



ALUMNI E-NEWS

Students Four Years
Brothers & Sisters for Life

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MARIST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Happy Summer RedHawks!!

June is all about Dad's and Grads! (And this year: cicadas) One of the most special photos taken at the end of each school year, is with the Dads and their grads at the Baccalaureate mass.

Lumps in throats, tears in eyes, and undeniably special. We all know that Dads are a very VERY big deal. The Dads (and Moms) who value their children's education, and appreciate the one they received here at Marist, who are willing to sacrifice to insure an outstanding faith-based education...well, it is special...pass the Kleenex...

Our Boys Volleyball are STATE CHAMPS! These aces made it look easy....dig it!

Our Girls Softball had an amazing season, finishing second at state!

This month, we check in with some alumni and another very Marist Wedding. And get your calendars out - we have a few events we don't want you to miss.

Sincerely,

Marist High School Alumni Office



ALUMNI UPDATES



Mike Weaver '98

Mike is the Vice President of Hospitality at MGM National Harbor in the Washington D.C. area. He has reached out to his alma mater and we can't wait for him to visit and share with the students some of his great stories and positive advice. If you are headed to the D.C. area, check out MGM National Harbor, and be sure to look up Mike. You'll be certain to get royal RedHawk treatment, and remember, six is a bust card.

Ryan O'Brochta '95

Ryan and his wife Christy own and operate [Beauty By Design](#), a full-service design-build firm. They are the one-stop-shop for clients interested in remodeling their living spaces or building a new home from the ground up. With both professional design and

general contracting within the same company, they focus on the look and feel of the finished product from the beginning to end. They are able to easily walk clients through the construction process to deliver exactly what they are looking for: a beautiful new living space. Congratulations O'Brochtas!



Mike Gattone '82



This is awesome! Marist's very own Mike Gattone will be the head coach of the U.S. Lifting team at the Paris Olympics this summer. Mike is the Senior Director of Sports Performance and Coaching Education for USA Weightlifting. Mike has 40 years of experience in weightlifting and strength and conditioning, including serving as Assistant Strength and Conditioning for Vermeil

Sports/Chicago Bulls, as well as being the personal coach of Tara Nott, 2000 Olympic Gold Medalist.

Mike was quoted as saying, "I just love weightlifting and it makes me really happy to be involved and hopefully passing some of that love and passion to the folks I work with. I never want to stop growing and learning as I move into the future as well." A winning attitude for sure! **Way to uphold one of Marist's very own Root Beliefs: Never Stop Learning & Growing.**

Read more here: <https://www.performancemenu.com/article/848/Interview-Mike-Gattone/>

Bonne Chance USA Lifting! Bring home the GOLD!

The 67'S!!

These guys are the first graduating class of Marist. And are they fun! Last year Jen Luzzo, Alumni Relations, Research, and Database at Marist (and parent of students in the class of '14, '16, '19, '21, and wife of '83), crashed one of their breakfast meetings...and was politely asked ... "Why are you here?"

Jen's answer- "I love the stories- so tell me one, I know you have a million of them!" She's a fan, and the stories are PRICELESS!

Bob Heilman, who was in from Atlanta, said he was inspired to be an educator because of the Marist Brothers- he liked their "style". They covered an amazing amount of content, their spirituality made Christ come alive in his life. He admired their confidence, and their way of interacting with the students. Also, they could twirl the ends of their cinctures, in each hand, in opposite directions, simultaneously. Bob said he really tried to replicate this in his altar boy garb and couldn't do it. Bob gets an "A" for effort, and storytelling! And a job well done as a lifelong educator and administrator. She will see you guys at the next meeting!! Have your stories ready...



The 99'S!

It's been 25 years since they graduated Marist, it's great to see some members of the Marist class of 1999 gathered together this month for some fun! [#MaristAlumni](#)
[#MaristPride](#)



Amy Tracy '18



Amy Tracy '18 is a teacher in the Bridges Program at Elim Christian Services, the school in Crestwood, where she used to volunteer when she was a student at Marist High School in Chicago.

Read her inspiring story here: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/03/25/years-after-her-brother-enrolled-as-a-student-elim-teacher-still-making-connections-with-kids/>

A Very RedHawk Wedding Party

We may need to give the MOST RedHawk Wedding Party ever award to this gorgeous couple! Congrats to Colleen Hunt '15 and Marty Ryan '15
Bridesmaids (left to right): Maeve Diamond '15, Kelsey Ryan '16, Demi McGill '15, Amelia Olivi '15, Mary Brennan '15, Ryann O'Mara '14, Lucie Tolan '15, Carly Ryan '12 (all Marist grads).

Groomsmen (left to right): John LaMantia '15, Connor Ryan '11, James Hunt '20, Dan Hunt '13 Matt Holland '14, Brian Holland '14 Joey Lynch '15, Matt Hickey '15 and Vinny Moore (the only member of the bridal party who is not a Marist

graduate- Calm down! - He's from Ireland- so it's OK....)

And, the ceremony was presided by Father Tom Hurley '85 - That's a lot of RedHawks!

Our very Best Wishes to you!!!



Fun Fact:

St. Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day was June 6th!

Benefit for Steve Walsh '06

Friends of Steve are putting on the 2nd annual Big Steve Day!

All proceeds from Big Steve Day will be donated to the EHE Foundation. We lost Steve to Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma on September 22, 2023, but the battle is far from over. We will continue to raise funds in Steve's honor to assist others that are fighting this terrible disease.

Hope all the dads out there enjoyed Father's Day!

Lead by example:
The best gift you can
give your child



CURRENT SCHOOL NEWS



Boys Volleyball: IL State Champions!

Girls Softball: Runner-Up in State!



UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Southside Summer Festival

Presented by Marist

Tickets are now sale for Southside Summer Festival presented by Marist...and they are going fast! This years' lineup includes The BoDeans, The Push Stars, and Soul 2 the Bone, all atthe Marist Stadium. Tickets start at \$20 for Volunteers, \$35 for General Admission, and can be purchased by visiting:

<https://www.marist.net/southside-summer-festival/> #SouthsideSummerFestival

The BoDeans
The Push Stars - & - Soul 2 the Bone
Saturday, July 20th
ONE MONTH AWAY!
VIP TICKETS ALMOST SOLD OUT!
3 BANDS + Lou Malnati's PIZZERIA + DRINKS

SOUTHSIDE
SUMMER FESTIVAL
Presented by Marist

Get Your Tickets Now!

Get Your Foursome set for The Marist Masters:

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*Join us at the inaugural
Marist Masters
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

MIDLOTHIAN COUNTRY CLUB
5000 W. 147TH STREET



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Have you moved? Do you have a new job? Did you get married? Is there a new addition to your family? Let us know! We want to hear your news!

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