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Dear Members of the Malvern Family,

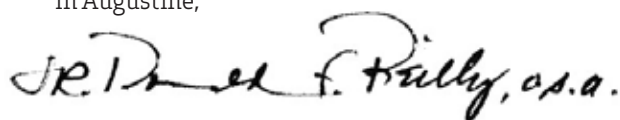
Most days I take advantage of the opportunity to walk around our beautiful and colorful campus. A sense of peace and calm are palpable as students hastily make their way along well-groomed paths. Backpacks, generally heavier than their carriers, accompany our young Friars to class, lunch, chapel, and the Learning Commons; day in, day out. Animated conversations engage these book-laden learners unaware of the growth in mind, body, and spirit taking place slowly but surely in their lives.

It is a sacred and privileged task to create an environment in which young men learn about the world in which they live, come to know themselves and God in the process, and live a life with and for others. This labor of love is modeled in our patron, St. Augustine. Supported by my brother Augustinians, committed colleagues on our Board, Leadership Team, Faculty, Staff, and you, I am honored to play a part in preserving and enhancing our *Independent, Catholic, and Augustinian Identity*.

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Malvern is a special place. I am committed to its Mission. I ask for your prayers and I assure you and your family of mine.

In Augustine,



Rev. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., D. Min.



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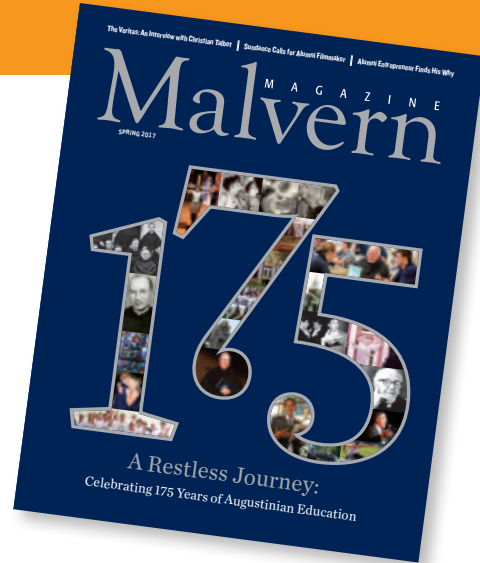
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MALVERN SOCCER TRAVELS TO ITALY, SWITZERLAND

Traveling internationally and gaining chemistry as a team, varsity soccer hopes this experience can transfer to an Inter-Ac title.

BY RYAN MAHER '19

THIS ARTICLE FIRST APPEARED IN THE SEPTEMBER 2017 ISSUE OF *THE FRIAR'S LANTERN*.

On August 19th, Malvern's varsity soccer team set off for a nine day trip to Italy, scrimmaging teams from both Italy and Switzerland.

The team stayed in Como, located in northern Italy, near the southern border of Switzerland. The city of Como sits on the southern tip of Lake Como.

Malvern's scrimmage and training schedule began against a team from Switzerland. After 90 minutes, the Friars came away with a sizable win, 6-0.

Although Malvern came away with a dominant win in the first scrimmage, captain **Jake Hodlofski '18** and coach Andrew Kummerer both described the scrimmages as "[getting] progressively more difficult as the trip went on."

The second scrimmage on Malvern's schedule was against a solid club team from Italy. The final score was a 1-1 draw, but Hodlofski says this was his favorite to play in. "We were down the whole time and kept fighting until we tied it, it was awesome," he said.

Hodlofski is the goalie and one of two captains for the varsity squad. He was named Main Line Boys Athlete of the Week for the second week in September. Kummerer said that Hodlofski is vital to the success of the team.

"Jake is the vocal anchor of our strong defense this year," Kummerer said.

The third and final scrimmage that Malvern played was against another strong Italian club team, in which the Friars ended up being defeated 4-2.

Since the trip took place during the team's preseason, Kummerer said the adjustments came to the team as they played.

"I thought the progression as a team was very good," he said. "The first couple scrimmages, for both us and the teams we played, were just trying to get a feel for positions and strategies."

Along with having the opportunity to train and play soccer against amazing European teams, the team was also able to explore the surrounding area of Italy where they were staying.

"We were able to travel a lot to cities like Venice, which we were free to walk around in," Hodlofski said. "We also took a boat through Lake Como and walked through the town, which was cool."

The team also visited the professional soccer stadium of Juventus, and they got the chance to attend an actual Inter Milan match.

Looking forward, Malvern soccer hopes that this experience can transfer to success in the Inter-Ac and better chemistry as a team.

"I really got to bond with the boys," Kummerer said. "Whether it was giving pep talks at the games, or interacting on the bus and at meals, it was a great experience."

The players also felt that the trip had a beneficial impact on the team.

"The Italy trip will have great impacts for the team. It allowed us to bond into a team of brothers, all wanting to perform and win. For many of us this is the closest team we've ever been apart of," junior **Will Reckmeyer '19** said.

Reckmeyer also commented on the team's goals.

"This year, we want to win the Inter-Ac and States," he said. "Everyone on the team believes we can do it due to our talent and depth. It's just a matter of outworking every other team." **mp**



CHRISTIAN SERVICE TAKES ON IRELAND:

The difference between an ordeal and an adventure is attitude.

BY SARAH RAVENFELD

When the idea was initially proposed for a Christian Service trip to take place in Ireland it looked to be a promising adventure for students and chaperones alike. After all, Malvern had never gone to Ireland on service, but it would be a great opportunity to expand our reach. When things did not pan out as initially thought, some pivoting, restructuring, and good old fashioned faith pushed the team forward.

"Students were originally supposed to plan the entire trip, and participate in a yearlong Theology class during the 2016-17 school year in preparation for the trip," said Upper School Theology Teacher Larry Legner. "Unfortunately, that did not pan out, but we arranged for the students to meet once a week after school to prepare for the trip, which included conversations with Teresa Lohse, Upper School Foreign Languages, Tom McGuire, Upper School History, and John Ostick, Upper School Economics."

Despite some bumps, the team, which consisted of 11 students and three chaperones: Larry Legner, Tom McGuire, and Rev. Jim Cassidy, O.S.A., made it to Ireland. When they arrived, they learned that the Irish government requires clearances for students 16+ to work with children or the elderly. Since no one from Malvern had clearances, they were limited in the service work they could do.

"This trip was really a chance for us to make connections in Ireland to hopefully come back and do service again," said McGuire. "Once we made connections with the right people, opportunities opened up and our kids even had a chance to create their own opportunity."



"The first few days in Cork we went to a village called Skibbereen, about 20 miles west of Cork, and worked with an organization called Tidy Towns to pull weeds at a local park," said Legner. "The group was so grateful for our help they took us to a local hotel for tea and sandwiches for lunch. We worked with Tidy Towns in Dublin and Galway."

McGuire and Legner reflect on a story about the boys making their own opportunities while in Galway.

"One day while we were in Galway we assisted a community group in cleaning up a local park. Our guys were going into the woods, chopping weeds, and they stumbled upon a group of people experiencing homelessness. When we returned back to our lodging for the evening the guys still wanted to help and decided to feed the group they stumbled upon earlier," said Legner.

"We headed to the store to grab items to make bagged lunches and the boys made 300 lunches that evening. They took them back the next day and the group was gone, but the boys left lunches at their campsite. We then drove around and located a homeless shelter to deliver the rest of the lunches to," said McGuire.

While in the Dublin area, the group also worked with Connemara ponies to train them to become therapy animals.

"The trip had peaks and valleys. There were some days when you got up and it looks gray and there are other days where the gray goes away, the sun comes out, and it glows. The trip was an absolute learning experience with a lot of surprises. We had to create the day and look for opportunities. It [the trip] was difficult at times, but it ended spectacularly. We ended on a real high note," said McGuire. [mp](#)

MALVERN TEAM WINS GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH AWARD AT THE ANNENBERG MEDICAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Last winter, a team of Malvern students spent time outside of the classroom researching mind-controlled prosthetics in preparation for their presentation to a panel of healthcare professionals at the Annenberg Medical Science Symposium at Paoli Hospital.

The team of Danny Malloy '18, Max McCool '18, Zachary DeStefano '17, Rohan Jhunjhunwala '18, Louis Margay '18, and Adam Yablonski '17 won an award for Most Groundbreaking

Research for their in-depth study of the possibilities of prosthetics in the field.

"Our research showed great potential in this area," said Malloy. "In a few years, I expect to see great progress in prosthetics controlled by the brain."

Besides learning about an emerging field in science, Malloy also noted that he gained experience working together in a team to get their project completed in a short amount of time. [mp](#)





MALVERN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, our Upper and Middle School students, their families, along with faculty and staff, donated more than 8,000 cans of nonperishable food to the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. These donations roughly represent the equivalent of 2,000 meals for fellow members of our community. The food was distributed to St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Chester, St. Patrick's Parish in Norristown, and the Chester County Food Bank.

To kick-start the Food Drive, Upper School students were challenged to bring in 20 cans between October 2-11, dubbed the "20 Can Challenge."

"It started as a question of how to get students more involved and connected to the food drive," said Dr. Jim Fry, Director of Student Life. "Oftentimes the students are bringing in cans and they might not have a broader understanding of where the can is going and how many people will benefit. An important component to have was that education piece - how many people in our county, and the surrounding counties, suffer from food insecurity? What does that mean? We made sure we were providing students with that larger context."

Middle School students were also charged with bringing in 2,000 cans in support of the Chester County Food Bank. "The Middle School students surpassed their goal and brought in 2,517 cans," said Christian Service Coordinator Christy Lee.

On Tuesday, November 13, the entire student body formed an assembly line to transport the cans from the Duffy Arts Center to Our Mother of Good Counsel Chapel. For the first time in the school's history, students built an altar in the chapel using the cans. The entire Malvern Prep community gathered on Thursday,

November 16 to celebrate the School's annual Thanksgiving Mass in the chapel where Mass was celebrated on the altar constructed from the Food Drive donations.

During his homily, Rev. James Cassidy, O.S.A. referenced the altar and reflected on how it is an outward expression of our gratitude to God.

"When we have extra," Fr. Cassidy said, "it belongs to others. Because sometimes the way God comes to us is through bread, in the form of nourishment." He closed his homily by saying, "from our abundance comes nourishment for those who need it."

"Service is synonymous with Malvern. It's an expression of gratitude," said Head of School Rev. Donald Reilly, "These cans were not designed to do what we have them do [built in the shape of an altar]. Inside these cans are nourishment, they will help someone. At Malvern, we create a community of, not only academic learners, but learners who seek to serve others. Thank you for your generosity." *mp*



MALVERN'S STUDENT JOURNALISTS RECOGNIZED ON STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Congratulations to Malvern's student newspaper staff on winning a number of state and national journalism awards! Led by editors-in-chief **Tyler Pizzico '17** and **Tommy Pero '17**, members of *The Blackfriar Chronicle* staff have been honored by a number of organizations, including the Journalism Education Association, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the Pennsylvania School Press Association, the Pennsylvania Press Club and the Pennsylvania News Media Association.

In April, eight students, along with *The BFC* faculty advisor Kate Plows and English teacher Sue Giordani, attended the National High School Journalism Conference in Seattle, Wa., hosted by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. Student staff members delivered a presentation entitled "From Extracurricular to Extraordinary," describing some of the unique challenges of running a student newspaper outside of dedicated curricular time.

The staff racked up a number of awards during the conference, including:

National Student Journalist of the Year Runner-Up:

Tommy Pero '17

National Aspiring Young Journalist of the Year:

Joe Lister '21

Write Offs Winners:

- Superior: **Eric McLaughlin '18**, Sports Writing
 - Excellent: **Dan Malloy '18**, Feature Writing
 - Honorable Mentions: **Chase Bennett '19**, Logo Design; **Ethan Rowley '18**, Photo Illustration; **Brian Szipsky '17**, News Writing
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National Aspiring Young Journalist winner Joe Lister joined the team when he was in sixth grade. He hopes to continue to grow as a writer and continue to represent *The BFC* on a national level.

The national judges noted of Joe, "His work demonstrated the spirit of the award with the initiative he took to be part of his school community's media program. He demonstrates strong reporting and a willingness to embrace multiple elements of student media - online, social, and print."

Joe described what it felt like to be the only middle school student on staff during sixth grade. "I felt really short. But the high school guys helped me out, and they really trained me. Justice [Bennett '16] really took me under his wing and made me a pretty good reporter. So

it didn't really feel like it was a high school - middle school thing. It really just felt as if I was part of the group."

In March, Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) recognized *The Blackfriar Chronicle* at a ceremony at Columbia University (NY) with a Silver Crown award for the 2015-16 edition. Out of a total of 1,000 newspapers, magazine, yearbooks and digital publications submitted for consideration, CSPA presented only 250 Crowns. CSPA judges commended the BFC's long form articles, strong editorials and regular features of the Friar's Lantern website.

The BFC staff was also recognized by the PA School Press Association. In the Statewide Journalism Competition in State College last month, Pizzico took second-place for his work on various Editorials and Pero took home the coveted PA Student Journalist of the Year award. *The BFC* was also given a gold rating.



"I was surprised and very honored to win this [PA Student Journalist of the Year]," said Pero. "It was great to win, but it's really a validation of all the work we do together. It's technically an individual award, but it's really a reflection on our entire team."

This is the second year that a student from Malvern has won the PA Student Journalist of the Year. Last year, Justice Bennett was awarded PA Student Journalist of the Year and Student Journalist of the Year.

The BFC also took home a number of award from the Pennsylvania Press Club High School Communications Contest. All first-place winners will move on to a national contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW). A luncheon to honor all winners was held in May.

Members of *The BFC* were also honored in March at the Pennsylvania News Media Association Keystone Press Awards. Staff members attended an awards ceremony at the Hershey Convention Center, where they met other student journalists from around the state.

The editors-in-chief credit the staff's success to a culture of teamwork in the newsroom.

"The reason our team works so well together is because we are all great friends," said Pizzico. "It's much more effective when Tommy [Pero] and I approach a staff member amicably rather than as his boss. The culture in the newsroom is really relaxed and I think that's why we're capable of producing some really cool and interesting articles."

Congratulations to all of Malvern's student journalists who have been honored! **mp**

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:
MRS. BEVERLY GORDON, DEAN OF
FACULTY COACHING & DEVELOPMENT**



THE TEACHER'S TEACHER

BY ALLISON HALL

Mrs. Beverly Gordon or “Bev” as she is affectionately known as by colleagues on campus, is in her 13th year at Malvern Prep, and many may be surprised to learn that teaching was not her first career. Bev is a trained historian in the field of public history where she held many positions from registrar, collections management to administrator. Her last role before coming to Malvern was Administrator of Fonthill Museum in Bucks County.

While at Fonthill, Bev oversaw several departments, but found that she was spending a great deal of time with the education department. Based on this, she returned to school to pursue her teaching certification from Villanova University. As a student, she received a unique opportunity from her professor, Dr. Tom Rooney, who invited her to “dip her toes in the water” and teach a class at Monsignor Bonner High School. This gave Bev the opportunity to decide for herself if she was ready to make a career change. The experiment was a success and in 2005 she began her career with



Malvern Prep as the Freshmen Social Studies and Sophomore History teacher. She also taught Honors History and after seven years became the Department Chair.

In 2016 Bev took on a new role as the Dean of Faculty Coaching and Development. While this role is more administrative, as Bev points out, “what people didn’t know about me is that I have been in administration before and backed away from that role when I started teaching, which I loved and still love. But now I get to do both, which is really kind of neat in my career right now. It’s a wonderful hybrid.”

Bev is the primary point person for the Summer Institute, which started in 2013 as an opportunity for teachers to explore their craft during the summer - away from the busy pace of the school year. Bev was part of the original 12-member pilot and has continued to be part of every Summer Institute since its inception, a title she shares with two other colleagues - Mr. Ron Algeo and Mr. Pat Sillup. The Summer Institute has evolved over time and has become

more “learner centered” according to Bev, and it is also team-based, which aligns with our current curriculum model. “Our goal for the Summer Institute is to have it available at other times of the year because some of our faculty simply cannot attend during the summer. We’d also like to address the professional development needs based on the Academy so that the work faculty have done throughout the school year will continue,” notes Bev.

In addition to supporting our faculty, teaching, and assisting with the Summer Institute, Bev leads the School’s New Hire Orientation. “It is something that I picked up along the way, I love doing it because of the energy and excitement that new employees come here with,” she says.

Gradually she has put her spin on New Hire Training to make it her own. “Something that is essential for both the Summer Institute and New Hire Orientation is for everyone who works here to understand what it means to work at an Augustinian school,” explains Bev.

In her current role, Bev works closely with faculty preparing for their ladder advancement, which includes creating portfolios, peer-to-peer reviews, and presentations. Upon completion of the ladder advancement, she has also instituted a process by which each participating faculty member receives written feedback from colleagues and administrators. “In my time here, I had never gotten something like that, and our teachers are worth it,” she says.

As for the classroom, she teaches Junior- and Senior-level Economics classes. “Teaching Economics is a new journey for me, the foundations are there” she says, “what I want to do is whet their appetite for more.”

Bev certainly wears many hats on campus and has gained a reputation of being the first to jump into action to help. About her reputation, she says, “I think my reputation on campus is ‘Bev will help you’ and if that’s what my reputation is than I have succeeded in this role,” she says. The Malvern campus resoundingly agrees! **mp**



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



In September, Nick Harris, an 8th grade student at Malvern Prep traveled to Victoria, Canada to train for the week before competing in 8 diving events at the Junior Pan American Games on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. Nick was one of 24 members of the USA Diving 2017 Junior Pan American Championships Team who competed against 108 divers from 9 different countries.

Nick became interested in diving after watching David Boudia win gold in the 2012 Olympics and his mom encouraged him to give it a try. Mr. Jim Harris, Nick’s father, was understandably excited, “I’m very happy for Nick. He has worked hard to get to this point in his diving career.”

Nick earned a silver-medal in the 1M dive at the Junior Pan Am Championships in Canada and placed 6th in the 3M dive, which was his first international event.

Currently in his fifth diving season, Nick dives for Malvern Prep’s Varsity dive team and also swims & dives for West Chester Diving. In 7th grade, Nick placed 2nd at Eastern’s, which is the highest score for Malvern Prep. **mp**



FRIAR SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

TRACK & FIELD

Two Friars Compete for First Time at National Track & Field Championships

Congratulations to David Bolles '18 and Sebastian Costantini '19 on their respective 8th and 15th place finishes in the New Balance National High School Track & Field Championships. The boys competed in ten events over Father's Day weekend in Greensboro, N.C. Bolles and Costantini were two of only 20 athletes from around the country who were accepted to compete in the decathlon. They competed in the following events: 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 1500-meter run, 110-meter hurdles, high jump, pole vault, long jump, shot put, discus throw, and a javelin throw. **mp**



SAILING

Sailing Captures its Third Consecutive League Championship

On Saturday, June 11 at Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, Malvern's Sailing Team captured its third straight Bell Cup, which is awarded to the overall champion of the MLSSA for the fall and spring seasons combined. This year's championship was Malvern's strongest yet as the team consistently outpaced second-place finisher Conestoga High School and the remaining teams throughout the year. The team also received an award as the top overall team in the 2017 spring season, mirroring their similar award in December for winning the fall campaign.

"This third straight championship is a testament to the hard work and dedication these guys put in all year at practice, in competition, in all types of crazy weather and conditions. The team always showed

up and competed with their best effort," said Head Coach Dan Cullen. "The Varsity regatta team of Kieran Cullen '17 and Pat Sayers '18 in the A Boat and Louis Margay '18 and Tommy Pero '17 in the B Boat received outstanding contributions all year from Aiden Gallary '20, Ethan Surovcik '19, Mikolaj Figurski '18, and Greg Gaasche '19, each of whom stepped in when called upon to help the team to victory." **mp**

SWIMMING

Malvern Swimming and Diving Finishes 12th in National Dual Meet Rankings

This is the fifth consecutive year that Malvern Prep has finished in the Top 25 in the country. In the National Dual Meet Rankings, published by the National Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Association (NISCA), the Swimming and Diving Team finished 12th in the nation for Independent School Boys. These rankings are based on Power Points for swimming and diving.

In addition, Cullen Robinson '17 and Jack Waite '17 were recognized as Academic All-American by NISCA for maintaining a 3.75 GPA for their entire high school career based on a max 4.0 GPA scale.

The team also had two of its freestyle relays recognized as All-Americans. The 200-free relay team of John Connors '18, Dan Waterland '18, Lou Franzone '19, and Matt Magness '19 and the 400-free relay team of Matt Magness '19, John Connors '18, Chris Hincks, and Connor Cary '19 will receive All-American certificates from NISCA. Congratulations! **mp**



RUGBY

Rugby Wins National High School Rugby Championship

Malvern Prep captured the National High School Rugby Championship (HSRC) at Talen Energy Stadium in early June.

During the three-day tournament, the 7's team went undefeated in a field of 17 to win the High School Boys Open Group. The varsity team also claimed an undefeated season in Rugby 15's.

"Our year was hugely successful," said Head Coach Matt Boccuti. "We had a group of committed players that put in the necessary hard work. This group bonded as a team, were very supportive of each

other, and had a lot of fun. The JV side also had an outstanding year, winning all but one of their matches. Winning the HSRC's, going undefeated in our season, and winning into the PA state playoffs this year were all big steps for the program. We are building a program where we are not only having success on the field, but an increasing number of our guys are planning to continue to play in college. The future looks bright!" **mp**

Jay Schiller Named the 2017 Michael F. Mayock Distinguished Teacher-Coach Award Recipient

Congratulations to Malvern's own Jay Schiller, Health & Phys. Ed Curriculum Coordinator and Water Polo and Swimming and Diving Coach, who was named the 2017 recipient of the Michael F. Mayock Distinguished Teacher-Coach Award.

Schiller was honored at an award ceremony in mid-May on the Austin Hall veranda. Family, friends, current and former students, and colleagues of Schiller were in attendance to celebrate this special honor.

Rev. Chris Drennen, O.S.A. '73 opened with a prayer, followed by Mike Mayock Sr., Mike Mayock Jr., Ron Algeo, Assistant Head of School for Student Leadership, and Kurt Ruch, Athletic Director, sharing kind words about Schiller and the impact he has made on the Malvern community.

"Jay represents a man who is teaching young men to become the best versions of themselves," said Algeo.

"He has been an amazing coach, mentor, and friend to many of our students," said Ruch. "This award is a testament to those aspects, what he stands for in our league, and what he means to us at Malvern."



The Michael F. Mayock Distinguished Teacher-Coach Award is a monetary award given annually to up to two teacher-coaches in recognition of the positive impact those individuals have had on student-athletes.

During his remarks, Schiller thanked his family and colleagues for their support.

"I would like to take a moment to thank Kurt [Ruch]," said Schiller. "Kurt is a true friend and mentor and I thank you for your leadership and support."

Schiller is the fourth teacher-coach from Malvern to receive the award. Previous recipients include: **Paul Hornsleth '64 P'96** in 1998, **John DeAngelis '79** in 2005, and **Mike Koenig** in 2011. **mp**

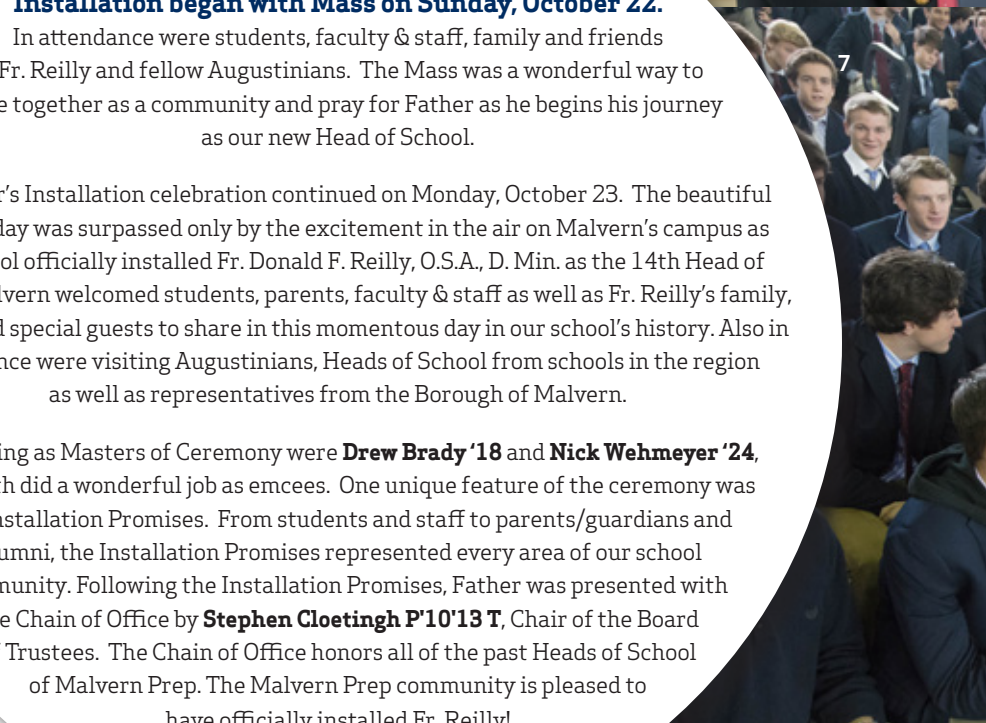
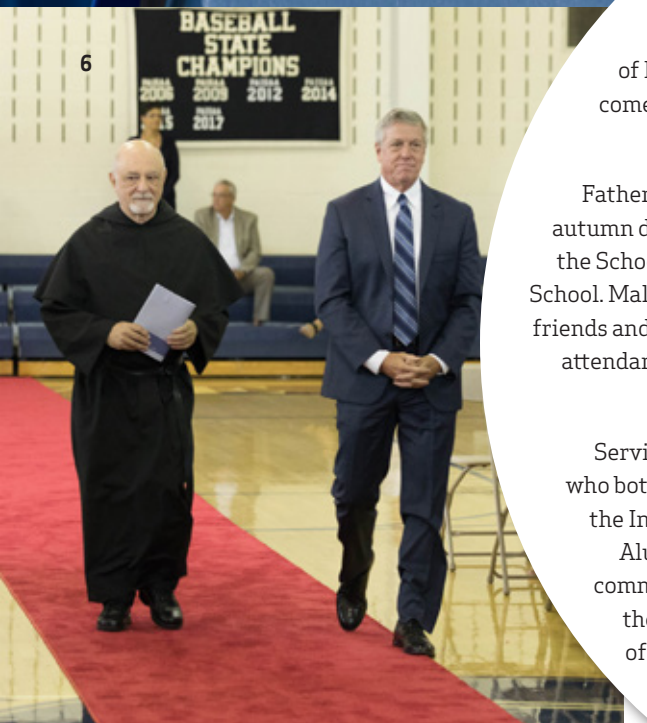


The Installation of Rev. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., D. Min.

*MALVERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL'S
14TH HEAD OF SCHOOL*

BY ALLISON HALL





The celebration of Fr. Donald Reilly's Installation began with Mass on Sunday, October 22.

In attendance were students, faculty & staff, family and friends of Fr. Reilly and fellow Augustinians. The Mass was a wonderful way to come together as a community and pray for Father as he begins his journey as our new Head of School.

Father's Installation celebration continued on Monday, October 23. The beautiful autumn day was surpassed only by the excitement in the air on Malvern's campus as the School officially installed Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., D. Min. as the 14th Head of School. Malvern welcomed students, parents, faculty & staff as well as Fr. Reilly's family, friends and special guests to share in this momentous day in our school's history. Also in attendance were visiting Augustinians, Heads of School from schools in the region as well as representatives from the Borough of Malvern.

Serving as Masters of Ceremony were **Drew Brady '18** and **Nick Wehmeyer '24**, who both did a wonderful job as emcees. One unique feature of the ceremony was the Installation Promises. From students and staff to parents/guardians and Alumni, the Installation Promises represented every area of our school community. Following the Installation Promises, Father was presented with the Chain of Office by **Stephen Cloetingh P'10'13 T**, Chair of the Board of Trustees. The Chain of Office honors all of the past Heads of School of Malvern Prep. The Malvern Prep community is pleased to have officially installed Fr. Reilly!

1. Rev. Robert Murray, O.S.A., Ph. D., Head of School at St. Augustine Prep provided the Opening Prayer 2. Fr. Reilly at Installation Mass 3. & 4. Students process in to the O'Neill Center in anticipation of the Installation ceremony 5. Students join in blessing Fr. Reilly 6. V. Rev. Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A. and Stephen Cloetingh P'10'13 T served as Chief Marshalls of the ceremony



7. Fr. Reilly meets with students following the ceremony
 8. Fr. Reilly greets attendees following the Installation Mass
 9. Fr. Reilly welcomed his family to the Installation Mass
 10. **Drew Brady '18** and **Nick Wehmeyer '24** served as emcees for the ceremony
 11. Fr. Reilly gave the homily at his Installation Mass
 12. Fr. Reilly poses with the 2017-18 Board of Trustees



From Humble Beginnings to Head of School

Learn More about Malvern's 14th Head of School



1. Fr. Reilly (far right) with his older brothers 2. Fr. Reilly played accordion as a child 3. Fr. Reilly celebrating his first Mass
4. Pictured with Fr. Bill Atkinson 5. Fr. offering communion to his mother, Mary 6. Fr. Reilly with his family 7. Fr. with his mother, Mary 8. Fr. (far right) on the day of his Ordination 9. Performing a Baptism 10. Fr. Reilly's father, John

With a childhood centered around family, faith, friends, and a strong work ethic, our 14th Head of School grew up in Upper Darby and Lansdowne, Delaware County, in a neighborhood that consisted of large, mostly Catholic families. Fr. Donald Reilly is the fifth of eight children of Mary and John Reilly. He has seven siblings - one sister, Mary Ann, and six brothers, Jack, Joe, Hugh, Ed, Jude, and Patrick.

"When I look back on those days I am struck by the simplicity of the life we lived. A drive to the airport to watch planes land and take off was a treat surpassed only by a stop at the Dairy Queen on the return trip home. It was a time of relative innocence. Our country was not at war, except the "cold" kind. I did not know anyone who didn't have a job and the phrase 'socioeconomic status' did not exist. What we had was pretty much what everyone else had, what we needed," explains Fr. Reilly. His simple upbringing is echoed in a favorite quote of his from St. Augustine: "From all that God gave you, take what you need; the rest belongs to others."

Reflecting on his childhood, Fr. Reilly recalls "playing like it was our job - being outdoors was where the action was: playing stick ball, half ball, pimple ball, wire ball, Capture the Flag, Kick the Can or a marble competition...play was work!" According to him, "staying inside the house during the day meant that you were either sick or being punished."

Fr. Reilly attended St. Cyril's School from 1st grade until the beginning of 7th grade, when his family moved three miles into the heart of Lansdowne. He finished 7th and 8th grades at St. Philomena's School. Upon graduation he attended Msgr. Bonner High School with 1,375 classmates from parishes all over Delaware County. Fr. Reilly describes attending high school as an eye-opening experience. "Negotiating stairs, lunch, classes, and lockers with another approximately three thousands students was quite a feat! There were three thousand girls next door to Bonner at Archbishop Prendergast High School and an additional couple of thousand students just a stone's throw away at Upper Darby Senior High School. The phrase 'sea of humanity' was something I understood and experienced early on in life," he says.



Following his time at Bonner, Fr. Reilly attended Villanova University majoring in Philosophy and Sociology and graduated in 1971 while in the seminary on campus. Reflecting on his decision to become an Augustinian, he says, "I thought about priesthood, as did most young men of my era. It became a viable option when I went to Bonner, and I witnessed how it was lived in community by the Augustinians. Coming from a large family, being taught by Friars, many of whom were in their 20's & 30's, suggested to me that living in community was the best response to where I thought God wanted me to be. It was a good choice for me."

After being ordained at Villanova in 1974, Fr. Reilly's first assignment was as a parish priest in Jamaica, NY - a parish which was home to many families connected to the United Nations - representing some 60 nationalities in the community. He describes his time there as "a terrific experience." Throughout the late 1970's and 1980's Fr. Reilly's assignments took him to a variety of locales including the Bronx, NY teaching high school and being part of the parish ministry, Villanova University both as a Campus Minister and Personnel Director of the Province, and as pastor of St. Denis Parish in Havertown, PA. During his time in New York, Fr. Reilly earned a Doctorate in Ministry (Counseling) at New York Theological.

In 1995 Fr. Reilly had the unique opportunity to partner with a Sister of Mercy, Sr. Bernadette Kinniry. Together they founded SILOAM Wellness to work with those persons living (and dying) with HIV/AIDS. SILOAM Wellness continues to do wonderful work in Philadelphia to this day.

In 2002, Fr. Reilly was elected prior provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and served two, four-year terms. It was at this time that Fr. also became an ex-officio member of Malvern's Board of Trustees. "I was then asked to be president of St. Augustine Prep in Richland, NJ where I served for six years. All of these assignments were wonderful, different, and growth-filled experiences. Over the years I have met and continue to meet dedicated and talented people who became good friends. Now I have the privilege of being the Head of School of Malvern where again, I find committed and passionate people who want to make a difference in the lives of young men," explains Father. Fr. Reilly was appointed by the Board of Trustees as Malvern's Head of School, succeeding Christian Talbot in December 2016. He officially began his role at Malvern in July 2017.



In his Own Words: Q&A with Fr. Reilly

What Fr. Reilly sees as the future for Malvern Prep and his role in that Journey.

Why do you think St. Augustine translates so well as a role model in an all boys school?

We know much about St. Augustine through his five million written words. We know him as a young boy, a student, a person in search for meaning and purpose in life, as a teacher, as a seeker, as a friend to others on a journey to seek Truth, as a father, a priest, a bishop, a scholar and above all, as a person who founded a Way of Life that is alive and well to this day. Few students could not help but identify with this man who, while loving his parents, disappointed them with some of his decisions, ran away from reality, and suffered the consequences of some of his imprudent actions. Eventually, Augustine arrived at a place of peace, closeness to God, and a profound appreciation of everyone in his life who accompanied him on his journey to a life in Christ. What young man, young person, has not experienced some of what St. Augustine did in his life?

What do you see for Malvern in the next 3, 5, & 10 years?

If each member of the Malvern Community celebrates what Malvern already is in their daily lives, a place where God is accessible through self-knowledge, where loving service is our first response to others in need, and where being a person with others on the journey through life is the best expression of Brotherhood, the possibility for the following will be realized:

In three years:

The entire learning experience at Malvern will embrace the Academy Model of teaching and learning. The long-standing and enduring culture of being a caring community will accent and embolden this model of educating young men. A deep and abiding ability of student-centered leadership will be obvious in every aspect of campus life. Our Campus Master Plan will continue to unfold with new construction providing state-of-the art science facilities as well as establishing a Center for Social Impact propelling Malvern into reality-based problem solving as an integral part of a student's experience of learning. The Capital Campaign will have been concluded enabling the Campus Master Plan, specifically the new construction housing the Center for Social Impact, to be a reality on campus. The Strategic Plan embracing Community, Academics, and Sustainability will have been completed opening a new chapter for a future of promise for Malvern.

In five years:

Malvern will be a center for Augustinian Secondary Educational Pedagogy having aligned a rigorous academic program with St. Augustine's Spirituality and Educational Philosophy. We will humbly and happily welcome anyone who wishes to join us as we reflect upon, refine, and incorporate new insights into our holistic approach to lifelong learning.

In ten years:

Malvern will be known to be a place where students will be working on projects assisting entrepreneurial endeavors to provide solutions to real world problems. This activity will be

imbued with a gospel motivated spirit of service to the human community. Remote participation from all corners of the globe will enhance our sense of community as well as broaden our global awareness and be a source of sustainability for our school. Malvern will be a source of vocations to the Augustinian Community thereby guaranteeing a vibrant experience of personal witness to the gospel as a friar and to sustain a presence on campus inspiring our communal values of Truth, Unity, and Love.

What are you most looking forward to in your role as Head of School?

I am looking forward to having a positive impact upon our communal values of character development and faith formation while relentlessly pursuing the best academic experience possible for our students. I am also looking forward to playing a small part in having our students, their families, and our faculty & staff enjoy being in the company of one another. When this happens, a safe, caring, and welcoming community emerges. I am also looking forward to the excitement that comes from learning; sharing ideas and empowering people to be creative and imaginative. I look forward to sharing my experiences for the benefit of advancing what is needed to fulfill our Mission as an Independent, Catholic, Augustinian School. I look forward to relationships that influence others for good.

The Fr. Reilly Review

Think you know Fr. Reilly?

Take our quiz and see just how well you know our new Head of School.



1. Favorite Food

- a salmon and chocolate
- b meat & potatoes
- c anything Italian

2. Favorite Sports Team

- a Villanova Wildcats
- b Washington Redskins
- c Whatever team involves our students

3. Favorite Music

- a Classical
- b Reggae
- c Anything by James Taylor

4. Favorite Restaurant

- a Christopher's
- b "2825"
- c El Vez

5. Cheesesteak

- a "wiz wit"
- b provolone & peppers
- c "wiz witout"

6. Favorite Book

- a The Confessions by St. Augustine
- b "The Road to Character" by David Brooks
- c The Bible

7. Favorite Holiday

- a Thanksgiving
- b Easter
- c Christmas

8. Favorite Vacation Spot

- a St. Augustine, FL
- b Ocean City, NJ
- c Martha's Vineyard

9. Favorite Activity In My Free Time

- a reading
- b playing cards
- c walking

10. Famous Person with Whom I Would Like To Have Dinner

- a deceased-Augustine; living-Pope Francis
- b deceased-George Washington; living-Oprah
- c deceased-Mozart; living-Tom Hanks

Answers: 1. a salmon and chocolate 2. c whatever team involves our students 3. c anything by James Taylor 4. b "2825" 5. c "wiz witout" 6. b "The Road to Character" by David Brooks 7. c Thanksgiving 8. b Ocean City, NJ 9. c walking 10. a deceased-Augustine; living-Pope Francis

TRUTH: A Journey to the

This is our theme for the
2017-18 academic year. It
was chosen because these
three words have meaning
for *St. Augustine -
Truth, Journey, Heart.*



Heart

Truth - The first half of Augustine's life was spent searching for the truth that would give meaning, purpose, and significance to his life. The second half of his life was spent reflecting upon, explaining, defending, and living out the truth that he had encountered through faith in Jesus Christ. Even after his conversion, Augustine pursued truth wherever it led him. His Inner Teacher engaged differing opinions that he might understand Truth Itself better.

Journey - Augustine's learning journey can never be viewed as a solitary experience. The community aspects make it clear that in Augustinian pedagogy, learning involves working with others. In our learning journey we can help each other in our struggle to learn. Augustine presents the whole of human experience as a journey. Every step we take moves us closer to God or farther away. Even when we veer off in the wrong direction the Lord pursues us.

Heart - Augustinian Community Life is described by a statement comprised of two phrases: One mind and one heart, from Luke's description of the Jerusalem community sharing everything in common, and intent upon God, Augustine's special phrase designating the community's religious intent. The Augustinian Community is a place where the search for the truth takes place in a climate of love and friendship. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you," referring to a return to the place where our heart is reunited once again with God.



THE VERITAS

RON ALGEO AND PATRICK SILLUP

BY SARAH RAVENFELD

Ron Algeo '87 P'15, Assistant Head of School for Student Leadership and **Patrick Sillup**, Assistant Head of School for Academics discuss their new roles and what the new leadership structure means for Malvern's bright future.

Q: Could you describe your new roles?

Patrick Sillup (PS): My role as Assistant Head of School for Academics is to oversee the academic vision from sixth through twelfth grade. The change for a parent is that traditionally we have divided sixth through eighth and then ninth through twelfth, but now my role allows me to see that balcony view of all seven years at once.

Ron Algeo (RA): My role, Assistant Head of School for Student Leadership, is similar [to Patrick's role] in that it runs from sixth through twelfth grades, but I help to support the student experience outside of the classroom, which involves character development, clubs and activities, athletics, and providing families and student support in those previously mentioned areas.

Q: How do you see your roles impacting the larger community?

PS: In a really positive way. Ron and I have worked closely the past few years as Division Heads and that has allowed us to work together more deliberately in terms of what we're creating for students and their families. The challenge is that it's new - so a lot of people have that default moment of, "I'm going to go to Ron because I've always gone to Ron," or "I'm going to go to Patrick because I've always gone to Patrick." And that's the opportunity and challenge with it - reconstructing that default moment of who do you go to when you want to know certain information?

Q: Have you found the transition to be difficult or pretty easy once you explain how everything works?

PS: It's clear that they understand they now have two people on their team. We've had conversations already with

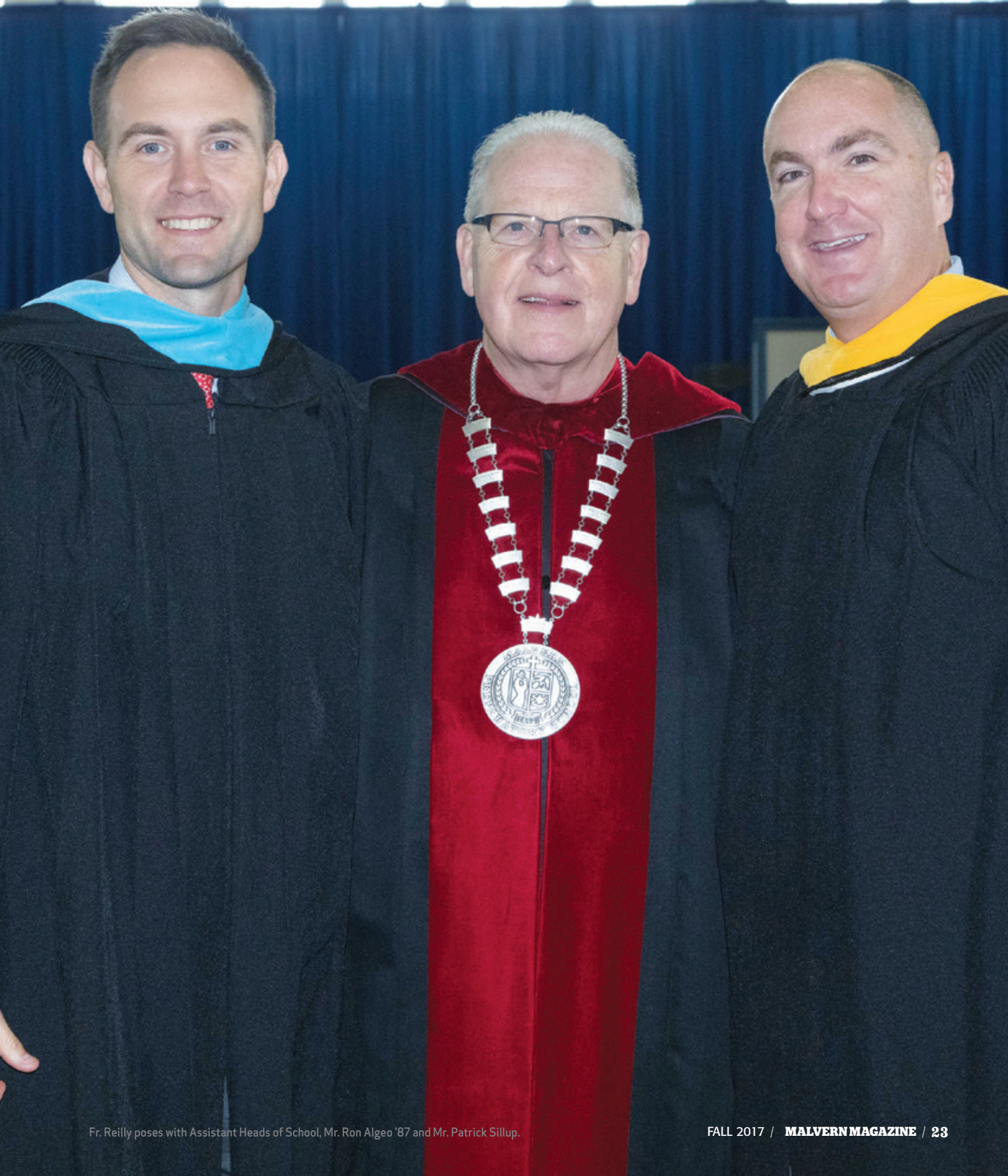
parents where both of our hats are needed because while this decision has an impact on this young man personally, it also has an impact from the academic perspective and we want to paint that full picture for them. I feel that families who have had the chance to interact with us thus far feel a higher level of support than ever before.

RA: I have not found it to be difficult, in fact, it has been quite the opposite. To add to what Patrick was saying, this design wasn't a one-off from what we were doing before. It's really in tandem with the leadership positions and structure that we have in place for the faculty to help support the student and parent experience here. We have a lot more leaders on the ground level: the Academy Leaders, who work together as a team and they help lead their team of teachers, the Christian Service Coordinators, the Curriculum Coordinators, who work together in their teams, so there are a lot more people who have a very close relationship with the students that we're able to help support.

Q: Is the structure of your roles something that is unique to Malvern?

RA: That's a really good question. I don't know of many schools that are structuring their leadership like we are right now. As a member of the Inter-Ac and a member of PAIS, we spend a lot of time with other schools and I would say traditionally speaking, the model of having an Upper School Head or Middle School Head is very common, whereas this is a very new model, as is the Academy Model. All of those structures in place are new, which I think is why we needed our new roles, to help provide support.

PS: If you wanted to find similar models you would have to look outward to public districts or into industry and look at organizations that have gone all-in on the distributive leadership model, which is effectively what we're doing. From a school perspective, similar to Ron's point, because we span seven grades and not four, it's somewhat unique. You'll see this in a high school but it's a little different when it's sixth through twelfth.



Fr. Reilly poses with Assistant Heads of School, Mr. Ron Algeo '87 and Mr. Patrick Sillup.



Q: Do you see education moving to this type of leadership structure?

RA: In terms of the structure needed to support a student-centered experience, schools need to have a structure in place where the faculty are knee-deep with the students. We have to give them the opportunity to design the learning experiences and not teach just to fulfill some higher administrative thought and philosophy. Faculty are in the design process, and allowing that to happen is the part that's exciting and other schools are inquiring about that aspect. There are two facets that we've learned from this process: to really give faculty the opportunity to delve into and explore what that learning experience looks like, but then what is needed to support that experience? Those two things go hand in hand.

PS: To Ron's point, in any industry you can identify trends. In education, there's definitely a trend of team, there's a trend of character, there's a trend of personalization. We're not new to that field. I think the thing that is unique about what our model allows us to do is to become the best at being better, and that's a shift because the ownership is being distributed through that model and I think that ownership leads to better outcomes.

Q: Can you share some examples of the way the two of you work together and perhaps what aspects are more individual to your roles?

RA: There are instances that will come up where we're trying to help a student or family through an obstacle. And in our prior roles it was more difficult because if it was Middle School student it involved Patrick and if it was an Upper School student it, myself and other teachers were involved. Whereas now, Patrick and I are able to work together in these situations so more people are invested in this young man's success. For a family or student, to see two people putting the time and effort into helping them work their way through any situation is great. Additionally, we have the Counseling Office, who is amazing, we have Academy Leaders, who are constantly in touch with their academies, who are very invested in the success of the young man to help him and his family through whatever they're going through. That was more difficult to coordinate previously because we didn't have the structures in place to call upon people's expertise.

Q: What are you most looking forward to in your new roles?

RA: On a very professional level, I'm looking forward to working as a team. I enjoy that aspect very much, so this structure makes it so much more fruitful. Between the Academy Leaders, Christian Service Coordinators, and Curriculum Coordinators, it is exciting to see the teams comprised of people who are committed and all-in. On a personal level, it has been great working with Patrick for his whole career here at Malvern. Having the opportunity to work with him even more closely is something that is really great. I think he's a great man, he's easy to work with, he brings a lot to the table, and I like being able to see the kids benefit from that.

PS: The first thing is this incredible opportunity to learn, to tackle new challenges when your horizon changes, things that come into focus, so that has been fun. There are a lot of these stretch goals, so it's exciting to work with a team to deliver on those goals. Ron and I have to put our money where our mouth is too. We can't ask everyone else to team and then not be teaming. And, it has been nice to work with Ron because we've had such a wonderful relationship. I also think it's a huge advantage for us because we've had time to work together, we've built trust, we've built those lines of communication and that allows us to jump in with both feet versus getting to know each other over a period of time. Our relationship has allowed us to demonstrate that we're also teaming, regardless of the issue that we are faced with.

Q: In your own words, what does it mean to be Augustinian?

RA: The first thing that comes to my mind is head and heart. I love how St. Augustine talks a lot about those two pieces. It's not one without the other. His search for Truth is important, so we're here as a college preparatory school to develop young men in their intellectual growth - that's never going away, but there's such a huge piece that goes along with that, it's their moral and spiritual development, it's the physical and social development, and you can't have one without the other. St. Augustine saw the development of both as being important. Living together in community in that search for that Truth really involves personal growth and communal growth, so it's the idea of head and heart working in conjunction.

PS: For me it's both a journey inward and a journey outward. The experiences I had prior to Malvern were all about the journey outward (what's the next step, what's the next goal, have we met this goal, etc.) and since I've been here I've had an opportunity to journey inward as well, to get to know myself more, so that I can know others

better, so that I can be closer to God. It's an incredible experience, but to me it's the journey of both. That's what makes us so unique, what makes us Augustinian.

Q: Do you have any short-term goals for this year, and then this time next year, what are you hoping to have accomplished?

RA: Collectively as a School, we're looking at doing more in terms of measuring our growth, being able to collect data that will help inform what we do. Patrick talked before about that idea of constant growth, that idea of looking forward and stretching ourselves. To really be able to do that well, you have to be able to assess what it is you're doing and collecting that feedback is important. That will help inform us as we move forward as a community. But it's also how do you tell that story? We're working very closely with students and families about how they tell their story and that's something we're really excited about. The freshman team is looking at portfolios, we ask students to reflect on themselves and their goals, their gifts, and we are learning how we can help them tell their story. I think that's important and to be able to do all of that we have to be measuring things as we go along.

PS: My first goal for this year would be to support this new structure. I would love that at the end of the year everyone said "this structure feels right." Concretely, I'm thinking about Academy Leaders, thinking about communication and implementations of team-based design. A lot of the work with the Academy Leaders will continue. Curriculum Coordinators are looking at how to extend and improve departmental conversations. I would love when we finish the academic year in 2018 for people to say "okay, I have a sense of how this flows and what works, so we can build upward from there." My second goal for the year is the J-Term implementation. It's something that we've talked about for years and are excited to bring to the community. It's a way to give teachers and students an opportunity to connect on a different level across grades, across teams, and across content, so that's exciting. Looking forward for next year, my goals would be continuing to ensure that the structures that we establish allow us to accomplish the things we want to do. And that's how we continue to evolve. mp

*Answers have been edited for clarity and length.



∴ The Veritas is a series of interviews with prominent members of the Malvern Prep community. Would you like to see someone interviewed in a future issue? Email suggestions to communications@malvernprep.org.

HOW ONE ALUMNUS SERVES HIS COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



It comes as no surprise that graduates of Malvern Prep go on to do great things. The surprise comes with the amount of great things the individual accomplishes. Born January 14, 1943, **Bob McMahon '60** boasts a list that is nothing short of exceptional, and truly embodies what it means to be a Friar.

Bob's list begins with golf. At the age of 12, he took up golfing at the urge of his father, who was not impressed with his skills on the baseball diamond. During his countless lessons and rounds of golf, he became friendly with another young amateur golfer, Jay Sigel. Today, Jay is known as one of, if not the best, amateur golfer of all time, and holds a spot in the Golf Association of Philadelphia Hall of Fame. Jay's amateur record doesn't come without its blemishes, two of which are courtesy of Bob.

Bob and Jay met at Bala Golf Club in Bala Cynwyd, two kids ready to learn the game of golf. They spent their summers competing and improving their game, eventually facing off head to head in the finals of the Golf Association of Philadelphia Junior Boys' Championship in 1959. On the 18th hole, Bob got the best of Jay and beat him by a margin of 1-up. The next year, Bob beat Jay again, crediting the win to the fact that he played "the best round of his life." Bob was always humble in his victories, claiming that Jay was always the better player, he "just had his best days against him."

Bob's success was not limited to golf. Always eager to go one step further, he and fellow classmate **Joe Redican '60 P'88** started a weekly one-page newspaper titled "The Quarterback Sneak," covering Malvern's football team and their accomplishments. The paper was so popular, they decided write one for basketball and called the paper "The Fast Break." Since Bob played on the basketball team, he would keep the stats, and

Joe would write the articles later. During his senior year in 1960, Bob and his teammates brought Malvern their first ever Inter-Ac championship.

After graduating from Malvern in 1960, Bob hoped to follow in his father's footsteps and attend the Naval Academy. After being turned down twice, he ended up at Villanova where he tried out for the freshman basketball team. Although he made the team, he didn't play and decided that would be the end of his basketball career. Still passionate about golf, he joined the golf team and was named co-captain in 1964. His college career was anything but ordinary. His family struggled with money at the time, so Bob bounced back and forth between Villanova and St Joseph's University, all the while working full-time to finance his education.



Graduating from St. Joe's in 1965 with a degree in Finance, he began his career in sales, selling typewriters and records door-to-door. With the Vietnam War happening, Bob's father had been encouraging him to enlist in the army and complete Officer Candidates School rather than wait to be drafted. Since he had a degree in Finance, Bob and his father were confident he'd end up behind a desk and not in the field. From 1966-67 Bob completed Officer Candidates School. In November of '67, he received orders that he was to report on January 17, 1968 to Travis Air Force Base en route to Vietnam.

He arrived in Long Bay Vietnam, and while waiting to hear about his desk job assignment, he was approached by a major. The major informed him that he was to be a platoon leader with the 1st Infantry Division up on Thunder Road, to which he jokingly replied, "so what about that desk job?" Bob describes his time at Thunder Road as "interesting." For starters, platoons are normally comprised of 30 men, and he took over command of one with 9. His platoon was ordered to patrol and/or ambush 6-7 days a week. Essentially they were instructed to go out, get shot at, and radio the location of the enemy back to base during the Tet Offensive. Far from the desk job he thought he would be working. But Bob was up to the challenge, and proved he and his men had what it takes. During this time, his company uncovered the largest cache of weapons found during the war.

His next assignment was to be an advisor to a Vietnamese village that was expected to come under attack in the near future. Bob was on his own figuring out how to protect, train, patrol, and set up a safety network for a village of about 5,000.

It was during this time Bob realized something eye-opening about the Vietnamese people. "They were the same as us. They wanted to live free; they did not like the Viet Cong, they did not like the government, they just wanted to live free." During this time, Bob and his troops captured an enemy soldier. "We knew exactly what we were going to do with him. That Sunday was our weekly softball game, and this guy was going to play in it."

Although the Vietnam War is often viewed in a negative light, Bob says it was one of the best experiences of his life, second only to his time as a Friar at Malvern Prep. After he returned home from the war, he got a job as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch, thanks to a Christmas card he sent the branch manager while in Vietnam.

Eventually, his career path took a turn towards politics and while still working in the finance industry he was elected to Media Borough Council in November 1981, and eventually took office in January of 1982. From there he served as Public Safety Chair from 1982-1990, Finance Chair from 1990-1992, and on February 18, 1992 he was elected mayor of Media, a position he still holds today.

In 1991, Bob began hosting Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades, which have since become extremely popular events for Media and the surrounding area. One of his biggest accomplishments as mayor is the successful revitalization of the Media Theatre, something he began working towards almost immediately after being elected. Not surviving as a movie theatre, the plan was made to convert the Media Theatre into a Musical Theatre. Walter Strine, Sr., who was owner of the Media Theatre at the time, had plans to buy Media Elementary School and make that the Musical Theatre he and his wife had dreamed of. Bob's smart thinking and love of education made the successful revitalization of both buildings possible.

Combining his love of education and wealth of knowledge he gained from the Vietnam War, Bob co-founded the Veterans National Education Program (VNEP), aimed at teaching our country's history "through the eyes of those who serve." Bob and the board members have all served in other countries, and currently have comprised a collection of 650 videos detailing past conflicts in about 45 countries.

Bob has never forgotten the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love he learned at Malvern. His accomplishments as mayor have all stemmed from his love of others and always wanting to help and improve wherever he could. The Malvern Prep Community thanks Mr. McMahon for his service to our country and congratulates him on all of his success. [mp](#)







ALUMNI NEWS

A FRIARS CELEBRATION: HOMECOMING & ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

Campus was buzzing with energy as the School played host to its annual Homecoming and Reunion events on Oct. 13-14. The campus was beautifully decorated in festive decor by generous Mothers' Club volunteers and Malvern's Maintenance staff, whose hard work was nothing short of spectacular.

The Duffy Arts Center was the focal point of attention Friday night as the Alumni Association presented its 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. Four individuals were recognized and inducted for their excellence in athletics: Luke Leslie '90, Bill Hickman '91, Derrick Downs '96, and Ryan Edginton '99.

Homecoming kicked off on Saturday afternoon with the opening of an Alumni Hospitality Tent at 12:30 p.m. with snacks and beverages throughout the afternoon. Varsity Soccer and Football kicked off at 2:00 p.m., with both teams facing off against William Penn Charter.

As the athletic contests concluded, the traditional Pig Roast became the main event. Families, students, alumni, faculty, and staff enjoyed the food and camaraderie of the afternoon.

The Upper School Homecoming Dance took place on Saturday evening, as well as the 50th Anniversary all-class reunion dinner for the Class of 1967. All other alumni from classes ending in "2" or "7" enjoyed spending the evening in the Reunion Tent.

Homecoming & Reunion was an incredible weekend made possible by the efforts of the Alumni Association, parent volunteers, students, faculty and staff. We hope all of our alumni, family and friends enjoyed their weekend and we look forward to another great event next year!



NewsNotes

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(All alumni notes are edited for length, grammar and content.)



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Looking for a great way to get involved with Malvern that involves the people you know best—your class? The Class Agents & Correspondents program is the answer! Email alumni@malvernprep.org to get involved.



1941

To celebrate **JIM HILL'S 75th** reunion, members of the School community came together to host a special day. Mr. Hill was given an exclusive tour by **RYAN MCLAUGHLIN '23**. He also attended a special Mass with the football team and was included in the Liturgy of the Eucharist when the team gathered around the altar. Mr. Hill was presented with a special gift at the conclusion of his visit.

1959

JAMES F. OBRIEN was the recipient of the 2017 Elizabeth Wood Award for Science Writing for the Public. His book, *The Scientific Sherlock Holmes*, won an Edgar Award in 2013.

1960

In August, the **CLASS OF 1960** celebrated their eighth annual Birthday Bash. They gathered at Malvern to celebrate each of their birthdays. The day started with Mass, celebrated by Rev. **CHRIS DRENNEN, O.S.A. '73** outside of Tolentine Hall, where they remembered classmates who have passed away. Following Mass was a round of mini golf, specially designed and set up by members of the class running the entire length of the football field. The day concluded with lunch on the porch of Austin Hall and an official birthday celebration! Malvern celebrates the spirit of brotherhood that this class continues to uphold, 57 years after graduation. Special thanks to **GUY WOLFINGTON** for all of his work to make this special tradition for his class a success!

1961

DON DAY has been working on a number of national television commercials, feature films, industrials, music videos, print work, and voiceover work in Southeast U.S.

1962

BILL MCCLOSKEY retired in September after eight years on the national board of the Society of Professional Journalists (SJP). In 2008 Bill was awarded the

Wells Key, the SJP's top service award for a volunteer.

1981

BARKLEY SAMPLE is back in the area! He returned in July and is working as the Business Office Director with Broomall Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. He resides in Newtown Square.

1991

KEVIN "KJ" HICKEY and his wife Erica welcomed their first child, a daughter named Sienna on September 14, 2016.



BRIAN ELIAS has joined the Wisler Pearlstine, LLP firm as a partner. For nearly twenty years his practice has been focusing on civil and commercial trial and appellate litigation.

2000

Congratulations to **JEFF MCMAHON** and his wife, Lydia, on the birth of their first child, James Patrick McMahon, in September. This is the second grandchild for **NORM MCMAHON '66 PT** and his wife Laura.



2002

ANDREW KOSSUTH and his wife celebrated their son's baptism in mid-October. **REV. JASON BUCK '03** performed the baptism. Kossuth and Buck became friends nearly 20 years ago while at Malvern. They shared many experiences together in sports, theatre, and choir.



MIKE TRESTON and his wife, Lacey, welcomed their first daughter, Brynn Kathleen, in May. In July, **ERIC MOORE** and his wife welcomed their third daughter, Sydney Rose. The families got together this summer to celebrate the births and catch up. Congratulations to both!

2005

Congratulations to **DON PEARSE** who was one of nine alumni from Penn State's School of Hospitality Management honored as an "Emerging Professional" during the School's 2017 Alumni Awards in early October.

2006

SEAN TRESTON is currently serving on a year-long mission trip in Medellin, Columbia to work with the poor and underprivileged.



ALUMNI NEWS

Dinner of Brothers

In mid-September class of '96 alum **JIM KEAVENEY** caught up for dinner in Hoboken, NJ with current football coach, **DAVE GUERIERA '96**, former coach **Jimmy Panetta** and current middle school Math teacher, **Mike Rawlings**. The group recalled stories during their time at Malvern. "At Malvern, I was blessed to meet people that I'll cherish for the rest of my life," recalls Jim about his time on campus. He says Malvern was full of great people who helped his transition every step of the way, "they wouldn't let me fail." Coach Gueriera adds, "Jim represents everything that the school is about. He is so generous with his time and love, he's successful, and a great guy. He's a great example of what you can become when you attend Malvern."

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2006

THAD KIRK married Katie Ailtmar at Old St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia on June 16, 2017. Fr. Flynn celebrated the Nuptial Mass and a reception was held at the Atrium at the Curtis Center. **JIM SNYDER** also joined the celebrations! Kirk is an associate at Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia where he focuses his practice in commercial litigation.

MATT MCCORMICK joined Malvern's staff as the Summer Programs Project Manager in November 2016. A graduate of Drexel University, Matt is currently a managing partner of Fusion Lacrosse. Additionally, he serves as an Assistant Coach of Malvern's Lacrosse Team.

Cardinal O'Hara High School named **TOM GRANDIERI** as their head baseball coach. He previously coached at The Episcopal Academy. Grandieri has a long list of accomplishments and he is an active member of the University of Pennsylvania Baseball Alumni Board and founded the Alumni Baseball Mentorship Program. He works as a Financial Advisor for Montgomery Insurance Services, Inc. in Media.

2008

CHRIS COWELL is part-owner/operator of On Deck Training Center, a new baseball and softball facility located in Newtown Square.

2009

JUSTIN FARRELL is the Assistant Director of Sports Information at Salisbury University, where he also serves as the contact person for Men's Lacrosse, Cross Country, Track & Field (indoor and outdoor), Volleyball, and Men's Basketball. He also manages the student-run, sports broadcasting network, Sea Gull Sports Network. In his spare time, Farrell is pursuing a Master's in Business Administration.

2010

CORY HUGHES was accepted in the 2017 Black Factory Cinema workshop that is being taught by Werner Herzog. He traveled to Cuba to make a short film.

2012

CONNOR MAHONEY was a four-time Academic All-Big Ten at Northwestern University and he finished his football career as an elected team captain by his peers.



ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 2009 Annual College Football Trip

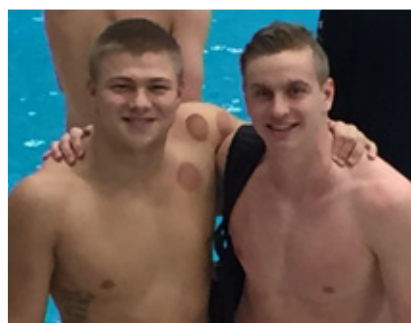
STEVE BOYLE, KYLE CURLEY, JOE MIELE III, JOE MIELE JR. '77, BRENDAN MCNULTY, JK POIRIER, CHRIS PUTSCH, JOHN RAWLINGS, AND HARTE THOMPSON made their annual college football trek to Kyle Field in College Station, Texas to watch Alabama University take on Texas A&M. Previous trips have included: Ann Arbor, Michigan; Athens, Georgia; and Clemson, South Carolina.





2013

In May, **MICHAEL PAUL SALINAS** was officially commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of the United States Marines Corps. During the commissioning ceremony, Salinas had the opportunity to shake hands and exchange a few words with Vice President Mike Pence. Semper Fi, Michael!



2014

Malvern swimming alumni, **CHRIS CARY '14** (Loyola University, Md.) and **WILLIAM SCHAFFER '16** (UPenn), meet up on the pool deck prior to the finals of the 2017 ECAC Swimming Championships at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.



2015

Swimming alumni **BRANDON FRONCZAK** (Ohio State) and **BILLY BEARD '16** (Penn State) shared a moment at the Ohio State Invite Swim Meet last November.

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 2017 Completes Matching Gift Challenge

This past spring, Malvern alumnus **DON O'NEILL '57 TE** challenged the Class of 2017 to a gift matching competition. O'Neill pledged to double his Malvern Fund contribution this year if the class had 100% student participation in the challenge. With the leadership efforts of classmates **RAY BARAN '17**, **JERRY CURRAN '17**, and **ZAC FERNANDEZ '17**, the class met O'Neill's challenge by achieving full class participation and raising more than \$3,000! O'Neill has since doubled his generous annual gift to The Malvern Fund for the 2016-17 year.

"The Class of 2017's generosity and commitment to Malvern Prep will allow students to continue to thrive as members of our community rooted in Augustinian values and our Catholic faith," said Emily Meyer, Director of The Malvern Fund.

She continues, "As School benefactors, our new graduates are joining a special fraternity of men who have gone through our School before and continuing to give back to Malvern - making their education and that of future classes possible!"

O'Neill was recognized at the 2017 commencement celebration and accepted a yearbook from the Class of 2017.

A special thank you to **Don O'Neill '57 TE**, the Class of 2017, and our three Alumni Board Student Representatives for the Class of 2017, **Ray Baran**, **Jerry Curran**, and **Zac Fernandez**.



A FAMILY OF FRIARS

For one Malvern Family, being a Friar has Extra Special Meaning

BY ALLISON HALL



At the Pep Rally to kick off Homecoming weekend a new Friar debuted on campus - our new mascot, Auggie Tolentine. "I had been begging for a new mascot for the last 16 years," says Dr. Jim Fry, Director of Student Life, "with the new branding for athletics, the new mascot was an added piece to the puzzle." The money to fund the new mascot was raised at B.A.S.H. XLIII through Fund-a-Need.

Finding the perfect student was paramount to ensuring the success of our new mascot. Thankfully, **Ryan Shrader '20** was up for the challenge. "In August, both Ryan and I received word that Malvern would be holding tryouts for the new Friar mascot. He was participating in summer football practices, fully intending to play football this year. Once this opportunity became available, Ryan immediately came to my wife and me and said this is where his heart is. I was incredibly excited for him," explains Ryan's Dad, **Mike Shrader '87**.

According to Ryan, "I've always admired being the center of attention, and I knew my father was the mascot, so I thought to myself, 'why not, go for it?' It seemed like a great opportunity." Once Ryan was selected to be the new mascot, staff involved with the selection learned that Mr. Shrader had been the Friar Mascot from spring 1985 until graduating in 1987. Being a huge fan of the

Philly Phanatic, Mr. Shrader jumped at the opportunity to be the Friar mascot when it presented itself. "I immediately wanted it," he said, "the timing also corresponded to my finishing football after sophomore year to be more focused on playing ice hockey. It was a phenomenal decision, as it brought me so many great memories."

"My best memory of being the Friar mascot was certainly landing on the football field in a helicopter at 1985's homecoming game," said Mr. Shrader, "the crowd was crazy excited and we had an article written in the Daily Local to capture the moment." He recalls that some of his best memories "were just the interaction with students and families at the games and raising the game day spirit." According to him, "being a mascot gives you a perspective of the fans that most rarely get to experience. The interaction with children is so humbling. They look at you like a superhero and just want to be with you. It's fantastic!"

Ryan's responsibilities as Auggie Tolentine will certainly keep him busy. His current duties include attending games, school events, and will likely include parent and alumni events. When asked about his responsibilities as the mascot Mr. Shrader says, "My Friar duties were mainly football games, as it was organized along with the cheerleaders. I also made appearances at a few soccer, basketball, and lacrosse games as well. Pep rallies were certainly a hit, but not done as often as I would like." Ryan is looking forward to being the first student to don the Auggie Tolentine costume and has plans to "be a very animated kind of mascot." He also feels that it is necessary to "to apply an aspect of humor to the character and make sure that Auggie is always very interactive with the fans and the cheerleaders."

So far, the experience of being Malvern's new mascot has been exhilarating for Ryan, "I cannot begin to explain the rush I get from getting in that suit. I feel like a new person whenever I'm in there." One can certainly see the pride on Mr. Shrader's face when he talks about passing the torch to his son as the new Auggie Tolentine, "if there is a personality trait that is destined to be a school mascot, Ryan's got it! I couldn't be more proud of how he has taken this opportunity and made it his own. He has some tremendous ideas on how to engage Auggie in all sporting events, not just football." Adds Dr. Fry, "Because of Ryan's dedication and passion for the mascot, it made sense for him to be the inaugural Auggie. He brings energy, enthusiasm, and excitement and he's pushed himself beyond even what he thought he could do." **mp**



In Memoriam

(April-November 2017)

Robert I. Baxter '61 P'98, PT

Margaret Borio GP'11'11

Michael Bruder '58

Joseph S. Calhoun, Jr. P'73

Rosemarie "Rosie" Carlantonio P'77

Robert Allan "Al" Colledge P'89

William J. Curly, Jr. P'72'GP'09

Connor Day

Margaret DeAngelis P'79'85

Dennis Egan '69

Stephen J. Faralli '76

Robert Ferrens

Rev. Francis X. Gallogly, O.S.A.

Thomas S. George P'02'06

Sandra Gillin

William R. Gibson '73

Barbara Heath

Cindy Iannelli

Mary Kirchner

Larry Knopf '80

Herman Lotstein

Terry McGlinn GP'14'16'18

T. Daniel Mullray '62 P'84'87'94

Frederick "Rick" Muntz P'00'03'07

Kevin Murray P'69'72'75'79 GP'20

Edward O'Malley '59

Frank O'Neill P'80'88 GP'11'15

Gaspere J. "Gamp" Pellegrini P'87'90

Roy Peters '54

James Phelan

Mary Ann Poce

John Quinn '82

Patrick F. Ryan P'98'00'04

William Taylor P'82 GP'11'18'20

Sue Ann Wheeler P'10'12'16

Therese "Terry" Wilcox P'77'78'80
GP'02'09

Daniel J. Woody, Sr., M.D. '65

Mike Zarrilli '73

Brian Zwaan P'06

In their own words



Fr. Donald Reilly is blessed to have many friends from all stages of his life - some old friends and some new, but all of them equally dear and important to him. Read what those closest to Fr. Reilly have to say about him as a friend, classmate, and co-worker.

"St. Augustine Prep's loss is Malvern Prep's gain! Fr. Reilly is an Augustinian treasure! Not only was he a pleasure to work with but he was also a delight to live with. I miss him greatly and pray for him daily. May God bless Fr. Reilly and the Malvern Prep community!"

- Fr. Francis X. Devlin, O.S.A., Prior of the Augustinian Community at St. Augustine Prep

"It was a privilege to serve as Fr. Reilly's Executive Assistant at St. Augustine Prep. His actions inspired all of us to learn more about Augustinian spirituality and pedagogy, to dream more, to learn more, to do more for others and to become more."

- Dr. James J. Devine, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, St. Augustine Prep

"In 1967 Father Reilly, then a newly-professed student friar, arrived with his classmates at Villanova to begin their University studies. We have been friends, as well as brothers, these 50 years, even as ministerial responsibilities often took us in different directions. Father Reilly has an engaging personality, a wonderful sense of humor, and strong leadership qualities which he has exercised well as pastor, counselor, personnel director, prior provincial, and more recently as President of Saint Augustine Prep, and now Head of School at Malvern Prep. He is a person who does not shy away from responsibility when it is entrusted to him, and he knows how to exercise it gracefully. His ability to move from the driver's seat to the back seat in various ministries reveals his authentic Augustinian spirit."

- Fr. Michael Di Gregorio, O.S.A. Prior Provincial Villanova University and Malvern Prep Board of Trustees

"Fr. Reilly begins each day saying "Yes" to God not knowing what God has in store for him. His many gifts include, but are not limited to, a deep faith, uncompromising integrity, genuine kindness and a desire to be all that God has dreamed him to be. Fr. Reilly is truly authentic and his sense of caring for others is contagious."

- Mrs. Marianne Carr, Director of Transportation, St. Augustine Prep

"Father Reilly, or Padre as he is known in our monthly poker group, which has been sustained for 35 years, became my confessor, confidante, and friend in 1982 when he was appointed pastor of our parish, Saint Denis. As such, he has married our sons, baptized our precious grandchildren and buried our parents - he has never been more than a phone call away. The most memorable advice he has offered me is to 'never choose your child's college or spouse - you will be blamed the rest of your life.'"

- Mr. Robert J. Grant, CFO, Youth Service, Inc.

"Fr. Donald and I go back many years. Since he is a few years older than I am, he has been my mentor. He has guided and pushed me in many directions. My present role for Villanova University is in large part due to his encouraging me that I had capabilities to serve as president. I returned the favor when he was asked to serve Malvern as Head of School. As the years have passed, I guess we have mentored each other."

- Fr. Peter Donohue, O.S.A. PhD, Villanova University President and Malvern Prep Board of Trustee

"I have worked with Father and I have served on his Board at St. Augustine's. Father Reilly lives and loves being an Augustinian and will be a constant reminder to the Malvern community of the Augustinian values. Malvern is blessed to have Father as the school's Head."

- Mr. James Stewart, P'86'94 PT Hon

"Our group of 16 friends originated on Chapman Avenue where the McCall's, Reilly's, Schwab's, Nelson's, Gorman's and Hazzard's grew up. I met Donald soon after I met Michael, my husband to be, at a Bonner mixer when I was 15. In high school, we shared many good times: at mixers, proms, Chez Vous on Friday nights and Bonner football games on Sundays. We are so fortunate to be lifelong friends. What does that mean? It means we were there for each other for births, graduations, vacations, dinners, and travels to Italy, Prague, the Danube and Alaska. We were young marrieds at Donald's ordination and present at the opening of Siloam. He baptized our babies, and we were there when he brought 11 month old Tad into his life. We celebrated when he was inducted into St. Philomena's and Bonner's Halls of Fame, and he celebrated the marriages of our children. We were in Villanova chapel for his installation as Prior Provincial, and when he moved to St. Augustine Prep. We were at the funerals of his mother and his brothers, Jack and Joe, and he celebrated the funeral masses of our parents. We were honored to attend his installation as the 14th Head of School of Malvern Prep. We are woven into the fabric of each other's lives and are grateful for our friendship of over 55 years."

- Anne Marie & Mike McCall, John & Maryann Schwab, Dee & Pat Tajirian, Tom & Rita Nelson, TO & Elsie Epps, Steve & Roz Hazzard, Susan Gorman, Theresa Baxter, and Franny Kilcullen.

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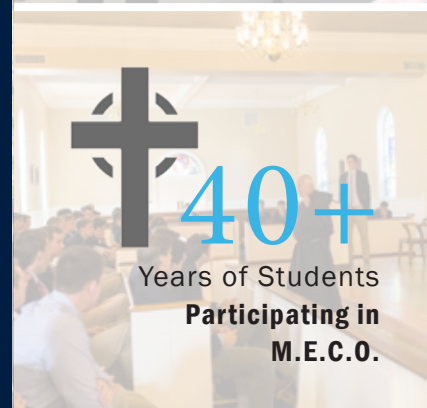
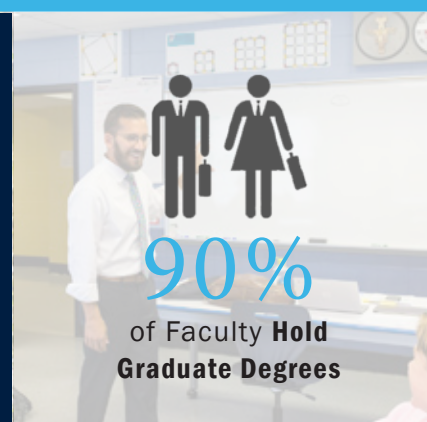
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