

Principal's Message

Dear Alumni,

Alma Mater literally means "mother who nourishes". By extension an alumnus is one who has received nourishment. Your alma Mater, Brebeuf College, has given you intellectual and spiritual nourishment. I'm certain, however, that not even your teachers, counsellors, and coaches could have imagined that those whom they nourished would one day nourish their school as freely and abundantly as you do. Certainly, over the years you have supported your school in a variety of material ways. Here is only a partial list of the projects and initiatives you have funded in whole or in part:

- new equipment for the Alumni Athletic Center;
- the Brebeuf History Boards commemorating our school's first forty years of service;
- the Brebeuf News Network (BNN), a closed circuit television system for school announcements and as a support for media arts courses;
- plaques for the Jesuit Commemorative Library and the Presentation Brothers Chaplaincy Center;
- funding to purchase equipment for the Art, Music & Science Departments;
- the donor wall recognizing the generosity of our more than 400 alumni benefactors;
- the production of the 40th Anniversary yearbook
- equipment such as soccer nets and table tennis tables;
- equipment for the library;
- a CD copying machine for promoting the school's music and computer programs;
- funding to help organize the Solemn Blessing and Official Opening;
- a variety of new scholarships and academic awards to honour former staff and deceased alumni;

But alumni generosity extends far beyond material support. Your creativity and ideas have helped us enrich the lives of our students. Ultimately, your generosity can only be measured truly by your level of engagement, your care, and genuine affection for your alma mater. You are at once a testament to Brebeuf's proud past, a witness to its present excellence, and a window into its future. Your example continues to be a beacon and an inspiration for all Brebeufians. God bless you and the work you do for your school.

Nick D'Avella,
Principal

Alumni Athletic Centre

by Eric Guy '82

The financial contributions of alumni have enabled the renovation, expansion and upgrade of the school's strength & conditioning facility. This support permitted the Physical Education Department to replace aging & deteriorating machinery and acquire more functional equipment to provide the students with a comprehensive strength training and cardio-vascular conditioning facility.

Since this investment Brebeuf has launched an after-school strength & conditioning club affectionately referred to as the 'Bull'- Pen. Many varsity sports teams (e.g. basketball, cross-country, track & field and rugby) use the facilities every day. Perhaps the best testament of the impact of these facilities has been the expansion of enrolment in several new sections of Physical Education & Health Classes dedicated to strength training & conditioning each semester. The generosity of the Alumni has truly buoyed the pride and camaraderie among the students and lead them to re-name this facility the Alumni Athletic Centre.

Alumni on Staff

Two more alumni have recently joined the Brebeuf staff, increasing the number of Brebeuf grads to almost 20% of the teaching faculty.

Brad Chin You '98 - religion and coaches senior hockey

Nick Galatianos '00 - math, religion and coaches rugby

In Addition, **Caitlin Rogers, daughter of Greg Rogers '72** (and former staff), is an Educational Assistant.

Brebeuf Website

The Alumni Association maintains a web site and email directory to help alumni stay in contact with the school and each other. Help us grow the email database by sending your email address to

brebeufalumni@yahoo.com

The Alumni website is:

www.brebeuf-alumni.org

Visit the new school website at

www.brebeufcollege.ca

Register for an Alumni Business Directory at

www.brebeuf-alumni.org/busdir

Brebeuf News

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Father Winston Rye SJ, Principal from 1979-1984, returned to Brebeuf on Sunday, October 1 for a revived tradition - the Communion Breakfast. Over 150 staff, students, and their families attended Mass in the theatre followed by breakfast in the school's atrium. Alumni will be invited to attend the 2007 communion breakfast.

BROTHER LAWRENCE MAHER FUND FOR AFRICA

No Brebeufian epitomized being a "Man for Others" more than Brother Lawrence Maher. In Brother's tenure as Principal, no student ever lacked a uniform, money for an excursion, or a second chance. As Provincial of the Canadian Province of the Presentation Brothers, Brother Lawrence oversaw the order's expansion into Ghana, Africa. At every First Friday Mass, Brebeufians collect money for the Brothers' newest school in Yendi, Ghana, an extremely poor area. Anyone who was ever touched by Brother's kindness and who would like to donate to the Brother Lawrence Fund to help this school can send a cheque payable to the Presentation Brothers to: c/o Brother Spencer, 211 Steeles Ave. E., Toronto, ON M2M 3Y6. Tax receipts will be issued.

JESUITS & PRESENTATION BROTHERS PRESENCE ENDURES

Fr. Winston Rye SJ and Fr. Len Altilia SJ return often for school Masses. In 2005, Mr. Shawn Moore SJ, a Jesuit scholastic, started visiting Brebeuf every Friday to talk to classes, work with student leaders and provide a Jesuit presence. Our link with the Presentation Brothers is exemplified by the daily presence of Brother Henry Spencer FPM, who works closely with the school Chaplaincy team.

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

Brebeuf has revived the tradition of recognizing outstanding students at an evening assembly with parents. These students bear witness to our motto "Studio Gradum Faciant" and demonstrate the strong academic foundation of Brebeuf. Several of these awards honour Brebeufians who helped shape our school:

- Fr. Robert Meagher SJ Award (highest average Gr. 9)
- Fr. Clement Crusoe SJ Award (highest average Gr. 10)
- Fr. Kenneth Casey SJ Award (highest average Gr. 11)
- Ned Harrington Award (outstanding achievement Gr. 9)
- Dr. Bob Lato '68 Award (most improvement Gr. 10)

ECHON 40th ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOKS

A limited number of these yearbooks, chronicling in pictures the school's first forty years, and expertly designed by Bill Wood '76, are available for \$10 (including shipping). Send a cheque payable to Brebeuf Alumni Association to Michael Da Costa, 211 Steeles Ave. E., Toronto, M2M 3Y6.

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Honours for Alumni

National Teaching Award for Caruso

Anthony (Tony) Caruso '83 was recently chosen as one of six national recipients of the Governor-General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. After graduating from Brebeuf Anthony studied history and political science at U of T, then earned his B.Ed from the University of Ottawa. In an interview with the Toronto Star describing his award, Anthony credited his experiences at Brebeuf with inspiring his interest in Canadian History. For the past ten years Anthony has taught Grade 8 at Holy Spirit in Aurora. His school principal praised Anthony "as a dynamic teacher within the classroom. He engages students with very creative projects. It's exciting to watch him teach".

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Brebeuf Weddings

Tony Bortolin '79 was married to Ying Wu in August, 2006. Among the attendees were alumni Dennis Tobin '79, Paul Fujiwara '79, Luciano Alicandro '79, Kieran Mulroy '77 and Steve Melchiori '74, Frank Marsiglio '79 and Chris Bortolin '77.

Garvin Warnock '87 married Isabelle Carter on September 30, 2006. Alumni present included the brothers of the groom, Michael Warnock and Chris Dillon, as well as 1987 classmates Blair Madore, Nick Ohan and Bryan Miller. The lucky couple honeymooned in Hawaii and even survived the earthquake.

Walter Andri '92 recently married Lisa Gallace in Edmonton. Warren Boudreau '92 was the best man and Justin Dickie '92 was a groomsman. Walter is Vice President Sales and Marketing for Montagne Jeunesse, a UK based health and beauty company

Directions Survey - Success!

Our thanks to the 259 alumni who took time to complete the survey. Most included updated email and mailing addresses - great for keeping in touch! Many fond memories of 64 different, favourite teachers were shared, with EJ Barry, Bob Lato, Holly Doyle, Fr. Beaudois, Greg Rogers and Lou Paonessa mentioned most often.

For more results, visit www.brebeuf-alumni.org
Jonathan Page '93

In Memoriam

The Brebeuf community mourns the passing of the following individuals in 2006 :

- **Duane Soares '89**
- **Toussaint Farrell '89**, son of Joan Farrell, former staff
- **Frances Shanahan**, sister of John Shanahan, former Vice-Principal
- **Bobbi Munro**, mother of Steve '81 and Drew '82
- **Fernando Agostinelli**, father of Gregory '89 and Giancarlo '91
- **Lydia Uba**, mother of Ron '84 and Bryan '87
- **Pat Stafford**, mother of John, Bill Joe, Jamie '82
- **Lois Black**, mother of Bryan Black '75
- **Laura McCallum**, sister of Steve White '81
- **Irene Loranger**, mother of Marianne (staff)

May they rest in peace.



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Where Are They Now?

Stephen Kahnert '68 and wife Sheila Cawley welcomed another son, Liam Vincent, in February (middle name a salute to brother Vince '73; 3 year old Emmett Joseph's initials a homage to Brebeuf's E.J. Barry) ... Stephen leads the fundraising team for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in the Chicago area.

The Rev. Canon Mark Tiller '70 is Rector of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church. Mark has created a unique 'theatrical production' using biblical readings which can be incorporated into dramatic presentations for church fundraisers. Details at www.jmarktiller.com

Michael Doyle '77 teaches English and religion at our sister school, St. Joseph's Morrow Park.

Kieran Mulroy '77 is Chief Legal Counsel at Ivanhoe Cambridge Inc.

Tim Hill '81 is a lawyer with Aird & Berlis LLP in Toronto.

Steve White '81 is the Vice President and General Manager of ORC Canada Inc.

John McCarthy '81 is a teacher at St. Andrew's Junior High School in Toronto.

Louis Giorno '82 is an Investment Associate with CIBC Private Investment Counsel in Toronto.

Kevin Murphy '82 is the Vice President, Builder Finance, Ontario with RBC Financial Group.

Frank Vergura '84 teaches computer studies at Loretto Abbey.

Jerome McKenna '85 is Customer Relationship Manager for SGVestia Systems Inc. & Fastrak Systems Inc. in Toronto.

Stephen Bent '86 is Associate Director of Enterprise Sales for Bell Canada.

Robert Galarneau '86 is President of RGSPEED in Woodbridge.

David Feheley '87, Production Supervisor, Canadian Opera Company.

Dr. Anthony D. Cristillo '88 is a Senior Staff Scientist with the Dept. Cell Biology, Advanced BioScience Laboratories in Kensington, Maryland.

Adriano Morassutti '88 is Project Coordinator of Facilities Services for York University.

Elvio Di Simone '88 is with DPI Construction Management in Toronto.

Alan Grozelle '89 is a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic school in downtown Toronto.

Angelo Virgilio '89 is a Financial Adviser with CIBC Imperial Service In Maple.

Kevin DeFreitas '90 is a Guidance Counsellor at Cardinal Carter High School in Aurora.

Marc Nahas '90 is an art director and graphic designer in New York City.

Scott Raino '90, Channel Relationship Manager-WLAN Solutions, Research in Motion.

Jaroslav Hawrylewicz '91 is an attorney with Lehman Brothers in New York City.

Kevin Doyle '92, son of Hollie (former staff), has opened his own law practice, specializing in immigration and refugee law.

Paschal D'Souza '92 is Manager of Private Capital Group for the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in Toronto.

Michael McWilliams '92 is a litigator with Loopstra Nixon and is completing his LL.M at Osgoode Hall. He and his wife Kathleen (LAT '93) have a new baby boy, Brendon. Mike generously sponsors the alumni association's website.

Tony Stong '92 is the administrator of the Ramara Fire & Rescue Services.

Paul Bagiamis '93 is Data Manager for MorneauSobeco.

Alex Sabatini '93 (Brebeuf Staff) and his wife have a new baby boy, Gianluca.

Paul Attar '94 teaches math at St. Joan of Arc in Maple and is completing his masters in math at York University.

Tawfiq Rangwala '95 is a litigation attorney with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York City.

Dave Chan '96 is an Associate with Retail Markets Leadership Development Program in Toronto.

Jason Gill '96 and his fiancé are teaching in Australia for a year.

Orville McDonald '96 is a lead program manager with the Windows Live ID Program at Microsoft in the U.S.

John Pak of '96 was ordained to the priesthood in May for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Trevor Lancey '00 is a student in Air Traffic Services in Toronto.

Patrick Ma '00 is pursuing his MBA at Yale University, after working for two years in investment banking with Scotia MacLeod.

Mike Sefcik '01 is pursuing his Masters degree at the University of Lund in Sweden.

John Garcia '05 is currently in 2nd year at George Brown College majoring in Business. After graduation John plans to pursue a B.Comm at Ryerson.

Former Staff:

Father Rob Brennan SJ has left St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg and is back at Loyola High School in Montreal.

Peter Shymko, formerly a Presentation Brother and Brebeuf math teacher, is now a priest in British Columbia.



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Class of '86 20th Reunion

By Ron De Appolonia '86

On June 17th the class of 1986 met at the Madison Pub for their 20th year reunion. The reunion was filled with good humour and stories about our time at Brebeuf. Everyone felt that too much time had passed for this get together and we all felt that the group should get together more often, as many traded contact information or made plans to reconnect in the future.

Alumni from around the globe came to this reunion - Eddie Ho and Selwyn Au-Yeung flew in from Hong Kong, and Jeff Fish came in from Nova Scotia (my apologies in advance if I have missed anyone else). A big thanks to these guys for making the journey to meet up with old friends.

I encourage all other graduating years that you follow suit and plan your own class reunions - it is well worth it. When the class of '86' got together, it felt as though our friendships simply continued from where they left off. This bond speaks volumes about the experience we shared at Brebeuf.

Special thanks to Pat Belton for launching the event and thanks to all those who helped find "lost alumni" or extend invitations to other classmates. Your efforts made the evening a memorable one.

Class Reunions

2007 marks these milestone anniversary years :
1967 (40th), 1972 (35th), 1977 (30th), 1982 (25th),
1987 (20th), 1992 (15th), 1997 (10th) and 2002 (5th).

Please contact Mike Da Costa '92 at
brebeufalumni@yahoo.com if you need mailing lists
of email addresses for your event.

Calling all '82 Grads!

Plans are underway to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the class of '82 in spring, 2007.

For further information contact
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fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or
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In 2004 the upper field was renamed Uteck Field in memory of **Larry Uteck '71**. Fundraising for the granite signage is almost complete and the Alumni Association plans to unveil the sign in May, 2007. Donations are still welcome for this specific project (please see details on the pledge card enclosed).

Ice Hockey '07

The Alumni Ice Hockey Tournament will be held on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th at the Ice Gardens at York University, subject to a sufficient number of teams registering by April 1st. The Friday night games will also feature a 'pub night' at the rink to which all alumni are invited to attend. Alumni interested in participating should contact Bryon Di Sera '81 at 416-717-3277 or disera@sympatico.ca

Alumni Golf Classic

The Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic will be held on **Monday, June 18, 2007** at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. 1 pm shotgun start. Please contact Frank MacGrath '82 at fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or 905-726-4488 for further details.

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