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Mission Statement

At the John Carroll School, guided by the spirit of America's first Catholic archbishop and early patriot, we cultivate in each student a love of learning, a respect for self, and sensitivity to others. Instilling Catholic values through a challenging college preparatory program, we educate the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Our secondary school community develops young men and women of moral integrity, and prepares them to serve responsibly in shaping a more just and compassionate global society.

Letter from...



WE GO BY THE NICKNAME of the Patriots and our Mission Statement refers to being “guided by the spirit of America’s first Catholic archbishop and early patriot.” More than 200 years ago, our namesake urged Catholics to “go into the new” and become active and engaged citizens of a young nation. Archbishop John Carroll himself served our country by accompanying Benjamin Franklin on a diplomatic mission to Canada.

It is appropriate, then, that service to our country figures large in the plans of many current and alumni Patriots. Almost every year a career in the military attracts one or two of our graduating class. Some take the ROTC scholarship track, some seek an appointment to one of the academies, some pursue enlistment, and still others attend specialized schools. In our Class of 2007 we have: one student accepted for the Virginia Military Institute; one having

to decide between offers from Army, Navy and Air Force; and one looking at a military preparatory school.

This month I would like to share with you some news we have received of two of our graduates who are performing with distinction in their respective military careers.

IN DECEMBER, I was visited by the father of **Corporal Ryan Cavey ‘03** who updated me on his son. Ryan chose the Marines after John Carroll and is now on his second tour in Iraq. Ryan’s father describes the perilous work of the Marines of 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon of Golf Company in the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment: “They are frontline infantry, beyond the wire.” The story of Ryan and his comrades has been chronicled by reporter Tony Perry of the Los Angeles Times on his blog: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/frontline/2006/12/saqlawiyah_iraq.html. The blog recounts the sacrifice and heroism of a group of young men. Ryan’s leader and close friend was killed by sniper fire on November 24. Ryan, the assistant squad leader, had been set to return home within two weeks; he promptly stepped up and extended his tour in Iraq. A fellow Marine observed of Ryan and his comrades: “It’s kind of tough to be amazed by these guys because they do so many amazing things.”

ON JANUARY 22, Russian teacher Mr. Ed Miller and I were privileged to join with the family and friends of **Colonel Mark Ramsay ’77** as he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Air Force at a ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base. General Ramsay’s eldest daughter, Marianne, is also a John Carroll graduate, Class of 2004, having lived with her grandparents while her father was stationed in various places at home and abroad. General Ramsay holds a senior position in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs at Air Force headquarters in Washington DC, working with a budget in the hundreds of billions. A graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Air Force Officer Training School, General Ramsay has more than 4,700 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He has commanded an air refueling squadron, an operations group, and an air refueling wing. General Ramsay spoke of his fondness for John Carroll in his speech.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THESE PATRIOTS are a source of great pride for their families and this school community. The seriousness and depth of their commitment to our nation is a laudable example for our students. There are many other graduates of John Carroll serving our country at home and abroad. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Paul G. Barker, *Principal*

Alumni news...

Class News and Notes

Class of 1968

Richard Guntner works for G.E.S. Brokerage Network and lives in Carney, MD with wife and daughters. Oldest daughter is engaged and will marry in July; middle daughter teaches history at Parkville High School; and youngest daughter is a junior at Rider University in NJ.

Class of 1970

Congratulations to **James Kaper, Ph.D.** on his recent appointment by The University of Maryland School Of Medicine as its chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Several girls from the class meet for dinner and to relive old times. We'd love other classmates to join us. Call **Carolyn Kavanagh Lambdin** for upcoming dates. You can reach her at the Harford County Government Department of Community Services. Carolyn and husband, Joe, live in Bel Air. Their daughter, **Jennifer '93**, is a JC graduate. **Jane Cassilly Knapp** is the director of Harford Hospice. She has two children, Laura, 30, and Ben, 27; and two step-children, **Lesley '94**, 30, and **Brad '96**, 28. Jane and husband, Tom, live in Bel Air. **Marion Peterson Mullauer** is vice president and CIO of Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. in Bethesda. She, husband, Bob, and son, Mark, 17, live in Cockeysville. **Claire Salkowski** and husband, **Richard Bartlett '70**, live in Fork and have three children and three grandchildren. Claire, founder and head of Free State Montessori

School in Fork, is the Director of Mediation and Education Programs at Sheppard Pratt Health System. **Barb Stewart Harris** is a kindergarten teacher for Baltimore County Schools. She and husband, Ron, have been married 31 years, have three children; Caitlin, Nick, and Brendan.

Anne Wagman Mundth and husband, **Jeff '70** live in Bel Air. Their children, **Gus '93**, **Kristin '96**, and **John '00**, are all JC alums. Anne is an accountant for a firm in Bel Air. **Vicki Vaughn Dowling** can be reached at www.drinkingmanscalendar.com. Vicki and husband of 29 years, Cliff, recently published The Drinking Man's Calendar, featuring local watering holes. Their daughter, Cassie, was married last year and all the Vaughn girls, including the daughters of Vicki's brothers, **Jeff '72** and **Jim '75**, as well as Jim's son, **Lee '05**, were in the wedding. **Kathy Phipps Romanelli Storrs** is an assessment nurse for Hospice of Baltimore. She has four children, Karen, 32; Anne, 29; Lisa, 26, and Rich, 18. **Anna Chrismer Housman** and husband, Chuck, live in Bel Air; have three children, **Chris '87**; **Kathleen '02**; and **Molly '05**. She is a free-lance writer, working for local and national non-profit organizations, and a part-time reference librarian for the Harford County Public Library System.

Class of 1971

If you're looking for a home in Sunny Paradise, FL contact **Christie Seeberger Carlomany** at www.ChristieCarlomany.com for all your real estate needs.

Class of 1973

In December **Stanley Lampkin** was promoted to Major with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. Major Lampkin will command the Strategic Planning & Development Division.

Class of 1974

A message from **Chuck Peacher**: Please keep the alumni office or charles.peachere@sylvania.com up to date on your email address so I can contact you. During the holiday we had 20 of our class mates meet in Bel Air for cocktails and some

fun. **Steve Keithly** even showed up from Texas. Once a year we send out an email and hope that everyone can show up. Congratulations to **Donna Coomes McGill** who became a proud grandmother to Sienna Marie. She and husband, Mike, are "over the moon!"

Class of 1976

Remember **Maria Valeria Russo**? She attended JC briefly as a Brazilian exchange student living with **Eileen Rayner Spieker's '74** family. She wrote in from Puerto Rico wishing everyone well. Email her at mvalerians@gmail.com

Class of 1977

Congratulations to **Mark Ramsay** – read his story in the letter from our Principal. In memory of **Karen Beims**, the Harford County Public Library in Darlington named a corner of the library "Kari's Corner," a place where children can create with art. **Kari's Corner** was dedicated in December. **Jessica O'Brien '06**, daughter of **Patty Gay** and **Craig O'Brien '77**, cleared 5'8 ¾, breaking JMU's high jump record that had stood for more than 23 years.

Class of 1978

Maria Wargovich Scheeringa and husband, Lonnie, have moved to New Zealand. Currently retired, she is writing a book on resource recovery. Contact her at alllaunch321@hotmail.com

Class of 1980

Congratulations to **Dee Duvall's** daughter, Autumn Blevins, on being selected to participate in the People to People Ambassador Student Program.

Class of 1981

Marianne Lancaster Peters is the Projects Manager and Executive Assistant for Citrus and Allied Essences Ltd. and lives in Fallston. Be sure to catch up on Pulitzer Prize-winning Playwright and classmate, **Suzan-Lori Parks** at <http://www.barclayagency.com/parks.html>.

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Alumni news...

Class News and Notes

Class of 1983

Susie Breaux is the Senior Writer/Editor at the College of Notre Dame of MD. She recently used a testimonial from current JC faculty member, Bob Schick, in a new brochure for the College's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Class of 1984

Roger Boni and his band, the *Midnight Ramblers*, recently played at BB King's Rhythm and Blues Club in Nashville. Roger plays bass guitar and wife, Judy, is the drummer. Roger's day job is with a newspaper distribution company. **Doug Menapace** would like to get a head start planning the 25-year reunion. If you would like to help, contact him at dmenapace@msn.com. **Pam Byers Buhidar** and husband, Michael, live in Texas where she is a nurse and expecting baby #2 this spring.

Class of 1985

Bill Kendall is the Manager of Subcontracts and Strategic Sourcing for the Electro-Optical Division of Goodrich Corp. in Danbury, CT. The company supplies products and services for the military and NASA. He has finished his second Master's degree in Global Business Mgt. Best wishes to all. Contact Bill at williamjkendall@yahoo.com.

Class of 1986

John Taylor is Retail Director for Milwaukee Sportservice making him responsible for all retail operations for the Milwaukee Brewers. It's the last move for a while. He has lived in IL, TX, and AZ since college. He and his wife are active in the Autism Society of America, as their son, Ryan, has autism.

Class of 1987

Congratulations to **Laura Linz McGillem** who will marry this spring. She works as a biotechnology patent examiner at the US Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA.

Class of 1990

Congratulations to **Rachael Durst** and **Ryan Price** on the birth of their 2nd child,

Ryleigh, who joins big brother, Ryan, age 7.

Congratulations to **Alicia Roman Meese** on the birth of second child, Giuliana, born in August.

Class of 1991

Congratulations to **Patti Rogalski Wade** and husband, on the birth of son, Halden, in April.

Class of 1992

Amy Caviston Coffin lives in Alabama with her husband and boy/girl twins, Lance and Tara, born July '05. She still rides and competes on horses and is a stay at home mom.

Class of 1993

Congratulations to **Lori Hlopak** who married Shane Janicki and was expecting their first child in February. She lives in Monroe, NC. **Jason Adams** works in Aberdeen and lives in Bel Air with wife, Jessica and daughter, Miranda. *How about getting a committee together to start the early planning for your 15-year reunion?* **Cathy Finnerty Cretella**, husband, Victor, and daughter, Genevieve, welcomed Victor Edward Cretella IV "Eddie" in July to their family. They live in New Market, MD. **Renee Reese** and **Brian O'Mailey** moved from Federal Hill to Fallston with twin daughters, Kyleigh and Delaney.

Class of 1994

Rebecca Synnott Giordano teaches pre-first in the lower school at St. Paul's School in Baltimore.

Class of 1995

Chris Furst works at Power Plant Live in Baltimore and invites anyone to contact him at chris@mexbaltimore.com if you would like to plan a downtown event. How about a JC Happy Hour? Congratulations to **Lisa Kruszewski** who married in October. She is a registered nurse working in home care.

Class of 1996

Becky Titelman's second book in her series, "The Wonky Witch and the Wizard-napping", came out in October and is available at the Bel Air Barnes and Noble! **Jennifer Lewald Raynes** and husband, David, announce the birth of twin boys, William and Nicholas in August.

Class of 1997

Congratulations to **Michael Williams** who married Bridget Weininger in June. He lives near Patterson Park in Baltimore.

Class of 1998

Mandy Pazdersky Harry and husband, Dean, are excited to share the news that in January, Nathan Donald Harry was born only 6 hours after Mandy's sister, Karen, gave birth to a baby boy in the room next door! "Nate" joins big sister, Lucy.

Class of 1999

Tara Parekh works in Washington, DC as a printing services specialist and visual information specialist for the U.S. Government Printing Office. In the spring she was sent to the White House to work on a special project for the Office of the President. There she created a graphic insert for a book on pandemic influenza. *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan* was released by the Homeland Security Council in May. Congratulations to **Meredith Brecht** who married her best friend, Matthew Colburn in June. She is a Senior Benefits Analyst for RSM McGladrey Employer Services.

Class of 2000

Congratulations to **Melissa Barth** who married Joseph McCallister. She lives in Parkville and is enjoying her first year of teaching in the Baltimore City School System. **Carolyn Mele** completed her MA in Psychology at Loyola and is in the second half of her MBA program in Finance at Loyola. In August, she took and passed the licensing test for the State of Maryland accreditation as a psychologist. She is a member in the practice of E.H.P. Behavioral Services. **Holly Thomas** writes for the Washington Post and splits her time between the Sunday TV guide, where she reviews DVDs and new TV shows, and the Sunday Source, where she covers shopping and reviews beauty products. **Kim Kane** is a 2nd Lt in the Army and is serving in Iraq. Please keep Kim and all our military in your prayers.

Alumni news...

Class News and Notes

Class of 2001

Jake English and wife, Sarah, bought a 3-story row home, or “Money Pit-style” home, five blocks west of Camden Yards. He works in DC and loves married life. He’s still performing—most recently in a production of *It’s a Wonderful Life*. **Marc Parisi** graduated from Mount St. Mary’s Univ. in 2005 and is one of three campus ministers at Calvert Hall College High School where he also teaches a freshman religion class.

Class of 2002

Lindsey Kelly is getting married to Adam Hopkins in June. Her matron of honor is **Kristin Kelly Hermani** ‘99. **Amanda Bertram**, **Megan Whiteleather**, and **Mandy Herman**, all ‘02, are in the wedding. Lindsey is in nursing school in Virginia and lives on Chincoteague Island where Adam is a middle school English teacher. **Cassie Nelson** graduated from Towson University and plans to be married in the fall. **Amanda Bertram** graduated from York College in May with a degree in psychology and is in a graduate program at Loyola College. **Lauren VieBrock**

earned a bachelor’s degree in microbiology from the University of Maryland in 2006 and is working for a pharmaceutical sales firm in California. **Kevin Korczynski** graduated in May from St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia with a degree in education. Kevin, who continued performing in several productions while in college, deferred graduate school to pursue theatrical opportunities in Philadelphia and New York. **Kathleen Housman** graduated in May from Mount St. Mary’s University and is working toward a master’s degree in environmental chemistry at George Mason University. Kathleen wrapped up her Division 1 softball career breaking school records for runs scored and walks (is nationally ranked in NCAA Division 1), and is among the all-time school leaders in hits, doubles and games played. **Katie Knapp** earned a BSN from York College and works at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Class of 2004

Congratulations to **Chris Ports** who was selected for the 2006 Capital Athletic Conference Men’s Soccer All-Conference team. Chris, a junior, is a midfielder at York College

in PA. This honor is nothing new to Chris, as he is a 3x member of the first team, and was the overtime game-winner in the CAC championship match vs. St. Mary’s College of MD for the second consecutive year.

Class of 2005

Andrew Cranford plays volleyball for Stevens Institute of Technology whose team was ranked 4th in DIII volleyball. Both he and his brother, **Matt** ‘07 were selected by the American Volleyball Coaches Assoc. as 1st team All-Americans for the ‘06 season. In addition, Andrew was selected as the US Newcomer of the Year and appeared in *Sports Illustrated* in a Feb. ‘06 issue.

Class of 2006

Jessica O’Brien, daughter of **Patty Gay** ‘77 and **Craig O’Brien** ‘77, cleared 5’8 ¾, breaking JMU’s high jump record that had stood for more than 23 years. **Julie Lindner** is a freshman at Elizabethtown College and loves the school. She misses the “security and warmth” of JC but is excited about being out on her own.

Remember that feeling?



Recapture it now! Be part of our upcoming Alumni Directory.

Reconnect with memories and catch up with old friends and former classmates with the upcoming Alumni Directory. This exciting and invaluable resource will include personal, academic and business information about our graduates.

The book is being researched and compiled by Harris Publishing, the leading publisher of alumni directories in the U.S. When you receive your directory questionnaire, don’t miss your opportunity to be part of the important project.

Take a few minutes to update and return your information—and be sure you’re included so old friends can find you.

Alumni news...

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Alumni Caritas Award

Judy Debellis Thompson '86 Honored with Alumni Caritas Award

Judy DeBellis Thompson, class of 1986, is the 2007 recipient of The Archbishop John Carroll Alumni Caritas Award. In order to be considered for this award, the following criteria must be met:

- Demonstrates a commitment to justice and peace through community service.
- Demonstrates in his/her life an understanding of and respect for the fundamental rights and corresponding duties of the human person.
- Possesses integrity and authenticity in promoting the social teaching of the church, especially with regard to the life and dignity of the human person.
- Hungers and thirsts for justice and peace demonstrating an option for the poor and vulnerable.
- Demonstrates a strong sense of social responsibility and volunteerism.
- Graduated from The John Carroll School at least 10 years prior to nomination.

Judy's life of service was heavily influenced by her parents and grandparents. However, it was truly the Outreach program at John Carroll that helped root service in her heart. While at VA Tech, she became a brother (yes, a brother) in Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed national service fraternity based on the principles of the Boy Scouts. She was also able to go on a mission trip to David, KY with VA Tech's Newman Community. They worked at a local Catholic school designed to reach the poor in the surrounding coal mining community with an opportunity to get a high school education.

She is a member of Ni River Community Church in Fredericksburg, VA. It is through the church that she continues to serve her community in a variety of ways; organizing efforts for an adopted family at Christmas,



The Archbishop John Carroll Alumni Caritas Award, was awarded to Judy DeBellis Thompson '86. Pictured from left to right, Sue Greig, John Carroll Alumni Relations Coordinator, Judy DeBellis Thompson '86 and Paul Barker, John Carroll Principal

leading the Visual Arts team, working with Compassion International efforts to obtain sponsors for children in their projects (she sponsors two girls through Compassion – one in Peru and one in Bolivia), and going on missions to Peru and soon to Bolivia.

A school-wide Mass and assembly honoring Judy was held during Catholic Schools Week in the school's gym with a reception following.

If you know of a graduate who fits the criteria, please nominate him/her online at www.johnccarroll.org

Save the Date ALUMNI EVENTS

APRIL

25 Alumni Advisory Council breakfast

MAY

6 Alumni LAX games @ Country Fair

15 & 17 Alumni/Senior class coffee

JUNE

3 Riepe Alumni Award presentation at graduation

JULY

Alumni Office closed

AUGUST

20 Ullmann Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

Connections mailed

6 Class of '82 25-year reunion @ The Main St. Tower

19-21 Class of '87 20-year reunion

20 Homecoming '07
• Hall of Fame Induction
• Alumni soccer/5K run
• Alumni beef-n-beer gathering

REUNION Update

The following classes will be celebrating their class reunion in 2007!
Keep an eye on the website for all the updates.

Class of 1972 | 35-Year

Plans are being made for your fall event.

Class of 1977 | 30-Year

Beth McDaniel Martin and Greg Pessagno have made the call to plan your reunion.

Class of 1982 | 25-Year

The date is set for Saturday, October 6th at The Main St. Tower, Bel Air

Class of 1987 | 20-Year

Save the dates of October 19-21 for your reunion weekend.

Class of 1992 | 15-Year

Jen Palinkas is gathering a committee to help with the plans.

Class of 1997 | 10-Year

Bonnie Zilka and committee are busy planning your event.

Class of 2002 | 5-Year

No plans yet! Anyone interested?

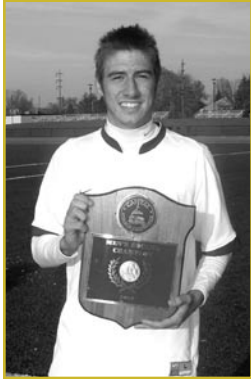
Contact the Alumni Office to help.

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Alumni news...

What are John Carroll Alumni Up to...

Mr. Johnson stays in touch with Alumni



Rodney Johnson travelled to York to watch **Christopher Ports '04** play in a CAC playoff soccer game. York won the game 3-0 over Hood College, with two of the three goals tallied by Chris. They are defending CAC champions.



Rodney with **Mike Coughlin '99** and new bride at Mike's wedding.



Lisa Coomes McGann '79 and daughter, Claire, recently addressed Heidi Dombrock Weaver's biology classes about the Keto diet (from the movie *Lorenzo's Oil* that the students watched in class) and other medical and scientific material (i.e. seizures, brain development, human body, muscle development, and special needs human beings).



Congratulations to **Alice Hopkins Puckett '77** on her induction into The Athletic Hall of Fame at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. Joining Alice on her induction day are **Amanda & Christina Sergi '06** who both attend Bridgewater

Alumni at Wake Forest University



Ashley Riggs, Trevor McEvoy, Jamie Cathell, class of 2004, are currently Juniors at Wake Forest University. Ashley recently returned from a semester abroad in China and Jamie spent her Fall semester studying in Denmark.



On **June 13th, 2006** this American flag was proudly flown into combat aboard a UH-60L Blackhawk Helicopter during Operation Mountain Lion. Task Force Talon & Charlie Company flew over 450 hours & executed over 150 air movements and assaults of troops and supplies to altitudes as high as 11,000 feet, sustaining soldiers across the area of operations. Over 1 million pounds of supplies were delivered to 1-32 Chosin Infantry, 3-71 Calavry Scouts, & 1/3 Marines in the Korengal, Suriyak, Nangalem, Konar, and Chow Kay Valleys of Afghanistan.

Captain Eric C. Seufert '94, signed and presented this flag to Paul Barker during the Homecoming '06 ceremonies last October.

Alumni news...

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The JC Pond Hockey tradition



The JC Pond Hockey tradition, started by Ed Miller many years ago, continues today. Even though Jock McGuirk '72 and John Rigdon have dropped out due to "age related" disabilities, 4 decades of alums still get together to play.

Pictured left to right - Colin Alban '07, Harrison Fowler '04, Pete DeCapite '99, Mark O'Connor '94, Eric Syphard '99, Scott Kelly '81 and son, Jack, Gary Scholl, Jim Edwards, Boo Smith, Jim Syphard and Jared McGrath '07. Others who regularly play not pictured are Bill Seufert '90, Taylor Whitehurst '99, Brandon Lawler '99 and Brian Kelly '96.

Alum welcomes JC basketball team during stay in Richmond



It is always nice to have a place to go when you are away from home. During their trip to Richmond, Virginia for the Benedictine Capital City Classic, the John Carroll boys' basketball team was fortunate to experience the tremendous hospitality and generosity of JC alum **Don Mosier '83** and his wife, Michelle. The Mosiers invited the entire team, coaches, and family members to their home for a beautiful reception.

On December 28th, the team took advantage of an off day from tournament play to journey to the Mosiers' home. There, they experienced

great food, fun, and a tremendous family atmosphere that is truly representative of a strong John Carroll alum and his family.

The Mosiers are regular attendees at the Benedictine Capital City Classic and were excited to have the JC boys playing in the event. The reception was a great experience for the young Patriots and gave them something of a break from the rigors of travel.

Many thanks to the Mosier family and to all those who support The John Carroll School and the Patriot basketball program!

Cover story...

President Appointed After National Search



Richard J. O'Hara, Head of School at The Wellington School in Columbus, Ohio, has been named President after an extensive national search. John Carroll Board Chair, Augustus F. Brown, announced the appointment February 20 following a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees and approval by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Tom Kelso, '70, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, chaired the Presidential Search Committee.

The President/Principal model is emerging as the preferred organizational model for many successful Catholic and independent schools across the country. According to Mr. Brown, "With the tremendous growth that John Carroll has seen over the last five years, the

Board felt that implementing this model of leadership would continue to strengthen the operation of John Carroll." As President, Mr. O'Hara will be the Chief Executive Officer and will be responsible for the overall operation of the school, more specifically in the areas of finance, institutional advancement, alumni relations, public relations, and facilities.

Paul G. Barker, in his sixth year as Principal, will continue in that role and will report to the President. The Principal will be directly responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school, including supervision of curriculum and instruction, faculty development and student services. Mr. O'Hara and Mr. Barker will share responsibility for the integration of faith and culture within The John Carroll School.

Mr. O'Hara has been the Head of The Wellington School, a private PK-12 day school, since 1997. Prior to Wellington, O'Hara was Head of the High School division of University School of Nashville, Tennessee and Director of College Counseling and teacher of Spanish at Woodberry Forest School, Virginia. He earned his undergraduate degree at Williams College in Political Science and Spanish and his Master's degree in Secondary School Administration at the University of Virginia. Mr. O'Hara has been an active member of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Columbus serving as

a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. O'Hara is married to wife, Jane, and has three children, Caitlin, Christopher, and Margaret.

Connections asked Mr. O'Hara about his future with John Carroll and here's what he had to say:

What were your first impressions of John Carroll? What did you see in John Carroll that affirmed your interest in the job?

What impressed me immediately was John Carroll's very strong and significant mission statement that genuinely served as a guide for school programs and for the way people interacted with each other. I was drawn to evidence of the faith pervading life at the school. The people I met during the interview process—faculty, staff, students, board members, and alumni—seemed to share a deep commitment to John Carroll, which also convinced me that this was a special place. Mr. Barker's bow ties were also quite impressive.

What are some of the similarities between John Carroll and Wellington?

They both place great emphasis on a love of learning, high moral integrity, respect for others, development of all aspects of a young person, and a life of service as citizens of the global community. I think that both schools have a distinctive warm and welcoming feel to them.

Cover story...

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President Appointed After National Search

“The people I met during the interview process—faculty, staff, students, board members, and alumni—seemed to share a deep commitment to John Carroll”

What aspects of the president's role are most exciting for you? Most challenging?

The opportunity to get to know all the school's constituents and engage them in the important work of moving the school forward together: students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents, parents of alumni, friends and other members of the extended John Carroll family. Also, I am excited by the possibility of starting new partnerships and strengthening existing ones in ways that will advance JCS' educational mission—with corporations, for instance, or nearby colleges, or other schools around the world. It will be exciting to consider ways of having John Carroll stand out even more as an educational leader. There are challenges in all of these goals, but the challenge is also what makes them exciting to me.

What do you feel your biggest accomplishment was at Wellington?

Anything I was able to accomplish in my ten years at Wellington was only achieved by having a great team in place, so I have been proud to work with wonderful colleagues. It has been most rewarding

to help guide a young school over these years, to the point where it now has a very clear sense of its unique mission, and in many ways, has become more mature, stronger, and well established as a leader in independent schools.

Tell us about your family and your move here.

My wife Jane and I will celebrate our 24th anniversary this summer, and are very blessed to be the parents of Caitlin (22), Christopher (17) and Margaret (Meg), who is 15. Our plan is for Jane and Chris to remain in Columbus this next year, allowing him to graduate from Wellington next June. We have not yet decided if Meg will come with me to Maryland this year, or in the fall of 2008. The family is very excited about the opportunity to move to Bel Air, where we will be close to my parents, other family members and friends in the area, and the beach—after nearly 20 years away.

We heard you played in a classic rock band. Are you going to be bringing those talents to our institution?

Unfortunately for the John Carroll community, the answer is probably “yes”—though I wouldn't blame anyone

for not wanting to listen! I have been an aging would-be rock star for a long time, and music remains my favorite interest.

Anything else you would like to share with the John Carroll community in advance of your arrival?

I became an educator 30 years ago because I believed in the importance of helping young people grow towards the fullest realization of who they could be, and what they could contribute to the larger world. As a high school principal and then as a headmaster, I felt called to advance school communities towards the highest vision of what they could be also. That is what I would like to achieve in service of John Carroll. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity, and am eager to join the JCS family and meet everyone who will be reading this magazine! May you all continue to know God's blessings and Christ's peace. Please keep me in your prayers, as you will be in mine.

Mr. O'Hara officially begins his new role on July 1, 2007.

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School news...

Students Named Maryland Student Pages

The Social Studies Department is proud to announce the selection of two outstanding seniors, Kyle Hanratty and Giuliana Kunkel, daughter of Gerry Kunkel '76, to represent Harford county in Annapolis as Maryland State Pages. The honor was confirmed on Kyle and Giuliana in December when they attended a Page Breakfast in Fallston with many local and state elected officials. The process of being accepted as a Maryland State Page begins at the local school level where each applicant has to fill out an application and have an interview

with Social Studies Department Chair, Jake Hollin '92. After being chosen to represent the school, their applications went to the Harford County State Page Selection Committee. Following a competitive interview process where they were asked questions by student representatives, Harford County Social Studies teachers, and the Director of Social Studies for Harford County, they were selected to be two of only 5 pages to head to Annapolis in the spring. As student pages, Kyle and Giuliana will be working closely with Delegates and

Senators learning first hand the ins and outs of the legislative process at the State House in Annapolis. They will spend two non-consecutive weeks where they will have the opportunity to see first hand our state government in action and also the opportunity to share student concerns and issues with our elected officials. Following their work, Kyle and Giuliana will share their experiences with members of the junior class in order to share the knowledge they gain as well as encourage continual participation in the program.

Around Campus...



Campus Minister, Patti Murphy Dohn '78, represented The John Carroll School at several events during the Re-Opening Celebrations at the Basilica of the Assumption. She is seen here with Cardinal Stafford, the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI's personal envoy to the Re-Opening of this most historic first cathedral in the United States.



The first annual Jason Smith Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award was awarded to **Ann Ploskonka '08**, a student who best exemplifies the spirit of giving generously of themselves toward the advancement of the school and other non-profits in the community.

Pictured left to right: Jan Smith, Jason's mom, Ann Ploskonka, Doug Smith, Jason's dad, and Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, JC's Outreach & Service Coordinator.



The SAC recently sponsored a successful blood drive where they collected 39 pints.

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ATHLETIC *Hall of Fame*



Athletic Director, **Larry Dukes** introduces the newest members of The John Carroll School Athletic Hall of Fame. Scooter Munroe '99 and Francis "Boo" Smith, longtime coach and faculty member were inducted during JC's Homecoming '06 activities in October.

Green School Possibility

Select members of The John Carroll School Community have been meeting periodically to discuss how John Carroll School can become a "Green School." Students and teachers have considered how to incorporate means and measures to reduce our footprint on our Mother Earth. Blue Recycling bins have been placed in the school halls and throughout the school for recyclable materials.

The school will earn funds which will be used to plant natural habitats, and create areas where animals and birds would naturally take refuge and build their homes.

There are several students on the team who have volunteered to give short presentations to classes so that faculty and students will be energized to lower The John Carroll Schools carbon footprint and to actually make a contribution to the regeneration, creativity and growth of an environment that is healthy for our planet.

Carey '08 and Porcella '94 to Represent the United States in Women's Lacrosse

John Carroll lacrosse and soccer standout, **Allyson Carey '08**, was selected to be a member of the US National, U-19 Women's Lacrosse Team.

Carey was one of 200+ hopefuls from all over the country, who were seeking the honor of representing their country in the World Championships in Ontario Canada in August 2007. Carey stood out for her speed, endurance and field sense in the three day tryout process held at UMBC this past August.

"Ally is a great player. She has smarts and true athletic ability," John Carroll lacrosse coach **Krystin Porcella '94** said. "These are tremendous assets that she uses in combination with her work ethic and desire

to succeed. I am very proud of Ally and this accomplishment. She is one of the best 24 players in the country!"

Carey has been a starter for the Varsity lacrosse team since her freshman year. Last season as a sophomore, Carey earned High School All American honors as well as being named the Harford Sun player of the year, All-County by the Aegis and All Conference by the IAAM.

Carey's coach, Porcella, will also represent the United States next August as a member of the U-19 coaching staff. Porcella was selected to join the staff last June and feels that "it is an honor to work with the best rising stars in women's lacrosse."



Porcella, a '96-'99 member of the US National Team and President of TOP of the BAY lacrosse, has coached the Patriots for the past two seasons where the Patriots have been ranked in the top 15 in the state. Before John Carroll, Porcella spent four years coaching at her college alma mater, Loyola, for four seasons where the Greyhounds were annually ranked in the top five nationally.

The World Championships will be held in Ontario, Canada in August 2007. For more information on the US U-19 team visit www.uslacrosse.org.

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PATRIOTS

The Patriot has received an extreme makeover. After 40 years of the Patriot astride a horse, with rifle at the ready, we have a new look for the Patriot athletic logo. "He's the John Carroll Patriot with an attitude" remarked Principal Paul Barker.

The process of updating the Patriot began several months ago when the school engaged Planit Agency, a graphic design company with a slogan of "Ideas Transform." "One of our goals for your new Patriot design," Planit Creative Director and Co-Founder Ed Callahan explained, "is that it will invigorate, illuminate and motivate." Planit came highly recommended for their recent work on updating the Calvert Hall Cardinal and Archbishop Curley Friar.

The task was to come up with a Patriot who would appeal to both current students and alumni. "We are very pleased with the result," said Principal Barker. "Planit has designed a Patriot logo that balances a contemporary, fresh, competitive look with sensitivity to our Catholic identity and school tradition."

A small focus group, including four students from student government, reviewed the various designs that Planit developed. Although several different looks were offered, the students remained consistent in their enthusiasm for the design that was ultimately chosen. "I've talked to fellow students about the redesigned logo and they are all really excited about the new look," SAC President Kyle Hanratty stated. "And, as someone who plays sports against Calvert Hall and Curley who have new, contemporary logos, I'm excited that John Carroll's Patriot will now have a modern, attractive look."

"We love the cross in his pigtail," observed Sue Cathell, Public Relations Coordinator. "And the committee members like the JC on the hat, the use of gold, the dynamism provided by the arcs in the hat and the collar and the strength and energy the logo projects without looking scary or weird."

In the months ahead, members of the John Carroll community can look forward to greater consistency in the appearance of the Patriot on uniforms, spirit wear and school store items.



Our current Chaplain, Fr. Charles K. Riepe is in his fifth decade of service to John Carroll. It is ironic that he was our first Chaplain on the day our school opened on September 9, 1964. In the years since, Fr. Riepe has served as our Principal, President, the founder of our Board of Trustees, and as our consistent benefactor.

In addition to celebrating Mass with us, we are fortunate that Fr. Riepe continues to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to every student at least once a semester. He also offers Chapel services to a number of our sports teams.

In December, Fr. Riepe made a generous gift to the school for the creation of the **Reverend Charles K. Riepe Scholar Athlete Endowment Fund**. The purpose of the fund is to offer need-based tuition assistance, supplemental to that awarded through the school's regular financial aid process, to deserving young men and women scholar athletes whose academic, athletic, and leadership accomplishments suggest they have the potential, as Fr. Riepe has remarked, "to put our name in lights." This new fund reminds us that our school, while focused on academic matters, has a mission to "educate the whole person." The demanding college preparatory program that is the hallmark of a John Carroll education has been complemented by high standards for athletic performance ever since the school opened. This year we are fielding 59 interscholastic sports teams and more than two-thirds of all students participate on one of those teams. In a school where participation is purely voluntary, these numbers are staggering.

Special thanks to Fr. Riepe. We congratulate all who choose to be involved in sports at John Carroll—athletes, coaches, managers, parents, and Athletic Department staff. Involvement not only brings deep personal satisfaction and lasting memories but also contributes to the richness of school life and, once in a while, helps "to put our name in lights."

Annual Fund Update...

It is finally spring time and hopefully all the ice has melted! The end of the school year is upon us and we are winding down the Annual Fund at this time. We've had an amazing year so far but it is far from over! You still have time to donate to Annual Fund 2006-2007 until June 30th. Please find a **remittance envelope** inside this issue; your gift will help us continue offering our students the wonderful experience that is John Carroll.

We brought back the Phonathon this spring and were quite glad to have the wonderful volunteer support of our students, alumni, and parents! Nothing is truly possible in the Development Office, particularly the Annual Fund, without the hard working volunteers who help behind the scenes to make it seamless. We are always in need of people to lend a hand, or sometimes just their name. This summer we will be recruiting new

Annual Fund Leadership to help tackle the essential peer-to-peer relationship building amongst our alumni. Please feel free to drop Kate Merriken an email (kmerriken@johnncarroll.org) or call her (410-879-5053) to discuss ways you can be involved with your Alma mater.

The Annual Fund is crucial to the daily operations of The John Carroll School. We cannot stress enough how grateful we are for all gifts we have received so far this year! Instead of raising tuition to unthinkable highs, we ask that each member of the John Carroll community help to ensure the success of the institution while allowing for an affordable experience to be had by all students and their families. We are instructing our students to "Go Into the New" this school year and take a piece of Archbishop John Carroll's instrumental teachings and impact he had on early

U.S. history. The legacy left by him and everything this institution strives to achieve is a testament to what all people in the JC community are today; compassionate individuals contributing to a global society. We are entering a new chapter of the John Carroll story with the appointment of a President. The excitement of imparting ourselves to even more greatness with this new role is overwhelming. Continue to be a part of the excitement of John Carroll. Please continue your legacy.

Thank you for all that you do for John Carroll! Have a wonderful summer and keep visiting our website, www.johnncarroll.org, for update information and events happening throughout the spring, summer, and fall. **Thank you!**

In Memoriam

David Bonsack

Class of 1982, brother of Jeanette '76, Karen '77, Tom '78 and J. J. '89, son of Dr. Rosemary Hatem Bonsack

Bernice Baker (Mrs. "B")

Library volunteer and grandmother of Tracy '98 and Evan '05 Hollenshade

Larry Flagler

Husband of Marian Smith Boyle '72, father of Laura '94 and Larry

George Gay

Father of Kathryn '70, Gregory '71, Joe '73, Mary Anne '75, Patti '77, John '78, Joan '81, Denise '82, Michele '84 and Bill '87 and grandfather of Leslie Halloran '08, Colleen O'Brien '03, Jessica O'Brien '06 and Rebecca O'Brien '09

Eamonn Gordon

Father of Mairead '03 and Eamonn '05

Mary Kolar

Mother of Betsy '70 and grandmother of Jillian '05

Cecilia Seibert

Mother of Beth '72, and grandmother of Vince Guthrie '98

Richard Zorn

Father of Sue Cathell, staff and grandfather of Jamie Cathell '04 and Allie Cathell '05

The John Carroll School *Country Fair*

May 4th (4 p.m. – 8 p.m.) | May 5th (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.) | May 6th (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Plenty of booths, crafts, food, pit beef,
rides, raffles & entertainment for
the entire family!

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday @ 9 a.m. – noon

Alumni Lacrosse Games

Sunday @ 11 a.m. – Women's

Sunday @ noon – Men's



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