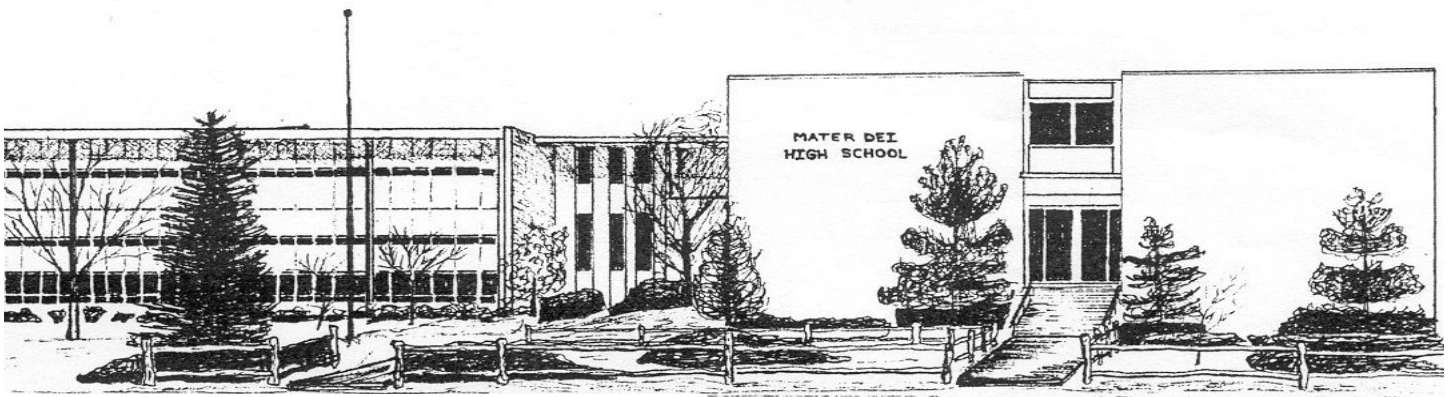




Mater Dei Alumni News

Alumni and Friends Commemorate 40th Anniversary of Building Dedication



Line drawing of Mater Dei by Pat Kitson '88.

Nearly 200 alumni and friends gathered at Mater Dei on Saturday, April 16, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the formal dedication of the school building.

Students from the era will remember how they bid the temporary trailers farewell forever as they eagerly walked through the doors of the new building, dedicated on March 28, 1965, nearly six months after the first class graduated in June 1964.

“It was so great to see so many alumni back at the school,” said **Diane Johnson Engemann '73**, who chaired the event with the help of the MDAA and representatives of several classes. “Everyone was telling old stories and just having a great time roaming the halls -- many in search of their old lockers.”

The cocktail reception, held in the school cafeteria, was catered by What’s Your Pleasure Catering, which is owned and operated by **Tim and Cindy Yerves '73**.

Guests also enjoyed the lively music performed by THE UNPRONOUNCEABLE, a band donated and presented by **Frank Wood '72**. Historic photo displays, arranged by **Margaret Desmond Cahill '81** and representatives of several classes, adorned the hallways.

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Brush Appointed Director of Development

Broad Institutional Advancement Initiatives Planned

Mater Dei has created an Office of Development and appointed **Ray Brush**, of West Long Branch, as director.

Ray, who has a wide range of experience working in non-profit organizations and educational institutions, will be responsible for a broad list of institutional advancement functions, including fundraising, alumni relations, marketing and mission advocacy.

Prior to joining Mater Dei, Ray worked for the United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. He has also held marketing and sales management positions at Olivetti, Seiko Corporation of America and Park East Safaris.

A graduate of Rutgers College and Rutgers Graduate School

of Management, Ray is a past president of the Rutgers Business School Alumni Association and the Rutgers University Alumni Federation. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Family Based Services Association of New Jersey, an Eatontown-based non-profit organization that provides support services to Monmouth County families of children with emotional or behavioral challenges.

Since his July 1 appointment, Ray has been heavily involved in the Fall recruitment program, including the Open House in October. He has also been instrumental in the redesign and upgrade of the school's Web site. He is currently working with the MDAA to solidify its organization and lay the foundation for a fundraising campaign to support the school.

Ray can be reached at 732.671.9100, ext. 22.

2004 Inductees



L to R: 2004 Honorees Maureen Kennedy Sapia '81, Bill Stefanski '84 and Laura Boms Fallon '90 pose after their induction. A brief illness kept baseball great Glenn Daly '70 from attending.

2005 Inductees



L to R: Bill Collins '69, Suzanne Minogue Quense '81, Therese Caffrey '89 and George Warrack '68 joined the ranks of Mater Dei Hall of Fame in October.

2006 Hall of Fame Nominations Due May 15

The Mater Dei Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2006 Induction Class. Letters of nomination **must detail the candidate's qualifications and be accompanied by supporting documentation**, including a list of achievements and newspaper clippings.

Submissions must be postmarked on or before Monday, May 15, 2006. The induction dinner will be held in the Fall.

Address nominations to Mater Dei Hall of Fame, Mater Dei Alumni Association, P.O. Box 4144, Middletown, NJ 07748. Please direct questions to **Mike Corley** (mcorley@mi-jack.com) or **Jim Keating** (jkeat101@comcast.net).

Qualified HOF candidates are:

- ... alumni who distinguished themselves through athletic prowess while at Mater Dei or career/life achievement
- ... former teachers, administrators, religious, retired coaches and boosters
- ... eligible for nomination five years after graduation

Qualified nominations must be:

- ... accompanied by a letter detailing accomplishments
- ... supported by statistical data and press clippings
- ... postmarked on or received by May 15

Golf Outings Net \$35K; Lawless Fund Grows

Over the last two years, the annual Mater Dei Alumni Association Golf Outing and Picnic raised \$35,000. Gifts earmarked for The Michael Lawless ('73) Memorial Scholarship, totaled \$15,000, including \$6,000 from The Fred and Ann Marie Kambietz Foundation.

The day-long event continues to attract 200 alums and friends. It begins with a golf tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Colts Neck, followed by a trackside picnic, sponsored by The Outback of Middletown, at Monmouth Park.

The 2006 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 30. The committee, chaired by **Tom Short '68** (kashort2986@msn.com), is looking for more volunteers to help organize details, solicit sponsors and recruit golfers/picnic goers. Register and pay online at www.materdeialumni.org.



Best 19th Hole Finish -- Owen Lynch, MD Hall of Famer Bobby Vasquez '68, Golf Chair Tommy Short '68 and Sam Chanowich '68

Letter from the Advisory Board:

Dear Fellow Alumni:

A wonderful byproduct of our work with the alumni association is the rekindling of friendships, which makes it seem as if no time at all has passed since we walked the halls of Mater Dei together. And yet, this year marked the 40th anniversary of the dedication of our school building.

The anniversary celebration in April was a spirited evening charged with Seraph pride. We drank a toast (or two!) to four decades of academic excellence, recalled fond memories, and enjoyed the company of old and new friends alike.

Growing interest in the work of the MDAA is very gratifying. Another positive sign is the hire of Mater Dei's first-ever Development Director Ray Brush, who, in his brief tenure, has already begun to spread the good news about Mater Dei and set the stage for our school's amazing future.

Amidst the happy times we shared this year, we also experienced great sadness in the passing of our friend and mentor Frank Outwater, who died suddenly this summer. For nearly three decades, Mr. O's tireless commitment to MD impacted all within its close-knit community. We honor his memory by carrying his legacy forward.

Go Seraphs!

5K Run Boosts Msgr. Bulman Athletic Stadium Fund

The 2nd Annual Spring Into Summer 5KRun/Walk netted \$20,000 for the Msgr. Bulman Athletic Stadium Fund, doubling the amount raised in the event's inaugural year. Last year the MDAA matched monies raised with a \$10,000 gift to the fund, which was established to upgrade the track and stadium facilities shared by St. Mary's and Mater Dei. The fund total now exceeds \$40,000.

"The run is just the first step in a fundraising marathon which will take place over the next several years," said **Bonnie Stahl**, who organizes the run with her husband John and others from St. Mary's parish.

The construction project, for which no plans have been drawn, will cost an estimated \$1 million. The Mater Dei Booster Club pledged to refurbish the bleachers in 2005.

"Our school has a rich history of track and field champions, including many state champions," said Mater Dei Head Track **Coach Kevin Attridge**, whose teams helped to staff the event. "Our students deserve a facility that heralds that tradition and preserves the legacy."

Plans are now underway for the 2006 run/walk. For more information, contact Bonnie or John Stahl at 732.671.4219. Many sponsorships are available.

Class Notes

'65

Ellen Costigan, of Pensicola, FL, is an independent distributor of Reliv, a distributor of nutritional and skincare products company that she has represented for 13 years.

'67

John and Ann Greany Askin welcomed the birth of their sixth grandchild, Brian Kenneth Askin, on August 6.

'69

Rick Bolger became the first non-Republican in three decades to be elected to a seat on the Brielle Borough Council. Rick, an independent, will serve a three-year term.

'71

Janice Nancy Stein lives in Lutz, FL, with her husband Ken. Jan, who has a M.Ed in curriculum and instruction, is a teacher and program coordinator for Pasco County, FL. They have two children, and enjoy boating and golf.

'74

Charlie Harrington, son of **Paul Harrington**, was the valedictorian of Red Bank Catholic's 2004 graduating class, the first male to hold the honor in 20 years. Charlie is currently attending Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C.

'77

Megan Daniels Davidson is finishing up a two-year term as president of the St. Mary's PTA. She recently was recognized for 25 years of service at Riverview Medical Center, where she is an ICU nurse. Megan and her husband Andrew have two daughters Katie (13) and Kristin (9).

Bill Elliott and his wife Karen, of Hermosa Beach, CA, welcomed their first child, a son, Sean, in December 2004.

'80

Kathy Finn Hill and her husband Bryan, of Mansfield, MA, welcomed their fifth child, Christopher Bryan, born on April 8th. Kathy was inducted into the Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame in May 2004.

Anthony Rivera, of Suwanee, GA, is co-founder and managing partner of an independent consulting firm, Cotter & Rivera Associates, which is celebrating its third successful year. Tony's firm provides business and IT consulting services to a wide variety of companies and industries.

Lauren Florio, daughter of **Caryl Buckley Florio**, was named to *The Star Ledger's* 2004 All-Monmouth (2nd Team) for soccer. Lauren is a sophomore at Mater Dei.

'84

Louis Gallo, a Social Studies teacher at West High School in Knox County, Tennessee, was awarded a prestigious Milken Family Foundation grant for outstanding teaching. He was one of two teachers in Tennessee to be recognized in 2004 by the foundation which annually awards grants to elementary and secondary teachers in 47 participating states. The unrestricted \$25K award was presented to Gallo at a surprise ceremony before the entire West High community.

'90

Michele Morgan Brennan and her husband John, of Clark, NJ, recently celebrated the first birthday of their daughter Morgan Marie. Morgan was born March 10, 2004.

'98

Mater Dei's Head Soccer Coach **Annie Iaccarino** was named 2004 Monmouth County Coach of the Year by *The Star Ledger*. Annie is currently finishing up her third season coaching the Seraphs.

Send your news to www.materdeialumni.org.

In Memoriam

The MDAA mourns the passing of the following alumni and members of the extended Mater Dei family:

Mary Crowe Crumedy '67
Ed Butler '68
Frederick Solleder '69
Kenneth Schuttinger '72
Sharon Young '72
Douglas Williamson '83
James Golding '84
James Keelan '97

Edward Daly
Thomas Dunn
Harry Huber, Sr.
Robert Hyneman
Rev. James Keating
Eleanor MacInnes
Rev. Gerard McBride
Louis Scaduto, Sr.
Matthew Smokavich

David Gandy, *former Athletic Director*
Marie Hammond, *former SMS teacher*
Frank Outwater, *former Athletic Director*
and Vice Principal

Class of '79 Reunion

Members of the Class of 1979 gathered at Navesink Country Club in November 2004 to celebrate their 25th Reunion. Eighty classmates and guests reminced and danced the night away. Alums came from as far away as Indiana and Florida to attend.



Class of '80



The Class of 1980 celebrated their 25th reunion in September at the Salt Creek Grille in Rumson.

The Classes of 1994 and 1995 combined forces to organize their 20th year reunions in 2004. Photos don't lie -- a fun time was had by all. The reunion was dedicated to the memory of '94 classmate Gregg Reidy, who died at the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Class of '94 and '95 Reunion



In the Halls

New Assistant Principal Appointed

Roger Harding, of Matawan, has been appointed assistant principal, replacing **Lorrie Jorgenson Walsh** ('76), who returned to the classroom this school year.

Roger comes to Mater Dei after having served as assistant principal at St. Benedict School in Holmdel. He began his teaching career in Hazlet Township before joining the U.S. Army. He later served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 28 years and retired at the rank of Colonel.

After the Army, Roger returned to Hazlet as a teacher and administrator. In 1997, he was named assistant principal in Hunterdon County's Flemington-Raritan School District. He joined the staff at St. Benedict's in 2002.

LaRussa Makes Music at the Governor's School

Mike LaRussa, Class of 2006, was one of 46 New Jersey high school students selected to attend the 2005 New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts, held at The College of New Jersey in July. Admission to this prestigious program is offered only to a unique group of extremely accomplished students.

After a rigorous application and selection process that included a written essay and a CD recording of him performing designated musical pieces, Mike was invited to audition for the selection committee. The committee narrowed its choice down to Mike and one other pianist before announcing their final decision.

Mendonca Attends Leadership Course

Gervin Mendonca, Class of 2008, recently participated in a Leadership Training Course sponsored by the Legion of Christ and its Legionaries. Serving the Church and others through schools and universities, the Legion's primary mission is to assist in the formation of the character and Christian virtue of families and youths. Held at Fordham University's Rose Hill campus June 26-July 2, the internship program was designed to teach insights into faith-based character and leadership. Gervin and his fellow interns had the opportunity to visit and interview prominent New York business leaders.

Mater Dei Students are Tomorrow's Leaders

Proving that Mater Dei's students are indeed tomorrow's leaders, three juniors attended prestigious Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) conferences this summer to learn about the inner workings of the U.S. government and America's role in the global community.

Kevin Morgan and **Michael Accurso**, Class of 2007, were selected by CYLC to participate in its National Young Leader's Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C., in June. The 10-day "Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today" program provides a hands-on, experiential atmosphere for students in preparation for a lifetime of leadership.

Elizabeth Estephan, Class of 2007, was selected to participate in CYLC's Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC), which involved sessions and workshops in both Washington, D.C. and New York City. The GYLC program gives high-achieving students a greater understanding of their roles as global ambassadors while analyzing the key concepts surrounding communications, diplomacy, law, human rights, peace, security, economics and the role of the United Nations.

CYLC Recognizes Dickinson as a Mentor

The CYLC has formally recognized Math Teacher and Coach **Jeanne Dickinson** as an educational leader and mentor. Jeanne received an Honorary Commission and was appointed an active member on the NYLC's National Nominating Committee.

A 1977 graduate of Mater Dei and 1981 graduate of Trinity College in Washington, D.C., Jeanne was applauded for her mentoring efforts in assisting outstanding students in their pursuit of educational opportunities and realizing their dreams. In addition to teaching, Jeanne coaches field hockey and softball, and also serves as faculty advisor for the Math Club and the AP Calculus Math Seminar.

Local Academic Teams Compete at Mater Dei

Student teams from Monsignor Donovan High School, Christian Brothers Academy, and the Allied Health High School joined Mater Dei students in an academic competition on October 6. Hosted by Mater Dei, the program was an excellent opportunity for the students to match wits and test their knowledge.

The event involved three intensive rounds intended to test general knowledge and to have fun with trivia. The competition was organized by English Teacher **Mrs. June Miles**.

The advisor of the Monsignor Donovan team, who runs a state-wide competition each year, complimented Mrs. Miles on the event's success and the caliber of the questions used.

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2005 *Theotokos* Wins Award

The Yearbook Network and Herff-Jones, a nationally recognized leader in school commemorative products, recently honored the 2005 *Theotokos*, Mater Dei's yearbook, with a Showcase Award. This prestigious honor was presented to yearbook staff members in recognition for their outstanding achievement in the area of Creative Introduction.

The 2005 *Theotokos* featured a shore theme. The yearbook's introduction creatively reinforced this theme by using titles such as "Waves of Change," "Coming Out of Our Shells," "We Shore Click," and "Family Tides" to chronicle the class' high school experiences.

During the spring of 2005, the *Theotokos* staff received design tips from Herff-Jones staff artists. Working in conjunction with Faculty Advisor **Mrs. Patty Shea**, the staff successfully utilized those insights to produce an engaging and clever introduction for the publication.

Freshman Marie Walsh Wins State Title

On November 12, Freshman **Marie Walsh**, a freshman, won the Non-Public "B" Championship, becoming MD female to win an individual state championship since Jodie McAndrew won the Group 1 State title in 1987. She ran the race in 19:43, a full 23 seconds before the second place finisher.

Two weeks earlier, Marie broke the school record at the Shore Conference Championship with a time of 19:14.

Girl Harriers Win 6th NJCC "B" Championship

The Mater Dei Girls Cross Country team won its sixth New Jersey Catholic Conference "B" Division Championship on November 5. Under the leadership of **Coach Kevin Attridge**, the team raced to victory, led by **Marie Walsh**, Class of 2009, who finished third; and **Meg Corless**, Class of 2008, who came in 13th. The strong talents of **Alicia Trapanese**, **Kelly Rossidis**, **Jane MacMahon**, **Marissa Kettyle** and **Liz Shupe** completed the scoring for the agile and speedy Seraphs.

Frankel Goes the Distance

Deeva Frankel, Class of 2006, is a student who really goes the distance. On October 15, she competed in the Baltimore Marathon. Deeva, who has been running cross country and track for Mater Dei since her freshman year, set her sights on running in the Baltimore Marathon a year ago.

Deeva clocked in at 4:08.14, averaging 9:32 per mile throughout the 26-mile course. She was the 199th woman to cross the finish line, placing her in the top 25% of women runners. She placed third in the 16-19-year-old category.

Eagles Soar at Mater Dei

Eagles are soaring at Mater Dei as students involved in scouting achieve new heights of personal success.

Troop 22 in Atlantic Highlands inducted **Tom Pagnotta**, Class of 2006, as an Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor on October 5. Tom was recognized for his service to the community and his troop.

Tom joins 2006 classmate **Steve Gardner**, who earned his Eagle Scout rank last year. They will soon be joined by Juniors **Steve Fiorelli** and **Kevin Morgan** are currently working toward their Eagle Scout badges.

Erickson Attends Leadership Conference

Kristen Erickson, Class of 2007, attended the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), held at American University in Washington, D.C., in July. NSLC offers an extraordinary leadership development program for outstanding high school students. During the conference, Kristen had the opportunity to study and develop the skills and traits that define strong leaders.

*To learn more about Mater Dei's challenging academic programs and how the school prepares its students for future success, please contact **Ray Brush**, Director of Development via email rbrushmdhs@nac.net or by telephone at 732.671.9100, extension 22.*

Mater Dei Alumni Association

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Ray Brush, *Director of Development*

"I couldn't end this without recognizing a man who meant absolutely everything to all of us, Frank Outwater. Anyone who has ever worn a Seraph uniform can attribute the opportunity to Mr. Outwater. His tireless efforts over the years in ensuring that Mater Dei athletes had the best fields, equipment, coaches and uniforms can never be repaid. He was a great teacher, mentor, administrator and friend, and I thank him for all that he meant to me."

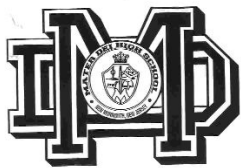
*-- excerpt from 2004 HOF Inductee
Glenn Daly's acceptance letter*



Frank Outwater

1930-2005

Those wishing to honor Frank's memory may do so by supporting the Msgr. Bulman Stadium Fund, at his family's request.



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