavitt, Norma Delephine, Terry Hogan, and Chuck McBurnie

Photo, left: Maureen Reidy Yetman '84 and Debbie McCarthy



For reservations or information about these events, please contact Mater Dei's Development Office at 732.671.9100

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- JANUARY 7** POLAR PLUNGE Fundraiser supporting the Mater Dei Track Renovation Project
- MARCH 24** SERAPH BLUE DENIM Dance to benefit the Mater Dei Track Renovation Project
- MAY 19** "SPRING INTO SUMMER" 5K Race supporting the Monsignor Bulman Stadium and the Mater Dei Track Renovation Project
- JULY 6** ALUMNI GOLF OUTING & PICNIC supporting the Lawless Scholarship Fund & Hall of Fame

REUNIONS

The *Class of '85* held its 21st Reunion at Monmouth Park on Saturday, July 2. "Mater Dei at the Races" was a day of fun, sun, and friendship as alumni friends, spouses, and children gathered trackside for a barbeque picnic. The event was organized by *Karen Gordon*.



Photo, above: The Class of '85 Reunion was clearly a family day!

CLASS OF 1985 HOSTS "MATER DEI AT THE RACES"



Photo, left: The Mission and Burke families are all smiles as they pose for a picture at the Class of '85's "Mater Dei at the Races."

The *Class of '75* and the *Class of '76* combined forces for a "30th Reunion" on Saturday, July 2 at Fort Monmouth's Gibbs Hall. Organized by *John Crosby '75* and *Jim Costigan '76*, the event was an evening of fun, laughter, and reminiscing as classmates gathered to celebrate their Mater Dei careers and catch up on each others' lives since high school graduation.

Photo, below: Anne Rigby Toto, Sharon Kiely, Marie Mergenthaler Celestrino, and Dana Metcalf Perkins (all Class of '75) at the 30th Reunion.



Photo, above: Ellen Scully '76 and Joe Scully '75 looking for familiar faces in the reunion



Photo, left: Norma Delepine '75 brought her yearbook - she can still fit into her school uniform!



Photo, above: Kay Purcell Jennings, Pegi Moran Bergin, and Cheryl O'Keefe (all Class of '76) caught up on news at the Reunion



Photo, above: Brian Murphy, Barry Flannery, and Brian Hanlon (all Class of '76) share laughs at the reunion.

CLASSES OF 1975 & 1976 HOLD 30th REUNION

Rick Bolger '69 underwent a liver transplant on New Year's Day 2006 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. In gratitude for the generous gift he received, Rick and his wife Mary Lou hosted a dinner dance cruise on Brielle's River Queen in September to raise funds for Gift of Life, the national organ transplant awareness organization (www.donors1.org). Rick encourages his fellow alumni to learn more about organ donation and to become organ donors. He is a terrific speaker and is available to speak to groups and organizations about the critical need for organ donors.

Trudy Craney '70 is a Grammy and Emmy award winning singer who has performed as a soloist in major opera houses and concert halls across the world including France, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, and the United Kingdom. She teaches voice and continues to perform, focusing primarily on new works by living composers. Craney is a widow and lives with her 14 year old son in New York City.

Don Froude '74 was recently named by Legg Mason, Inc. to be its managing director and head of U.S. Distribution. He will be responsible for Legg Mason's overall management including sales, marketing, client service, product development, and business development throughout the United States. Froude joins Legg Mason from Columbia Management, Bank of America's asset management division, where he was president of intermediary distribution. Prior to that assignment, Froude was the chief executive officer of Quick & Reilly.

Susan Kolesar Sodon '74 is a graphic artist working for Solari Creative in Eatontown. She and her husband live in Locust and have three grown children in their twenties. Sodon is a member of **Mater Dei's Alumni Mentors program**; she previously has volunteered with the Cub Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop # 22 Eagle Rank Approval Board.

Joseph Oxley '76 was elected President of the American Jail Association in May and received the National Sheriffs' Association's 2006 Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year award in June. Oxley is currently serving his tenth year as the Monmouth County Sheriff. As sheriff he is chief executive of a 700-member, \$56 Million agency and has created information campaigns on terrorism awareness and prevention.

Katie Crowe-Lile '79 lives in Orlando and works for Harcourt, a global education company serving students and teachers in Pre-K through grade 12, adult learners, and readers of all ages. She reports that "tropical depressions, brush fires, and hurricanes aside" she enjoys living in Florida.

Garrett Kiely '79 is the President of Palgrave Macmillan, a cross-market publisher specializing in cutting edge academic and trade non-fiction titles. He and his wife have three children and live in Summit.

Kathy Zwarick Wilson '81 is the Director of Government Affairs for the American Medical Directors Association in Columbia, Maryland. She also is a consultant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in their Nursing Home Branch where she works on improving the quality of care in America's nursing homes. Wilson attended Mater Dei for three years before her family moved to South Jersey. She has fond memories of Mr. Stimpson's History Class and going to the Homecoming Dance with Tommy McCarthy in her sophomore year.

Ed Bulger '82 is preparing to become a priest and is currently studying at the Sacred Heart House of Priestly Formation in Trenton. Prior to entering the seminary, Bulger held management assignments in the retail and restaurant industries.

Robert Waldron '90 was profiled in the Winter 2006 issue of JETTY Magazine published by the Asbury Park Press. Waldron lives in Highlands and is in his fourth year teaching English at Red Bank Regional. He cites his job perks as "having the privilege to cultivate a love of learning in my students and feel as though I have made a real impact on who they are and who they hope to become." Waldron received his Master of Arts degree in teaching from Monmouth University; he previously worked for clothing designer Donna Karan.

Keri Branin '91 is a Senior Vice President for JPMorgan, managing a \$100 million business. She is an alumna of Monmouth University and the Harvard Business School. Branin lives in Highlands and is active in local politics. She also volunteers as a Special Olympics coach, is on the Board of Alumni Volunteers at Monmouth University, and is an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Michael Corby '95 and his wife Maureen announced the birth of their second son, Jake Ryan Corby. Welcome to the newest Seraph and congratulations to the family!

Laureen Urbealis Millevoi '95 is the owner of an Athome America franchise in Middletown and also works at St. Mary School as a special education teacher. In addition she is very involved with the Rainbow Foundation and its fundraising activities providing "financial first aid" to hundreds of desperately ill New Jersey children.

The parents of **Jill Jones '96** have announced her engagement to Scott Karnyski. Jones graduated from Albright University and is a manager for Accenture in New York. Congratulations to Jill and Scott!

CLASS NOTES

Lori Aversano '96 is a Marketing Manager at Kaufman Brothers L.P. in New York. Kaufman Bros. provides analysis of industry trends to emerging communications, media and technology companies and professional investors. Aversano recently organized a 10 Year Reunion for the Class of '96.

Kristin Kinlin '96 died on April 10, 2006 while on a family trip to Ohio. She received a degree in communications from Monmouth University in 2002 and worked in the Classifieds and Legals Department at The Courier newspaper in Middletown. Kinlin suffered from several physical disabilities, but they did not prevent her from living a full and active life. Her colleagues at The Courier remembered her as one of "the hardest-working women in media" and marveled at her ability to stay calm in the midst of a hectic and deadline driven work environment.

James Cook '97 recently announced his engagement to Lana Murray of Middletown. Cook graduated from Rutgers University and is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in its Evesham, Pennsylvania office. He resides in Philadelphia. Congratulations from the entire Mater Dei community to James and Lana!

The parents of **Dorothy "Dori" MacDonald '98** recently announced her engagement to Ryan Chippendale. MacDonald is a member of **Mater Dei's Alumni Mentors Program**. She graduated from Belmont Abbey College with a B.A. degree in psychology and sociology and is currently pursuing her Masters Degree in Social Work at Fordham University. MacDonald attributes her interest in social work to Mater Dei, especially her Introduction to Psychology junior year elective and her senior year Psychology Honors class. She is a substance abuse counselor and is affiliated with the New Brunswick Counseling Center, the Collier Group Home in Red Bank, 180 Turning Lives Around in Hazlet, and Caring Family Outreach Services in Manalapan. Congratulations from the entire Mater Dei community to Dori and Ryan!

Ronald Burkhardt Jr. '99 married Erin O'Brien on May 13, 2006 at Holy Family Church. The couple resides in Union Beach. Burkhardt works for the Division of Motor Vehicles, and his wife is an account manager with Creative Agency in Holmdel.

The parents of **Kristin Supon '00** have announced her engagement to Antonio Ciccone III of Middletown. Supon graduated from the University of Rhode Island and received her teaching certification from Seton Hall University. She is a teacher. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Kristin and Antonio!

William Traphagen '00 married Sarah Ann Henkel on May 20, 2006 at St. Phillip's Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Traphagen graduated from Belmont Abbey College and is currently pursuing graduate studies at Millersville University. He is a Support Specialist at Philhaven Mental Rehabilitation Hospital in Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania. Traphagen is also a cancer survivor - he was diagnosed at the age of 8 years old with astrocytoma, a slow growing brain tumor, and has been in remission since 1991. He and his family are active supporters of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is preserving the quality of life for New Jersey families with children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Congratulations from the entire Mater Dei Community to Sarah and William!

Jonathan Bagnato '01 recently enlisted with the U.S. Marines and is currently in Basic Training.

The parents of **Catherine Schmierer '01** have announced her engagement to Adam Fett. Schmierer graduated from The College of William & Mary in 2005 and is pursuing her master's degree in history from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is an account executive for Advertising Advantage in Scottsdale, Arizona. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Catherine and Adam!

Lucille Chiapperino '02 graduated from Georgian Court University in May. A Dean's List student, Chiapperino received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education with a dual certificate in Elementary Education. She teaches special education to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the Harrison, NJ school district.

Kerry Littmann '02 graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston University's School of Communications in May. Her family credits the dedication, commitment, and professionalism of Mater Dei and its faculty for Littmann's success; they recently noted "Mater Dei provides students with a solid educational base and every available opportunity for growth...we hope that parents and students of current Mater Dei classes appreciate what a great resource the school is."

Daniel Marx '03 is a first year law student at Pace Law School and volunteers at a legal aid clinic in Manhattan. He graduated in three years with honors from DeSales University in May and received the DeSales' Faculty Award for Excellence in Philosophy.

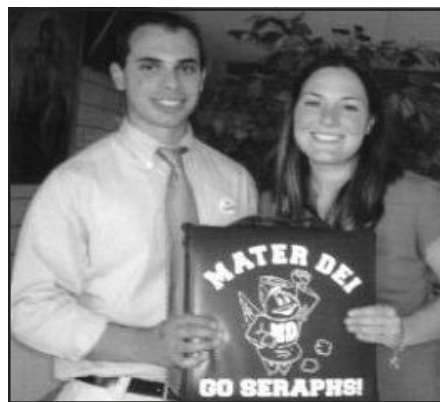
Fairfield University announced that **Brian Erickson '04** was named to the school's Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester. Erickson is a marketing major at Fairfield and spent the summer working as a marketing intern at North American Phillips.

FAMILIAR FACES RETURN TO MATER DEI

Nicole Brady '01 joined Mater Dei's Mathematics Department where she teaches Algebra I & II, College Prep Algebra, and Integrated Mathematics. Brady received her B.A. degree from Ramapo College in 2005 and returned to Mater Dei from the Manalapan School District. She is volunteers with the Special Olympics and the D.A.R.E. program.

Timothy Matassa '99 joined the Mater Dei faculty in the English Department. He teaches American Literature at the sophomore grade level and Writing Workshop. Matassa graduated from Monmouth University in 2003 with a B.A. degree in English and Education. He was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma (the National Honor Society), and Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honor Society), Kappa Delta Pi (the Education Honor Society) at Monmouth. Matassa came to Mater Dei from Dover High School where he taught English and was the yearbook advisor; he also coached girls' basketball at the middle school and high school level in Dover.

William Miltner '00, is the new coach of the Mater Dei's Boys Soccer Team. Miltner earned his B.A. at St. John's University where he majored in Journalism. He teaches English at Mother Teresa Regional School in Atlantic Highlands and is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in Education at Montclair State University. Miltner played Varsity Soccer at Mater Dei.



Newest Seraph Faculty: Tim Matassa '99 & Nicole Brady '01

MATER DEI'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTION



Bonnie Golden on a class trip

Bonnie Golden is Mater Dei's Biology Honors, Biology II, and Environmental Science teacher. Her goal is to provide her Mater Dei students with both the awareness and the working knowledge that will empower them to be informed when they make decisions about the environment, their health or the physical health of our world.

It provides educators with insights into the critical role that environmental agents play in the development of common illnesses and conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and allergies. Workshop sessions and seminars are taught by Hopkins researchers and scientists.

Topics covered at the institute included "Teaching the Process of Scientific Inquiry," "The Environment as a Tool for Interdisciplinary Education," "Water Organisms and Human Health," and "Evolving Resistance: Antibiotic Overuse and the Evolution of Antibiotic Resistance in Bacteria."

Golden says, "I am grateful that these scientists are so willing to share their time and work with teachers in the interest of raising public awareness of environmentally generated health issues."

She further notes "I have returned each time armed with the information and enthusiasm they have imparted along with lots of exciting new books, videos, and lesson plans to share with my students."

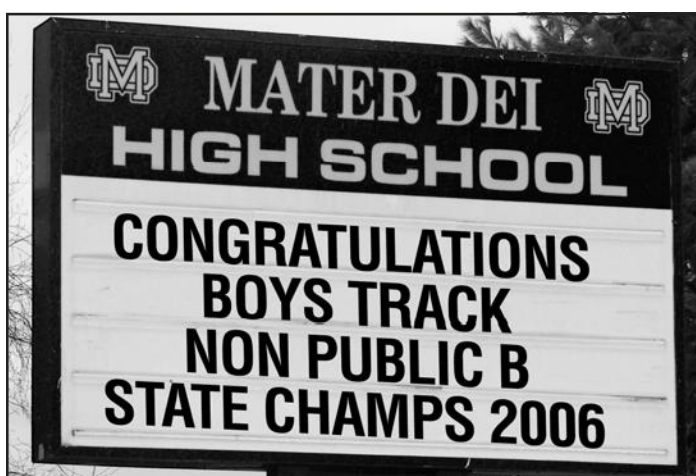
John Hopkins University selected Golden to attend its **2006 EnviroHealth Connections Summer Institute**; this was the third time she has attended. The program focuses on understanding the relationship between our environment and our health by exploring the latest information and research about the environmental health issues confronting America and the world.

MATER DEI BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM CAPTURES NJSIAA GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday, June 3 Mater Dei's Boys Track and Field team came from behind to capture the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Non-Public Group B Championship.

Mater Dei was 18 points behind DePaul Catholic before the final three events of the meet – the Javelin, Shot Put, and 4x400 relay. *Ryan Lino, Class of 2007* had a powerful performance in the throwing events and *Billy Walsh '06* finished first in the 4x400 race after closing a 10 meter gap, enabling the Seraphs to win the meet and capture the championship title. *Bobby Antes, Jay Glezman* and *Dan Repetti (all '06)* handled the other legs of the 4x400 and contributed to the team's exciting victory. Lino also finished second in the Javelin (135-8) and first in the Shot Put with a 46-6 ½ throw.

Congratulations to Coach Tursi and the entire 2006 Boys Track Team!



The school signboard shared Mater Dei's championship news with the campus and the local community.

MATER DEI GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM PLACES SECOND IN NJSIAA GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Led by *Marie Walsh, Class of 2009*, the Mater Dei Girls Track & Field Team captured second place in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Non-public Group B Championships on June 3.

Walsh won two gold medals at the championship, winning both the 1,600 and the 3,200 events within a 4 ½ hour time span. She ran the 1,600 in 5:09.96 and the 3,200 in 11:25.36. *Meg Corless, Class of 2008*, finished sixth in the 3,200 race.

MATER DEI STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A GRAVELY ILL CHILD

Caitlin Faria attends Middletown's Harmony School. Like any typical eight year old she is bright, inquisitive, funny, charming, giggly and energetic. In one very significant way, however, Caitlin is different from other eight year olds: she is recovering from surgery and treatment for a malignant brain tumor (medulloblastoma).

Maria Gato, Class of 2007, helps Caitlin's family by babysitting while her parents were at work or staying with Caitlin's brother when the little girl and her parents were at the doctor's office or the hospital.

As she spent more time with Caitlin's family and got to know them, Maria became aware that the family's medical expenses were significant. She wanted to do something to help the family, and she enlisted the support of her friends and Mater Dei's Community Service Club in helping them.

Maria and her friends organized the "Caitlin Faria Dress Down Day" to raise money to help the Faria family, and Mater Dei's administration enthusiastically supported their plan.

"Dress Down Days" are very popular charity fundraisers at Mater Dei – students enjoy making a nominal donation of \$1 or \$2 to a designated charity in order to be excused from wearing their school uniform.

The "Caitlin Faria Dress Down Day" at Mater Dei was held on May 16, 2006. The event was an enormous success and was widely supported by the entire student body, raising more than \$1,200 to help Caitlin and her family. The students purchased a Game Boy to entertain Caitlin because she frequently spends time in the hospital receiving treatment. They presented the balance of the donations to the Faria family.

Roger Harding, Mater Dei's Vice Principal, said "I am always impressed by our students and proud of them, but their generosity in responding to this little girl's situation was really amazing. Maria and the other students did an incredible job in organizing this program; their energetic enthusiasm and optimism were contagious."

Mater Dei students *Stephen Gesario* and *Emily Cadamura*, both Class of 2008, helped Maria organize this fundraiser.

Caitlin's mother reports that she is doing well. She has completed six weeks of radiation and is currently completing the last of her nine sessions of chemotherapy.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Your fellow alumni want to hear what's new with you! Have you started a new job? Been promoted? Gotten married? Had a baby? Moved? Been honored for your professional or personal accomplishments?

Send news and information updates to Ray Brush, Director of Development:

via email to rbrushmdhs@nac.net
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Mater Dei Development Office
 538 Church Street
 New Monmouth, NJ 07748



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School Badge Circa 1975

MATER DEI'S MEMORABILIA COLLECTION

Mater Dei is collecting any memorabilia that alumni no longer want or use.

Alumni are encouraged to donate those treasured high school mementos to Mater Dei for its Alumni Memorabilia Collection.

The school is putting together a collection of Mater Dei historical information, artifacts and student mementos. We want to include high school treasures from our alumni in the collection - especially varsity letters, old uniforms (clean only!), game balls, yearbooks, prom souvenirs, school newspapers, and items bearing a Mater Dei logo. etc. These materials are being used to put together archival displays of Mater Dei and its students.

Several alumni have generously donated some very special and wonderful items to start the collection. We look forward to receiving additional donations from you. **Contact Ray Brush at 732.671.9100 for information.**



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**A Dinner Dance to benefit
the Mater Dei Track
Renovation Project**

Saturday, March 24
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Memorial Hall
\$50 per person, BYOB

**Music by Joe Rapolla
& the Perfect Square**

**Denim & Casual Attire Suggested
Silent Auction**

For reservations, donations, ad journal information
 or to volunteer on the Host Committee, contact:
 Maureen Yetman 732.687.3186
 Ray Brush, Mater Dei Development 732.671.9100

MATER DEI ANNOUNCES THE KEEP PACE PROGRAM

Providing A Catholic Education for someone in need

Sponsor a Student — Be a Mater Dei Angel

I wish to give the gift of a Catholic Education to a student in need at Mater Dei High School.

I will sponsor a student for the 2006 — 2007 school year :

Full tuition for one year \$8,275.00

Half tuition for one year \$4,137.50

I will sponsor a student for all four years of Catholic high school :

Full tuition for four years (billed over 4 years)

Half tuition for four years (billed over 4 years)

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Home Telephone: _____



*The Mater Dei
Angel Fund*

Newly established by Mater Dei, this endowment fund is intended to provide tuition assistance so that no student ever has to leave Mater Dei because of financial adversity. To make a donation to the Mater Dei Angel Fund, contact the Development Office.



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