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FROM THE PRESIDENT
FATHER JOSEPH P. TIERNEY
Dear Hayes Family,

The group of seniors reminded me the other day they have less than ten days of school left...I recalled instantaneously the day they arrived at Hayes for their orientation in September 2014. For some reason or another, I remember it was raining. It is one of the rare times we have had a rainfall on the day of orientation, but it rained on the Class of 2018's Orientation Day...and I believe it would be fitting for it to rain on June 2nd Graduation Day. Rain or shine, I will be proud of the young men of the Class of 2018 as they make their way down the aisle of the Cathedral of St. Patrick on the day of their Hayes Graduation.

We are proud of all of our graduates of Hayes, and each one is unique unto themselves. I am particularly proud as to how they have conducted themselves over the years as young students, wide-eyed and filled with fear, as they began their tenure as students of Hayes. I have witnessed them mature into the fine young men they are today, and as they prepare themselves for the next step in their journey in life, wherever it may take them. And, God willing, it will take them far.

Being proud of our young men and of what our school stands for is what can be defined as, “dignified, honored, impressive, pleasing”. We are proud of our Hayesmen when they accomplish the goals they have set forth for themselves to achieve. We are proud, honored, when a Hayesman is rewarded for his hard work and diligence in his field of work. We are proud, impressed, when our Hayesmen step up to make the world a better place for others without counting the cost. We are proud, pleased, when alumni come back to our school and speak of how they are where they are in life largely due to the experience they had while studying at Cardinal Hayes.

I cannot tell you how many young graduates from time to time, come by the school to say, “Thank you”, for what Hayes did for them. Possibly it was the dedication of a specific teacher or the challenge of a coach or the words of sound advice they received from a mentor that caused them to make their way back to 650. It is in these moments of their visit and brief conversation that makes me proud to be a part of the Hayes Community. The conversation is a brief one because they want to make sure they see ‘their’ teacher or ‘their’ coach. They are proud of where they find themselves in life and they want to share the good news of where they have been and where they are going.

We too are proud of our students, faculty, staff and alumni for what they do to make the Hayes Community such a vibrant and special place. Being Hayes Proud, we are a blessed, united, strong and caring school community. Our students wear pins of academic achievement, club participation, volunteerism and remembrance. They wear these pins proudly because they know they have worked hard and devoted hours of service to receive these medals of honor. But, they also know that the pin is just a reminder of what has been taught to them since the day of orientation, “To whom much is given, much is expected.” Wear the pin(s) proudly, but know that now there is much more expected of you.

These thoughts come to mind as we present you with the newest Hayes Magazine. We are #HayesProud and we continue to instill within our young men to be proud of who they are, what they do and who they are soon to become, Hayesmen!

Father Joseph P. Tierney, President
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Dear fellow Hayesmen,

The #HayesProud Social Media Campaign highlights three key principles that apply to all Hayesmen: Brotherhood, Transformation, and Excellence. All Hayesmen started the journey the same. Entering Cardinal Hayes was overwhelming to our young senses. The size of the school, the rules and regulations, only having two minutes to get to our classes, seemed daunting and we may have questioned our ability to adapt. But adapt we did, and we did more than adapt, we thrived. Every year as we traversed the hallowed halls of Hayes, we drew closer to something significant. With hearts filled with joy, pride and sadness we walked the center aisle of St. Patrick’s Cathedral to become forever Hayesmen. To forever be members of the fraternity that is Hayes. Looking back on our time at Hayes we recall friends, instructors, the rules and regulations, with fondness and gratitude. Gratitude for getting the intellectual and moral formation that would serve us well as we ventured into a world needing our gifts.

Brotherhood is the bonding of men of various backgrounds, beliefs, places, and eras around a singular set of life-directing principles. Our brotherhood is borne out of good will and faith.

At Hayes we learned that we are not defined by our neighborhoods, our mistakes or our group, but by a creed built on our Catholic faith. That we are all children of Almighty God who chose us first and our worth derives from this fact. This deepens our capacity to love ourselves and each other. When one is within the Brotherhood, one abides by the law of the Word. We all raise our hands when we hear the call. We are all equalized under this truth, and the supremacy of the call binds us. This is what allows us to share brotherhood with the men we graduated with, and with the legions of men who graduated decades earlier.

Transformation is a profound change in form from one stage to the next in the life history of a person. Transformations occur daily at Hayes. Through a thorough educational and moral development curriculum, a teenager is transformed into a young man who will venture out into the world and share his gifts. This Hayesman has the respect of his community and carries himself with honor. The world is transformed wherever this Hayesman finds himself. Each one of his acts of kindness, character and sacrificial love illuminates light into the darkness of mediocrity, cruelty and indifference that is sadly all too common.

Excellence is seen in the language he uses, the questions he asks, the people he surrounds himself with, and how he treats others. He pursues excellence by accepting responsibility for his mistakes, correcting them and forging ahead. He pursues excellence by having a humble spirit and remaining open to correction. He sets clear goals and works relentlessly towards them every day. At Hayes, these were the standards taught to us and the standards we were judged by, because these are the standards by which the world judges. Life is tough and Hayes prepared us for the challenge. The Hayes pursuit of excellence does not mean perfection. Rather, it is the constant pursuit of being a better man every day, for our betterment and the betterment of the world. We are Hayes Proud!

Sincerely,

Maisel Mazier ’93
Director of Alumni Relations
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He is forthright, doesn’t mince words and has a firm grasp of what needs to get done. For nearly four decades, Albert L. Salvatico ’68, Chairman of the Board, has played a prominent role in shaping the mission of Cardinal Hayes High School. The self-assured and shrewd businessman is often reluctant to be in the spotlight, but for the first time in his tenure he, has agreed to be interviewed. Salvatico, dressed in a well-tailored black suit, crisp white shirt and crimson colored tie embodied the consummate executive. When he sat down, his manner and presence began to shift from Salvatico the Chairman of the Board to Salvatico the hometown guy. He spoke with ease and reverence about the times that truly shaped the very essence of who he is as a father, grandfather, brother and undoubtedly a Hayesman.

The son of Italian immigrants, Salvatico and his three siblings grew up in a tight-knit community on Decatur Avenue in the South Bronx. His parents worked tirelessly to ensure the success of their children. Like many families of his generation, they were staunch proponents of Catholic education. So, when a teacher from P.S. 46 suggested that he attend parochial school, his parents realized it would be in his best interest. After graduating from Our Lady of Refuge School, he followed many of his neighborhood friends to Cardinal Hayes High School. At Hayes, Salvatico found that Monsignor Thomas McCormack and Father Francis Principe had a no nonsense approach to handling students. Their disciplinary tactics and strict rules steered him in the right direction, especially when he proved to be disagreeable. “When I walked through the doors at Cardinal Hayes for the first time, I was intimidated. The building was massive. There were 500 plus freshman and almost 2,400 students in total.

We set the rules. There are no exceptions to the rule. If you are not happy at any point in time take your boys out.’ When my mother left the session that was it.”

The transition to Hayes proved to be overwhelming at times. His freshman year, he failed two subjects which led him to study hall in jug. Fathers Healy, Principe, and Robertson would often reprimand him for failing exams and remind the young Salvatico how hard his parents worked to send him to Hayes. “Even when you screwed up, the priests in particular would take you aside. They paid attention to what you were doing. What I got out of Hayes was self-discipline. They taught me how to relate to the outside world and how to be a man. That was very important.”

During his time at Hayes, Salvatico learned that Catholic education would play a vital role in his emotional and intellectual development.
After graduating from Hayes, Salvatico attended Fordham University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in American History. He married and eventually had two children. In the early 1970s, Salvatico honed his business skills at the Continental Insurance Company and Marsh & McLennan, Incorporated.

At M&M, he represented major financial institutions and U.S. Corporations with professional liability insurance policies. As he worked up the corporate ladder, Salvatico spent nights earning an MBA in Accounting and Financial Control at the prestigious Stern School of Business at NYU. In 1986, he co-founded ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC. The company became the largest specialty wholesale liability broker in the country. Several years later, he expanded his successful entrepreneurial endeavors by creating Jaral Properties, Inc., a Long Island based development firm that manages mid-size hotels.

TRANSITIONS & ALLIANCES

It had been over a decade since Salvatico walked the halls of Hayes. In 1982, a phone call from Neil Sullivan ’59, would bring him back to his alma mater. Sullivan explained that he and Monsignor McCormack wanted to see him. During their meeting at Salvatico’s Wall Street office, McCormack described the challenges that the administration faced with keeping the school open. ‘Al, things have really changed since you were here. The population has turned over. Enrollment is down. The population can’t afford to send their boys to Hayes. Unless we do something dramatic we are not going to make it.’ McCormack proposed the idea of doing a fundraiser on Wall Street to help address the growing financial issues. Within that time, Monsignor McCormack was reassigned to another parish, so Father Graham stepped into his role as leader of Cardinal Hayes. In 1984, they launched their first capital campaign with Father Graham, George Carteris ’71 and John Ranieri ’72. They raised a million dollars in a year and a half. Father Graham came up with the idea of creating the Cardinal and Gold Fund as an extension of what Monsignor McCormack had started. It was at this critical turning point that Father Graham approached Salvatico about being president of the newly formed fund. “One day Father Graham came to me and said, ‘I want you to be on the board and I want you to be president.’ I said, “you know what you are asking for is trouble. You have to let me do what I need to do.” By 1989, he was officially President of The Cardinal & Gold Fund. He enlisted the help of John Duffy ’67, Kevin Meenan ’73, Mike Johnson ’75, Fred Casey ’56 and Adrian Mahoney ’52 at Merrill Lynch to establish a more cohesive board. The newly formed board was populated with experienced money managers who were well-versed in
handling the daily operations of an organization.

In 2000, the board launched the Millennium Campaign and raised $10 million. With key members in place, Salvatico knew he had a formidable team ready to handle the future of Cardinal Hayes. He became Chairman of the Board in 2010. Over the years, Salvatico has received many accolades and praise from his peers and the Hayes administration for his level of dedication and support. In the early 90s, Salvatico was inducted in the Cardinal Hayes Hall of Fame. At the Cardinal Hayes 75th Anniversary Gala, he was honored for his years of leadership and service to the Hayes community. On Saturday, June 2nd, Salvatico reached another wonderful milestone. He celebrated his 50th high school anniversary. Members of the Class of 1968 walked down the aisle of St. Patrick’s Cathedral as they did half a century ago.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Salvatico is quick to give credit to his fellow board members who helped him guide the school towards prosperity and growth. “When you look at the complexion of the board today and you look at the people on there, I will tell you that there are corporations who don’t have a board like we have. They are spectacular people. They are committed people and it has been eight years later and we’ve accomplished amazing things and worked effectively. I can’t take credit for that.”

Another member of the administration whom Salvatico has admired is Principal Bill Lessa. “Bill’s 46 years of service has been absolutely incredible.” Salvatico emphasized that Hayes is blessed with an extraordinary array of successful alumni. As he looks to the future, he is interested in seeing a deeper level of involvement from younger alumni. “I would like to see more engagement from recent generations of Hayesmen. Someone gave them a hand up, and as I look at it, someone gave me a hand up. Now they have to give a hand up. I understand there are challenges both familial and economic. I am hoping as these boys mature and become economically more self-sufficient that they remember where they came from and say, ‘Let me help that young man.’

Salvatico has a great deal to be proud of. Under his leadership, the proud Hayes legacy is firmly intact. The values that are part of the Hayes ethos continue to produce some of the best and brightest students 77 years later. Salvatico has demonstrated that service, honor and brotherhood are the discernible traits of a true Hayesmen.
Social media is the ubiquitous communication tool that plays an essential role in our daily lives. Whether it's fashion, music, politics and anything in between, its impact is undeniable. With over 2 billion users worldwide, it has become a pathway to entrepreneurship for those who seek to create new opportunities. Thirty-two-year-old Diego León '04 has found success as one of the many young voices on social media through his lifestyle blog Dandy In The Bronx.
DANDY IN THE BRONX

DIEGO LEÓN '04
It's not all about fame and bright lights, León is adamant about giving back. He prominently showcases local eateries and hot spots that are adding a hip new flair to various parts of the Bronx. Recently, he was a guest speaker at Cardinal Hayes’ Career Day where he talked to students about his career and how they can help shape their personal narrative through social media.
For León, it was a leap of faith that helped him venture out and explore these new possibilities. During his time as a preschool teacher, León started posting images of himself in well-tailored suits and shared grooming tips with his followers on Instagram. The online community was extremely receptive to his posts which captured his debonair brand of refinement with an edge. These posts caught the eye of a menswear company and a new career was born. León enrolled at General Assembly, a digital marketing training school in New York City, where he learned the intricacies of being a social marketer, how to create an effective business plan and building vital analytical skills. In 2014, the Bronx native left his teaching job to pursue his blog full-time. “I wanted to pursue this and see where else this can take me because I realized that there were many opportunities that can come from this.”

One key experience that helped influence León’s personal style was his time at Cardinal Hayes. “I think that wearing a uniform at Hayes taught me that proper attire speaks volumes about your character and who you are. If you present yourself in a business suit cleaned up and well-shaven, people will treat you with high regard. When you wear an outfit ready for business it puts you in a professional mindset. If I wear a suit everything that I do will be ten times better. My confidence level will increase.”

As a key influencer, León was featured in a New York Times article entitled “The Rebranding of the Bronx.” He and other millennial trendsetters talked about their roles in helping to transform the borough into an artistic and social hub. After just four years in the social media realm, top retailers like Amazon, Timberland, and Phantom Thread are seeking his expertise as a digital marketer. This year the Bronx native was among the elite of haute couture at New York City’s Fashion Week where he chronicled the latest spring collections.

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Diego León
Hayes Alumnus
THE MEMORY PROJECT

Hayes students, Wanderlei & Andersson Sanchez create a portrait of Syrian Child

BY JACKINA FARSHTEY

According to UNICEF-USA, “nearly 250 million children live in areas affected by prolonged violent conflict.” In the past several years, Syria is one of the countries deeply ravaged by civil war leaving children and their families displaced.

Two Cardinal Hayes seniors are doing their part to help these children have a different outlook of themselves and the world around them. Wanderlei and Andersson Sanchez collaborated with the Memory Project, a nonprofit that invites art students to create pictures of children in developing nations who are experiencing social and economic challenges.

Wanderlei and Andersson, who happen to be brothers were excited to be part of such an amazing project. They were assigned to sketch the photo of a 12-year-old Syrian girl named Nadia who lives in a refugee camp in Jordan. Wanderlei felt a certain sense of pride when he was chosen. “I was truly honored. I felt that I was helping Nadia see herself in a different light. I wanted her to have a hopeful vision of herself and the future despite her surroundings.”

The project came to their attention when their art teacher, Mr. Danny Torres, received an email from The Memory Project asking teachers and students to join their efforts. Torres immediately thought of the two brothers because of their artistic skills. Wanderlei was eager to use his talents to help. “When Mr. Torres told us about Nadia, it was an opportunity that I could not turn down. I wanted to do something special for Nadia given her circumstances. It was important to me that she has an image of herself that she can cherish for years to come. This experience not only made me a better artist but I also developed an emotional connection with what she was going through. It is my hope that the portrait brings a smile to Nadia’s face.”

Ben Schumaker, founder of The Memory Project (TMP) was inspired to create the nonprofit in 2004 after a trip to a Guatemalan orphanage. “I was taking photos of the kids and I happened to have a conversation with a man at the orphanage and he made the passing comment that you should have photos printed for the kids. That set in motion the idea to go one step further to have portraits created as a special gift.”

Schumaker and his staff are incredibly grateful for the support that they’ve received and the continuous impact the photographs have on the children. “The photos and the portraits are really helpful to the kids in terms of stepping outside of themselves and their situation. Perhaps the situation they are in right now is not the main story of their lives but part of the story. To have these images will definitely aid the children in self-reflection and hopefully provide a little inspiration and hope in thinking that kids on the other side of the world are even aware of what’s happening and that they are not alone. There are people who truly care about them.”

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MEMORY PROJECT LOG ONTO WWW.MEMORYPROJECT.ORG

IN APRIL, A STAFF MEMBER FROM THE MEMORY PROJECT HAND DELIVERED THE PORTRAITS TO NADIA AND THE CHILDREN AT THE REFUGEE CAMP. TO SEE THE VIDEO OF THE CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR PORTRAITS GO TO HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARDINALHAYESHS/VIDEOS/10155609160939366/
If you haven’t seen Tim Pak conduct an orchestra you are truly missing out on a wonderful treat. With one hypnotic hand gesture, Pak sends his students into stirring renditions of some of the most iconic musical scores.
Whether it’s Henry Mancini’s “Pink Panther” or Lalo Schifrin’s theme song to “Mission Impossible,” he always leaves the audience spellbound. Pak who is a mentor to many of his students, brings a youthful zest to life that is infectious to all who cross his path.

“What I value the most is the fact that I can impact the students’ lives and help them make memorable moments during their lifetime.”

Since 2010, Pak has been bringing his eclectic musical style to the students at Hayes. His degree from Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music prepared him with a wealth of knowledge to lead students in the jazz band and orchestra.

Over the years, he has seen many facets of his students, but one event truly struck an emotional chord. “Two years ago one of my classes was filled with seniors and juniors; they noticed I was very tired and unhappy. They decided before playing music that they would shout out a team chant for me in order to lift my spirits and help me feel better. I will never forget the love and appreciation that that the students showed me that day.” It is this unwavering support that helps Pak enjoy his life’s work. “I became a teacher to work with the younger generation to help them pursue and achieve their dreams.”

Aside from his passion for teaching, Pak enjoys playing the saxophone and is a fitness enthusiast. You could find him at the gym pumping iron and unleashing his inner athlete. He is also known for his great sense of humor which comes in handy when dealing with the unpredictable nature of the teenage mind. If that isn’t enough his voice impressions of a certain “Dean of Discipline” keeps everyone in stitches!
At 17-years-old, Toyloy Brown, III already has an impressive writing portfolio. In the past year, Brown has bylines on HayesAthletics.org and the Cardinal Hayes High School newspaper, The Challenger. His affinity for writing developed in junior high school. “English was my favorite subject at Our Lady of Nativity School. I wrote a short story for class and after the teacher graded my work she complemented me on how well it was written.”

At Hayes, he developed his writing and landed a sportswriter position for the school’s athletics website. He has covered several games including the legendary Turkey Bowl game against Mount St. Michael.

Last summer, Brown was given a unique opportunity. He was asked to report from Shoo Stadium at a Hayes softball event at Old Field. As an avid sports fan, this was the perfect chance to really expand his writing and interviewing skills. The experience gave him the impetus to pursue more writing opportunities. Brown counts Daniel Torres ’84, veteran teacher and freelance sports journalist who has contributed to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, N.Y. Mets, and Latino Sportscast as a mentor. “Mr. Torres was instrumental in helping me get started writing sports stories at Cardinal Hayes. At a parent teacher meeting, he talked in my mom about my interest in sports writing and it took off from there. Torres is proud to see Brown taking the initiative to expand his sports journalism career and hopes that he continues to strive higher. “In two years of writing for HayesAthletics.org, his writing has grown exponentially. I must credit his supportive parents who have guided their son towards reaching his ultimate goal to work in the sports industry. As with anyone, Toyloy’s future is strictly in his hands and those hands can obviously write. In college, I hope he can find the right person who can be instrumental in his journalistic endeavors. I believe Hayes was able to set a foundation and now it’s up to him to grow and build a better future.” As a senior, Brown holds a full course load and is a member of the elite President’s List. He also acknowledges that Cardinal Hayes is proud to see Brown taking the initiative to expand his sports journalism career and hopes that he continues to strive higher. “In two years of writing for HayesAthletics.org, his writing has grown exponentially. I must credit his supportive parents who have guided their son towards reaching his ultimate goal to work in the sports industry. As with anyone, Toyloy’s future is strictly in his hands and those hands can obviously write. In college, I hope he can find the right person who can be instrumental in his journalistic endeavors. I believe Hayes was able to set a foundation and now it’s up to him to grow and build a better future.”

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As a senior, Brown holds a full course load and is a member of the elite President’s Men. He also acknowledges that Cardinal Hayes played a major role in his success. “Hayes has given me exposure and challenged me, so I had to push myself to the limit and take full advantage of the opportunities.” Most recently, he added yet another impressive title to his resume. Brown is a columnist for YC Teen, a Manhattan based newspaper where teens write about various social issues. “At YC Teen I have the opportunity to write on a grander scale. My main focus is to always do the appropriate research and be responsible with my words.”

In the fall of 2018, Brown will attend Syracuse University where he would like to pursue a degree in sports journalism.
LEADER OF THE PAC

BY JACKINA FARSHTEY
WHEN YOU THINK OF A PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BOARD THE IMAGE OF BAKE SALES AND RAFFLES OFTEN COME TO MIND, BUT FOR MARIA CORREA, PRESIDENT OF THE CARDINAL HAYES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) IT IS TRULY A LABOR OF LOVE.

DEEP CONNECTIONS

Correa and her trusted team of parents see their roles as advocates for Hayes families. The members of PAC can often be seen at sports rallies cheering on students to victory, conducting informational sessions to help parents navigate the academic structure or showing their support at community events.

Correa’s affection for Cardinal Hayes runs deep. When it came time for her sons Joshua and Jeremy to choose a high school, Hayes was her first and only choice. “My family knew of Hayes’ longstanding reputation and presence in the community. Hayes had a tradition of academic excellence and discipline which is much needed during those formative years.”

As a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Correa has strong ties to the Bronx and values the relationships that she formed throughout her tenure. It is that bond and dedication that got her elected for two consecutive terms (2015-2017) as President. “When I came to the first PAC meeting in the fall of 2014, I was excited and curious. I really wanted to be informed and wanted to participate as a parent. It was great to see not just Moms but see Dads as well. It was clear that there is a strong structure in place that was grounded in the community. I immediately started looking into how I could take on a leadership role.” For Correa, her success is a direct result of her supportive committee members whom she affectionately refers to as her PAC Family. “It’s like breaking bread with family. As parents, we are truly invested in our children. PAC represents Hayes at school-wide events such as homecoming, the annual Christmas Concert, basketball games, open-houses and orientation. We are in it for the same reason.” Correa also credits the Hayes administration and staff for creating a strong culture of support that gives parents the tools to help their children succeed.

This next year will be bittersweet for the mom of two, Joshua, her eldest son will be graduating from Hayes in the spring of 2018 and Jeremy will follow suit in 2019. As Correa prepares to leave her post, she cherishes the friendships and time she has devoted to helping parents. “This experience has been a focal point in my life. It felt humbling to be elected to two consecutive terms. It’s like validation that I am doing a good job. We work hard in establishing a good rapport with the parents. It’s meaningful and impactful work.” Correa’s advice for her successor comes from the heart. “Don’t look at it as work. Your dedication must come from within. Although it can be a juggling act, try to strike a balance. It’s about engaging parents and creating a sense of community.”

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President of the Cardinal Hayes High School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
“CLAUDE EXEMPLIFIES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A STUDENT-ATHLETE. HIS WORK ETHIC IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE FIELD IS UNMATCHED.”

Coach CJ O’Neil
Claude Watford is ranked fifth in his senior class, a star varsity football player and a member of the elite President’s Men. Watford is clearly a young man who is going places. It is his humble yet poised personality that is garnering attention from his teachers and members of the Cardinal Hayes administration. It was no surprise that his Coach CJ O’Neil hand selected Watford as the first recipient of the News 12 Scholar Athlete Award. “Claude exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete. His work ethic in the classroom and on the field is unmatched. When you see a kid like Claude come through it’s refreshing to the soul. To see a kid who really gets it and has some God given gifts and using it to the best of his potential is truly inspiring.”

Watford’s upbringing also played a strong role in his success. The support and guidance that he received from his parents provided him with a solid academic structure. “My parents have done a good job raising me. My mom would help me study and teach me new methods. My father always taught me how to be a man and develop good business skills. They both gave me a great foundation collectively. As I got older, they helped me see things from different perspectives.”

Those techniques helped me back then and continue to help me now. As a result, this strengthened my friendship with my classmates. The experience taught me how important it is to help others.”

The nomination surprised the 17-year-old at first, but he was pleased to know that he is so highly regarded. “It was exciting to get this kind of recognition. To be known for being a good student and athlete was truly an honor.” Watford’s ascent to the top of his class didn’t happen overnight. When he first came to Hayes he was a self-proclaimed introvert. That quickly changed when he began interacting with his fellow Hayesmen. “During my freshman year, we struggled in the Composition Honors class with Mr. Lameiro. We were getting high grades in every other class, so we wondered why things were not going well. My classmates and I developed a plan to help each other study. It involved a system of text messages, quizzing each other and a strong study group.

They both worked hard to help me become the young man I am today. This gives me motivation to go out and try new things and push myself. I give a lot of the credit to my parents.”

As part of the News 12 Scholar Athlete Award, Watford was featured on a news segment highlighting his stellar achievements. The competition requires that candidates possess high standardized test scores and a strong focus on leadership skills and service to others. In June, the program will culminate with the selection of three students who will receive a $1,000 scholarship check. Watford is excited about a promising future and looks forward to great opportunities ahead. “My goal is to be successful in life. I want to get into a good college, major in business management and eventually run my own business. I want to work hard now, so I can be where I want to be later.”
When Bill McLaughlin ’54 read an article about The Academy Program in the spring 2017 edition of the Cardinal Hayes High Alumni Magazine, he was instantly compelled to help by giving a generous gift. The Academy Program was created in 2012 to support students with learning disabilities. McLaughlin recalled a time when his 8-year-old son dealt with similar academic challenges. Through tutoring and a variety of support services, his son eventually graduated from Virginia Tech, received his MBA from the University of Florida and is now enjoying a successful career as an IT Manager at Kimberly Clark. McLaughlin saw his contribution to the program as a way to pay it forward, and to recognize an institution that prepared him for the rigors of life.

McLaughlin grew up in a devoutly religious household where his parents were adamant about giving him and his siblings the best education possible. “I was one of six kids. My father was an immigrant from Donegal, Ireland and my mother was from Kerry, Ireland. For my parents the Church was a big motivator in our daily lives.”

McLaughlin attended St. Angela Merici School and came to Cardinal Hayes in the fall of 1950. He spent a year at OLGC (Our Lady of Good Counsel), one of Hayes’ annexes on 91st Street and Second Avenue. By his sophomore year, he started attending school at the Grand Concourse location. McLaughlin expressed his lack of interest in school and often saw himself as a reluctant student. Despite his lukewarm approach to his studies,
there were two teachers who had a lasting impression on him: Brother Alois at OLGC and Father Jablonski, Dean of Discipline. “They were all strict. You didn’t fool around at Hayes. If you got in trouble with Jablonski bring your mother and then you were out. If you were being a knuckle head or a wise guy you were disciplined. What I got out of Hayes truly helped me throughout my life.”

The year of his graduation, McLaughlin enlisted in the Marine Corps. “I went to the recruitment booth at 161st Street and Third Avenue and took the test. I got an 80 out of 80. The guy at the booth called up Whitehall Street, which was the enlistment headquarters, to inform them about my perfect score. Evidently, people didn’t do very well on this test. I attribute this achievement to the type of education I received at Hayes. They pumped the education into you whether you wanted it or not.”

Once he left the Marine Corps, he joined the New York City Fire Department. During that time, he returned to school and received his bachelor’s degree in sociology at the City University of New York and followed with a graduate degree from Columbia University. While at the fire department, McLaughlin rose through the ranks from Battalion Chief to First Deputy Commissioner. McLaughlin also added inventor to his already impressive resume by inventing the K-tool. The device is used for forcible entry by many fire departments. He received a patent in 1971. Due to the success of K-tool, McLaughlin started his own company where he continues to design various devices.

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— Bill McLaughlin ’54

GIVING BACK
In December 2017, McLaughlin traveled from his home in Florida to visit the Cardinal Hayes students from The Academy Program and Sue Fraleigh, Director of Special Services for The Academy Program. He was so impressed that he made several sizeable gifts to improve teaching methods and learning outcomes. The students also received laptops as early Christmas gifts. McLaughlin revealed that his philanthropic efforts was also inspired by his close friend, the late Fire Chief Augustus “Gus” Beekman. As an orphan, Beekman endured a tough life. He overcame the odds and became the second African-American Commissioner in the New York City Fire Department’s history. “He was the finest man I ever met in my life. He was my mentor and friend. I always counted him next to my father as the best man I ever met. So, I have a debt to him as an African-American man. It is time to pay up and help some of these kids. Through him I am helping these students succeed.”
DIVERSITY
IN MEDICINE
BY JACKINA FARSHTIEY
There is a growing concern in the medical community about the lack of African-American male doctors and doctors of color in the medical profession. A 2015 study entitled Altering the Course: Black Males in Medicine released by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) highlights key factors that contributed to the decline in medical school applications among black males. The study cites there were 542 black male matriculated medical students in 1978 but by 2014 that number dwindled to 515. According to AAMC, some of the major drivers in this downward trend include disparities in academic opportunities during K-12 years, a lack of financial resources, the scarcity of mentors and public perceptions of young men of color.

Dr. Robert Plummer ’74, M.D., FACS,PC, a Laparoscopic Surgeon & member of the Mentoring in Medicine Program

Physicians of color have an obligation to be visible in the inner cities. They must make themselves accessible to giving back to some degree.

Plummer went on to teach at New York Medical College and Lincoln Hospital and held positions at Montefiore Medical Center Department of Surgery and Einstein Medical Center. Throughout his over three decades long career, Plummer found that representation is a central component in helping young people envision the possibilities. “The earlier you expose students to the medical profession, the earlier they will grasp the concept. When you instill that type of dream into a child, it will eventually stick. As they become adults they see that this is a tangible goal. When you start mentoring to young people it builds confidence.”

In an effort to help students and parents navigate the challenging path to medical school, Lynne Holden, M.D., an Emergency Medicine physician at Montefiore Medical Center created the Mentoring in Medicine (MIM) program. With the skill and expertise of her colleagues Dr. Robert Plummer, Dr. Mary Badillo M.D., and Dr. Raj Krishnan M.D., the program has experienced tremendous success. Over 50,000 educators, students and parents have benefited from the program. In addition, MIM has garnered media attention from notable press outlets like The New York Times, CNN’s The Chart Blog by Dr. Sanjay Gupta and The National Institute of Health Medline Plus.

As President and Executive Director of MIM, Holden and her team are helping to address the disparities among applicants of color. During her own journey in the medical field, Holden went through six summer programs that allowed her to do research, volunteer and network with high-ranking members in the medical community. Holden wanted to bring the same type of resources through an all-inclusive program. “Mentoring Medicine was founded to provide that continuity for students and it morphed into providing continuity for summer experiences. We realized that students needed year round experiences and they needed to be immersed because the competition for medical school is stiff. We also started a parent network so we can hit all the touch points so that the students understand that being a medical professional is serious work.”

Since 2010, MIM has been an integral part of the Cardinal Hayes afterschool programs. MIM has hosted a series of interactive workshops with health professionals from Montefiore Medical Center and around the city.
Holden believes that these sessions allow students the freedom to be inquisitive and learn more about what the medical profession has to offer. “I am very dedicated to brown males. I think that males need special grooming. If they have male role models like Dr. Plummer and medical students like Eric Acosta ’12 who are around them, they see that students are progressing to the next level that will allow them to envision their “future” selves. I help the students to understand that the journey is difficult, but not impossible. Others have achieved it successfully—and you are very much needed!”

Dr. Caitlin Hoffman, M.D., Pediatric Neurosurgeon at Weill Cornell Medical Center is a huge supporter of promoting diversity in the medical profession. Last summer, Hoffman invited a group of students from Cardinal Hayes and Mount Saint Michael as part of the Weill Cornell Medicine Brain and Spine Center’s focus on diversity in medicine. The students had the opportunity to use an actual endoscope, a tool that surgeons use to perform minimally invasive brain surgery. Hoffman was excited to see the level of enthusiasm and fascination among the students. “I can’t tell you how many times I would listen to chatter among the kids about how they were blown away that this was a discipline and a job. These experiences allow a level of excitement and curiosity to come through for the students.”

Hoffman believes that the way to address these disparities requires a multi-pronged approach. “We must work from the top by directing more financial resources to programs in urban areas. We must also work from the bottom up to start at an early age as part of the educational process. Mentoring is essential and there must be an effort to start educating faculty, staff and administrators about incorporating these key initiatives.”

Dr. Caitlin Hoffman, M.D.

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THE NEXT GENERATION

Eric Acosta ’12 knows how important role models have been to him throughout his life. As a member of MIM, Acosta found the program transformative. “Hayes was the first step of my medical journey. It was in the tenth grade when I joined Mentoring in Medicine as a student. I fell in love with the program. I took it when I went to Canisius College in Buffalo. After I graduated from college, I came back and rejoined MIM immediately and the first thing that I ask to do was to teach at Cardinal Hayes. I currently teach at 12-13 other schools and I am the in-school coordinator for the program.” Acosta believes that having role models of color is vital in attracting more applicants of color to the field. Initially, he planned on applying to the physician assistant program, but Dr. Holden and Dr. Mary Badillo, a member of MIM and an Emergency Medicine physician at Montefiore Medical Center encouraged him to pursue his medical aspirations. The other aspect that Acosta found to be a major hurdle is the imposter syndrome, the idea of believing that you don’t belong.

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MY ENTIRE LIFE I GREW UP, I NEVER HAD A HISPANIC DOCTOR OR AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DOCTOR. NO ONE I LIVED AROUND WAS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. I AM THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY TO ENTER INTO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. THE IMPOSTER SYNDROME IS JUST THAT YOU DON’T REALIZE YOU CAN DO THIS BECAUSE YOU DON’T SEE ANYONE THAT YOU CAN STRIVE TO BE LIKE. THAT IS WHY MENTORING IN MEDICINE IS SO HUGE FOR ME.

Eric Acosta ’12

Hispanic doctor or an African-American doctor. No one I lived around was in the medical field. I am the first person in my family to enter into the medical profession. The imposter syndrome is just that you don’t realize you can do this because you don’t see anyone that you can strive to be like. That is why Mentoring in Medicine is so huge for me.” The head of the program is a black doctor, my role model my first year at MIM was Dr. Mary Badillo whose Francis Badillo’s ’83 sister(Director of Student Services at Cardinal Hayes). She became my biggest role model. The role models started coming into my life and I believed that I could do it.”

Through his work with MIM Acosta is prepared to inspire future generations of doctors. This fall, Acosta’s dream is closer to becoming a reality. He will begin his first year at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. He plans to specialize in emergency medicine.

Left to right: Dr. Mary Badillo, Dr. Raj Krishnan, Mr. Andrew Morrison, Chief Operating Officer of MIM, Dr. Lynne Holden, Eric Acosta and Mr. Richard McCalla, MIM Moderator at Cardinal Hayes

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John Amirante ’53

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend Mr. John Amirante. Throughout his four decade long singing career, Amirante dazzled audiences with his renditions of the “Star Spangled Banner” and “Gold Bless America” at New York Rangers games. He was featured on numerous television programs including The David Letterman Show. Amirante was also a devoted member of the Hayes alumni community. We were blessed to have him in our lives. May he rest in peace.
JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN ’51
I still love Cardinal Hayes HS. I was captain of the track team in 1951 under Coach Howie Borck. I am more attached to Hayes than Fordham University (1956).

EDWARD HICK ’51
Still Active at 84. Retired Fed employee. Hope to be here for at least 5 years.

PHILIP A. GRIFFITH ’52
Best wishes to Bill Shea, Roger Musetti, Walter Eunther, Walter Scannel and Joseph Jaick.

JOHN J. BOLAND ’54
Carol and I welcomed our first great granddaughter Nora in 2018. Beat The Mount!

THOMAS E. DEVINE ’55
I cherish the memories of the beautiful Christmas music we had at the program in the auditorium with the Hayes Band before the Christmas vacation.

JOHN MEDICI ’55
Author of “Pleasant Avenue: A Place, A Boy and A Family An Italian American Story.”

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On May 18, 2017, I received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Workers Compensation Bar Association.

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Retired from IBM. Married 55 years. Four children and 8 grandchildren.

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Enjoying retirement with my wife of 56 years and my 9 grandchildren. Wishing the best to all Hayesmen.

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Keep up the good work!

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Still working in my inventory business and teaching accounting and business at two universities. Recovering from cancer surgery—prayers welcome.

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Hello to all the members of Bridgedoon (1962). Married.

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Retirement continues to offer wonderful opportunities for travel, guitar playing and wine tasting—not necessarily in that order!

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