



# ALUMNI E-NEWS

Students Four Years  
Brothers & Sisters for Life

AUGUST 2024

## MARIST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Thanks so much to the Alumni who continue to send us updates and photos. It is so good to be in touch with you and we are delighted that you still make Marist a part of your circle. We wish you well always and are grateful to be a part of your life. We are family! Please keep them coming!

To all of our current students returning to us, and our recent grads out there working hard, just starting college, or getting back into a school routine...



Sincerely,

**Marist High School Alumni Office**

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### **Jason Dunneback '93 - Home Plate Catering**

Jason Dunneback has been coaching baseball for the last 25 years. That's where the name "Home Plate Catering" comes from - baseball's home plate! Cooking and grilling are his passions, outside of coaching. He started cooking for his teams and his school as a way to bring everyone together, and it grew from there. Now, he cooks for all kinds of events - parties, celebrations, corporate functions, food for your local Pub, block parties, you name it. Jason loves making people happy with great food, whether it's smoked meats, freshly grilled meats & veggies, his signature sandwiches, or creating a Taco Bar Fiesta! No party is too big or too small. His mission is to provide delicious food and create lasting memories through sharing a great meal together. That's a GRAND SLAM.

Check out Jason's delicious menu here:

<https://www.homeplatecateringchicago.com/menu>





### **Ben Wydra '01**

Ben Wydra is the founding Partner and Head of Strategy at Plimsoll and has over 20 years of experience in marketing strategy and execution, video production, and business operations in agency environments.

At Plimsoll, he provides marketing leadership and positioning - directing public-facing initiatives and leading the execution of marketing plans. He also collaborates with business development and account services to introduce and market services, and analyze current and potential relationships for new opportunities.

On the client side, he plays a pivotal role in strategy and creative direction, with a strong focus on influencing the development of concepts and the execution of big ideas. His expertise shines when developing cross-channel strategies to align with client business goals and objectives.



He brings an in-depth understanding of the individual and integrated services that Plimsoll provides for its clients, and how to best leverage those resources across the planning, development, and execution of client engagements, that inspire action and shape brand relationships.

His background includes fine arts, digital design, photography, videography, script and story development, and hands-on creative and strategic plan design and execution.

He has experience with various industries and verticals, including internal communications, external marketing, and content development across B2B and B2C companies.

Check out Ben and Plimsoll on Linked in—super creative!!

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## Kevin Sullivan '76

Kevin Sullivan's career in communications includes the rare combination of The White House, corporate, and sports experience at the most senior levels. He is the author of "Breaking Through: Communications Lessons from the Locker Room, the Boardroom & the Oval Office," which is available at amazon.com, and all major digital retailers.

Since launching KSC, Inc. in February 2009, the firm has served an impressive roster of clients. Sullivan has also become a sought-after media training and speech/presentation coach.

Sullivan was appointed by President George W. Bush as Assistant to the President for Communications on July 11, 2006. At the White House, he oversaw message development and communications planning. Sullivan's responsibilities also included oversight of the White House Website; the rapid response operation; outreach to regional and specialty media; and the production of Presidential events.

Previously, Sullivan served as the Senate-confirmed Assistant Secretary for Communications & Outreach at the U.S. Department of Education. Before moving to Washington D.C., Sullivan was Senior Vice President for Corporate Communications & Media Relations at NBC Universal.

As Vice President of Communications at NBC Sports, Sullivan led NBC's communications efforts for three Olympic Games and for events such as the U.S. Open, PGA Tour and Ryder Cup; the NBA; MLB; NASCAR; Wimbledon; Notre Dame football; and horse racing's Triple Crown.

Sullivan got his start with the Dallas Mavericks, where he was regarded one of the NBA's top public relations executives. Sullivan was honored five times by the media as the Outstanding Public Relations Director in the NBA's Western Conference and received the NBA's 2004 Splaver/McHugh Tribute to Excellence Award in recognition of his outstanding career performance and service.

Sullivan earned a bachelor of science in management from Purdue University and a master of arts in mass communication from Iona College in New York.

Tremendous career, Kevin! You make Marist PROUD!

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## **Brendan Sheeran '91**

Brendan Sheeran '91, is the visionary owner and operator of Brecc Construction. As a distinguished civil engineer and a proud graduate of Colorado State University's engineering program, Brendan leverages over two decades of expertise in every construction project. Outside his professional realm, he's a devoted father of three, grounding the core values of family and excellence that define Brecc Construction. Congrats on your success story Brendan!!



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## **Brian Motykowski '95**

**Brian Motykowski, Class of 1995, throws out first pitch at Coors Field!**





**Happy 75th Birthday Mary Alice (Hughes) Enright**

To celebrate, the Hughes family organized a "tour of life" bus with stops at special places in Mary Alice's life. They ended the tour on the "Hughes Patio" here at Marist High School. Mary Alice is joined with her husband Dave and her sons, Tim '89, Brian '91, Patrick '94, and Joe '97.

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## Check Out This Young Alum - Luke Schuler '21

**THE UNION BANK CO.**  
COMMITTED TO YOU

**ROOKIE  
OF THE  
YEAR**

**LUKE SCHULER**

**Bowling Green State  
University**

Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
(BSBA) Major

2025 Graduate

theubank.com

*"After graduating, I would like to head back home to Chicago to obtain my CFP license and pursue a career in Financial Planning to help individuals and families achieve their financial dreams!"*

MEMBER  
FDIC  
LENDER

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## Girls Lacrosse Alumni enjoyed a game at the Larry Tucker SportsPlex

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Currently, Marist hosts reunions for classes celebrating their 5, 10, 25, and 50th years. But, if YOU and your classmates want any other year reunion, and need someone here to help, reach out to Jen. She will work with your committee to help find your missing classmates. We can post your venue and time details on social media. We want it to be successful! We always root for you!

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**Congrats to Alex Granat '13 & Meg Golon**

Alex Granat '13 & Meg Golon on their wedding day June 15, 2024 at St Christina with Father Tom Hurley '85. Many happy returns of the day!!



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**So many future Redhawks.....maybe we should call this**

***The Class of '42 Preview to Greatness edition!!***

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Mary Barry, much-beloved Math teacher here at Marist, became a grandmother on May 22nd. Congrats to Mary and her husband Kevin and proud parents Jack '13 and Katie Barry!

Luke Patrick

-Born May 22

-9 lbs 2oz

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Pat Quinn, Marist faculty and coach legend, became a first time grandfather. His daughter, Alene and her husband Steve, were in the first co-ed class (Class of '06). They are the proud parents to Quinn Margaret Jansky. Safe to say that Grandpa Pat is bursting with pride and joy.

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Congratulations to Colleen Phelan, Marist faculty & winning girls softball coach, and her family on Baby #3, Conor Patrick! Welcome to the team!

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### God Bless

(Left to Right)

- Juliet Marie Finucane, Class of 2042, daughter of Tara & Tim Finucane '14
- Charles George, Class of 2042, son of Lauren (Badke '06) and Michael DeRose

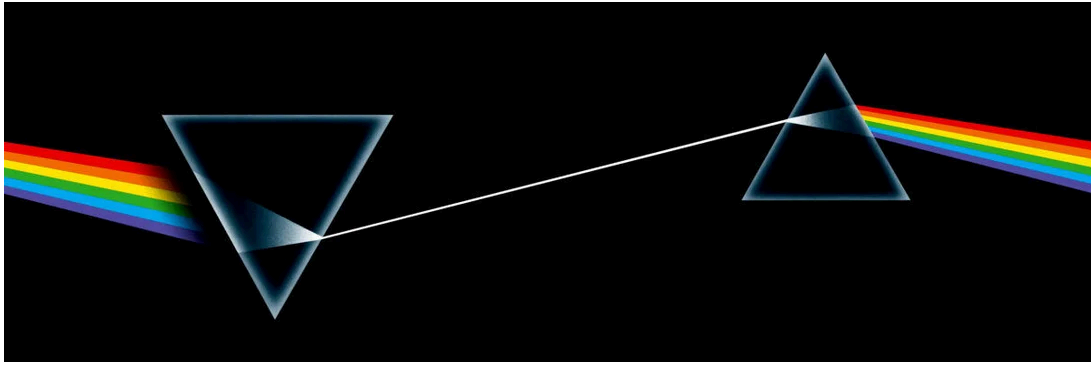


- Cecilia Margaret, Class of 2042, daughter of Bridget (Griffin) Wiser '13 & Mike Wiser '14



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Check This Out:



## **PINK FLOYD'S 'THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON'**

**Celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the best-selling albums of all time with an immersive space and musical experience like you've never seen before, in the Marist Planetarium.**

On February 27th, 1973, EMI Records held a press conference for the debut of Pink Floyd's new album, 'The Dark Side of the Moon' at the London Planetarium. Although the London Planetarium Dome could only show an array of stars, constellations and images of the cosmos while the music played, it was still an unprecedented success.

Fifty years later, in recognition of the iconic album - and with the help of amazing advances in technology - an official full dome experience with stunning visuals of the solar system and beyond is now available and being shown at select Planetariums worldwide....including the Planetarium at Marist High School!

"The show itself will be divided between the ten tracks off the album, in chronological order, each having a different theme; some futuristically looking forward and some a retro acknowledgment to Pink Floyd's visual history, all relating to a time and space experience, embracing up-to-the-minute technology that only a Planetarium can offer.

It promises to be immersive; an all-encompassing surround sound and visual treat that will transcend reality and take you way beyond the realms of 2D experience."

Book your tickets today!

This is cool- It is at Marist through December– Book now (Great Dad gift idea)!

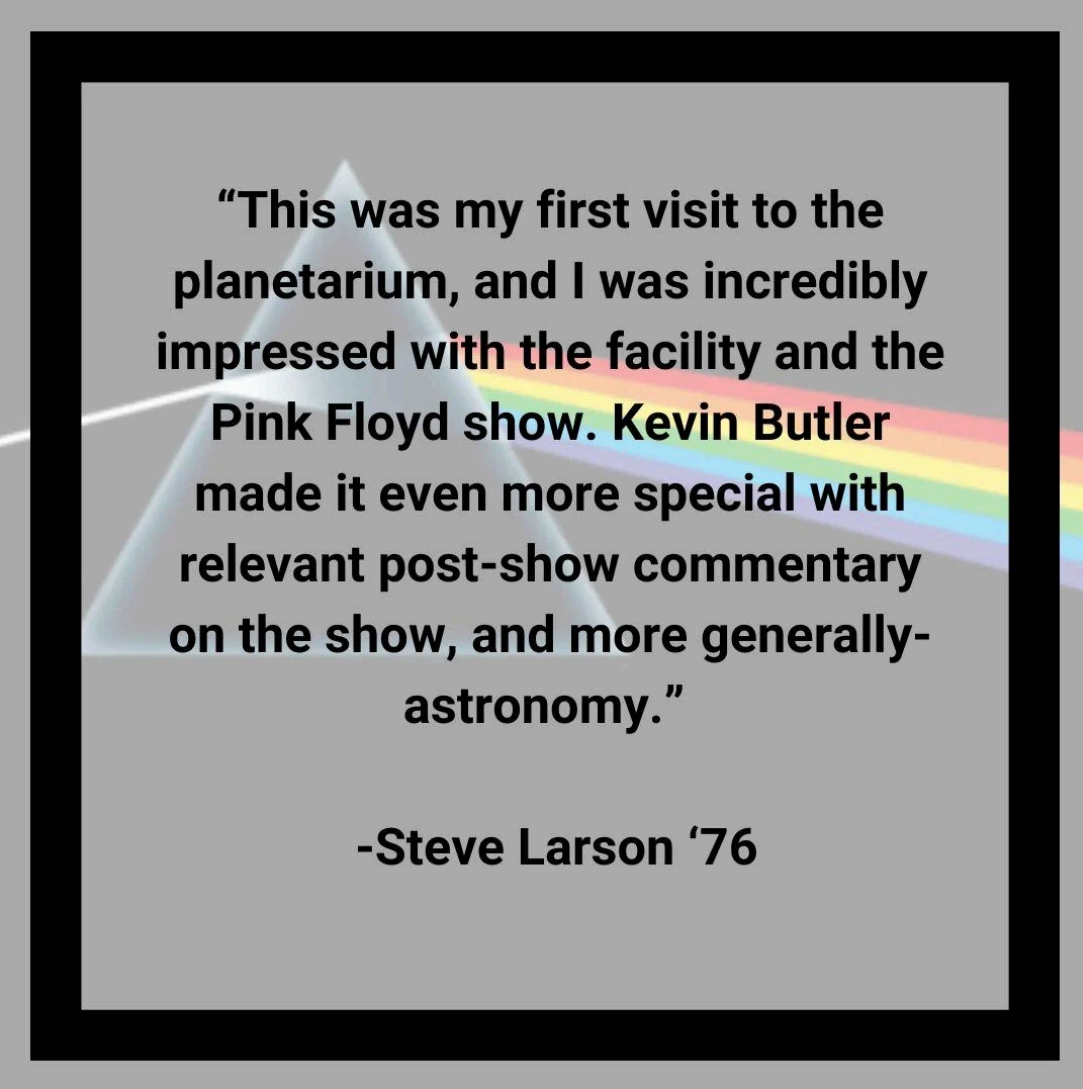
**Get Your Tickets Now!**



**These alumni went and loved the Pink Floyd Experience!**

(left to right) Jon Raymond '81, Paul Sommerville '81, Pat Cronin '81, Ed Larson '78, Dan Larson '81, Kit Cahill '14, Steve Larson '76, Jim Kokoris '76

Talk about something no one ever thought they would come back to do at Marist!!!!



**“This was my first visit to the planetarium, and I was incredibly impressed with the facility and the Pink Floyd show. Kevin Butler made it even more special with relevant post-show commentary on the show, and more generally-astronomy.”**

**-Steve Larson '76**

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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



MaryClare Leonard '17  
Cross Country & Track



Brendan Heffernan '99  
Wrestling



Thomas Epich '79  
Football



Jordan Vidovic  
Men's & Women's Volleyball  
Coach



Jeremy Nash '06  
Basketball



2002 Men's Volleyball Team  
State Champions

**9.13.24 | Save the Date**

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!

Class notes may be used in [The Point Magazine](#), which is published twice a year. They may also be used on Marist's social media, including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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