

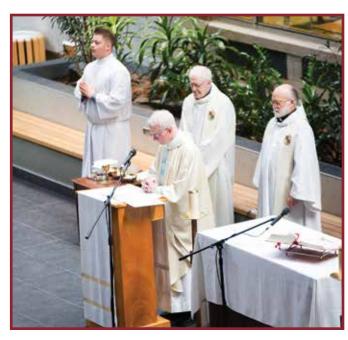
## Loyola Today

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# Ode to Father Eric

ducator. Priest. Chaplain. Principal. Jesuit Provincial. Humanist. Bon vivant. These were many of the roles Father Eric Maclean, S.J., lived during his years at Loyola and elsewhere. Many were captured and re-lived by several former classmates, current students and their parents, graduates and administrators, to scores of wrapt attendees, at the recent ten-year commemoration of Eric Maclean S.J.'s passing.

Concelebrating the ceremony were Jesuits Bob Foliot '62, Mike Murray, Rector for Mission and Identity, Rob Brennan, Chaplain, Gerry Mathieu '52 long-time staff and faculty member, Father Trevor Scott who is involved in Ignatian formation at Loyola, and Father Bertoli, a former teacher. The Loyola school choir accompanied the Mass celebrants, led by Choir Director Marthe Lacasse and assisted by Sara Bhola, both current teachers.



The event, held in the Atrium on a Sunday in late April, captured many of the serious and comical moments about Eric. His indelible contributions by personal counsel, his respect for people, his focus and principles, were mentioned at the celebration and reiterated by each of those who spoke and shared an anecdote, an incident or an episode with us. All held a genuine respect for this man whose days at Loyola as a student, to his passing a decade ago, were noteworthy for his genuine involvement and his commitments across a broad series of causes and concerns. Several of the quips also captured self-deprecating comments that had been made by Eric himself, one of his legacies in the many roles he played across his priestly and lay functions at Loyola and elsewhere. A number of out-of-town contributors also recalled those very same qualities demonstrated by Eric, whether at seaside family vacations, intervening with individuals on their indigenous reserve or dealing with business executives to advance a Loyola cause.

Numerous E-mails from classmates Marcel Guay in Montreal, Bob Mitchell in London, ON, Dr. Tom Coonan in the Maritimes, John Lynch in southern U.S., Bill Leece in Chicago, Bob Lewis in Toronto and myself, went back and forth. All referred to Eric's





constant smile, hearty laughter and sage counsel, his concern for the erosion of justice and peace in the world, his warmth, his humor, his empathy and humanity, as being among his touchstones.

He leaves an indelible mark on so many people. Father Eric was truly among the practitioners of the Jesuit adage of "women and men for others".

Paul LeBlanc '60

The School recently established the Fr. Eric Maclean SJ Legacy Society in memory of a true Loyola leader and man-for-others. The Society honours individuals who have made provisions for a future gift to Loyola through a bequest, life insurance or other planned gifts. We wish to thank the 49 donors currently enrolled in the Society for their leadership and generosity.

### **The President's Report**

have now competed my second year as president of Loyola and I'm happy to say that there is something new to learn every year. This, of course, applies also to my nearly ten years as principal and all of the years before that. One would think that after so many years, there would be no surprises, nothing terribly new, but that is one of the things that makes Loyola so special. In many ways, Loyola is like a family or a family member. There is a key part of me that can say, "I know Loyola," but all the while there is something that tells me there is still so much to learn. Just as parents might feel that they know their child but still feel the joy of discovery.

One might think that this phenomena is simply because Loyola is really its people - and there is at least something to that sentiment. Two people that I have worked with ever since I started at Loyola are retiring this year - Naz Ruscito and Bob Shaugnessy. Naz's incredible generosity and desire to serve the Loyola community so clearly represents the "Men for Others" motto of the school. I cannot imagine Loyola without Bob "Shag" Shaughnessy - he was a teacher at the school when I was a student. His dedication to his students and his love of life have been a model for me of what it means to be a teacher. So while these men have clearly

and powerfully left their mark on Loyola, and will always be a part of what makes Loyola so special, Loyola remains greater than the sum of its parts. I am quite sure that for many alumni there are teachers and staff members who have long since retired that have truly marked and inspired their experience at the school. They, like



Paul presents The President's Medal for highest academic achievement over the student's five years at Loyola to Willem Dugas.

our two illustrious retirees this year, have become part of the fabric of the school, but Loyola still has its own identity, formed and shaped by those who have served her, but her identity is her own.

The Loyola of today is not the Loyola of yesteryear and the Loyola of tomorrow will not be the Loyola we now know. How could we even wish it to be so? There is, of course, a foundation that remains the same, a core identity, but like any person she grows and develops with the experiences lived within her walls. Naz and Bob, you and I have all been a part of that development and so will always be a part of Loyola. More than this, founded as a Jesuit apostolate to serve God and to serve the world, God's own presence is at the core of her identity. Maybe that's what makes Loyola so special - it is a place where God meets people. Perhaps that meeting is not overt, perhaps it is not even recognized, but it is transformative. So as we say "goodbye" to Naz and Bob, we should also remember all of the many, many people who, like them, have helped to shape Loyola and, most importantly, to thank them for being instruments of God's meeting with us. May God continue to be with you on your journey.

Paul Donovan, President

### Nazareno (Naz) Ruscito Retires

r. Nazareno (Naz) Ruscito was born in Italy and came to Canada when he was eleven years-old. After completing his studies, he taught at Verdun Catholic High School for nearly ten years. He arrived at Loyola in 1986 and it did not take him long to establish himself as a teacher, a coach and a moderator, but especially, as someone who got things done, usually without anyone knowing about it.

Naz has done it all at Loyola. He has coached basketball and volleyball and his teams have won numerous championships. There probably could have been many more, had he taken the "safe" route and competed in a lower division, especially in basketball. Instead, he chose to have his teams compete in the first division because he believed, quite rightly, that by entering his players in a higher division he would encourage them, if they were to have any hope of being competitive, to play as a "team".

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L to R: Father Rob Brennan, S.J., Filippo La Verghetta '07, Mark Bednarczyk '64, Naz and Paul Donovan '82, standing in front of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy. Naz has been taking Loyola students to Italy for the past twenty years, passing on his knowledge and love of Italian history and architecture. He is the Father Hodgins of the fifties and sixties. Thanks Naz for providing a new generation with this cultural experience.

### **Loyola Receives One Million Dollar Donation**

he Loyola High School Foundation is very pleased to announce it has received a \$1 million dollar donation from Timothy Barakett '82.

Having enjoyed the benefit of a Loyola education, Tim wanted to give back so that others who might not otherwise have the opportunity to do so, would be able to attend Loyola. Tim and his wife Michele, through their family foundation, have established the Barakett Family Endowed Bursary to help fund Loyola's financial aid program. Beginning this coming year, a number of bursaries will be granted annually in perpetuity thanks to their gift.

Tim attended Loyola in the early '80s, as did his brothers, Brett and Peter. Tim was very active throughout his five years at Loyola serving as a member of the Maroon and White Honours Society, the Student Council and the Carnival Committee as well as participating on the midget soccer team and the juvenile hockey team.

After completing his high school studies, Tim earned a B.A. in Economics at Harvard and later an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. A star hockey player in college, Tim was drafted by the NHL's New Jersey Devils, and played professionally for EV Zug in the Swiss National League, and was a member of Team Canada when it won the Spengler Cup in Davos, Switzerland, in 1989.

From 1995 until 2010, Tim was the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Atticus Capital LP, a global investment management firm that generated over \$7 billion in profits for its investors. Tim is currently the Chairman of TRB Advisors LP, a private investment firm formed to manage his family's capital. He is also the Co-Founder



and Non-Executive Chairman of Stabilis Capital Management, Co-Founder and a member of the Board of Directors of GreyCastle Holdings Ltd, and a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Castleton Commodities International.

In addition to his busy professional life, Tim gives back through his work

as the Co-Chairman of The Harvard Campaign for Arts and Sciences, the Co-Chairman for Financial Aid of The Harvard Campaign for Arts and Sciences, and is a member of the Harvard University Capital Campaign Executive Committee. Tim is a trustee of The Dalton School in New York City and is an honorary trustee of the New York Public Library, where he formerly served as a trustee. He was previously a trustee of The Mount Sinai Hospital and Continuum Health Partners.

We are immensely grateful for this most generous donation from the Timothy and Michele Barakett Foundation, and the difference it will make for so many families in our community. With 1 in 6 students at Loyola requiring financial aid to cover tuition and fees, leadership gifts like this go a long way to keeping our doors open to students from all economic backgrounds.

### MAROON AND WHITE SOCIETY



SITTING: Mike Cugno (President), Mr. Parr (Moderator), Ed Koc (Vice-President). STANDING: Chris Naylor, Steve Scholtz, Tim Barakett, Doug Heintzman, Bob Emblem, Richard Renaud, John Lafave, Cesidio Ricci. ABSENT: André Touchburn, Mike Von Niessen.

## THE LOVE OF SPORTS RAFFLE 4 weekends. 4 cities. 4 games.

The draw for the sports raffle took place on June 16th. And the lucky winners are ... Grand prize winner Frank Belvedere '69 and 2nd prize winner Sean Doyle '83!

The grand prize is a package of four weekend getaways for two people including: \$8,000 towards travel and hotel accommodations, and two tickets to a Bruins, Yankees, Fighting Irish and Chelsea game (\$10,000 value). The second prize is a night on the town: one night at a downtown montreal hotel with dinner for two and two tickets to a show at the Just for Laughs Gala in July 2017 (\$700 value). Congratulations gentlemen!

### Message from the Chair of the Board of Governors

Editor's note: Bill Hlibchuk was a member of the Board of Govenors for the last six years and Chairman the last three. The Board of Governors basically formulates policy with respect to the business and affairs of Loyola High School and has the right and authority to undertake and/or oversee the enactment of such policies.

little over six years ago, I bumped into fellow Loyola grad Marco Ottoni at the St-Mary's Ball. It had been a while since we had seen each other, so we took some time to catch up about life in general and of course the usual subject, our favourite alma mater. Marco told me how he was a volunteer member of Lovola's Board of Governors and was serving as Past Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee. I was not aware of this Board or what it did for the school. I was soon to find out.

I was honoured to be invited to join the Board shortly thereafter. Having graduated in 1989 and briefly served on the Alumni Association, I had little opportunity to give back to Loyola. Both my brother Johnny ('86) and myself attended Loyola on a full bursary for our entire secondary education. In addition, the Jesuits and other teachers were always supportive of our family when we needed it. It was time to try and return at least part of the favor.

It is often the case with volunteer work that you receive more than you give. As anyone having the privilege of being involved with the Loyola Community can attest, this was no exception. Under the excellent leadership of then Chair Stan Vincelli, and with the tutelage of the sage Peter O'Brien and Don Taddeo, I quickly learned how to navigate issues of governance and the art of strategic planning. In 2013, I was asked to Co-Chair the Strategic Planning Joint Steering Committee with Vince Fulvio, Loyola teacher and Vice-Principal of Discipline.

Î fondly recall when Vince asked me to say the opening prayer at one of our meetings - a task I thought was reserved for the Jesuits, also present. When I stammered an attempt at a point of order, Vince quickly reminded me of one of the tenets of Jesuit educational philosophy called the "Grad at Grad", which includes being "open to growth." I got the point and did my best at a prayer. Once I saw that people took me seriously, I realised how special this experience was, and was to be: I was literally taught by a Loyola teacher while working alongside him to help steer the school's strategic plan. These types of experiences would colour the next few years I spent as a Board member where we learned to find God in all things and be contemplative in action-just a few of the elements of Ignatian spirituality that are part of the formation of Board members.



Bill presents the Governor General's Medal for highest aggregate standing in Secondary Five to Willem Dugas.

Among the opportunities for growth our Board has faced over the past few years is to find a way of proceeding and how to ensure we maintain a chain of care for the future of Loyola. This does not simply refer to ensuring that the school thrives, but to ensure that the mission of Jesuit education remains alive and well between the walls of the School and beyond. To quote Father Michael Murray, Chairman of Loyola's Board of Directors (who also sits on the Board of Governors), this challenge is "to think in terms of a wider, Ignatian apostolic community within the school, composed of Jesuits, lay people and people of other faiths, all sharing a depth of commitment to Loyola's mission.

Achieving this goal is a work in progress, and one that should never end. Indeed, it is sometimes challenging to find consensus among many intelligent and strong-willed people whose confidence and experience is as deep as their love for Loyola. Any way you look at it, this is a nice problem to have! I am happy to say that I believe we have become a discerning Board- one that does not simply pick out good from bad options, but rather seeks to find the best among several good ones.

As I prepare to end my term on the Board this summer, I am proud of what we have accomplished as a group over the past few years. Among some of the Board's accomplishments have been the conclusion of a 5-year strategic plan; the creation of an implementation committee (chaired by Mr. Marc Beaudet) that will ensure the goals of the plan are met annually; the creation of a committee to examine the feasibility of establishing an elementary school (chaired by Mr. Patrick Shea) and most importantly, the signing of a Sponsorship Agreement between Loyola High School and the Canadian Jesuit Province. The agreement highlights what it means to be a Jesuit school and enshrines the collaboration that must occur between the Jesuits and the leadership of the school so that it may remain a Jesuit School. This is something not to be taken for granted and will be an ongoing commitment subject to yearly evaluation.

Although there is more work to be done, I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that the school is in a good place and is poised to do even greater things in the years to come. Through the fantastic participation of the Loyola Community during the strategic planning stakeholders' meetings, to the robust response to the recent open invitation to join the Board and its committees, it is clear that Loyola benefits from an enormous depth of goodwill. I invite every member of the Loyola Community to continue to contribute to itwhether through their time or through donations to bursaries or other worthy initiatives. Finally, I would like to thank the Jesuits, the school and my fellow Board members for making my experience on the Board of Governors a memorable and valuable experience.

Bill Hlibchuk '89, Chair.





9am - 12pm

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More info: www.loyola.ca/admissions

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Almost from its inception, and for a ten-year period, he was one of the mentors of "Team 296, the Northern Knights", our school's robotics' team. During that time, Team 296 was fortunate enough to have had its own "MacGyver". For 31 years, he has been a member of the Sports' Tournament Committee and contributed his time and energy to help the Ed Meagher Tournament run smoothly. In 2009, he was named the Tournament's "Honorary" Chairman.

Since his arrival at Loyola, he has been involved in the annual Christmas food drive --- taking it over from Father Mathieu a couple of years ago. Mr. Ruscito has also served the Loyola community as the Director of Student Services. During his tenure, the annual Walk-a-Thon raised over a million dollars for charity. As a Career Counselor, a position he held for eight years, he helped get hundreds of students into the colleges of their choice.

While one can appreciate the special skills that are required to be a good teacher, a good coach, a good moderator and good "fixer", it was his work "behind-the-scenes" --- so to speak --- that revealed Mr. Ruscito at his best. Many individuals and organizations benefited from his perspicacity and his uncanny ability to make sure that nothing was ever left to waste and that whatever food or money was left over from some function or other, found its way --- anonymously --- to those individuals or organizations that most needed it.

On behalf of the whole Loyola family, I would like to thank you for your contribution to Loyola's academic, athletic and cultural life over the last thirty-one years. Grazie mille!

Mark Bednarczyk '64

### RIP

John Norris "Cubby" Burke '37

Margit Boronkay Mother of Peter '79

John Scott Father of Brian '96, Michael '00 and Robert '02

Jean Rowen Mother of James Rowen '51 Grandmother to John '82, Peter '84 and David '89

Jo-Anne Ghantous Wife of Robert '73

Patrick Wilson Rourke

Father of Michael '79 and Grandfather of Liam '13, David '15 and Timothy Thompson '13

Paul Wheatley '77 Brother of Thomas '78 and John '81 and uncle of Michael '08

Anthony Gomes '49

Malcolm Orrell '15 Brother of William '19

Regina Arsenault Mother of Ronald '69

James Chisholm '77 Brother of Andrew '75

Elena Fanucchi Wife of Ronald Boudreau '71

> Barbara Dunnigan Wife of Gerald '49 and Mother of Sean '72

J. Carl Sutton Jr. '57 Brother of William '59 and John '64

Peter Lea '58

John Church '63

Eleanor Intas
Mother of Anthony '77 and
Aunt to Robert Vaupshas '73,
Ryan Vaupshas '04, John Jackson '71,
Lester Jackson '74, Richard Rutkauskas,
John Oss '78, Christopher Oss '84,
Lindsey Oss '82, Michael Thewaldt '00
and Matthew Stavro '03

Vincent Joseph Boyce Father of Kevin '72 and Timothy '77

Youssif (Joseph) Hanna Father of George '84 and Andrew '87

> John (Jake) McLaughlin '49 Brother of Frank '49

Ronald Boucher '49 Grandfather of Thomas '12

Philip Marchessault '80 Son of Douglas '49, Brother of Keith '74, Nephew of Robert '46 and Cousin of Kim '77

Zbigniew Brzezinski '45

Marysia Zaleski Wife of Andrew Zaleski '63

#### **Erratum:**

We incorrectly identified as deceased Margaret Poku. The name should have read Mary Poku. We extend our sincerest apologies to the family.

Loyola will dedicate the month of November to the faithful departed. We invite all members of our community to submit the names of family members, friends and former classmates, whom they wish to remember at the Memorial Mass, on Sunday, November 5th and throughout the month of November. Contact: Kristine Pilch at pilchk@loyola.ca.



Appreciation Night in the John Molson Room – another success.

Thanks to all Alumni who help with the various activities the LHSAA sponsors.

# Graduation 2017



Father Michael Murray, S.J., Rector, presents the Man-For-Others award to David Lewis. Diane Caristo, along with Alumni Jonathan '16 and Matthew '14 Brissette, welcome grads to the Graduation Dance – the theme this year was: A "Knight" to Remember. Pierre Shousha '78, President of the LSHAA, presents the Loyola Medal to Michael Murphy. Each year the Alumni Association presents the medal to the "most representative student in all areas of school life".



L to R; Matt '83 and Anthony Del Vecchio; Patrick, Rafik '80 and William '15 Greiss; Bob '82 and Peter Emblem.



L to R: Lucas '18, Denis '89, Gabriel and Jordan '20 Giangi; Thomas '13, Noah, Alexander '11 and Joe '79 Galli.

# Proud Dads



Quentin '12, Robert (uncle) '83, Evan and Gordon '84 Yee.

Dean '85 and Noah Kagan-Fleming.



Keith '81, William and Jackson '15 Matthews.

Stephen (Dad) '78, Patrick and Peter (uncle) '84 Dunlop.



Nicholas '15, Michael and Stephen '84 Vasil.

Frank '13, Michael and Frank '82 Pavan.

# The Commencement Address

Editor's NOTE: Bob Shaughnessy graduated from LHS in 1961. After studying at Loyola College and McGill, he returned to the high school where he taught and coached, and for the last fourteen years, was Alumni Director. To watch his full address to the class of 2017, go to Loyola's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/LoyolaHSMontreal

t does not seem possible that fifty years ago this month was the end of my first year of teaching at Loyola. I had serious reservations about returning to the profession and it was only after a conversation with one of my peers that I decided to give it one more year. In my second year I discovered an amazing thing. I had it all wrong - I thought teaching was based upon good discipline. That year I realized it was all about motivation. This was especially true teaching mathematics. Before you can get students to think outside the box, you have to have them master the fundamentals. It always amazed me that it would take 30 seconds to teach a factoring method called the difference of squares but an eternity before it became second nature. Once students are well versed in these basics, the beauty of mathematics takes hold. It was wonderful to observe the unique and interesting insights students would bring to the table. You guys keep us young and energized. We get caught up in what I like to refer to as "The enthusiasm of youth". It is a waste of time to walk into your class and talk about gloom and doom. You are not interested in listening to all that is bad in the world – our media does a good job of that. Your eyes are set on the future and the role that destiny holds for you. This enthusiasm is contagious.

Today is no different – you have the same values and hopes to which the graduating classes of the last 50 years aspired. One of my wishes I have for you in the years ahead, is that you never lose this enthusiasm for life and always look at life as an adventure. Hopefully you will never become complacent with the status quo but believe that you can make a dif-

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### **BROTHERS**



L to R: Michael and Joseph '15 Murphy; Samuel '14 and Michael Adamo; Thomas '19 and James Stewart.



L to R: Tyler and Connor '19 Clow; Michael '19 and Anthony Tortolano; Sebastien '15 and Patrick Christie.



L to R: Vincent and Philippe '12 April; Jake '11 and Liam Burchell-Reyes; Darcy '18 and Calvin Mazloum.



L to R: Luca and Alessandro '14 Van de Peppel; Anthony '11 and Steven Parisi; Jonathan '10 and Joseph Raftus.

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ference – the amazing thing is you can.

In the last edition of Loyola Today, Mr Paul Donovan noted that we can quantify certain goals the school has but other goals, such as being committed to justice, are more difficult to measure. In fact, he stated, "the success of the school can only be measured by our alumni". My position at the school the last 14 years has been Alumni Director – it was a tough job organizing golf tournaments and Beer Bashes. Actually, it was the best job. I had the opportunity to reconnect with so many young men that I had taught and coached years earlier – and low and behold, they



Bob Shaughnessy '61

still have a zest for life and a commitment to others. They participate in a variety of CSP activities and are always willing to lend a hand to help others. Anytime we ask for volunteers, we are overwhelmed. I'm not sure why this surprises me – after all, isn't our motto "to be men and woman for others". I guess we sometimes get too caught up in marks and place a heavy emphasis in judging success on these results. I see it quite differently after these last 14 years. Sure it's important to have a good job and be a person of influence. But it's more important to be "a good person" - to be someone who cares for others. Too many bad things happen to innocent people when the word "greed" rears its ugly head. The happiest people I know are caring and giving - they love their friends and family and go out of their ways to be with them and share their lives with them. Grads, you forged some wonderful friendships here at Loyola – keep in touch as the years go on, build on these relationships

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### **BROTHERS**



L to R: Dante and Matteo'20 Lorenzoni; Matthew '15 and James Van Aelst; Nicholas '14 and Luke Ayoub.



L to R: Fabiano and Dante '12 Alfieri; Liam '15 and Hayden Ross; Philip '20 and Caleb Hacala.



L to R: Noah and Alec '15 de la Durantaye; Dionisios '13 and Dimitri Georgakis; David '16 and Marshall Mather.



L to R: David and Joseph '20 Ambayec; Oliver '15 and Philip Leiriao; Stefano and Adamo '14 Foglietta.

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and your lives will have greater meaning down the road.

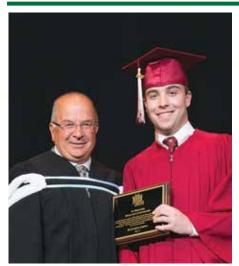
Thinking back on the last 51 years at Loyola, there is one piece of advice I can give you. Find a job you love!!!! I had a magical ride. I was not only blessed with great students but I worked with a wonderful team. We never counted the minutes; we helped each other and learned from each other. So how do you do find this magical job? Obviously you will try to find a job for which your studies have prepared you. If you start working and find you are not happy in a particular work environment, look around, bounce ideas off your friends and family, and find a job that is fulfilling. Once there, develop a strong work ethic - bring your talents to the table and be a contributing employee. It's always easy to criticize and belittle policies - it takes imagination and courage to step up to the plate and strive for the betterment of all. My great friend Kelly Burke has said: "In this world, there are givers and takers". I suggest you be a giver – after all, this is what you have been trained to be. It will give you fulfillment, friendships and contentment.

In closing, I would like to quote from my favourite artist, Bob Dylan. This is especially pertinent to this young, enthusiastic and aspiring assemblage.

"May you always do for others and let others do for you, Climb that ladder to the stars, Rung by rung, And may you always be, Forever young!!!"

God bless.

Bob Shaughnessy Class of 1961



Naz Ruscitto presents the "Ed Meagher Memorial Scholarship" to Matthew Brues.

### MORE BROS



L to R: Lucas '10, Owen and Matthew '07 Lawton; Nicholas '16, William and Benedict '19 Farrow.



L to R: Gianluca '14, Andrea and Massimiliano '21 Moscato; Stephen '20, Jeremy, Gregory '20 and Michael '25 Wight.



L to R: Matthew '14, Paul and Jonathan '16 Brissette; Justin '18, Sean and Cory '19 Della Posta.



L to R: Matteo '12, Neos, Xenos '19 and Andreas '15 Dionisopoulos; Alexandre '16 and Mathew Apostolatos.

### The Principal's Corner - A Snapshot!

of the past three years, I have often struggled to find a topic that would be of interest to such a broad audience of alumni. I have decided that in this, my final "installment" of *The Principal's Corner*, I would share with

you a few personal reflections, or "snapshots", of what I am taking away from such a privileged position, a position once held by the likes of Casey, Maclean, Altilia, et al. ...

My first reflection is a look back at why I applied for, and subsequently accepted, the position. In 2013, when the school was looking for a principal, I remember standing at the back of the Maclean Centre during a school Mass. As I looked around the auditorium where 730 students were seated, I remember thinking that, if I were principal, I would have the opportunity to make an impact on an entire

school population, rather than just on the students in my own classes. However, after three years at the helm, I have come to realize that it is the teachers, through their direct face-to-face contact in the classroom, that really have the greatest impact on high school students. I hope that teach-

ers, both at Loyola and elsewhere, realize and appreciate the impact they have on kids' lives. I certainly do now.

My second reflection, as I look back on my experience, is a life lesson that I learned from my dad a very long time



Richard Meagher, Principal, is flanked by Salutatorian Luca Cioffi and Valedictorian, Michael Murphy.

ago. My dad believed that in life, anything that you do, you should do well. That is the mindset with which I entered the position three years ago, and as I now look back on these years, I would attach my own "addendum" to my dad's advice. There is "something" about measuring

the "doing well" that has caused me to reflect deeply on "Ed's" advice. And that "something" is this: measuring whether you have done well or not, is really up to others. Looking back, while I still believe that doing "well" is very important, I

have now come to believe that doing "your best", is even more important. After all, what we do behind the scenes, when others are not watching, results in only one person truly knowing if you did your best, and that person is "you".

My third, brief reflection I will label, "no regrets". While my years as principal were a definite challenge, perhaps too long a time for some, and maybe too short a time for others, I look back at the experience with absolutely no regrets. I know that, had I not taken the position three years ago, I would be questioning myself on my

deathbed, wondering "what if?".

Finally, while many will judge my years as principal on the "if you do something, do it well" scale, I know that my dad would say, "Rich, you did your best."

Richard Meagher

### Marc de Verteuil, # Twenty-Five!

n 1992, Loyola High School moved from the premises it had occupied since 1916, into a new building. It was in this brand-new facility, that one Marc de Verteuil, found a desk, and settled in for what appears to be ... "the long haul". Twenty-five years ... and counting. Marc, a resident of the Plateau, is proud of his French and Trinidadian lineage. His family left France during the French revolution and settled in Trinidad. His ancestor, the Chevalier de Verteuil, came to the island in 1797, became a planter, and founded its most influential French family, the de Verteuils. Marc is a firstgeneration Montrealer.

As a teacher, he is an exceedingly patient pedagogue who has taught "les boys" French, Math and Science (both, en français), at all levels. He has coached soccer at all levels and his teams have



Marc holding court at the opening ceremonies.

won numerous championships. He is as patient and as thoughtful when coaching, as he is when teaching. After all, coaching is teaching and, for Marc, teaching players during practices is what good coaching is all about. Every year, for the past twenty years, the throngs gathered at the opening ceremonies of the annual Ed Meagher

Sports' tournament, have been treated to Marc's stentorian voice announcing the names of members of Loyola's hockey, basketball and wrestling teams.

Marc is an amiable, easygoing, personable, patient and gentle soul ... except on the Ultimate field where his competitive spirit gets the best of him and he becomes another person ... entirely. This affable Dr. Jekyll, becomes a terrifying Mr. Hyde. Staff member Joey Hunt, who has played against Mr. de Verteuil, said, "He scares me ... especially when he's in his forehand flick stance."

Marc, thank you for all that you have done for Loyola. We are fortunate to have individuals like you as members of our Loyola family. May you remain a part of the family for many years to come. Félicitations et merci.

Mark Bednarczyk, '64

### Football at Loyola: 1981 - 2015

#### Third in a Series of Three

This year's Bantam Football team was not expected to defend its G.M.A.A. title, but their undefeated record proved otherwise. The great coaching of Mssrs. Enright, Scanlan, and their assistants, Mssrs. Payne and Belvedere, enabled the team to achieve such a stunning season. Way to go guys! (Loyola High School Review, 1983)



(l-r) Front Row: Daniel Lagace, Omar Ahmed, Keith Ewenson, Randy Burns, Bobby Trudeau, Bobby Thomas, Chris Wells, Enrico Fortini, Frank DiTella, Mark Menard, Christian Rabbat, Marc Ruggiero, John Hlibchuk, David Tobin, and Brian Ewenson. (l-r) Back Row: Mr. Mike Enright, Mathew Reichertz, Ron Baluch, Jonathan Nagy, Bill Ford, Martin Phelan, Chris Manion, Derek O'Connell, Dylan Tansey, George Davis, Patrick Lee, Bruce Sullivan, Patrick Noble, Stephane Demers, Brian McLaughlin, Zachery Dutton.



(l-r) Front Row: K. Dubeau, B. Hlibchuk, M. Presseau, T. Tretiak, R. Denoncourt, T. Burns, R. Marchitello, M. McGrath, S. Quenneville, I. Notargiacomo, P. La Rivière, T. Stechysin, S. Tucker. (l-r) Back Row: Mr. Dubeau (coach), K. Batty (manager), R. Brien, P. Sauve, A. Babel, T. Caluori, Y. Trubiano, D. Kirk, R. DeChazal, M. Veloso, P. Shea, M. Sweeney, L. Harford, C. Lowe, M. Rennie, T. Naylor, P. Downes, M. Rizzuto, M. Noble, J. Cuggy, Mr. J. Newman (coach), Mr. M. Enright (coach).

For the Juvenile Warriors, 1988 has proven to be an unforgettable season. The Warriors overcame many boundaries and obstacles and completed the regular season with a 9-1 record, being defeated only by archrival L.C.C. However, the Warriors successfully made it to the championship game where they met and defeated the L.C.C. Lions by a final score of 21-19. This was truly the toughest and most memorable game of their high school career. Our gratitude goes out to the coaching staff of Messrs. Newman, Dubeau, Barbeau, Campbell and Enright who stood by us every step of the way. As well, our thanks to the hundreds of fans who supported and shared our cherished victory with us. It has been a special season, one never to be forgotten, and in all of our minds one thought will always remain – on November 6, 1988 the Warriors tamed the Lions. (Loyola High School Review, 1989. Mark Rennie, Rob Marchitello.)



(l-r) Front Row: J. Deschamps, A. Scalia, P. Grosko, M. Patone, C. Hein, N. Sovran, J. Gaudreau, C. Lapalme, K. C. Sampson, A. Salvaggio, R. Richard. Middle Row: A. Schneider, A. Colaco, O. D'Ambra, C. Cigos, C. Oner, A. Patone, C. Isada, D. Jipos, R. Salmerano, J. Piazza, G. Stephens, J. Taddeo, R. Fiori. (l-r) Top Row: Mr. B.Cyr (coach), D. Chow (manager), Mr. D. Carlyle (coach), N. Schneider, R. Sheahan, D. Cotugno, J. Singer, M. Argento, M. Cotugno, L. Palmieri, R. Kyskan, K. Broda, S. Lapalme, J. DiGennaro, R. Arceo, J. Ranjitsingh, A. Lysowych, C. Bent, D. Bigney, M. Wichterle, Mr. P. Donovan (coach), P. Ejupovic, Fr. R. Brennan (coach)

This year's undefeated championship season would not have been possible without the guidance, enthusiasm and support of our outstanding coaches: Mr. Cyr, Mr. Carlyle, Fr. Brennan, and Mr. Donovan. They put together the perfect combination of unstoppable special teams, defense and offense. This year's team was not the biggest one, but we made up the difference with speed, strength, hard work, and discipline. Although I was one of the two captains of the team, the role of leadership was inspired by a long list of others. Thanks to all the managers, coaches, and especially my team mates, for making this a historically remarkable season an unforgettable one. (Loyola High School Review, 1998. Ryan Sheahan.)



(l-r) Back Row: Alexander Alexopoulos, Michael Pimentel, David Crivello, Joseph Sciortino, Luca Zinno, Antonino Sciortino, Daniel Plescia, Gianaluca lannantuono, Joshua McCarthy, Matthew Soles, Robert Gagnon-Da Rocha, Tyler Wareham, Joseph Murphy, Jake Burns, Alexandre Pedenza, Diego Dorantes-Ferreira, Nicholas Guadagno (manager). (l-r) Third Row: Mr. Todd Burns (coach), Matthew Van Aelst, Jacob Brown, Owen Zivkovic, John Wallace, Timothy Yersh, Zackary Gilmore, Matthew Lavoie, Antoine Shousha, Alexander Auersperg, Michael Godon, Matthew Baird, Luke Emblem, Adamo Pitruzello, Dylan Delaney, David Mather, Mr. Randall Burns (coach). (l-r) Second Row: Mr. Christopher Hein (coach), Sherief Gohar, Gennaro Dranias, Albert Hallal, Alexander Lanno, Benjamin Lazare, John Renzoni, Daniel Pye, Francesco Isabella, Nikola Golymbiowsky, Louis Sirois, Alec de la Durantaye, Thomas Di Fiore, Matthias Mauri, Mr. Bruno Cyr (coach). (l-r) Front Row (captains): Liam Yeldon, Jack Legler, Jackson Matthews, Patrick Prendergast.

The Juvenile Warriors capped off one of their most successful seasons in team history... to capture the provincial championship. It was the school's first ever inter-provincial football championship. The Warriors captured the team's first city championship since 1998. The team would like to thank the teachers, parents, staff and especially the students for their enthusiastic support. (Loyola High School Review, 2015) François Girard, having been the Intendant of the Paris Cathédrale Notre Dame for six months, went on to receive a divinity degree – 'Licence de Théologie', from the Institut Catholique de Paris.

Ray Bertrand is enjoying his retirement in Weymouth, Nova Scotia. All former classmates are welcome to visit and stay awhile as you tour Nova Scotia on your vacation.

Brian Hughes has accepted the position of "Director of Football Operations" at St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, following a seven year stay in St. John's, NL. He is looking forward to the challenge.

Gerald Pion started his 41st year of real estate in the Knowlton area of the Eastern Townships this past November. The Brome Lake area is home to many Loyola alumni. He has had the pleasure, in the last few years, of getting together with classmates Bert Tougas, Don del Vecchio, Mark Daly and Chris Phelan, among others, along with a brief encounter with Danny Gallivan in Halifax. He is looking forward to his 50th reunion.

Mark Prest lives in Ottawa and is in a band called "The Big Bucket Band".

Bob Gallagher, after a lifelong career with the YMCA, moved to Ottawa with his wife Susan to launch a new stage as President & CEO of the YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region. Bob has truly enjoyed his Y career, experiencing international travel, often to developing countries to visit international partners. In his most recent role as President & CEO of the YMCA of Central East Ontario (Belleville, Ouinte West & Peterborough). Bob got to experience the thrill of a major capital campaign and the ensuing design and construction of two award-winning YMCA facilities.



Emilio Perrotta was in Montreal in June. He got in touch with George Lackenbauer who organized an impromptu luncheon at Vago's with a few classmates from the class of '62. Emilio's brother, Edmundo '64, also came down for the event. Emilio stated "I was really pleased and happy that this event was made possible - more so after 55 years, and as I mentioned after lunch, we are very fortunate and privileged that we were all able to make it". Pictured above, L to R: Kevin O'Hara, Peter Cook, Jim Cullen, George Lackenbauer, Jesus Emilio Perrotta, Robin Vincelli, Peter O'Brien, Emilio and Edmundo.



René Bersma recently celebrated a long overdue reunion with Clive Ken '63 and Christian Blaise '63 in Japan. They picked up where they left off a half century ago and made the most of the twenty hours they spent together, agreeing that their next get-together would not have to wait another fifty years. In the words of Christian, 'The class of '63 is alive and kicking'.

### **Alumnus of the Year**



Levon Afeyan is this year's recipient of "The Alumnus of the Year" award. Levon owns a Montreal plywood factory, employing about eighty workers. The last couple of years he has been hiring Syrian refugees. He believes getting a job is an important step in their integration and that hardworking, skilled Syrian refugees will be a big benefit to Canada. Levon's family immigrated to Canada in the seventies and he remembers vividly the angst of coming to a new country. He is pictured above receiving the award from Pierre Shousha '78, President of the LHSAA. Congratulations to a special person.

Bruce Flanagan and his partners have opened a new company called Landbridge Mortgage Investment Company.

Padraic Scanlan and his wife, Catherine Evans, are delighted with the arrival of their son, Rafe Alan Lawrence, born on January 29, 2017 in Cambridge UK.

**Anthony McParland** and his fiancée recently opened a fine foods store in Kirkland: Sorella Boutique Gourmande.



Bruno Ruba married Taisia Krasikov on September 24th, 2016. Loyola alumni, also from the Class of '04, in his wedding party included William Pulice (far left), Conrad Proulx (left of the bride).



Gino Calabretta married Sarah Michelle Marshall on October 1, 2016 at St. Monica Parish, Montreal. Gino and Sarah met at Dawson College in 2007. There was strong presence of Loyola graduates at the wedding. Matthew Chin Barns '06 and Jacob Maynard '06 were groomsmen; also present were Michael Altork '06, Rahsennenha:wi Stacey '06, Michael Santillo '07 and Marco Cavalluzzi '03.

Daniel Chammas recently began a new job as Assistant Athletic Therapist with the Montreal Alouettes.

David Tagliamonti recently earned his BSc. in Actuarial Mathematics from Concordia University. At convocation, he was awarded the Governor General's Academic Medal for being the highest-ranking undergraduate student to graduate from Concordia. In September, he will begin studies at Stanford University, where he will pursue a Master's of Computer Science with a specialization in Artificial Intelligence.

### Naz

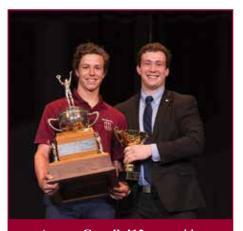
Editor's note: Naz Ruscitto retired in June, 2017. His story is on page two. Here is a nice insight by Kelly Burke.

elly Burke relates this story about his buddy Naz. "To me, Naz Ruscito epitomizes friendship. Many years ago, I was ensconced in the teachers lounge in the old school after an Ed Meagher Sports Tournament meeting. We were discussing the definition and meaning of friendship. I said to one of the venerable members of said committee that I would demonstrate what friendship is all about. I picked up the rotary phone and called Naz, who had gone home forty minutes earlier. "Naz, I'm still at the meeting, my car has broken down and I need help". Much to my chagrin, he hung up on me. We laughed it off and continued to solve the problems of the world. Thirty minutes later Naz burst back into the lounge asking, "How can I help? My car is outside". Whenever I need a definition of friendship, I simply recall this true story."

Jason Rouillier was accepted into the RCMP Training Camp, formally known as "Depot Division" as a Cadet, on January 25, 2016. As of July, Jason has graduated from the training camp and is a Police Officer. Constable Rouillier now serves the area known as Maple Ridge



and Pitt Meadows at the Ridge Meadows Detachment in British Colombia. He is recently engaged to high school sweetheart, Cristina Lebel (QAA, '11). Their wedding is set to take place in Spring 2018.



Angus Cowell '12, arguably one of the top, if not the top, wrestlers to come out of Loyola's wrestling program, returned to the school in late May, to address the athletes at Loyola's Annual Awards Night. Angus is currently attending Harvard University and is an integral part of their wrestling team. He is pictured above presenting the Sportsmanship Trophy to William Matthews '17 who stared in Football, Wrestling and Rugby. Congratulations to William and a special thanks to Angus for taking the time to share his adventures with our athletes.

### ANNUAL HOCKEY RAFFLE

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#### SEPTEMBER 2017

16th: Open House for Prospective Students
16th: Lorne White Memorial Golf Tournament
26th: Loyola Golf Tournament at Royal Montreal

#### OCTOBER 2017

3rd: Hockey Raffle Draw

6th: Class of '17 BBQ & Yearbook Pick-up

6th-7th: Alumni Reunion Weekend

#### NOVEMBER 2017

5th: Memorial Mass

#### DECEMBER 2017

2nd: NDG Food Drive (Alumni CSP)
7th: Young Alumni ('14-'17) Get-Together

#### JANUARY 2018

26th-27th: 48th Ed Meagher Sports Tournament

#### **MARCH 2018**

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**Hockey Tournament** 

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