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From The Desk Of The President...

Dear Friends,

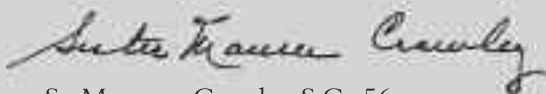
When I wrote this letter last year, I was celebrating the 150th Anniversary Year of the Sisters of Charity. It was such a glorious time that I had my doubts it could be surpassed, but then, as usual, this 86 year old institution called Immaculate Conception High School rose to the occasion and 2010-2011 was another wonderful year.

As you read the pages of this magazine, share with me the accomplishments of our students and give yourselves a pat on the back because it could not have happened without your help! The response to the annual appeal was as generous as one could expect in this year of continued economic struggle. And, when we shared the financial problems we were experiencing here at ICHS, again you opened your hearts in response to our appeal.

So here we are looking forward to whatever this new school year brings, confident in our faculty and staff, our students, our parents and our Board of Trustees as together we face the challenges ahead. Since the "Open Hearts" appeal, we have embarked on a Strategic Planning Initiative which involves individuals from all constituencies of the school. The assessment committees are looking closely at thirteen areas and goals are emerging. Just to give you some idea of what is rising to the surface, I will share three very important ideas that have been identified as essential; to achieve financial stability with emphasis on increased enrollment, to diversify the dynamic of the student body, and to update the technology. We know it's not going to be easy, but we know it's necessary and we have faith in our belief that providence can, did and will provide.

With your continued help and prayers, we will be successful in our plans, achieve our goals and continue forward to an even brighter future. God Bless You

In Mary Immaculate,



Sr. Maureen Crowley, S.C. 56

2011 50/50 Raffle Winners

Sister Maureen Crowley hands a \$17,500 check to the first prize winner, **John Bierne**, who purchased the winning ticket from Board member Michael D'Anton. The second prize was \$10,500 and went to **Patricia & Charles Holden** sold by Board member **James Lott, Jr. '81** and **Chris Sutherland** of Jack's Store received \$7,000 from a ticket sold by **Patrick Dyer '68**.

Watch your January mail for 2012 50/50 Raffle Tickets— Drawing date will be May 23, 2012



ICHS marks 82nd Graduation

The Class of 2011 marked the 82nd graduation at Immaculate Conception High School on Sunday, June 5, at Immaculate Conception Church.

Valedictorian **Kevin Alvarez** quoted Taoist philosopher, Lao Tzu who said “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Kevin told his classmates, “This graduation is the single step that we will take towards that thousand mile journey into the real world, so seize the day and make sure the next single step truly counts.”



Board President **Gary Stetz '80** was next at the podium to announce, “It says a lot about a school when each graduating year, the administration only has to look to its own faculty to select someone worthy of The Reverend Monsignor Edward M. Farrell Distinguished Educator Award for Dedication and Service to the Immaculate Family. Today’s choice, **Duke Daniel**, has been a teacher for thirty-seven years, twenty-three serving Immaculate. He is a quiet man, but a demanding teacher of chemistry and math. As Department Chair, he shares and encourages his love of science. As a teacher, he avidly seeks professional development in all areas of math and science education. It seems appropriate that he has taken on the responsibility for the entire Awards Ceremony preparation for each year’s graduates and underclassmen. Duke received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kerala University in India and taught for many years in Nigeria.”

Following the announcement of honors, President **Sister Maureen Crowley, S.C.**, and Principal **Jo Ann Degnan**, distributed the diplomas, Vice-Principal **Patrick Dyer** introduced **Sister Kathleen Quigley**, who continued the Immaculate tradition of having an alumna or alumnus as the graduation speaker. Sister Kathy '63 was named the female student “who did the most for IC” as a result of the many activities which filled her four years at IC. She went to the College of St. Elizabeth, earned her B.S. in biology, and then on to a Masters from St. Mary’s College in Winona, Minnesota. She also has an M.A. in Ministry from University of Vermont, Goddard College and is a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Direction from the Graduate Theological Foundation, Indiana.

From 1975 to 1980, she taught biology, religion and chorus at ICHS, was Student Council moderator and co-directed two musical productions. Taking a teaching break, she served in pastoral and rural ministry at St. Helen Catholic Church in Mississippi for nineteen years. Music ministry has always been a part of her adult life and she has composed and produced eight CDs in the genre of contemporary Christian music.

She congratulated the Class of 2011, reminding them of the school’s long history dating back to 1925, and welcomed them into the IC “PRIDE” community. Taking special notice of the song “I Believe I Can Fly,” that was to be sung following her speech; Sister Kathy talked about their choice of music that she also enjoyed, and its place in their lives.



Sister Kathy '63

Before the closing by **Father Joseph Scarangella**, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Sister Maureen recognized the members of the Class of 1961 who were celebrating their 50th reunion. The group had come to Mass earlier followed by lunch and a tour of their alma mater, then some returned to the church to share in the graduation ceremony.

In closing, Salutatorian **Elias Peralta** shared a prayer with his class and the final blessing was offered by **Father Frank Burla**.



Elias Peralta

The Class of 2011 received over \$4,000,000 in grants and scholarships.

They are:

Gardy Alexandre
 Hamadi Alston
 Kevin Alvernaz***
 Da'vi Austin
 Alyssa Badillo
 India Barnes*
 Benjamin Brantley*
 Jazmine Bridges*
 Anthony Bunn
 Rick Butler
 Mitchell Carson
 Sabrina Clayton**
 Saadiquah Cobbs
 Kiara Colon
 Jerry Colon
 Stephen DeWitt
 Andrew Dunbar
 Jim Kelly Duroseau
 Eric Eljazouli
 Kesi Gittens-Penny**
 Lynaisha Green*
 Henze Gustave*

Kiera Holmes
 Shantelle James*
 Lauren Jones*
 Devoy King
 Jonas Larbi
 Ashley Martinez
 Alyssa Moscova
 Jennifer Nkenke*
 Christopher Noziere
 Brandon Onyiuke
 Davynte Pannell**
 Elias Peralta**
 Willy Polanco*
 Cassandra Reynolds
 Caleb Rosier
 Dominique Schultz
 Karra Taylor
 Jewel Tewiah**
 Ayahna Turner
 Joshua Vernazza**
 Brielle Wanamaker*
 Diante Webb*

Aziz Woltz
 *Honors
 **High Honors
 ***Highest Honors



Duke Daniel, Distinguished Educator Award Recipient

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Kevin Alvernaz
 India Barnes
 Jazmine Bridges
 Sabrina Clayton
 Kesi Gittens Penny
 Lynaisha Green
 Elias Peralta
 Jewel Tewiah
 Joshua Vernazza
 Brielle Wanamaker
 Alyssa Badillo
 Benjamin Brantley
 Henze Gustave
 Shantelle James
 Jennifer Nkenke
 Davynte Pannell
 Willy Polanco

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Kevin Alvernaz
 Benjamin Brantley
 Sabrina Clayton
 Kesi Gittens Penny
 Davynte Pannell
 Jewel Tewiah
 Brielle Wanamaker

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

National Football Foundation
 Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete –
Henze Gustave

Essex County Athletic
 Directors' Assn Scholar Athlete
 – **India Barnes** (*Fairleigh Dickinson*)

Men of Essex award for
 achievements both on the
 athletic field and in the
 classroom to **Davynte Pannell** (*Howard University*)

Members of the 50th Reunion Class of 1961



Caption for Class of 1961 – Front Sr. Ann Fay, S.C., Sr. Carol Williams, S.C., Mary Ann McMahon Whiteman, Carol Desmond. Back row. Ed Gaffney, Wellington Brown, Bob Brennan, Frank Desmond.

In the IC tradition, Salutatorian **Elias Peralta** (*Monmouth Univ*) addressed his classmates on this special evening. He said “We few, we happy few, we band of classmates, have united and exceeded the expectation of the faculty and ourselves. No doubt our presence and success will always be remembered at IC by both students and faculty. Our high school years will forever remain behind us now but the future is bright, we just have to approach it with optimism.”

Elias was also the speaker at the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children dinner, which gave him assistance and allowed him to attend ICHS. He told everyone that he saw himself as an example of what that support could mean to a student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Henze Gustave received the Dr. Paul J. Alessi '70 Scholarship given to a male student who, in Dr. Alessi's words, has striven during his years at ICHS “to do his very best.”

Elias Peralta received The James C. McGlynn Scholarship given to a deserving senior planning to attend a four-year accredited college and who demonstrated scholastic ability, desire, integrity and financial need. Mrs. Wilma McGlynn, now deceased, was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church who established this scholarship in memory of her husband.

Shantelle James and Jewel Tewiah (*Seton Hall Univ*) received the John A. and Winnifred F. Van Wynen four-year renewable scholarship established in 1990 under a trust agreement to provide income for scholarships to assist worthy young ICHS students to attend an accredited college or trade school of their choice.

Dominique Schultz (*College of Saint Elizabeth*) received the Robert Santana Charitable Gift Award given by Marie Santana of The Christian Community at The Shrine of St. Joseph, in honor of her husband, a four-year renewable scholarship to a student who demonstrates leadership and who has given consistent service in a leadership role.

Karra Taylor (*College of Saint Elizabeth*) received a Montclair Women's Club scholarship.

Kevin Alvernaz (*New Jersey Institute of Technology*) received the Montclair Lions Club Scholarship, Albert Shanker Scholarship Award from the Newark Teachers Union, the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship and the Evelyn Tracey '62 Math Award.

FACULTY CHOICE AWARDS

Elias Peralta was chosen by the administration and faculty as the “Senior of the Year.” This award, established in 1981 by the Parent Teacher Guild, recognizes a student who excelled in academics while being notably generous and friendly and exhibiting a real love for Immaculate.

Sabrina Clayton (*Montclair State College/UMDNJ*) received The Catholic Daughters of America, Court Unitas #499, Msgr. Farrell Award, given to a senior girl who exemplifies Christian principles in her every day interactions with faculty and classmates.

Christopher Noziere (*St. Peter's College*) received The Catholic Daughters of America Rev. John E. McCarthy Award given to a senior boy who exemplifies Christian principles in his every day interactions with faculty and classmates.

Shantelle James (*College of St. Elizabeth*) received the Rosary Altar Society Award given to a senior girl who represents the typical IC graduate; a gracious person, proud of the traditions and spirit of IC.

Henze Gustave (*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ*) received The James McMahon Leadership Award presented to a senior in a leadership position who conscientiously fulfilled the responsibility of that position and given evidence of integrity, initiative and loyalty.

Jazmine Bridges (*William Paterson Univ*) received the Principal's Award presented to a senior who has been active in school activities, demonstrated a willingness to assist others in working on both school and class projects, and who possesses the qualities of generosity and perseverance. Jazmine also received a scholarship from the Montclair Women's Club.

Joshua Vernazza (*Grinnell College*) received the Vice Principal's award instituted to honor a senior who, through reliability, friendliness and dedication benefited the entire ICHS community.

Brielle Wanamaker (*Monmouth University*) received the President's Award for a senior who has been active in school activities, demonstrated a willingness to assist others in working on both school and class projects, and who possesses the qualities of generosity and perseverance.

Da'vi Austin (*Lewis & Clark Community*), Rick Butler (*Union County College*) and Andrew Dunbar (*Johnson & Wales Univ*) received the Faculty Incentive Awards given to graduating seniors who, in the judgment of his/her teachers has matured academically and emotionally during four years of high school by struggling daily to see hardships as challenges.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF HALL OF FAME DINNERS!

Board President **Gary Stetz '80** introduced Mr. IC, **Anthony Bunn**, who introduced fellow seniors, Miss Immaculate, **Jennifer Nkenke**, Student Council President **Dominique Schultz**, **Sabrina Clayton** and **Elias Peralta**. They led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and were a welcome presence throughout the evening.

Patrick Dyer '68 began the presentation introducing **Anne Lauterhahn-Brown, '98**, the fifth Lauterhahn of six to attend IC. She was 1st Team Basketball Colonial Hills All Conference all four years, 1998 Colonial Hills Player of the Year and 3rd Team All Essex junior year and 2nd Team All Essex senior year. A "1000 point scorer" junior year, she ended with a total of 1,784 points. Senior captain, she was named MVP in 1996, 97 and 98. Anne played shortstop and pitcher, was junior and senior captain batting around .320. She made



1st Team Colonial Hills All Conference junior and senior years and was MVP junior year. Captain of the tennis team junior and senior years and named "Most Athletic."

A Peer Minister and S.T.E.P tutor; she was inducted into the French

and National Honor Society. She went to Stockton State and completed a BA in Sociology from Montclair State in 2004.

Anne is a Special Education Paraprofessional for Essex County Vocational High Schools. She lives in West Orange with husband, **Jameel Brown '99**, and their children Sean and Kaelyn.

In accepting, Anne said, "I am so grateful to receive an award for something that I have always loved to do." She especially mentioned her grandmother, **Anne M Lauterhahn, class of 1935**, who was a great basketball player. "Her influence helped me to always strive to be my best, to carry on her tradition and name. I always wanted to make her proud."

Michael Fess, '78, introduced **Lee Mullins '89**. Lee excelled in basketball. By mid-freshman year, he was playing varsity guard and forward and was captain junior and senior years. He moved from Most Improved to MVP senior year. His career total points exceeded 1300 and his IC record was 72-24. He was a McDonald's All-American Nominee; an



honor reserved for the top US 1500 players and attended the Nike Top 100 players NY/NJ Basketball Festival. Lee made the Colonial Hills All Conference Team when IC was the Colonial Hills Conference Champion in 1986-87 and 1988-89. Senior year, he was 1st Team All-Essex County. Lee earned a Division One full athletic scholarship to Coastal Carolina College. He obtained his BA from Montclair State University. He is a Corporate Underwriting Operations Manager for Tokio Marine Management, Inc., and part of the New Employee Mentor Program. The "Class Prophecy" came true when he married his high school sweetheart, Stacy Findley '89! They live in Somerset with daughter, Olivia. As a volunteer, Lee coaches basketball for Franklin Township Parks and Recreation and at Rutgers summer camp and the Each One Teach One program.

Lee said IC had been a very influential part of his life, both on and off the court, and the lessons, and time at IC are one of the main reasons for his success. He was truly grateful to be a part of the IC family growing up, and cherishes all the memories.

One of fifteen children, eleven of which attended IC, **Stephen J. Brennan '75** joins ranks with brother, **Michael '68**, inducted into the 2006 Hall of Fame and his parents, **Jack** and **Fran '39**, inducted in 1990. Reminding him of this was brother **Brian '71**, who was pleased to introduce Stephen to a room filled with family and friends.



Stephen graduated from the elementary in 1971 and the high school in 1975. His athletic participation included football, basketball, track and field and baseball. He was the only member of his class to take part in three sports all four years of school. Stephen was a linebacker and a running back. In junior year, he helped the team become the 1974 undefeated State Parochial C Champs and was named 1st Team Colonial Hills All Conference for defense in senior year. On the court, Stephen was a guard and a forward. His specialties in track and field included the mile, ½ mile, 440, long jump and high jump. In 1975 he earned the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award.

Stephen received a BA in English from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts. While there, he played his three favorite sports – football, basketball and track and field.

For over thirty years, Stephen has worked for Prudential Financial where he now is the Director of Product Development for the Individual Life Insurance Division. He resides in Randolph with Nora, and their five children – twins, Meg and Stephen, Jr. and triplets, Kathleen, Tara and Libby. His

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children attend St. Therese in Succasunna where the family is active in the parish and he is a CYO basketball coach. Stephen is a proud 4th Degree member and Past Grand Knight of the Montclair Council Knights of Columbus. He was an officer of the Blue Lion Club in 1984 and 1985 and a member of the first two Hall of Fame Dinner Committees and chair in 1985.

In accepting his award, Stephen's speech was filled with amusing anecdotes as he shared what it was like to be one of eleven, not the oldest and not the youngest of the Brennans, who sat in IC classrooms.

When she first asked **The Christian Community at the Shrine of St. Joseph** in Stirling to accept the Lifetime Achievement Award, **Sister Maureen Crowley** was struck by the mission similarities, a sense of family and



relationships which foster spirituality. Over the past ten years the Community has donated two hundred thousand dollars to deserving IC students many of whom would have been unable to

attend or continue without such assistance. In calling Father Peter to the podium, she said, "I thank God for the wonderful partnership IC has shares with the Shrine!"

Accepting the award was founder **Father Peter Krebs**, a Trinity Missionary who, with a few families established the Community in 1970. It is not a geographic parish but is composed of people from a fairly broad area who come together to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, to share, to work together and to get to know each other better all as a means of gaining a closeness to God. It is a lay-run Community, with activities coordinated by a leadership team of seven.

Father Peter introduced other members of the Shrine who were there to enjoy the evening. There was an unexpected surprise when members of the committee that run the annual Shrine fundraiser, held an impromptu auction of a lovely piece of stained glass and invited all present to the March auction which features many such unique items. Hall of Fame honoree Mary Scott, '66, was gifted with the glass by her son.

Mike Malkinski '73, standing in for **Coach John Finnegan '73**, introduced **Omar Y. Mitchell '98**. As a tight end and linebacker, he helped IC become Colonial Hills Conference Champions three years in a row, 1995, 96 and 97 with a three year record of 23-7, becoming captain in his senior year. In his final season, Omar had 81 tackles and 25 receptions. He was a two-time 1st Team Colonial Hills All Conference selection – junior year as defensive linebacker and

senior year as tight end. In 1998, he was selected for the Star Ledger All-Essex County Team and the Paul Robeson All-Star



Football Team. He was baseball team captain as a junior and senior. He was named 2nd Team Colonial Hills All Conference as centerfielder in 1998 year and batted over .300.

At LaSalle University, Omar played football for the Explorers as an outside linebacker. He earned a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Management Information Systems in 2002. He is pursuing a Masters in Sports Management with Neumann College, Pennsylvania.

In 2009, Omar left the Orange school district to become IC's Athletic Director. He also coaches football and baseball for Immaculate. Since 2004 Omar has been the defensive coordinator. Last year he was named head coach of the baseball team. During his first year as AD, three teams qualified for the playoffs – football, boys' basketball, and volleyball, a first ever for the girls! IC was honored by NJSIAA with the Sportsmanship Award and at the 2009 Athletic Dinner, Omar was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

As he accepted his award, Omar could not resist a few comments directed at fellow honoree, **Sean Morris, '96**, his AD predecessor and football teammate. Omar also thanked his mother for giving him the chance to attend IC and always supporting him on the field and off.

Mike Fess was back at the podium to congratulate **David Cohen '91** who came to IC sophomore year. Upon joining the basketball team, his talent was evident and he became a varsity starter as guard. As a senior, David was named team captain and he became a "1000 point scorer" with total career points exceeding 1200. He was honored as the Colonial Hills Conference Player of the Year in 1990 and 91 and made the Star Ledger All-Essex team and was named 1st Team Colonial Hills All Conference. Senior year, he received the Essex County Scholar Athlete Award. David was a part of three IC teams, 1989, 90 and 91 that won 49 consecutive conference games. Off the court, he was inducted into the National Honor Society and is pictured in the yearbook as the senior chosen by his classmates with the "Best Personality."



David was a four-year starter as guard for Virginia Wesleyan College and team captain. He is a Top 3 record holder in all-

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time assists at Virginia Wesleyan. He earned a BA in Recreation and Leisure Studies and an MA in Special Education from NJ City University.

David works for the Livingston Board of Education as a Vocational Coordinator for Livingston High. He is an adjunct professor at Kean University. David and his wife, Debby, live in Livingston with their three children, Jake, Luke, and Aubrey. For the last thirteen years, David has been coaching high school lacrosse, basketball, and soccer. He also coaches some of his children's sports teams.

In his acceptance speech, David mentioned the changes starting high school in sophomore year, but playing sports made for an easier transition and it didn't hurt to have a brother Brian '90, giving advice.

Then it was Mike Malkinski again, to introduce **Sean Morris '96**. Sean played football, baseball and basketball all four years. Sophomore year, he was a two-way football starter as a defensive end and a tight end. As a junior, he was part of the team that won the Non Public Group 1 State



Championship and were also Colonial Hills Conference Champions 1994 and 95, "the best team in Immaculate history!" Sean claims. His junior and senior year combined football record was 19-2. In

senior year, he had 47 tackles and 6 sacks. He was a two-time Colonial Hills All Conference selection as defensive end. A four-year starter in baseball, Sean was pitcher and first baseman. He earned team MVP and batted over .300. He pitched a no hitter against University that was very close to being a perfect game. In sophomore year, Sean was a starting forward for the varsity basketball team.

Sean was a Peer Minister, in the Irish and Volleyball Club, the Science Olympiad and was inducted into National Honor Society. He played football for Fordham University where he obtained a BA in History and has earned a Masters in Educational Leadership from St. Peter's College.

From 2005 to 2009, he was IC's Athletic Director. Three times during his term, IC was honored by NJSIAA with the Sportsmanship Award. As the head coach for football and assistant coach for baseball and indoor track, Sean was named Coach of the Year in 2010. Sean teaches social studies for Hillside public schools and lives in Hackettstown with his wife, Jennifer.

Sean said "Football is my passion" and it rang true as he talked about his coaches and his own coaching experience, which he

loved! He had the crowd laughing as he listed the other jobs he learned to do and said his time as AD prepared him for anything! **Sister Maureen Crowley** expressed her pleasure in presenting the first Christian Service Award to **Mary A. Scott '66**.



Scott '66. Mary embodied the criteria of a Hall of Fame inductee since entering the elementary school in 1953. Among the considerations are that the graduate serves as a Christian model, in particular, in piety, charity and selflessness, and that the graduate is successful in his or her chosen field. As a student, a professional

and a volunteer, Mary has developed and shared her gifts and talents to help make the world a better place.

Highlights of Mary's volunteer work include: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Newark, Habitat for Humanity, Newark - Women-Build Project, Catholic Charities, Newark; St. Mary's Pantry food drives, Newark, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maplewood - Health Ministry, Shawl Ministry, and Eucharistic Minister. A friend wrote, "I doubt if there is a single day in Mary's life that she isn't doing something for someone else."

Booster Club, Student Council and senior class president and cheerleader, Mary sang in the Glee Club and worked on the Immaculate yearbook. She graduated from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in 1969. She earned a BS from Seton Hall University and a Masters from New York University.

In 2001, Mary retired from the Valley Healthcare System as the Vice-President for Nursing. She is a part-time hospice nurse at St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care. She and husband John Slevin live in West Orange and they have five grown children and six grandchildren.

In accepting, Mary acknowledged the friendship of her classmates and thanked them for coming to share such a lovely evening with her and her family. She joked about her "sports records" and reminisced about her years at Immaculate. Listening to her speak all agreed that she epitomized the meaning of Christian service.

What started as a dinner to honor the academic and athletic achievements of IC alumni has become a gala event. Attribute this to a forward thinking Hall of Fame dinner committee that recognized the need to make this an occasion to also say thanks. Thanks to the athletes who put ICHS on the map, thanks to those behind the scenes who give of time and talent to keep ICHS traditions alive and thanks to those who are partners in our mission to educate deserving young people.

1933

The James and Anne Robinson Nature Center was expected to open summer of 2011, and the Robinson Foundation worked on a small scrapbook-type exhibit for visitors interested in learning about **Anne Short Robinson**, (then Eileen) including her early life in New Jersey. To learn more, go to <http://www.robinsonfoundation.org>.

1940

John Gardner told stories of his military experience during World War II at a program honoring veterans held in November at the Montclair YMCA. John served as a pilot instructor in the Air Force and after active duty returned to civilian employment (firefighter and chief of the Montclair Fire Department) and stayed in the reserve until retirement. His daughter Rita, a YMCA employee, spoke about how the YMCA and the YWCA were two of the six founding agencies that started the USO.

1949

Dolores Jago Niemiec is now baby-sitting for her first grandchild, Riley Jane Clause, 10 months old (when Dolores wrote in February). **Timothy Gallagher**, a stroke survivor, wants to tell people that immediate action when the one or more of the five warning signs of stroke are observed can save lives. If given within 3 hours of the

start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (TPA) may reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke. Here are the signs.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS

- *Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body*
- *Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding*
- *Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes*
- *Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination*
- *Sudden, severe headache with no known cause*

1951

Kenneth J. Cowap has owned his own company (CD Associates) since 1990 and “it is alive today.”

Adrienne Murphy Neill pulled together a reunion for her class, the 60th, and it was a ‘great success.’ “In fact everyone agreed to do it again in two years. (I think they thought five years might be pushing it.) Of the 40 attendees, 28 were classmates “which is not bad after 60 years.”

Justine Smith Westhead came from Paris, **Leo Bennis** from California and **Ed Woodstock** from Idaho.”

1953

Rev. Ken Herbster was happy to be a “snow-bird”

out of the cold while serving a parish in Daytona, FL before returning to NJ in April.

1954

MaryJane McElhinney-Halligan suggested a 58th party in Ocean County in 2012!

1955

Joan Schmidt Carr and Leonard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They travelled to Park City UT and Dallas TX to spend time with three children and their families (seven grandkids). In April 2010, they got together with **Grace Cashin Coen** and **Gail Reichmann Bizzoso** and were hoping to again visit IC friends in 2011.

Lorena Tyson is President of the Alumnae/I Association of the College of St. Elizabeth and is also the class agent for her alma mater. She is on the Executive Board of both the NJ Retired Educators’ Association and the Essex County Retired Educators’ Association.

1958

Peter G. Stewart recently retired from his law firm (Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C.) after thirty years of practicing law in NJ. He will remain as “Of Counsel” to the firm on a part time basis. Jim and **Mary Carson Wells** welcomed their 21st grandchild (11 girls and 10 boys). In November, they celebrate 50 years of marriage!

1961

Frank Desmond and his wife Carol (married 42 years) have a son Brian, 33, and daughter, Tracey, 30. He volunteers four days a week, two days at St. Clare’s in Denville and two at St. Barnabas in Livingston.

1962

Karen Regan Bower wrote, “David and I have two sons and four grandchildren that are the love of our lives. I am looking forward to our 2012 party that **Larry** and **Claire Duffy Codey** are planning. My memories of Immaculate are still close in my heart. Even though I didn’t go to college, I credit Immaculate for preparing me for the working world.”

1965

Patricia Hageman Ungaro has four children and five grandchildren.

1967

Anne Ritzer Douglass is a Project Scientist for Aura, one of NASA’s flagship satellites studying the Earth. When she sent in her annual appeal gift, she enclosed a booklet about the discoveries of Aura to share with our students. She wrote, “I am confident that my career as a NASA global change scientist would have been impossible without the development and encouragement I received at IC. This affected both my math background (then **Sr. Mary Hugh**, now **Sr. Barbara Garland**) and my values that led to my

choice of environmental physics for my career.”

Yvette Hillman Palmer responded generously to the Open Hearts appeal with a gift in memory of her sister, **Yvonne Hillman Williams**, who died of breast cancer in 1989. In her letter, she said, “Who would have thought I would emulate the compassion shown to me by being a high school math teacher for the Philadelphia school system. The same love of math that was exhibited by my algebra teacher I tried to show my students. I recently retired and am grateful for the opportunity Immaculate gave my sister and me. Yvonne and I graduated college in three years and both received our Masters

degree. I received a Masters in Family and Child Development and a Math certification and she received a Masters in Public Health Nutrition. Yvonne was the first African American Public Health Nutritionist in the city of Buffalo, NY.”

1976 - 35th Reunion – November 19, 2011 at Just Jake’s. For those interested in a bit of nostalgia, the high school will be open at around 5:00 p.m. before the reunion begins as requested by **Nora Sweeney Bishop** and **Patty Mulroe Farley**.

1978 Congratulations to **Tom Malkinski** on his appointment as Bloomfield Fire Department Deputy Chief!

1979 **Kevin Kinney** has been shaving his head to help find a cure for childhood cancer since 2006. This year’s St. Baldrick’s event was called “Brave a Shave.” It’s not too late to support Kevin and make a gift to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity that funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government.

1980/1981 **Cheryl Pizzano McCabe** posted this on Facebook. “We are a little late in the process but are still planning on having a very informal

40TH REUNION CLASS OF 1973

Cherie Mirenda Lachocki is starting early to plan a 40th reunion for the class. A list of missing classmates is printed below. Contact Cherie at lachocki@aol.com or the Alumni Office at ichsalumni@yahoo.com.

Kathryn Alworth
Peter Bellisano
Brendan Browne
Kathleen Cummings
Margaret Devlin
Kathleen Lamont Ryan
Paul Garafolo
Susan Herrmann
Maria Correia Hughes
Patrick Lapone
Robert Lennon
Gail Lombardi Link

Kenneth Manley
Maureen McGuire
Rosemarie Morrison
Crisafulli
Timothy O'Hare
Karen Ross
Kathleen Schiavo
Edward Sokolowski
Carol DiNapoli Spooner
Ellen McWilliams
William Shannon Jr.
Christine Witkowski

cocktail party to celebrate our 30 and 31st years! We are planning on Saturday November 26th from 7-11 at the Best Western/Fairfield Executive Inn, Cucina Calandra in Fairfield, NJ. It will be held in the cocktail lounge and will be a four hour open bar and bar food all night. I also reserved rooms for anyone interested in staying overnight.” Respond to Cheryl on Facebook page Immaculate Conception High School 1976-1982 (Montclair, NJ).

1982 **Dr. Mike Verga**, after 15 years in NYC, now welcomes patients at Chiropractic Rehabilitation Center of Verona, at 155 Pompton Ave, featuring physical therapy, acupuncture and massage.

He enjoys life in Cedar Grove with his wife, two-year old son and pet beagle.

1983 On the tenth anniversary of September 11, **Michael Benfante** published his book, *Reluctant Hero: A 9/11 Survivor Speaks Out About That Unthinkable Day, What He's Learned, How He's Struggled, and What No One Should Ever Forget*. After nearly ten years of conflicted silence, the celebrated 9/11 survivor describes what it was like for him living with memories of 9/11.

1985 In July 2011, **Joseph Juliano** was appointed as a Commissioner of the Orange Housing Authority.

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front row – John Pollard '89, David Lauterhahn '91, Jameel Brown '99, Jerome Graham '89

Standing – Brian McCrone '98, Roseann Cruz Kinny '91, Ray Whittle '92, Jim Lauterhahn '89, Sister Maureen, Steven Lauterhahn, Anne Lauterhahn-Brown '98, Patricia Lauterhahn 2001, John Lauterhahn '96.

1989

Congratulations to **Jim Lauterhahn** who married Lisa on August 20. **Brian McCrone '98** was his best man.

1991

Amber Andrews responded to the Open Hearts appeal and included this note. "I was recently at a retirement service (U.S. Army) for my uncle all the way in Aberdeen MD and was introduced to a former graduate of IC, class of 1983, **Colonel Orlando Ortiz**. How small a world it is."

1992

Aminah Ashby Keats wrote, "I am currently living in Philadelphia, PA with my husband, Tavis Keats, and 2-year old daughter, Autumn Blue Keats. I graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA in 1996 with a BA in Psychology and obtained my Naturopathic Doctorate degree from the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, CT

in 2004. In 2006, I completed a 2-year residency program in naturopathic oncology at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion, IL. I am currently the Director of the Naturopathic Medicine department at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia, PA."

1996

Shawn and Lynn McCoy Redd expected their first child on Easter Sunday, April 24, and Evelyn Cora came 5 days after the due date. Everyone is doing well and Lynn was set to return to work in August.

1998

Congratulations to Jennellyn Roberson and **Omar Mitchell** on their August 6 marriage.

1999

Yasmiyn Irizarry wanted to let ICHS know that she recently graduated from Indiana University with a

PhD in Sociology and is now an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Mississippi State University. Her bio is <http://bit.ly/pJ3Gca>

2001

Liane Matti left her heart in Chicago after spending time their last year at a biotechnology program so she decided to leave her teaching post ICHS and take up residency in the "windy city." She will be missed.

2002

James "Jay" Holcomb is the Director of The Pelican Center in Elba, AL, a free, volunteer driven youth center with a multitude of programs. He also has spearheaded a tenth reunion for his class and all 60 of his classmates are on the Class of 2002 Tenth Year Reunion Facebook page. They hope to have their reunion at ICHS in May 2012 and plan a special gift for **Sister Maureen** as their class was her last as Principal. Nice work Jay!

2004

Michelle Richardson called in to request her transcript be sent to Hudson County Community College where she intends to pursue a degree in nursing. In May, **Jonathan Frejste** joined Ernest & Young as a financial planner.

2005

Katherine Harripersaud is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health at Columbia's

Mailman School of Public Health and works as a Research Coordinator there.

2006

Amanda Johnson graduated from Robert Morris University on December 10 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is now living in Moon Township, PA.

Stephanie Noble is working as an administrative aide in the High School Placement Office at Robert Treat Academy. Stephanie graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Communications. She works in conjunction with **Sarah Moje** who taught and ran the Admissions Office at Immaculate for years. Stephanie enjoys working with her former teacher and is happy to be working with students! **Imaani Sanders** is also working for a former teacher and athletic director, **Will Taylor '85**, as the Admissions Office Manager at Newark Academy in Livingston.



Proud big sister, Shantiquah Cobbs, 2002, with graduate Saadiquah, 2011.

The Irrepressible, Irreplaceable, Retiring? Father B.

On June 25, 1966, **Father Francis J. Burla** reported to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the answer to his request for a “busy parish with a school.” When the pastor, Monsignor Thomas Cunningham, asked him to serve as Athletic Director of Immaculate Conception High School, he was thrilled and immediately “fell in love with the people of the parish and the kids at the high school.” He was happy to be “riding on the bus with the basketball team to the games, sitting on the bench, praying with the team, cheering the wins and agonizing over the defeats.”



classics as *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, *Guys and Dolls*, *West Side Story*, (where he recruited the football team to play the rival gang members), *Damn Yankees* and *Godspell*, to name a few.

Parish records estimate that Father Burla baptized 540 children, officiated at 270 marriages, offered 800 funeral Masses and prepared some 1350 young people for Confirmation. Those numbers don't include alumni marriages, baptisms of alumni children, funerals for parents of alumni, and sometimes alumni that took place in many other churches. His alumni

He soon realized football again had to be part of Immaculate athletics. Faced with a 3 to 1 ratio of girls to boys, (not that the boys minded), he set out to recruit more male students. He visited the area elementary schools and got permission from the principals to talk only to the boys. Giving them his “Patton speech,” he convinced them to come to Immaculate. Among those he recruited was Coach Finn, **John Finnegan '73**, then an eighth grader at St. Aloysius, Caldwell.

Recruitment was only half the challenge. The pastor stipulated that the money to cover the football costs be raised independent of the budget. And so the beginnings of what is today The Blue Lion Club was born. The IC Booster Club came together with help from the fathers of the boys who wanted to play football, soon followed by support from the mothers.

Father B. asked his friend Jack Jones, from St. Mary's Rutherford, to help him find a coach. After eleven interviews, Jones himself took the job -- with one condition. He wanted to “mold” the Athletic Department. At first, Jones was Athletic Director and head coach for football, basketball and baseball. When everything was in place, other staff took over. Football began in earnest. Most alumni will remember Father Burla for his fiery pep talks. Never one to miss a game, his "Who we gonna rock/who we gonna sock" refrains sparked the IC gridders to many a victory.

Father B. continued to teach, did a little bit of Guidance and gave his all to another love, the theater. He directed such

network surpasses Facebook with his ability to make each person feel, at that moment, as if they are the most important person in the world.

If you were expecting a party, you'll have to wait two more years to celebrate Father Burla's Golden Jubilee. Until then, Father B. can enjoy his lovely statue of Our Lady, a gift from the high school as a small token of appreciation and thanks for his years of service.

In his last homily at the 5:30 Mass on June 25, 45 years to the day he joined Immaculate Conception, he said, “There really is no retirement from the priesthood – a priest can retire from regular assignment and its round of routine duties, but from the priesthood....never! Once ordained, you're a priest for all eternity.” He will continue his “retirement” in residence at Immaculate. Not retiring is that “church mouse,” Sniffles that loves to sneak up on people. Burla means trick or prank in Italian and Father B. says he is just living up to his name. Maybe it's another part of the “joy in the Lord” that Father Burla brings to his priesthood and the people he serves.

From the Desk of the Principal...

Dear Friends,

As I gathered with my returning faculty, it was my hope that they had enjoyed some time to relax and reflect on the success of the past year. Thanks to their diligence and dedication our students did very well. Reading the earlier Awards article gives proof of how successful our seniors and our AP students did very well on their exams! Only a few students had to go to summer school and Freshman Fun Day brought excited young people to IC; they look to be a very likable class.

Some of us were in the midst of a Strategic Planning Project, an exciting effort on the part of parents, administration, teachers and Trustees. In meetings, members have been asked to articulate their hopes and dreams for Immaculate. Listening to responses from teachers, alumni, Trustees is inspirational. So many believe in us and our accomplishments! These discussions have encouraged me to choose IC DREAMS as our theme for the school year. Remember, "If you can dream it, you can achieve it."

I am always awed at the generosity of the response people involved with IC give to whatever is asked of them. I am blessed to be able to work with remarkable people who join with me in our prayers for our school, our students, and each other.

With sincere thanks,

Mrs. Jo Ann Degnan

WELCOME BACK TO VETERAN TEACHERS!



New ICHS teachers **Marva Burke, Rebecca Mahon Bartlett, and Sister Kathy Quigley '63** prove that you really can go home again for they are really not "new" at all. Mrs. Burke returns to once again

teach science and math after some years at a nearby public school. Mrs. Bartlett comes back to her art classroom after a hiatus spent tending to her young children, and alumna Sister Kathy, who was away from ICHS for a time longer than she cares to say, will teach music as our campus minister.

Academic Bowl Winners!



Stuart Vasquez '13, Sabrina Clayton '11, Joanna Cueva '12 and Corasi Caicedo '14 triumph!

National Honor Society Inductees

Sophomores

Adam Adamson

Edward Ng, Jr.

Brandon Rivera

Samantha Sawh

Jasmine Toledo

Steven Vasquez

Stuart Vasquez

Juniors

Dia Darby

Amadi Hayes

Leonard Hughes

Congratulations are in order ...

To the three winners of The **Caleb Frejuste** Achiever's Scholarship – Charles Carter, Danyel Mayers-Matthews and Marilena Tagritis.



Mr. IC And Miss Immaculate

Miss Immaculate, Nyasia Castenada (*Robert Treat*) and Mr. IC, Nigel Thompson (*Trinity Temple, Hillside*)

The winners of this year's Student Council elections: President – Benjamin Lusamba '12 (*Harare Int'l School*), Vice Presidents: – Charles Carter III '12 (*St. Rose of Lima, Newark*), Leonard Hughes '12 (*Jersey City Community*), Secretary – Toddler Guillaume '12 (*Sacred Heart, Newark*), Treasurer – Marilena Tagritis '12 (*Blessed Pope John XXIII, W Orange*), Coordinator of Publicity – Steven Vasquez '13 (*St. Peter, Belleville*) Coordinator of Events – Samantha Sawh '13 (*St. Stephen, Keamy*) Senior Class President – Kirra Meertens, '12 (*St. Leo/Sacred Heart, Newark*), Junior Class President – Stuart Vasquez '13 (*St. Peter, Belleville*), Sophomore Class President – Taryn Waynick '14 (*St. Mary, Newark*)

Heads in the Clouds?

For the juniors in **Bill Popp's** class, computing with their "heads in the clouds" is nothing to complain about. That is because of the availability of "cloud computing" through Google, which permits students to produce documents, spreadsheets, and slide shows on the Internet.

The students are finding it very useful and lots of fun. Recently, they merged cloud computing with photographic skill and picture-editing acumen to create collages of the beautiful flowers of Montclair's famous Presby Iris Gardens, an annual draw for residents and visitors.

Traveling to the Gardens and using digital cameras provided by the department, our cub photographers tested their skill at capturing the springtime glory of the flowers. Downloading the photos back in the lab, our students reached into the clouds for Picnick, a photo-editing program. "I worked on the contrast," said **Marilena Tagritzis**. "I did some cropping," said **Mirabel Nkenke** (*Main St, Orange*). "My irises were too bright," said **Alexis Anderson** (*Orange Middle*), "So I added some shade."

Asja Lanier (*Link Community, Newark*) was perhaps the most bold in her editing. She blurred some of the colors to create a fantastic rainbow swirl. "It was an idea that just came to me," she said. In Mr. Popp's class students are finding computers to be a tool that generates imaginative ideas which resulted in beautiful framed photos now on display along the second floor hallway.

Midsummer Night's Dreaming

For **Christopher Popp** of the English Department (widely known as "Mr. C-Popp" to distinguish him from his father), March 14 was an exceptionally rewarding day. As school liaison between IC and the Traveling Shakespeare Troupe of NJ, Mr. Popp chatted with members of this group of talented young actors. And, with the entire school, he enjoyed their captivating performance of the Bard's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. As Mrs. Degnan pointed out, the performance delivered an important message to students: "In the classroom, remember the pleasure that Shakespeare can bring."

For Mr. Popp, the experience will have particular classroom benefit for it included a workshop conducted by the actors, who had a number of tips for helping students approach Shakespeare. "The Shakespearean language is particularly difficult," said Mr. Popp. The troupe offered ways of overcoming the difficulties. Two ideas that he has found useful: look for "context clues" that suggest the meaning of unfamiliar words like "hither, ere, " or "dote,"; or having each student read text in turn, stopping at punctuation marks.

Sophomores Hooked on Sandy Hook

Brandon Rivera '13 filed this report



Sandy Hook Students sift through the inlet waters to net living specimens, to examine and return to the water.

When the rest of my class and I got off the bus on our trip to Sandy Hook and reached the boardwalk, we could already smell the scent of the beach. As it so happens, I have a fear of going in the water, but the smell of the beach, which I love, immediately calmed me.

We passed a salt marsh full of brackish water. The cool grass surrounded the marsh. From the boardwalk, we could see the beach—there were no waves, no strong current, just still water. Fishermen were casting their nets into the ocean.

Near the marsh, we took turns casting a net, which captured seaweed and a few sea animals for observation. Later, we learned about the different shells we might find on the beach. We searched for shells on the windiest beach I had ever been on. Our guide gave some of us shell necklaces.

This trip convinced me that hands-on is the best form of learning because it's easier to understand something you experience first-hand. The trip also reinforced the very deep respect I have for nature.

"What was interesting was the strategy of having the students select the 'most powerful' word in each phrase and read it with particular emphasis. Often, the meaning of the phrase revolves around this 'power word.' This technique will be particularly helpful with poetry in general."

The actors took turns reading phrases from the play and using their tips to help participating students put together meaning. "The pronunciation from a good Shakespearean actor—and these actors were very good—brings the meaning home in a way that mere reading cannot," said Mr. Popp.

The play marked the Shakespeare troupe's fourth consecutive visit to IC, showing the students how delightful Shakespeare can be. IC students were quick to respond to the actors' pratfalls, mugging, and hilarious mistaken identities. "We always like coming here," said a member of the troupe, "because the response of the students is always so positive." Thanks go to the Target Corporation for their continued funding of this event.



Science Fair

During the annual Science Fair, Duke Daniel, who oversaw the project, complimented the students for creative entries that correctly used the scientific method to reach conclusions. First-place winners were seniors **Kevin Alvernaz** (*St. Francis Xavier, Newark*) and **Elias Peralta** (*MS118, Bronx, NY*); juniors **Marilena Tagritzis, Mirabel Nkenke, Toddler Guillaume** and **Breanna Williams** (*St. John, Orange*); sophomores **Samantha Sawh** and **Nikki White** (*Link Community, Newark*); and freshmen **Suzanne Persaud** (*St. Francis Xavier, Newark*), **Chloe Decker** (*Robert Treat, Newark*) and **Jamani Montague** (*Daniels Middle, Raleigh, NC*).

In an experiment pertinent to a current controversy, Samantha and Nikki explored whether prolonged Facebook usage has a negative effect on more formal writing. A mutual friend did some writing, alternating between Facebook texting and more standard efforts. After repeated Facebook sessions, the formal writing diminished and exhibited grammar errors and a reliance on “texting” symbols and abbreviations. Samantha and Nikki do not advise giving up Facebook, but do recommend students remind themselves of the difference between texting and a



Toddler, Breanna, and Marilena show off their winning entry.

school composition.

Using a blood substitute, Kevin and Elias demonstrated what might be learned about a crime from blood splatterings—the position of a body when attacked, the murder weapon used, or types of bullets fired, for example. The duo dipped deeply into information provided in their Forensic Science class.

Marilena, Mirabel, Toddler and Breanna focused the great hopes they had for their project on a simple peanut. When they pushed a needle into a burning nut and connected it to a half-cup of water, chemical energy was converted into 2.5 British Thermal Units of heat energy, enough to raise the temperature of the water from room temperature to 104.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

Although we could not exist without the sun, most of us take it for granted. In the freshman poster division, Suzanne, Chloe, and Jamani provided a graphic tracking of the sun’s creation of the light, energy and heat we need to survive. **Annette Kuperus**, their science teacher, commented that the project “was thorough, and would help anyone who saw it understand how the sun produces tremendous blasts of energy.”

A Celebration of Academic Excellence

Excitement filled the air in May as Immaculate celebrated academic excellence! The newly revived Parent Teacher Guild wanted to highlight academic achievement and hosted the first annual Celebration of Academic Excellence. The thirty-five students honored had grade point averages which placed them in the top 20% of their class.

An accomplished academic and retired legal professional, volunteer Advanced Placement History teacher, **William Slattery '57** was the perfect choice for guest speaker. Mr. Slattery intrigued the audience as he spoke of New York City, a \$3.50 Path-ride away, as a center of learning and culture. He entitled his speech, “Expand Your Horizons” and encouraged all to explore the greatest city in the world!

After the awards presentation, **Sabrina Clayton '11**, stole the show. Sabrina beautifully articulated the value and blessing of Immaculate Conception High School in her life. To senior classmates she suggested, “I know we will go on to achieve great things and our lives will take us to different places and on separate journeys, but always remember Immaculate and how instrumental it was to your success.” And to her younger schoolmates Sabrina advised, “Know that your placement in Immaculate by God is a blessing, and remember to strive for greatness!”

The program included congratulatory remarks from President **Sr. Maureen Crowley '56**, and Principal **Jo Ann Degnan**. Director of Guidance, **Beth Fleischer** announced the academic awards and **Rev. Joseph Scarangella**, pastor, offered the invocation and benediction.

This memorable event was a real family affair with one hundred and thirty-five family and friends in attendance at Madonna Hall. Special guests included a Student/Partner Alliance director and SPA partners, the Montclair branch manager from Investors Bank, ICHS Lion Heart donors, and members of Immaculate’s Board of Trustees.

The Dinner Planning Committee consisted of six parents and faculty. The evening staff of volunteers included ten adults and ten students. Five other students worked behind the scenes in preparation for the event. Three student music ministers led all in attendance in an extraordinary rendition of the national anthem. What a celebration it was!

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IC Students SHARE



Ashley Martinez, Lauren Jones, Ms. Matti, Kesi Gittens-Penny, Diante Webb, Sabrina Clayton, Brielle Wanamaker, Jewel Tewiah, Cassandra Reynolds, Dominique Schultz, Joshua Vernazza, Jennifer Nkenke and Willy Polanco.

Once again, IC seniors accepted into the Student Hospital and Research Experience (SHARE) trekked over to nearby Mountainside Hospital every week for one of IC's most highly regarded programs. In the emergency room, day care/nursery, physical therapy and radiation departments, among others, seniors "shadowed" mentors, helping out and getting a feel for the work experience.

Joshua Vernazza, for example, had such an agreeable experience filing, photocopying and sorting job applications in human resources that he continued to volunteer over the summer. For **Sabrina Clayton**, working in the emergency room helped cement her decision to go to medical school.

"Making a career choice is one of our most serious decisions—especially so for careers in medicine, with their demanding educational requirements," said **Liane Matti**, moderator of the program. "So giving our students a feel for working in a hospital is a great opportunity. It gets them out of the classroom and into a real work environment."

Junior Service Project

In one of Immaculate's "signature" programs, members of the junior class criss-crossed the greater Montclair area to serve as volunteers in the annual service project. In grammar schools, nursing homes and day-care centers, among other facilities, the students followed the model of Christ by reaching out a helping hand in the community.

At the Robert Treat Academy in Newark, for example, **Joanna Cueva** and **Kiona Smith** were surrounded by youngsters whom they were helping with their studies, naps, and arts and crafts. "It is so delightful to return to our grammar school to work with them," said Joanna.



At the Little Nursing Home in Montclair, **Nyasia Castenada** and **Benedicte Lusamba** (*Harare Int'l School, Zimbabwe*) kept the elderly residents company, chatting, playing games and helping set up activities. IC volunteers served at fourteen different sites; the Montclair Art Museum,

Program for Parents, Montclair Child Development, (three locations), Little Nursing Home, Park Street Academy, Neighborhood Childcare Center, Park Crescent Manor, Essex County Rape Care Center, St. Francis Xavier School, Robert Treat Academy, St. Mary School, Good Shepherd Academy, St. Joseph School, and St. John School.

"It is wonderful to see the satisfaction our students derive from their work," said program moderator **Michael Guzzio** of the Religion Department. "And the supervisors at the sites have such good things to say about our students."

Summer at Cornell University

Benjamin Lusamba '12 was awarded a full scholarship to the six-week 2011 Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP) at Cornell University, entitled "Intergenerational Justice." He said, "This topic fascinates me. What does our generation owe to the generation that follows us?"

TASP is one of the most successful and prestigious academic summer programs in the nation. There are more than 2,500 living TASP alumni including leaders in politics, journalism, academia, the sciences, education, medicine, business, and the arts. The program, which has been in operation since 1954, is highly selective. This year's 64 participants were chosen from 1076 applications from all parts of the United States and abroad. The Telluride Summer Programs solicit applicants from high scorers on the Educational Testing Service's PSAT and receive recommendations of potential applicants from school teachers and counselors.





Immaculata 2011

The presentation ceremony for Immaculata, the 2011 yearbook, was especially notable for the heartfelt and richly deserved dedication of the book to IC nurse, **Karen Cantine**.

The dedication described Nurse

Karen as “our mom away from home, the one we run to.” The news caught Mrs. Cantine by surprise: “I was in shock,” she said.

When the senior yearbook editors, Shantelle James (Orange Middle), Kevin Alvernaz and Kesi Gittens-Perry (P.S. 9, Belleville) presented Nurse Karen with flowers, her delighted reaction was wonderful to see. Responding to the comments of the editors, she said, “I do think of you as my kids—that’s just how I am.”

The book, themed “Seize the Day,” or *carpe diem*, utilized the theme to urge the graduating class to follow that motto for the rest of their lives. “We will do our very best to seize the opportunities that come our way.”

Everyone present realized that the yearbook staff had already seized the opportunity to honor a much cherished member of the Immaculate family in Nurse Karen. Congratulations to the Immaculata staff for a wonderful ceremony and an excellent memento for the Class of 2011.



Photo: Giving Group members about to deliver Thanksgiving goods. (l to r): Brianna Williams '12, Amadi Hayes, Christina Desinor '12 (Cecily Tyson School of Performing Arts), Asja Lanier '12, Kevin Alvernaz '11, Lynaisha Green '11 (Gray Charter, Newark), Moderator Renee Drazba, and Alexis Anderson '12.

“UPC - Follow Your Dreams”

This year’s United People of Color (UPC) performance, “Follow Your Dreams,” for students, faculty, administration, parents and the public was, as usual, wonderfully enjoyable. Poets, musicians, singers and dancers displayed their talents to the delight of the crowd. **Benjamin Lusamba '12** and **Brandon Rivera '13** (*Marion P. Thomas, Newark*) entertained with rock and folk music on guitar, being joined by faculty member Christopher Popp with guitar and vocals on Cold Play’s hit song, “If I Ruled the World.”

Sabrina Clayton '11 (*St. John, Orange*), **Jasmine Bridges '11** (*Belleville Middle*), **Aziz Woltz** (*Newark Boys Chorus*) and **Garyetta VanDerVeer '14** (*St. John, Orange*) were charming, spirited and spiritual vocalists on songs such as R. Kelly’s “*I Believe I Can Fly*” and Sam Cooke’s “*A Change is Going to Come*.”

Benjamin Lusamba delivered William Henry Hallam’s Victorian classic “Invictus” from Shakespeare, Henry V’s stirring Saint Crispin’s Day speech, and selections from President Obama’s “Yes, We Can” speech. **Samantha Sawh '13** read “Light,” by Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore.



Garyetta, Aziz, and Benjamin provide sweet sounds.

Giving Group

Following the model of Jesus to help those in need, the Giving Group concentrated on two drives this school year, collecting Thanksgiving food goods and turkeys for a local food pantry, plus initiating a coin collection drive to help those in need following the tsunami in Japan. Group members **Brianna Williams** (*St. John, Orange*), and **Amadi Hayes** (*Whitney Houston E Orange*), answered the question of why they joined the group almost in unison: “We want to help out.” Well said, girls.

Student Council

"I am proud of what the Student Council has been able to achieve this year," said 2010-2011 President **Dominique Schultz '11** (St. Joseph, E Orange). And the council's achievements have indeed been notable. Some of the most admirable activities were raising most needed funds for New Jersey Veterans, the Community Food Bank and the tsunami victims.

The council took a new direction, with a spring Talent Show that provided a showcase for student talent. "This was a new initiative for us," said Dominique. "It took a lot of work, and everyone had a great time sampling the talent that is here at IC." Dominique hands over the reins to newly elected President **Benjamin Lusamba**.

Summer College at Caldwell

Jerome Travers '12

(University Middle, Newark) took part in a three-week program taught by Caldwell College faculty in a small class environment.



Students studied biology, chemistry, environmental science, and statistics. They participated in SAT test-taking strategy sessions and attended academic field trips, including the Turtle Back Zoo, Dominican Genesis Farms, Thomas Edison Museum, Liberty Science Center, and Meadowlands Environmental Center & Pontoon Ride. There was even a way to incorporate math into a Jackals' baseball game that was shared by students, families and college faculty and staff!

The program was open to students who had just finished their junior year of high school, will be the first generation in their families to attend college, and had at least a 3.0 grade point average. The application process was competitive. With his successful completion of the program, Jerome earned three college credits.

For his presentation, Jerome reported on hydroelectric energy as a renewable energy source. **Duke Daniel**, science department chair, proudly represented ICBS at the final evening of student presentations and the reception which followed. "Jerome was one of the top students in my chemistry class," said Mr. Daniel. "He is adept at following procedures sequentially, and is comfortable working with strangers--both necessary for lab work in this program. I see a bright future for Jerome."



Benjamin Lusamba '12 and Henze Gustave '11 escorted Montclair Mayor Jerry Fried on a tour of ICBS. The mayor told Joan Silo how impressed he was with the threesome and with Immaculate in general. (Not pictured Benedicte Lusamba '12)

Women's Conference

A conference about women in the workplace was an eye-opener for **Dia Darby '12** (St Mary, Newark). At the three-day conference, sponsored by the Montclair Women's Club, women from a variety of job fields related their experiences in their chosen occupations, including difficulties that they have had to overcome. New Jersey high school students were invited to attend.



"There were women who worked in medicine, oceanography, bioengineering, nursing, and a whole lot of other fields," said Dia, who expressed a special interest in medicine and bioengineering: "anything with science in it." She "loves to write," and so is also interested in journalism, and was happy to hear that combining journalism with a science field can lead to opportunities. "The conference also stressed the importance of a good foundation in school," said Dia. "I'm committed to that. I want to get a good job in a rewarding field."

Adventures Cross-Country

Al-Jani Brice (Cecily Tyson, Orange) spent several weeks on a trip sponsored by Adventures Cross-Country. You cannot get further cross-country than Al-Jani's destination: Hawaii. There, he worked with the Hawaii Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity and is ready to go back anytime.



Girls' Track

Coach Haneefah Norman's squad set a standard for excellence, led by **Mirabel Nkenke '12**. Mirabel took home a silver medal in the NJ Meet of Champions at 400 meters and was voted first team all-nonpublic, first team Super Essex Conference, second team all-Essex County and third team all-state.



Marshae Holt '12 (St. Joseph, E Orange) gave the Lions a pair of speed-burners. She was first team all-SEC after having taken gold in the SEC 100- and 200-meter dashes. **Breanna Dennis '14** (St. Joseph, E Orange) and **Jamani**

Montague '14 teamed with Mirabel and Marshae on the championship-winning 4x400-meter relay. With these top runners all returning, the excitement for 2011 indoor and outdoor season is building.

Boys' Track

Nigel Thompson '12 was an outstanding performer for the Lions, often outscoring entire teams in big meets with his efforts in the long and triple jumps and 100- and 200-meter dashes. He is state sectional champ in the long jump and qualified for the Meet of Champions in all four of his events. He teamed with **Leonard Hughes '12** to earn the gold medal as county triple jump relay champions. The Lions finished 5th out of 25



teams in the state championships and second in the sectional championships.

Softball

Against Newark Tech, the Lions came agonizingly close to their only win of the season. Down by ten runs, the team showed the fighting spirit it displayed all season by rallying for 11 runs to lead in the last inning, only to have Tech respond with two runs and walk off with a win. The close game left the Lions anticipating the scheduled rematch with a taste for victory, but a rainout washed away the opportunity. The Lions were led by captains **Amadi Hayes '12**, **Alyssa Badillo '11** and **Niayah Coleman '12** who will return next season with **Kiona Smith '12** and **Asja Lanier '12**.

Football

Devoy King '11 (St Francis Xavier, Newark) earned first-team all Essex County Coaches Association recognition for his five touchdowns in a win versus Snyder.



Charles Carter '12 was voted third-

team All-County defense and 1st team all-SEC defense. He was the Lions' leading tackler for the second season in a row.

Anthony Bunn '11 (Good Shepherd, Belleville) was selected to perform in the Paul Robeson all-star classic while winning plaudits for 2nd team all SEC defense. **Andrew Jean '13** (Marist, Bayonne) gave fans a flash of the future with three touchdowns and 150 yards rushing in a win over Sussex Tech.

Toddler Guillaume '12 was 2nd team all-SEC offense, while **Taasheim Crum '12** (Choir Acdy, Newark) was 2nd team defense.

Volleyball

Led by captains **Karra Taylor '11** (S. John, Orange), **Alyssa Badillo '11** (Rafael Hernandez, Newark) and **Naiyah Coleman '12** (St Rose of Lima, Newark), the Lions volleyball team made a strong run at duplicating last year's first-ever playoff appearance. A last-season win over Bloomfield Tech might have put the Lions over the top, but they fell short. With Naiyah, Marilena and Daniele Myers-Matthews's '12 (Acly of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station) returning next year, plus players from a 12-4 junior varsity team, the Lions are poised for continued success. Karra was first-team all-SEC, Alyssa second team and Ayahna Turner '11 (Glenfield, Montclair), Mirabel and Alyssa Moscova '11 (St. Francis Xavier, Newark) honorable mention. Team coach Anne Lauterhahn-Brown '98 was named the ICHS Coach of the year.

Girls' Basketball

With five wins, the girls' basketball team had its best season in recent memory. They showed their competitive spirit, losing by less than six points on five occasions. The team was led by senior captain **India Barnes '11** (St. Mary, Newark). With four starters returning, optimism is running high for next season.

Boys' Basketball



The Lions had an excellent season, finishing 12-8, earning a berth in the state playoffs and throwing a scare into highly regarded Irvington High in the Essex County Tournament. Co-Captain **Da'vi Austin '11**

(*Greater Newark Acly*) averaged 23.2 points per game and established himself as one of the best players in Essex County. The Lions won eight out of nine at one point. Da'vi earned 3rd-team All-Essex County and 1st-team all-conference honors.

Toddler Guillaume was second-team all-conference; **Charles Carter** and **Davynte Pannell '11** (*St Rose of Lima, Newark*) won honorable mention.

Golf



For the second consecutive season, **Kofi Woananu '12** (*Newark Boys Chorus*) represented Immaculate at the Essex County Tournament. Kofi acquitted himself well, finishing second in his foursome. Kofi felt that his putting needs a bit of work and he'll be practicing his stroke on the greens in preparation for the next tournament. So watch out, Essex County golfers!



Senior Dinner

Senior photo caption – Kevin Alvarez, Sabrina Clayton, Joshua Vernazza, Kesi Gittens-Penny, Brielle Wanamaker

Back- Elias Peralta, Shantelle James, Jewel Tewiah, Davynte Pannell



Junior Dinner

Front row - Benedicte Lusamba, Danielle White, Suzanne Ramashai, Nyasia Castaneda, Danyel Mayers-Matthews

Back row, Benjamin Lusamba, Darius Chisolm, Mirabel Nkenke, Dia Darby, Naiyah Coleman, Charles Carter III



Sophomore Dinner

William Lewis, Brandon Rivera, Jasmine Toledo, Steven Vasquez, Samantha Sawh, Stuart Vasquez



Freshman Dinner

Front, Taryn Waynick, Jamely Nieves, Joselyn Espinoza, Myrna Nuarpha, Corasi Caicedo, Kwasi Nimako

Back: Suzanne Persaud, Chloe Decker, Madrid Smith

Target Grants and Target REDCards

ICHS was again awarded two separate grants by Target Corporation under the Take Charge of Education program. The first grant allowed IC students to enjoy a performance from ShakespeareLive! and the second field trip grant helped finance the sophomore trip to Sandy Hook.

This is the fifth year in a row that ICHS has applied for and received such grants. In addition, Target offers their REDCard program to parents, alumni and friends. Each purchase made by a card holder, who is registered on the Target website and designated as an ICHS supporter, returns 1% of purchase dollars to ICHS. Simply click on the Target website and sign on as an ICHS supporter. The school ID number is 10421



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2012 OPEN HOUSES

January 25, 2012 – 1-3

May 6, 2012 -1-3

Student for a Day

Immaculate offers a “Student for a Day” program where candidates spend a school day at IC. Visitors are assigned a Student Ambassador to go through classes, meet students and teachers and enjoy lunch. To arrange a visit, please call a minimum of two days in advance of the day you wish to attend. For information, call the Admissions Office (973) 744-7445 ext. 24 or visit our web site at www.ichspride.org

(Photos on back cover)

First row: Theo Brownson, Bud Fahey, Sheila Lombardi (Former Sr. Sheila DePaul), Class of 1961 Men

Second Row: Evelyn Kelly Savage, Kathy Vorrath Gleeson, Bob Deso, Joan Burton Richardson, Joan Holland Duggan. Gail Blum Della Fera. Susan Maxwell Adams, Peggy Poole Davis, Vicki DeFilippo Lutzer.

Third Row: Michele Laracy-Bowen. Carole Cedole Baldassano, Toni Faiella Small, Lucy D'Antonio Jewell, Anne Shulver Murphy. Barry and Bernadette Simonelli Ruegg. Art and Marlene Bavosa Ottimo.

Bottom Row: Class of 1961 Women, Margaret "Miss Dowd" Connelly, Joan McDonald Butcher

Class of 1961 Men-Kneeling: Wellington Brown, Jack DeCastro
Second row: Bud Fahey, Art McDermott, Frank Desmond, Ed O'Dowd, Ed Curley, Bart Feeney-**Third row:** Ray Finnerty, Don Flammer, John Tully, Pete Dunn, Jack Traegar, Tom Gleeson, Bill Campi, Jim Lenox

Class of 1961 Women – Front row, Peggy Poole, Joan McDonald
Second row: Maureen Kearney, Susan Maxwell, Kathy Vorrath, Sr. Carol Williams, Lucy D'Antonio Jewell, Penny Brintzinghofffer, MryAnn McMahon, Evelyn Kelly, Margy Heyburn-**Back row:** Bernadette Simonelli, Joan Burton, Anne Shulver, Vicki DeFilipo, Marlene Bavosa, Toni Faiella, Sheila Lombard, Sue Pennington, Joan Holland

Remembering Maria Ilaria- beloved teacher, colleague, friend

On March 16, ten days after the unexpected death of **Maria Ilaria**, the family of Immaculate Conception High School gathered together for a prayer service in her memory. In the beautiful surroundings of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, students, friends and some members of the Ilaria family, said goodbye, not only in English, but in both Spanish and Italian, through music, readings and prayer. Most touching were the student reflections. Even if one was not familiar with the language, their words, "molta bella, energica e comprensivo, noi piaciono La Professoressa" or "Ella muy comica y seriosa en la clase, fue una buena persona par dentro y par fuera," were spoken with enough emotion so the love and respect just came though.



One young man chose to pay his tribute in song and the richness of his voice as he sang, Volare, filled the room and brought tears to the eyes of those who realized how much Maria would have enjoyed hearing him sing this Italian favorite.

Sister Maureen, in her reflection, told those assembled that Mrs. Ilaria loved music for she loved to dance. She reminded the students that Mrs. Ilaria had been a part of the Immaculate faculty for 21 years, longer than the years they have spent on this earth. Sister knew her to be a demanding teacher, expecting nothing but the best from herself, her family and especially her students. She told them, "Mrs. Ilaria wanted the best for you and from you." Despite the sadness and sense of loss that was shared, Sister reminded all present that Mrs. Ilaria was not sad, but filled with joy for she had gained eternal life and achieved the ultimate goal, for which Jesus died on the cross, our salvation.

The Ilaria family graciously requested donations, in lieu of flowers, to Immaculate Conception High School, in Maria's memory. The gifts totaled well over \$2,500. The Board of Trustees has designated all memorial gifts to be placed in a scholarship fund to assist current ICHS students, a decision that we know would have pleased this dedicated teacher.

In Memory Of

Please remember the deceased alumni and family members in your prayers.

Elizabeth Lamb Flannery '24
Mother of Mary Margaret Austin '60

Elizabeth Monahan Ketterer '37

Ruth Everett McDonough '37

Margaret Fenton Haynes '40

Mary Cunningham Shallow '40
Sister of Josephine Cunningham '44

Elizabeth McCartney Justin '40

John J. "Jack" Sharkey '41

John A. Guarducci '42
Brother of Madeline Grasso '52
Edward '53

Robert L. Phillion '42

Mary Wickens Meade '43
Sister of Albert Wickens '46 & wife
Patricia
Jean Sexton '49

Claire Marguerite Smith '44

Martin F. Quinn '45

George R. Tully '46

George W. Haas '47
Uncle of Cindy Hickey '67

Ann McHenry Jaegel '47

Barbara Gmeiner Cartier '48

Anne J. Cass '48
Sister of Elaine Mehl '50
Margaret Howard '55
Marian Van Ekelenburg '64

Neal Patrick '48

Anne Smith Jenkins '49
sister of Kathleen Smith Conlon '56

Eileen Donnellan Lehman '50

Lorraine Facht Smith '50

Robert M. McDonnell '51

Bernard F. Puy '51

William J. Howley '64

Kathleen M. Brady Hanf '67
Sister of Patricia Kraft '64 & husband
Daniel

Pauline Gaudreau '67

Mary Ellen Byrne Madison '79
Sister of Maureen Caulfield '68
Carol Krow '72

Kevin '74
Brian '76
James '76
Patricia McMenamin '77

Lavel Lewis, Jr. '82

We Remember Our Deceased Friends and Relatives

Thelma L. Barcliff
Grandmother of Rae 'Shan Bacliff '91
Terence Bacliff '91

Elmer L. Calabrese
Husband of Dora Zorro Calabrese '51

Catherine Cummins
Mother of Eileen & James Lott, Jr. '81

Marion Ruth Cunningham
Mother of Matthew L. Cunningham
'79 & wife Frances

Maureen Cummings '80 & husband
William '76

Kerry Ann Hendrix '82 & husband
Steven
Tara Griswold '93 & husband Kevin

Filomena N. Dellano
Former IC Faculty

John L. Delli Santi
Football & baseball coach

William J. DeVoti, Sr.
Father of Marlene Fetterly '69
Jacqueline '71
William '74

Mark '77 & wife Jean
Denise Sperazza '79 & husband
Michael
Matthew '80 & his wife Laura

Marcia Duhart
Mother of Kelly Duhart '86

Anna Claire Dyer
Mother of Patrick '68
Michael '70

Donna '72
Timothy '73
Brian '77
Kevin '78

Anna L. Gannon
Mother of Michael '64
Judith Krehel '66

Karen Garcia
Daughter of Ann Merrill McGowan
'60
Niece of Jean Merrill Pascuiti '66 &
Jim Pascuiti '64

Sister Alice Bernadette Hearon, S.C.
IC faculty

Maria Ilaria
IC Faculty

Susan M Ilaria
Daughter of Jean Bonvino Naglieri '59

Rosaline Jaeger
IC cafeteria aide

Gerard Keogh
Father of Teresa Ryan '79
Kevin '83
Maureen Holland '88

Marian Kerwin Koegel
IC Faculty

Timothy S. Madden
Brother of Sheila O'Connell '59

Jeanne Marchese
Cousin of Dr. Elissa J. Santoro '56
Dr. James J. Santoro '63

Sheila McDonald
Mother of Maureen Brickman '60 &
husband Clarence
Joan Butcher '61 & husband Stan
Rita Groendyke '65 & husband Tom

John F. "Jack" Molloy Jr.
Brother of Clare Emerson '51
Eleanor Molloy '54
Mary Anne Molloy '58

Angelo Mongioi
Father of Lorraine '70 & son-in-law
David Tucker '72
Mary O'Connor
Sister-in-law of Jane Diesso '39
Sister-in-law of Patricia Hoatson '44

Marion Papera
Mother of Ron Papera & wife Kathy
Quinn Papera '68
Richard Papera & wife Patricia
McWilliams Papera '64

Matthew Papera
Son of Richard Papera & wife Patricia
McWilliams Papera '64

Antoinette Petrosino
Mother of Michelle '69
Cynthia '71 & husband Walter Stepowj

Frank J. Pizzuti
Father of Frances Vanderhoff '71
Sharon Witkowski '73

Barbara M. Reichmann
Sister of Gail '55 & Ron Bizzoso

Clare Reynolds
Mother of Christine Zichello '69

Phyllis L. Reynolds
Mother of Kenneth '84 & wife Tammy
Lorraine '87 & husband Michael
Melhorn '87
Rachel '89 & husband Michael
Lebiedzinski
Margaret & James Kiernan '82

Frances Earley Schnabel
Mother of Margaret Jaeger '63

John Sharkey
Husband of Marguerite Buoye Sharkey
'53
Father of Susan Spaschak '81

Damon M. Stinson, Jr.
Father of Damon M. Stinson, III '80
Lottie D. Stinson '82

Catherine R. Temple
Mother of Susan McGrath '71 &
husband Robert

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