

Brebeuf College Receives Jesuit Endorsement

In spring 2022, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Jesuits of Canada announced a formal endorsement of Brebeuf College School by the Jesuits. What does this 'endorsement' mean for Brebeuf moving forward?

While the Jesuits will not have any administrative or teaching duties at Brebeuf (as they did from 1963 to 1984), the Jesuits will support the students, staff, parents, and alumni of Brebeuf College School as much as possible to be an institution dedicated to promoting a Jesuit character and pedagogy.

Brebeuf College School becomes the only Jesuit-endorsed secondary school in Ontario.

The Jesuit endorsement will assist the Brebeuf College School community in educating our students to fulfill the Jesuit expectations set out in the Grad at Grad. The Jesuit motto 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam' will be highlighted through our four Pillars of Faith, Excellence, Tradition and Fellowship and assist our boys on their journey to become 'Men for Others'. Brebeuf also becomes a member of both the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the Jesuit Global Network of Schools, whose mission is to animate the educational ministry of the Society of Jesus in all Jesuit Schools.

As Brebeuf begins this new chapter in its long-standing relationship with the Jesuits, the Alumni Association is working in

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Dan Marozzo, Bob Lato '68 and Michael Daoust '67
at the Jesuit Endorsement Mass.

Alumni Association Update

2022 saw the return of alumni activities as COVID restrictions eased. The official dedication of Larry Uteck Field was held on Saturday May 14th with several hundred guests in attendance (see [Pages 7-10](#)). In November, the Order of Brebeuf Induction Ceremony was held after a two year absence. Congratulations to the inductees – [George Macri '68](#), [Tom McGouran '76](#) and [Nabil Tadros '74](#), each of whom is truly a 'Man for Others'. Please review [Page 6](#) to learn how you can nominate a member of the Brebeuf community for induction into the Order of Brebeuf. 2022 also saw milestone anniversaries celebrated by the classes of 1970 and 1982. If you are interested in putting together a class reunion the Alumni Association can help. Please see further details on [Page 25](#).

Despite the challenges of the past two years, many alumni continue to generously contribute to Brebeuf and we greatly appreciate the ongoing support of so many Brebeufians. For alumni that wish to make a financial contribution to Brebeuf please see the details on the [Page 30](#), especially regarding the Jesuit Endorsement and areas where financial support is most needed. Online donations are available and all donations will receive a tax receipt.

Planning has now begun for the 60th Anniversary of Brebeuf College School which will be celebrated in the 2023-2024 school year. Stay tuned for further details!

A few words of gratitude: first, a note of thanks to our newsletter advertisers. We encourage all alumni to use these various businesses should their products or services be of help to you.

Thanks also to those alumni for your "Where Are they Now" updates and photos. Please keep those notes and photos coming; one of our main objectives as an association is not only to keep alumni connected to Brebeuf but also to their fellow alumni.

Our hard-working Alumni Executive members volunteer a lot of time and effort throughout the year. Thanks to these alumni for their ongoing commitment to Brebeuf:

[Michael Da Costa '92](#)

[Bryon Di Sera '81](#)

[Peter Gillespie '85](#)

[Paul Lavin '82](#)

[Andrew Munro '82](#)

Rosemary Lavery (retired staff)

[Anthony DiNicolo '20](#)

[Mike Flint '89](#)

[Thomas Latina '19](#)

[Jonathan Page '93](#)

[Steve White '81](#)

[Marc Vittorio '01](#)

Merry Christmas and best wishes for safe and healthy 2023.
Frank MacGrath '82
Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

Jesuit Endorsement - cont'd



On October 12-14th, 35 Brebeuf students, Brebeuf staff, 2 Brebeuf alumni, Father John O'Brien, S.J., Gabe Marania and Fr. Matt McCarthy (Archdiocese of Toronto) participated in the Kairos XVII retreat at Manresa Spiritual Retreat Centre in Pickering.

partnership with the chaplaincy team lead by staff members Rob Gregoris, Jason Rebello and **Eric Guy '82**. The newly formed Brebeuf Jesuit Executive Council will be comprised of staff, parents, students and alumni members who will help integrate the "Jesuit Endorsement" into day to day life at Brebeuf. Alumni **Peter Gillespie '85** and **George Longo '86** will serve as the alumni representations on the BJEC.

One of the key Jesuit-influenced initiatives at Brebeuf is the Kairos Retreat program. Named for the Greek term meaning, "The Lord's Time", Kairos is a North American spiritual growth & leadership program in all Jesuit Catholic high schools. Kairos was first introduced at Brebeuf in March 2009 when six students & three teaching staff travelled to Canisius High School in Buffalo to audit and participate in Kairos I. This arose through the work of Chris Krall S.J., a Jesuit scholastic, and volunteer at Brebeuf, who arranged the contact between Brebeuf and Canisius and encouraged the project from the start. At Canisius, Fr. Fred Betti S.J. and Paul Cumbo graciously hosted the Brebeuf leadership team and provided invaluable support and advice for Brebeuf.

Kairos is a three-day, two-night experience for (30 to 35) Brebeuf Grade 11 and 12 students led by a student team of (6) Gr. 12 students and (7) adult alumni and staff members. The objective of Kairos is to provide annual faith formation for our senior student Prefect leaders at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre (Pickering). Participants of Kairos engage in challenging reflective experiences. An in-depth focus on relationships with family and friends helps clarify and deepen one's understanding of and relationship with Christ. Most significantly, Kairos challenges each student to embrace the Christian call to servant leadership "for the greater glory of God". This, ultimately, becomes the primary focus of the retreat, and the springboard for all other senior student Prefects and service projects.



Programs such as Kairos do require annual funding over and above what the school budget covers. In order that as many students as possible can benefit from Kairos, we are seeking donations from alumni to support this important program and well as to help underwrite new initiatives under the Jesuit endorsement.

If you are interested in making a donation please contact:

Michael Da Costa '92 michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org or

Eric Guy '82 eric.guy@tcdsb.org

Donations would be welcome at the following levels:

- \$5,000.00 – Benefactor • \$2,500.00 – Ambassador • \$1,000.00 – Advocate
- \$500.00 – Supporter • \$250.00 – Ally • \$100.00 – Friend

You can also donate online – please see further details on [Page 30](#) of this newsletter.

Principal's Message by James Sanchez

In late June, 2022 Brebeuf Principal Linton Soares '02 was transferred to Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. James Sanchez was then named as Brebeuf's 13th Principal and began his term in September, 2022.

I am honoured to have been appointed as the new Principal of Brebeuf College School. I completed my practice teaching here over a decade ago, and so I am delighted to return to this vibrant community based on the Pillars of Faith, Excellence, Tradition, and Fellowship.

There are several amazing activities running at our school this year from charity to athletics, from excursions to our award-winning House System. Students are assigned to one of the six Houses named after our Canadian Martyrs - Jogues, Lalemant, Daniel, Lalonde, Garnier, Chabanel. It is great to see all the students participate and compete in friendly activities to earn points for their House. They all remind us that we at Brebeuf aim to develop well-rounded students who are not just committed to classroom learning, but who in the Jesuit Tradition, will become Intellectually Competent, Open to Growth, Loving, Religious, and Committed to Justice. Our dedicated staff are constantly working to inspire our students to achieve these goals, to achieve success, and to become "Men for Others". To take a glance at all the activities and events going on at our school, please follow [brebeufcollegeschool_tcdsb](#) on Instagram and/or Brebeuf College School on Twitter!

I also want to thank Alumni and recognize that so much of what makes Brebeuf a great school is because of your generosity. Whether it be through mentoring or donations, coaching or giving advice, we are blessed to have so many Old Boys want to give back to their alma mater. You are always welcome back at Brebeuf!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Advent, a joyous Christmas and New Year! I look forward to getting to know all the members of the Brebeuf family throughout the year.

God bless,

James Sanchez



Class of 2022 Graduates



Class of '22 members celebrate their graduation from Brebeuf



All smiles at the 2022 Brebeuf graduation ceremony



Dan Marrozzo presents an award to a graduating student

Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each June, the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards.

- Janath and Chapa Award is a new award sponsored by the Sembakuttige Family. It is presented to a graduating student that has demonstrated perseverance, dedication, and grit through his time at Brebeuf. This student may have faced hardship and preserved through it by engaging in the Brebeuf community. The award is dedicated to Janath Sembakuttige and Chapa Abaysiri, the parents of alumni **Kalana Sembakuttige '15** and **Rashmi Sembakuttige '16**. Recipients are **Kamsi Udaya '22** and **Marvel Akinyele '22**
- **Chris Stanfield '83** Award for Leadership, in memory of Chris, a former Student Council President (1981-82), is a new award for a student who has shown exemplary leadership on Student Council. The award is sponsored by the Stanfield family and friends. Recipient is **Marvel Akinyele '22**
- **Peter Knopfel '81** Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Mrs. Rita Knopfel, awarded to **Clayton Lobo '22**, **Andre Martins '22**, and **Brandon Lau '22**
- Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award recipient is **Matthew Coletta '22**
- **Jim Morris '77** Journalism Award recipient is **Clayton Lobo '22**
- **Michael Tomaszek '82** Music Award recipient is **Joshua Salweski '22**
- Gerry Tanner Scholarship, sponsored by **Brett Tanner '81**. The recipients are **Marvel Akinyele '22** and **Matt Gamo '22**
- **Michael Thompson '69** Award recipient is **Sean Smolej '22**
- **Martin Foy '82** Scholarship recipient is **Patrick Costales '22**
- The Marcus McInerney Scholarship is funded by **Barry McInerney '81** & Rose McInerney, in memory of their son. Recipients are **Jack Mackley '22** and **ZhiZheng Zhang '22**
- The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award recipient is **Cristian Cuero-Valencia '22**
- The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship recipient is **Vahe Adamyan '22**
- The Lou Puccini Scholarship recipients are **Jason Kern '22** and **Janoi McDonald '22**
- The Barry, Gazeley & Puccini Scholarships are each funded by **George Macri '68**
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03** Award for Most Improvement is awarded to **Jamarr James '22**
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03** Award for Sports Leadership is awarded to a student who has shown tremendous leadership in athletics. The recipient is **Peter Terzis '22**. These two awards are funded by the Loh family.

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards each year. Special thanks to the Foy, Knopfel, Loh, McInerney, Stanfield, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to **Robert Baldauf '82**, **Mark Baker '82**, **Paul Foy '84**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **Frank MacGrath '82**, **Shawn Smith '84**, **Brett Tanner '81**, **Chris Venneri '82**, **John Warecki '82**, **Richard Yip-Chuck '82**, **Pat Yip-Chuck '80**. A particular word of gratitude to **George Macri '68** who has generously supported several of the scholarships listed above for many years.

School News

- Brebeuf bid farewell to the following staff retirees in June and thanks them for their years of service: Sergio De Miglio, Debra Barbuto, Maureen Hannon, and Lucy Travelho-Cruz.
- The coach and founder of Brebeuf's new football programme, John Engel, transferred to Archbishop Romero in June, 2022. The team was saved by teachers Chris Bayley and **Brad Chin You '98** with the assistance of community coaches. Football continues to grow and thrive at Brebeuf!
- Brebeuf continues to demonstrate charity through such initiatives as Clothing Drive for St. Vincent de Paul; Beuf Boxes for the less fortunate at Christmas; Can-Aid for the Food Bank at Our Lady of Lourdes; and fundraising for the Presentation Brothers' Schools in Africa.
- Brebeuf has increased marketing the school, and so far applications for Grade 9 boys for 2023-2024 are up an astounding fifty boys over last year.
- **Alumni on Staff** - The following alumni are current staff: **Eric Guy '82**, **Mike Da Costa '92**, **Michael Aquino '93**, **Alex Sabatini '93**, and **Brad Chin You '98**.
- **STEAM** – Brebeuf introduced a new programme in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics for two cohorts of Grade 9s. It is a highly selective innovation that cements Brebeuf's academic tradition and attracts new students. See <https://brebeufcollegesteam.wixsite.com/brebeufsteam> for more information.
- **2022 Graduating Class** - More than 50% of the 2022 class were Ontario Scholars. 25% were inducted into the Blessed Edmund Rice Society (four years on the honour roll). Over thirty awards were given, many named after former Brebeuf teachers and students and supported by alumni.
- **Math Update** – In May 2022, Mr. Ryan's Gr. 11 Math class wrote the AP Calculus Exam. This test is almost exclusively written by specially trained Grade 12 students across North America. If a student does well on it (3, 4, or 5 out of 5), they gain exemption from first year University Calculus at most Universities and also gain preferential status in their applications to University. Of the 29 Grade 11 students who wrote it: 7 students received a 5 (First Class Standing); 9 students received a 4 (Second Class Standing); 7 students obtained a 3 (Third Class Standing). In all, 23 out of 29 Brebeuf Students have met or exceeded the performance of MOST first year University students in Calculus.
- **Improving School Spirit** - Brebeuf has successfully reinstituted a House System (named after the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs) and a mentorship programme for all Grade 9 students. It has proved wildly successful in promoting involvement, school spirit, and a greater sense of belonging.



Class Reunions

After a two year delay due to COVID restrictions, the Class of 1970 celebrated its 50th Anniversary on May 14, 2022 with a gathering at Angus Glen Golf Club. Pictured below are the members of the class of 1970 who were able to attend the event:
 Bottom L to R : Edward (Ted) Maroney '68, James Morrison, Mike Burkart, Chuck Pusateri, Michael Poole and John McDonald '71
 Top L to R Ken Hill, Chris West, John Rogers, Tom Rice, Peter Barbetta, Robert O'Donnell and Mike Herald



The Class of 1982 celebrated their 40th Anniversary with more than 20 alumni in attendance. Special thanks to Robert Baldauf, who helped organize this gathering, and for travelling all the way from Calgary to reconnect with his classmates.



2020 Order of Brebeuf

The Brebeuf community gathered on November 20th, 2022 to recognize the latest class of inductees into the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf. After a two year delay due to COVID, the Brebeuf Alumni Association recognized **George Macri '68**, **Tom McGouran '76** and **Nabil Tadros '74** for their long standing commitment to numerous charities and for being true "Men for Others". **Jim Morris '77** was also a member of this class of inductees but his induction has been deferred until 2023 at the request of the Morris family. Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. (former Brebeuf Principal) celebrated Mass at Brebeuf with numerous alumni, staff and friends in attendance. Following Mass, the OSJB luncheon was held at Bayview Golf & Country Club.

Special thanks to event sponsors and donors: The Jesuits of Canada (Gold Sponsor) and **Dennis Tobin '79** (Silver Sponsor).

The following donated tickets so students could attend: **Bryon Disera '81**, **Michael Flint '89**, **Peter Gillespie '85**, **Paul Lavin '82**, Angela Macri, **Christopher Paul '85** and Cathy Pieroni.



The Inductees: George Macri '68, Tom McGouran '76 and Nabil Tadros '74



Tom McGouran '76 presented with the Order of Brebeuf by Michael Rogers '81



George Macri '68 receives the Order of Brebeuf from Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. and Mike Da Costa '92



John Kaukonen '74, Oscar Fava '74 and former Brebeuf teacher & head basketball coach Jim Hill present Nabil Tadros '74 with the Order of Brebeuf

Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

Know Someone Who Deserves to be Recognized with the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf ?

Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2023. If you would like to nominate a member of the Brebeuf community (student, alumnus, current or former staff, parent or friend of the school) or if you have any questions, please contact:

Steve White '81 at 416-560-3700 or swwhite.62@live.com, **Michael Rogers '81** at 416-819-6101 or michaelr.rogers62@gmail.com or **Mike Da Costa '92** at 416-393-5508 or michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org. We will then follow up for further details.

Larry Uteck Field Dedication Ceremony – May 14, 2022

Editor's Note: On Saturday, May 14th, the Brebeuf community gathered to formally unveil the stone monument dedicating Larry Uteck Field. With the football field officially named in honour of one of Brebeuf's most distinguished alumni, this ceremony was attended by many of Larry's classmates, teammates, former teachers and coaches as well as members of the Uteck family. Many Alumni travelled from various locations across North America to participate in this event.

Larry's close friend **Sean Cosgrove '71** served as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed all in attendance. **D'Arcy McConvey '71**, Larry's teammate and classmate, told the audience about the fundraising efforts undertaken by the Class of 1971 (and alumni from other classes) to raise the money needed to design and construct the beautiful stone monument (see photo below) that looks out onto the football field.

Former Brebeuf staff member and long-time head football coach Joe Will spoke very movingly about teaching and coaching Larry and the unique nature of his character. The significant impact that Coach Will and other Brebeuf staff members had on Larry no doubt influenced Larry's decision to eventually become a football coach at St. Mary's university in Halifax.

On behalf of the Brebeuf Alumni Association, **Frank MacGrath '82** announced that Brebeuf College had decided to retire Larry's #5 football jersey and members of the current Brebeuf football team then unveiled the banner that will hang in the Brebeuf gym honouring Larry Uteck, Class of 1971.

The final speaker was Peter Barbetta, class of 1970. His remarks are printed below.

Event Remarks - by **Peter Barbetta '70**

Good afternoon everyone, and let me extend my personal welcome to this memorable event.

It is my great privilege to speak at this occasion to honour and pay tribute to Lawrence Carl Uteck - Larry to most of us. Larry was a proud Brebeuf alumnus, an outstanding athlete, beloved coach, a distinguished member of the Order of Canada, a loving husband and father and a trusted and loyal friend and teammate to many in attendance today.

Many thanks to Sean, Joe Will and D'Arcy for sharing their thoughts on the life and career of Larry. They have shared their thoughts and given you key insights on why this field dedication is happening, why it is very fitting that we honour and remember Larry today and why we provide a monument for future students to learn about one of Brebeuf's great students.

Special thanks for Pat Kahnert for his work on the dedication project and for his encouragement and inspiration.

A great deal of gratitude is owed to the Brebeuf Alumni Association and to Frank MacGrath who was instrumental in initiating the Larry Uteck Field project a number of years ago. Frank and the alumni association have continued to work on this project, obtaining approvals, and arranging for the funding, selection and installation of the monument that will be unveiled in today's formal dedication. Frank, thank you for your leadership and perseverance in making today a reality.

Our speakers have fittingly touched upon Larry's football heroics on this field but as Sean Cosgrove reminded me - Larry was also a star in track on this field and he was also a free spirited and accomplished goalie in soccer who kept Brebeuf in many games that they had no right to be in.

While Larry excelled in virtually all the sports he was certainly not defined by his sports success. He was an avid reader with a passion for politics, world affairs and social justice. He was an active participant in school politics and always up for a lively debate.

But it was Larry's football accomplishments that helped put the small Jesuit school on the map as a sports powerhouse in Toronto. In his grade 12 year in high school, Tom Sullivan (the school's wonderful



The Larry Uteck Field monument looks out upon the Brebeuf football field



(L to R) Mike Burkart, Pat Kahnert, Doug Cartan, D'Arcy McConvey, Sean Cosgrove, Rob Egli, Peter Barbetta

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and legendary geography teacher) and I were fortunate to accompany Larry to a recruiting dinner hosted by the Toronto Argonauts. They were very anxious to have Larry and started having him attend informal practice sessions. At the same time, he was one of the very few players from Canada being recruited by US colleges. He eventually chose University of Colorado likely because of its proximity to the mountains and the academic programs as well as its football program.

While purging and packing for our move to downsize from our Thornhill home last fall, I came across a letter that I received from Larry shortly after his arrival for his first year at the University of Colorado. He described the daily routine of life at the University including the rigorous football practices. What amazed me was that Larry was not intimidated by the grander stage that he had entered. Yes, the players were bigger and there was stiff competition, but Larry had an unmatched competitive spirit and a fearlessness that allowed him to succeed at the highest level of US college football.

Not surprisingly, Larry also expressed excitement at the broad range of courses he was enrolled in. Eventually, the fact that Larry's many interests beyond football clashed with the singular focus that the Colorado football program expected and Larry decided to return to Canada to continue his education and his football career. Larry must have been paying attention the day his Grade 12 English class was studying Hamlet when Polonius was counselling his son Laertes. "This above all: to thine own self be true."

[I am sure many in attendance from the 60's and 70's would agree that a Shakespearian reference is fitting for a Brebeuf event.]

And so realizing that he did not want his time at University to be all about football despite the notoriety that it might bring, Larry transferred to Wilfrid Laurier University to be closer to home where starred as defensive back and kick returner. As we have heard he was drafted by the Toronto Argonauts after his Canadian college days. In addition to his tenure with the Argos, Larry played in Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal. One of his key moments was his 79-yard touchdown return to propel the Montreal Alouettes to the 1979 Grey Cup. Ironically, his winning touchdown occurred 10 years after Larry led a large group of Brebeuf students on a rather raucous and certainly memorable trip to Montreal to see our first Grey Cup game. Rumour has it that Larry snuck into the stadium the night before the big game and took to that very same the field for an impromptu romp around the field – a foreshadowing of that winning play in the Eastern Final.

Larry's football playing career ended shortly after his big moment in Montreal but late in his playing career, Larry got involved in coaching. At my urging, Larry started helping as an assistant coach for an inter-faculty football team at the University of Toronto. He immediately had a keen interest in coaching and approached it with the same passion and intensity that he had as a player. He excelled at teaching fundamentals. Larry was a natural leader and motivator. He loved the challenge and privilege of bringing his players together for a common goal.

After some early success at the University of Toronto, Larry got an opportunity to coach at St. Mary's University and became the head coach of the Huskies in 1983 and held that position until 1997. In the early years as he was honing his coaching skills, his teams struggled to win but during those years as Jim Fitzsimmons, one of his St. Mary's players described it: "Larry was changing the culture of the program. He turned a losing attitude into a brotherly attitude." After the culture shift his teams enjoyed great success {going from a 6 win and 22 loss record in the first 4 years to a 61-12 record thereafter.} They appeared in 5 Atlantic Conferences and 3 Canadian championships. His players loved him and often stood in awe when he would demonstrate proper tackling techniques in his street clothes – often a white shirt with sleeves rolled up with a tie very loosely tied.

Eventually, he also assumed the role of Director of Athletics and held that position until his passing in 2002. He was a tireless worker and an effective recruiter. One of his most successful recruiting stories involved Chris Flynn a highly sought-after quarterback who flew into Halifax en route to the rival Acadia University. Larry intercepted Chris at the airport and said to Chris – "I know that you are planning to commit to another university but just come out one night on the town with me and my players before you make your final decision." When Larry met with Chris early the next morning he was greeted with "Coach Uteck, I think I want



Peter Barbetta



Joe Uteck, Cain Uteck, Peter Barbetta '70, Sue Uteck & D'Arcy McConvey '71

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to go to St. Marys." Those of us who have experienced a night on the town with Larry are not really that surprised with the change of heart by the star recruit.

Although Chris said it was seeing the brotherly attitude that attracted him to the program, I am pretty sure he enjoyed the night on the town as well. Other former players commented that Larry took a personal interest in their school and their families; that he was willing to take a chance on people; and that he was instrumental in establishing lifetime bonds with and between his players.

His contribution to his Halifax community also included a role of alderman, councillor and Deputy Mayor of Halifax. On his death the Mayor of Halifax noted that Larry distinguished himself both in his role at the university as well as a community leader. He noted that Larry was deeply concerned about the environment and that one of Larry's deepest commitments was to the cleanup of the Halifax harbour. The Mayor noted that Larry was the project champion and never gave up on the dream to return the harbour back to the community for recreational use.

With his full life and his accomplishments, Larry was honoured with many awards:

- College all star • CFL All Star • CFL Hall of Fame Inductee
- Order of Canada • The Uteck Bowl - Canadian college football game
- Larry Uteck Boulevard in Halifax for his tremendous contribution to local politics
- Today – our own ceremony to dedicate this field in Larry's honour

Sadly, in 1997 Larry was diagnosed with ALS commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Some of his Brebeuf teammates met with him shortly after he was diagnosed. We were once again impressed with his courage. He knew that he was facing an extremely difficult road but there was no fear only sadness of the impact of his illness on his family and friends.

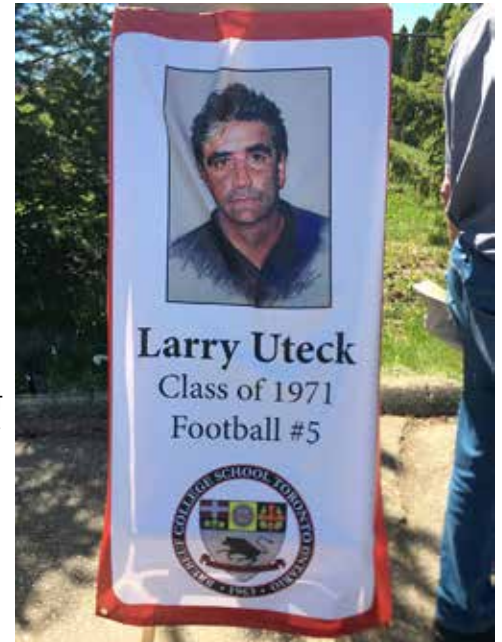
In her beautiful tribute to Larry the local journalist, Shawna Richer recounted the following in Larry's interview in the fall of 2002: "In what would be his final interview, the 50 year old Uteck was candid and thoughtful, humorous and hopeful. I am feeling pretty good these days especially after our Vanier Cup win". [This is an insidious disease. It began rather innocently as a tremor but slowly moved through my upper torso, my neck, throat, mouth and face and then into my legs."]

Rather than give in to his disease and give up, Larry continued to go to the office with the loving assistance of his wife Sue. Rather than focusing on himself and his predicament, Larry was as always humble. He said in the interview: "Being able to work is an immense privilege. For that I can't thank St. Mary's and my fellow workers enough. I hope that I don't overstay my welcome, but I am not ready to hang it up yet." This to me was classic Larry – not the least bit self focused but rather thinking of others. Larry Uteck was not the type to overstay his welcome - well other than the odd time at a local bar but we won't go there – just yet!!

A year before his death, Larry received a very touching reward for his many years of hard work and dedication to the St. Mary's football program. Immediately after their 42-16 victory in the Vanier Cup, the Canadian college football championship, the team sprinted up the stairs in Toronto's Skydome where they embraced their wheelchair bound former coach and presented him with the Vanier Cup. [In yet another touch of irony involving Larry's love of football fields, as Sean recalled in his earlier remarks, this carrying up of the football in a Vanier Cup game was foreshadowed by Larry's antics at the 1968 Vanier Cup where Larry took the field late in the game, grabbed the football from the referee and presented it to his Brebeuf teammates in the stands.]

From this brief recount of Larry's life and his careers it is very clear that Larry led a very full life with many accomplishments. But the Larry Uteck story is about more than his accomplishments. It is a story of courage, competitive greatness, compassion and camaraderie and my remarks would not be complete without further insight into the Larry's character.

For those of us who went to school with Larry – we don't really need much of a reminder of Larry's rather distinctive persona. I once described Larry as a "rebellious, rambunctious renaissance man". To my knowledge he is the only Brebeuf student who answered the bell when a frustrated teacher



This banner honouring Larry Uteck '71 and his retired #5 jersey now hangs in the Brebeuf gymnasium



Former Brebeuf staff member & head football coach Joe Will pays tribute to Larry Uteck.

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facetiously told his class that they could do anything they wanted for the remainder of the class even jump out the window – a second floor window at that. Larry's legendary leap that day resulted in one of many requests for Larry to report to the principal's office at the day's end.

Larry had a keen interest in politics and social issues. His sisters instilled a love for learning and reading. He was very well read, had strong opinions, loved to debate and was not afraid to challenge the status quo. That sometimes made him run afoul against some of Brebeuf's rules and traditions but in retrospect I think it was really a testament to his Jesuit education.

As a friend and teammate, Larry was humble and not wanting to be in the limelight. He was a very loyal friend and had tremendous empathy. He refused to feel sorry for himself. He definitely had a fun side to him – the old sayings "Worked Hard and Played Hard" and "Lived Life to the Fullest" certainly applied to Larry. Larry could certainly be rowdy and energetic.

Yes, do we have stories about the fun and rambunctious side of Larry !! But, I see that this ceremony is being taped and in order to protect the identity and quite possibly the reputation of his fellow rabble rousers (other than Mr. Mike Burkart who is a well-known co-captain of the Uteck Trouble Brigade) I think it best that we save those stories for the reception that follows. But I digress!

In his very touching tribute published in the Globe and Mail shortly after Larry's passing, Larry's brother-in-law, Graham Fraser eloquently and succinctly describes Larry's years at Brebeuf. Graham wrote:

"Growing up in Thornhill and Willowdale, Larry was part Tom Sawyer and part Huck Finn- mischevious, competitive and profoundly resistant to being told what to do...He went to a Jesuit school (Brebeuf) but his prickly resistance to authority resulted in the principal telling his mother every year to find another school for him. Every year she prevailed and Larry stayed."

I would add to Graham's description that the students and teachers also insisted on Larry staying and it seems clear today that our dedication ceremony today is powerful evidence that Larry staying was the right decision. We recognize and thank Larry's mother Joanne for her persistence.

The earlier anecdotes that have been mentioned illustrate Larry's love for football fields – the so-called Larry leap, the field escapades at the Vanier Cup in 1968 and the Grey Cup in 1969. Those together with his great accomplishments on this field might be reason enough to dedicate the field in his honour. But let's dig a little deeper on why the Alumni Association with the schools blessing decided to dedicate this field as the Larry Uteck field??

Why else? Perhaps it is because Larry's success as a player, coach, community leader and quality person was built on the foundation of this field and this school. He had tremendous role models as teachers and coaches. Whether it was the Jesuit standard of excellence, the very competent and dedicated staff or the great coaches – Pere Toppings, Joe Will, the incomparable Mr. Jim Barry, Jim Hill, Bill Kennedy or the great Clem Kambeitz and all the others- it was at this school and on this field that Larry learned the key values that made him successful.

What were those values and attributes? What were the difference makers that helped lead Larry to his ultimate success?

Never say die – Maximum effort – Courage – No fear – Encourage your teammates
Loyalty – Follow through on your commitments – Integrity and Reliability

As a Coach, Mentor and Community Leader – The key component is Leadership – the ability to influence and motivate others; bringing people together for a common goal; teaching your players to put aside jealousies and differences, to respect each other and work together; that success should be measured by the quality of your effort- in the words of our Grade 13 French teacher – "only your best is good enough"; and perhaps most significantly – to play with a brotherly or sisterly attitude which will reward you with life long friendships.

Today we recognize and pay tribute to a legendary Brebeuf figure with the dedication of this athletic field in his honour. Larry Uteck had many memorable achievements on this field but above that he was man of great character on and off this field.

As future students and other participants enter this field they will see the monument that bears his name. Those participating should do so reflecting on what Larry might say to them. As a teammate he would say play hard, give it your all, leave it on the field, play with courage and tenacity and support your teammates.

As a coach he would counsel – Play to win but play fairly, respect you opponent, be generous in judging others, win with humility and accept losing with dignity in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Give your best effort so that when you leave this field you can hold your head up high.

Today we hold our heads high looking over this field to honour and celebrate Larry Uteck, a man of character, a man of Brebeuf.

The Brebeuf Alumni Association would like to recognize and thank Peter Barbetta '70, Sean Cosgrove '71, D'Arcy McConvey '71, Pat Kahnert '71 and Rob Egli '71 for their tireless efforts in bringing the Uteck Field Monument and the May 14th Dedication Ceremony to fruition. Thanks also to all alumni, especially members of the Class of 1971, who provided financial support.

Brebeuf Sports Pioneers & Athletic Heritage Project

On Saturday, May 14th the Brebeuf Sports Pioneers & Athletic Heritage project was formally unveiled in the school atrium. Photo collages of every Brebeuf sports team from 1963 to 2019 were placed on the wall outside the library along with plaques honouring Brebeuf's championship teams and outstanding athletes over the past five decades. Appropriately this celebration of Brebeuf's rich athletic heritage was held on the same day as the ceremony formally dedicating Larry Uteck Field in honour of one of the school's most distinguished athletes.

At the ceremony replica plaques were given to coaches and alumni after whom individual team "MVP" trophies have been named. Former staff members on hand to receive their plaques included Bill Kennedy, Bob Lato, Joe Will, Jim Hill, Greg Rogers, Mark Burke and many others.

This project would not have been completed without the countless hours of research and fundraising by **Nabil Tadros '74**.

Thank you Nabil!



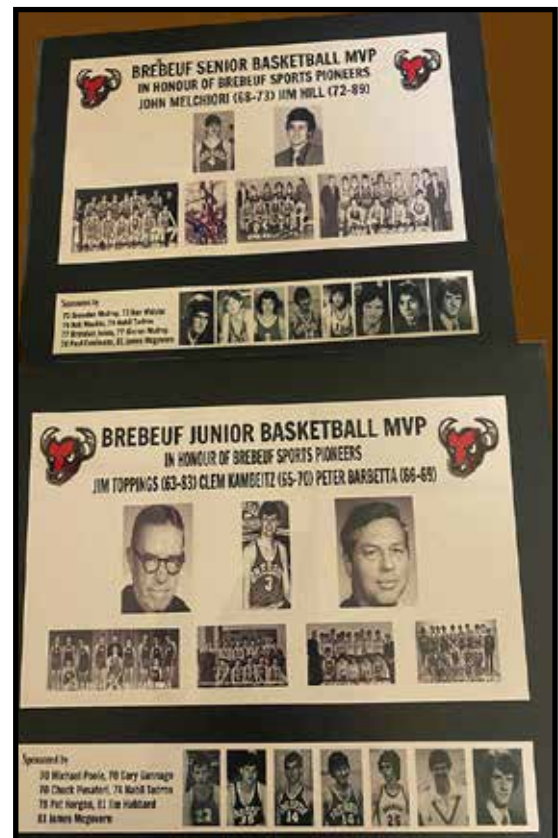
Nabil Tadros '74 presents Joe Will with his plaque



Mark Burke & Greg Rogers '72 were recognized for their efforts in starting Brebeuf's rugby program.



The collage is an example of the detailed photo archives put together for every era of Brebeuf sports since 1963. These photos are on the wall outside the library on the lower level of the school.



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Where Are They Now?

We invite all alumni to send in news and notes on classmates and themselves.
Please email those details to michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org

Paul Beregi '82 is the President of Genesis Auto Solutions.

Michael Cassar '11 is a Financial Services Administrator for the Canadian Armed Forces and was previously an Armoured Soldier.

Dr. Jason Cheng '08 worked in Waterloo for a year as an Intensive Care Medicine Specialist and recently moved to Auckland, New Zealand where he is a specialist in the Cardiothoracic Vascular Intensive Care Unit.

Derrick Chow '00 is an artist and writer and recently had a book for young adults – Ravenous Things – published by Disney's Hyperion Press.

Daniel Coppola '13 is an apprentice plumber and owner of his on media company Daniel Coppola Media.

David Correa '92 is a Detective-Sergeant with the Toronto Police Service.

Raffi Dergalstanian '13 has a law degree from Western and is currently a Judicial Law Clerk at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Ron Dizy '83 is a Managing Director of Red Jar Capital in Burlington.

Gerson D'souza '98 advises that I am a Portfolio Manager and Senior Investment Advisor with TD Wealth. We live in Mississauga and are parishioners of St. Dominic's parish, where we are active on the finance committee and in altar server training. We are expecting our 5th child in February!" (Editor's Note - Thanks to Gerson for sponsoring the House Banners at Brebeuf).

Giancarlo Famele '17 is a Staff Accountant at EY and received his Bachelor of Commerce from Ryerson University.

Brian Hartono '09 is an Insurance Advisor at Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Daniel Johnson '92 is an Ontario Registered Wedding Officiant in Milton, ON.

Martin Jurak '17 is a CPA and accountant at Xen.

Dennis Lee '09 has a PhD in Immunology from U of T and is a Senior Life Sciences Specialist at L.E.K. in New York.

Andres Ricardo Lopez Tovar '16 is a medical doctor with a concentration in general and cardiovascular surgery in Bogota, Colombia.

Mike McRae '93 is a Director of Policy and Governance Branch in the Ministry of Government & Consumer Services, Consumer Protection division.

Michael McWilliams '92 is a partner at Loopstra Nixon LLP and the head of the Commercial and Construction Litigation Group. In 2022, he was recognized by Best Lawyers for Corporate and Commercial Litigation.

Michael Oster '72 sent in the following "great to see so many at the golf tournament after 30+ years absence and to see old friends. In the "great to be alive" category on October 20th I was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia so have some work ahead of me to join you in 2023. I am progressing well and prayers are welcomed."

Denis Poncelet '90 is a Sustainable Building Engineer with York Region and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

Kenneth Rachawalski '13 is a PhD candidate in Biochemistry at McMaster University.

Tawfia Rangwala '95 is a partner in the Litigation and Arbitration Group, New York office of Milbank LLP. He serves as the chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. He serves on the board of directors of Legal Services NYC, the largest provider of legal services to the indigent in the US. He was named Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year in 2021 by Chambers and Partners. He recently published a book about the Me to We incident called What WE Lost: Inside the Attack on Canada's Largest Children's Charity.

Dr. Raffi Sarkissian '02 is the Principal of A.R.S. Armenian Private School and a Professor at Centennial College. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in history from York, a B.Ed. from Trent University, a M.Ed. from York, and a doctorate in education from the University of Western Ontario. Raffi is the Founder and Chair of the Sara Corning Centre for Genocide Education and helps to develop human rights curricula and resources for classrooms and the community.

Eric Sikich '18 was recently elected the President of the Queen's University's Alma Mater Society, which is the student government for all undergrads! When he was a Brebeuf student, Eric participated in two service and leadership trips to Ghana and Peru.

Maurice (Jay) Smith MD '67 is leading a clinical research project into Long Term Covid for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills CA USA. Although retired he is dedicating his time to this urgent research.

Linton Soares '02 served as Principal of Brebeuf from 2020-2022 and led the school during the pandemic. He helped to reconnect the school with a formal Endorsement from the Jesuits and initiated the new House System. He is now Principal of Cardinal Carter School of the Arts.

Ted Sookiassian '04 is a Senior Underwriter at Munich Re Specialty Insurance.

Brother Henry Spencer, F.P.M. is retired from volunteering at Brebeuf and living at Presentation Manor in Scarborough. He can be reached at henspencer2014@yahoo.com

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Where Are They Now?

Jhomar Sumajit '12 is a Mechanical Engineering Specialist at Vexos in Markham. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechatronics, Robotic, and Automation from Ryerson.

Thomas Varga '13 completed a Bachelor of Computer Engineering degree from Ryerson University and is now a Manager at Ellis Don in Kitchener.

Craig Wong '00 is the owner and head chef at Patois Restaurant on Dundas Street West, which serves Jamaican-Chinese food inspired from food from his youth. Craig has worked at two three-star Michelin restaurants. He also owns and runs Bar Mignonette.

Alumni In The News

Aldo Di Felice '81, President of the Teletlatino Network (TLN), recently received the Sierhey Kharmia Ziniak Award by the Canadian Ethnic Media Association for his unwavering dedication to multiculturalism and its expression through media. Aldo recently made a donation to the school to produce twenty-eight large posters hung around the school to promote our Pillars of Excellence, Faith, Tradition and Fellowship and the Jesuit Grad at Grad Expectations.

Chinedu Ezemenari '99 has been recognized with a Black Designers of Canada Award of Excellence for work in his industry. Chinedu, a former receiver with the York University football program, graduated from York University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts and has since embarked on a successful career in men's fashion. He currently owns and operates C.E. CLOTHIER INC. – a luxury men's wear label specialising in custom tailoring for men's fashion items such as suits and overcoats. He founded the brand in 2014 and has found success working with a variety of clients.

Barry McInerney '81 recent retired as CEO of Mackenzie Investments after a lengthy career in the financial services industry. A double degree recipient of the University of Toronto, Barry received two prestigious awards in 2022 including the Alway Award from St. Michael's College, U of T given in recognition of alumni whose significant contributions to society bring esteem to them and to the College. Barry also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rotman School of Business in October, 2022.

Chris Saunders '82 was recently elected as a Trustee on the Halton Catholic District School Board. A chartered accountant and tax specialist, Chris is a graduate of McMaster University and a senior manager with the Canada Revenue Agency. He and his wife Margaret and their family reside in Oakville.

Alumni Speaker Series

Brebeuf will be introducing a Lunchtime Alumni Speaker series in 2023.

Once a week, alumni will be invited to share their experiences with interested students in the library at lunch.

Email michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org if you are interested in participating.

Alumni Coaches At Brebeuf

In addition to the alumni on staff who coach Brebeuf sports teams, several alumni are volunteering their time as community coaches this year including the following :

Robert Brohman '82 is coaching Junior Basketball

Matteo D'Ambrosio '18 helped coached the Brebeuf golf team

Ferdinand General '03 and **Brian Blas '03** are coaching the Senior Basketball team

Mentor Day at Brebeuf

On May 18th, Brebeuf welcomed back a number of alumni to speak to the Grade 10s about career and life advice.

We thank the following alumni for participating as mentors:

Paul Barreca

Giancarlo Brotto

Chris Chen

Harry Fatukasi

Paul Fujiwara

Darren Ho

Monsignor Owen Keenan

Gino Lucente

Jacob Maillet

Raffi Sarkissian

Michael Starzynski

Karim Bishara

Joe Caruso

Rou De Medeiros

Paul Foster

Ferdinand General

Daniel Ho

Kyle Kim

Jim MacDonald

Fr. Eric Rodrigues

Kalana Sembakuttige

Apologies to any participants not listed above.



Alumni speaking to a grade 10 class at Mentor Day

Where Were They Seen?

We welcome photos of alumni getting together wherever they may be. Just send in your photo to michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org along with a brief description of the alumni in the photo – and please include their grad year if possible.



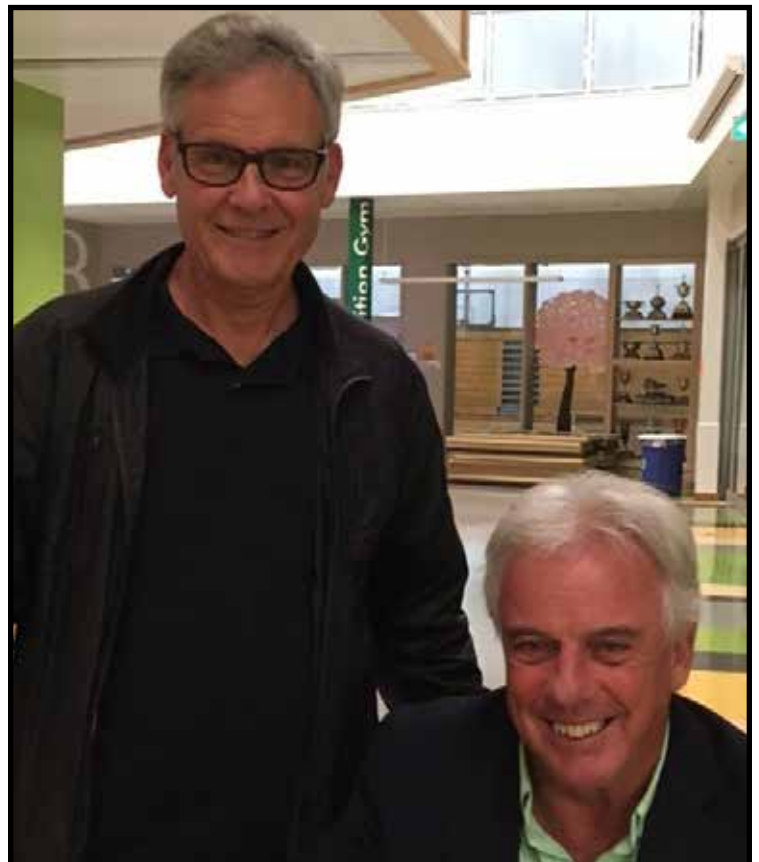
Peter Watson '73 and Dan Walshe '73 got together for a round of golf and a Blue Jays game in August. Peter has recently moved from Bluffton, SC to Hendersonville, NC and continues to be happily retired.



Greg Belton '76 at the Jesuits of Canada Scotch Nosing event at the Albany Club



Jonathan Page '93, Jason Cuddy '95, Steve Gennaro '96 and Phil Sayce '95 in Hamilton in summer 2022.



Michael Poole '70 with Bob McDonald '70 in Victoria, BC. On October 3, Bob, of CBC Quirks and Quarks, gave a talk and signed his book: The Future is Now.

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Alumni Profile: Kalana Sembakuttige '15

Owner, ACT First Aid & Safety Training

I always dreamt of owning a successful business someday. This passion came from watching how hard my parents worked to provide for my brother and I, seeing them achieve their goals no matter the struggle.

One of the greatest passions in my youth was swimming. After completing all necessary lifeguard levels and certifications, I started my first job as an aquatic program assistant for the City of Toronto in 2011. I fell in love with teaching and gained an interest in first aid and life-saving. I continued to obtain advanced certifications and positions; in 2015 after graduating Brebeuf, I became a pool manager and part time coordinator for the North York area.

In September, 2015, I went to York University to complete my undergraduate degree in Health Sciences. At York I was able to join different clubs, sports teams and coordinate excursions for students and faculty. Being surrounded by constant stress and worry among my peers, this challenged me to go away from the social norm of a 9-5 job. I was forced to think of ways to find a career that I was truly happy doing.



By April 2018, I knew what I wanted to do with my passion for teaching and first aid. That month, Toronto faced one of the most deadly vehicle attacks in my own neighborhood – the Toronto van attack. I quickly realized the need for more public education in regards to first aid. In July 2018 I became a fully certified first aid examiner with the Life-Saving Society. After graduating from York in 2021 I began working toward my dream of business ownership. In 2022 I took the calculated risk and became my own boss to achieve my goals.

Since 2021 I have obtained contracts with the TCDSB, York University, Canadian Tire, WeatherTech and The Miller Group among others. It certainly is not easy to show the value of my company at this age, competing against well recognized programs like Red Cross or St. John's Ambulance. My passion and early success led me to make connections and partnerships within the safety industry, thus giving me credibility. In late 2022 I added more health and safety courses to my portfolio; suicide prevention, working at heights, WHMIS, traffic control, workers/supervisor responsibility, respiratory fit testing, health and safety system management, etc. What started in 2018 as just a first aid company is now a health and safety consulting and training company.

Being my own boss gives me the ability to use my passion and my job to create change in our youth. My job allows me to work with youth every day and make a difference in their lives. My business philosophy is "Behind every successful person are many unsuccessful years," so never give up.

I attribute my success to my loving parents. They showed me what it means to persevere and proved that it could be achieved if you put your mind to it. To show my love and gratitude to my parents as well as to help the future Brebeuf Community, my brother and I decided to sponsor a scholarship to two graduating students, helping them in their future studies.

Knowing that what I do makes a difference has given me immense satisfaction. I was so worried in university about what my mission in life was to be. Having my own business has filled that void and has given me much more freedom. Some future plans include a co-op program with the TCDSB as well as leadership events for the SHSM students within the school board.

If you could benefit from our expertise in CPR and safety training, I invite you to get in touch. Our goal is to give our students the adequate knowledge of first aid and life-saving skills necessary for life and their future. Our curriculum reflects this commitment, along with the diverse backgrounds and cultures of our instructors and participants.

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Legendary Brebeuf teachers and coaches Joe Will & Jim Hill

Alumni Golf Classic 2022

More than 70 alumni, retired staff & friends of Brebeuf gathered at Sleepy Hollow for the Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic. The presence of **Fr. Bob O'Brien '80** helped hold off the rain until the very end of the round. The alumni were especially pleased to welcome "Coach Jim Hill", retired Brebeuf teacher and basketball coach to the tournament. Coach Hill lead his foursome (Jim Hill, **Bryan Black '75**, **Pat Ryan '75** and **Dan Walshe '73**) to victory in the team scramble format, edging out the 1973 foursome of **Tom Pasquale '73**, **Richard Pasquale '71**, **Rod McIsaac '73** and **Vic Tonelli '73** (who recorded the same score but lost in a tiebreaker). The 1981 "fivesome" of **Brett Tanner**, **Bryon Disera**, **Michael Tynan**, **Ken Abbott** and **John Younder** finished in 3rd.

In the individual competitions, the winners included :

Closest to the Pin on Hole 3 – **Tom Pasquale '73**

Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 – **Dave Lorenzetti '73**

Closest to the Pin on Hole 17 – **Pat Ryan '85**

Putting contest – Rosemary Lavery (retired staff) & **Brent Tobin '07**

Closest to the Pin on Hole 6 – **Brett Tanner '81**

Closest to the Pin on Hole 15 – Dina Orlando (former staff)

Longest Drive – **Luke Pasquale '07**

Mike Koor '93 retained his crown as "Most Honest Golfer" for yet another year while **Dave Keaveney '93** won low gross honours. Thanks to the Classes of '73 and '87 for their strong turnout and to **Fred Hawa '73** and **Mike Oster '72** for joining us for dinner.

Special thanks to our alumni sponsors & donors:

Peter Gillespie '85

Sandro Morassutti '92

Tom Pasquale '73

Rob Pellegrini '80

Dan Walshe '73



Jason Cuddy '95, Jonathan Page '93, Dave Keaveney '93, Michael Koor '93



Phil Horgan '80, Greg Horgan '75, Claudio Gorizzan '79, Eric Gorizzan '09



Colin Stephenson, Dennis Tobin '79, Paul Fujiwara '79 & Paul Cusimano '78

Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion

Attention Class of 1973 alumni.

The Class of '73 will celebrate its 50th Class Reunion in 2023.

Plans are underway to use the occasion of the Brebeuf Alumni Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 to celebrate this milestone.

All 1973 alumni (including non-golfers) are welcome to join us for golf and / or dinner.

Contact Dan Walshe '73 at dan.walshe@icloud.com

Alumni Golf Classic 2022



Team 1977 – Al Beaton, Brendan Jones & Steve Melchiori



Team 1981 – Brett Tanner, Bryon Disera, Ken Abbott,
Michael Tynan, John Younder



Team 1973 – Vic Tonelli, Richard Pasquale,
Tom Pasquale, Rod McIsaac



Team 2007 – Luke Pasquale, Brent Tobin, Kevin Gillett



Team 1973 – Gerry Lorenzetti, David Lorenzetti,
Andrew McDonald & Victor Rosa



Former staff Paul Adams '71, Rosemary Lavery,
Mario De Thomas, Ermes Lena

Alumni Golf Classic 2022



Mike Hart '72, John Tokarsky '79, Pat Cosgrove '74,
John Murphy '74



Dan Walshe '73, Bryan Black '75, Coach Jim Hill &
Pat Ryan '75



Team 1980 – Rob Pellegrini, Joe Domotor, Fr. Bob O'Brien &
Joe Caruso



Team 1987 – Craig Metzger, Nick Thadane, Tony Long &
Mike Benoit



Team 1987 – Sanford Carabin, Chris Chen, Stephen Baker
& Paul Foster



Team 2001 - Rasheed Mohamed, Mark Oulahan,
Ryan Martin & Raymond Mohamed

Brebeuf's First "Class Photo" at Martyr Shrine in 1963

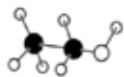
Paul McKernan '69 approached the Alumni Association earlier this year with a very unique idea. In anticipation of the school's 60th anniversary upcoming in the 2023-2024 school year, Paul suggested that the alumni take a step back in time and try and determine which students and staff were present in the large group photo taken during the first school visit to Martyr Shrine in Midland in 1963.

Paul then assembled a group of alumni from Brebeuf's very first years to review the photo and try and identify each person in the picture. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the "working group" 122 of the 176 participants in this photo have been identified so far.

Please click on [First Class Photo](#) to download and view the legend under the numbered version of this group picture to see the list of names of those Brebeufians identified in this photo. We apologize in advance for any incorrect spellings or misidentifications.

The Alumni association wishes to thank the following members of the working group for taking on this project : **Paul Sanagan '67**, **Peter Dungan '68**, **Reynolds Kanary '68**, **Keith Berriman '68**, **Robert Lato '68**, **Stephen Kahnert '68**, **Jamie Marrin '68**, **Michael Daoust '67**, **Maurice Jay Smith '67**, **Dan McMahon '68** and **Len Nicholson '68**.

A very special THANK You to **Paul McKernan '69** for bringing this project forward and for coordinating all of the research efforts over the past several months.



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In Memoriam

Please pray for the following members of the Brebeuf family who passed away between January 2022 and December 2022



Alumni

- Gary Gannage '70, brother of Larry '72, Mark '74 and Chris '78
- Anthony Paul '75, brother-in-law of John Montpetit '75, Mark Montpetit '77, Tim Montpetit '79 and Jerry Montpetit '85
- Robert Hennebury '85
- Michael Collins '73, brother of Paul Collins '77
- Jody Forno '97

Former Staff

- Michael Loconte
- Franca Gioffre

Relatives of Alumni & Staff

- Mrs. Baldauf, mother of Robert Baldauf '82 and Albert Baldauf '83

Community Members

The Brebeuf community lost two special members in 2022 who contributed greatly to the school. For more than 40 years Mrs. Elaine Malcolm provided catering services to many special events at Brebeuf, from sports banquets to staff socials to the order of Brebeuf luncheons. Her dedication to providing first class service at very reasonable prices was always very much appreciated by staff, students and alumni.

John Corso, Sr. (father of John Corso '88) served as President of The Brebeuf Benefactors Society in the mid to late 1980's, helping to guide Brebeuf through the transition from the Jesuit Fathers to the Presentation Brothers. John's patient manner, strategic vision and steady leadership were crucial during this time of significant change at Brebeuf.

Relatives of Alumni & Staff - cont'd

- Mrs. Bazzocchi, mother of Frank Bazzocchi (former staff)
- John Corso Sr., father of John Corso '88
- Aleksandra Cydejko, mother of Anna Cydejko (staff)
- Cosimo Gagliardi, husband of Rose (former staff)
- Paula Gulja, mother of Debra Barbutto (staff)
- Francis (Frankie) Horgan, brother of Paul '73, Greg '75, Mike '76, Pat '78 and Phil '80
- Frank Levec Sr., father of Frank Levec '82
- Al White, father of Steve White '81
- Sue Younder. Mother of John, sister-in-law of Joe Younder, retired staff
- Eileen Foy, mother of Martin Foy '82, Paul Foy '84, Chris Foy '89 & Kevin Foy '91
- James Mahoney, father of Richard Mahoney '78 & James Mahoney '83
- Anita Baker, mother of Ted Baker '80, Mark Baker '82, Peter Baker '84, and Stephen Baker '87



Memorial Tributes

Gary Gangage '70 - Submitted by Sean Cosgrove '71

We lost a good man March 5, 2022 with the passing of Gary Gannage, Brebeuf Class of 1970. He was the third oldest of nine siblings, oldest of six brothers in a Thornhill family. He had such intelligence, wit, joie de vivre, sense of humour and camaraderie. I miss his smiles and laughter. Gary walked proud, a US born Syrian Arab Catholic Canadian, a Servant Leader for our time.

For me he was a friend, ally, mentor, coach and advisor as he was to many people, beginning with his extended family and myriad friends. My family and friends loved him dearly. There was never a conversation that did not mention families, the Brebeuf-St. Joe's gang and always his children Nathan and Aubrey, he was so proud of them.

An Epicurean, Gary loved gardening, cooking, eclectic foods, travel, music and dancing, his house and neighbourhood (Mayor of his street) and City.

The soul of reason and gentility, Gary was also a fierce competitor within the rules. He was a born strategist and helped in Brebeuf's early development, including culture and student government. He played sports, and Gary shone as Team Manager of several teams including the undefeated Brebeuf junior basketball team in 1969.

While the Class of 1970 had a deserved reputation as scholars, socially Chuck Pusateri remembers Gary organizing parties between St. Joe's and Brebeuf, calling that unity "The Coterie".

Gary studied liberal arts at Queen's University, was a student politician and life long Golden Gael. For a career, he turned to the Ontario Public Service, becoming a senior civil servant in several ministries, governing the province.

From scratch, he helped unionize his fellow Ontario professionals, a founder of AMAPCEO and its president for 20 years, growing it to 14,000 members, winning good contracts, always the fair and focused negotiator. Gary was an open and sometimes demanding boss, really looking for the best in and from people. AMAPCEO has renamed its lifetime achievement award in honour of Gary and has endowed a bursary at Queen's to benefit a student studying labour and industrial relations.

To do this he used his warmth and empathy, his deep concern for people, the hallmark of his life. A passionate citizen, Gary was engaged, committed, sleeves rolled up. He was integral to so many progressive and community networks. I remember him being on the first City of Toronto Cycling committee.

He was a stalwart of progressive and NDP politics in Toronto in municipal, provincial and federal arenas. Always called upon for strategic advice, a wise owl as Councillor Joe Mihevic called him, he would put in the hard work of sign captain and door to door campaigner. Magnanimous win or lose, he used his hilarious good humour to get all ready for the next one.

At his celebration of life in the Cameron House, all those voices joined together with family and friends from all directions, led by former MP Andrew Cash on guitar, to sing and ring out his legacy.

He brought us all together. Frank MacGrath remembers "Gary served as the first President of the Brebeuf Alumni Association. I had the pleasure of working with Gary and learning a lot from him". I should not have been surprised to learn that Gary was a key advisor to the new Seniors for Climate Action Now, always on the curve! Gary did it all and left nothing on the court. He loved living. Farewell brother, love you.



Robert Hennebury '85 - Submitted by Peter Gillespie '85

February 25 1967 – May 29 2022

Robert, Class of '85, passed away last spring after a 3 year battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Margaret (de Souza, SJMP '86) and his children James and Meghan.

Robert was an active contributor to the Brebeuf community, both as a student and alumnus.

He brought optimism and humour to each event he attended, and we are better for having him in our lives.

Contributions can be made in his honour to the Oak Ridges Hospice in Port Perry Ontario.



Memorial Tributes

Michael Collins '73 - Submitted by Paul Collins '77

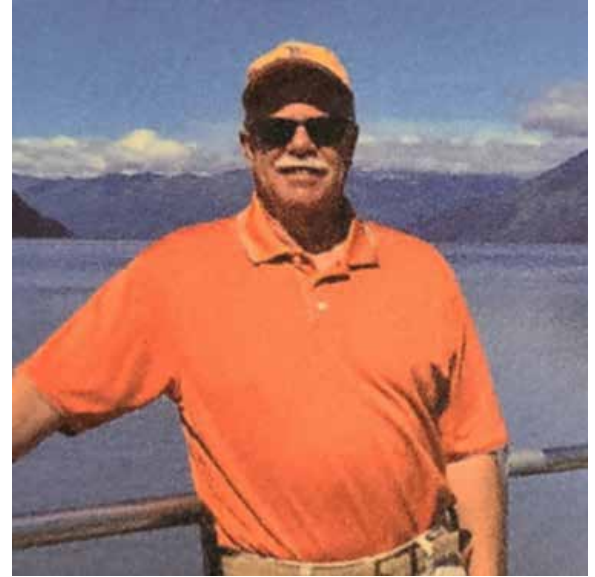
Michael J. Collins, Class of 73, passed away suddenly on December 3, 2021 from complications related to colorectal cancer.

He was a devoted husband to Susan and a devoted father to daughter Caitlin and son Cory.

After a 30-plus year career in Chicago with Amoco and BP, Mike decided to 'change it up' by finishing his career with BP in Anchorage Alaska, followed by retirement to Calgary in May 2021.

Mike was "all in" in everything that he did, whether it was family, work, assisting others, watching or playing sports, an example of the latter being his accompanying his then young children to taekwondo lessons and then sticking around to obtain multiple degrees of black belt in that discipline.

He is greatly missed.



Anthony Paul '75 - Written by Kate Paul and submitted by Bryan Black '75

After a long courageous battle with cancer, we lost the most wonderful Father, Husband, Papa and Friend anyone could ever ask for. Anthony Paul, (graduating class of 1975) passed away on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at 65 years old.

He was the most Loving Husband and Best Friend to Margaret (nee Montpetit) for nearly 50 years. A legendary Father to 4 adoring children, Kate (Mark), Erin (Chris), Adam (Sara) and Maggie (Jay). The coolest and most incredible Papa to Joshua, Thomas, Jace, Noah, Laylah, Mila, and Scarlett. Beloved Son of Frank and Angela Paul. Cherished Brother of Patricia (Peter) Liorti and AnnMarie (Rob) Nord.

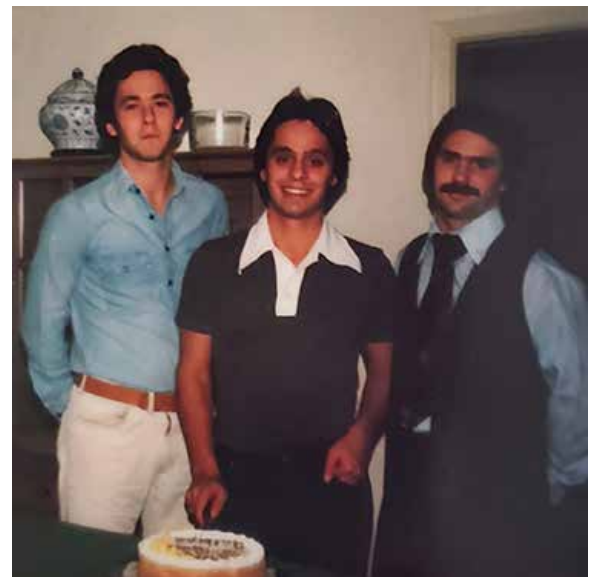
Anthony will always be fondly remembered by his very large extended family. He was known and loved as "Teddy" by his wonderful group of lifelong friends, many of whom he grew up with at Brebeuf.

He was truly adored by everyone who knew him, and his strength, wisdom and positive nature will be remembered forever. With his friendly disposition and unwavering kindness, he made everyone who knew him feel supported, important and loved. Not only was Dad our 'mathematical genius' but his love for music is something we grew up with and will forever cherish. Heaven is suddenly filled with the sweetest song, and one thing we know for sure is that Teddy knows all the lyrics.

We still find comfort in his favourite line... "A day at a time, kiddies" and that is how we will continue to live and move forward without him.

"It was an early morning yesterday; I was up before the dawn.

And I really have enjoyed my stay, but I must be moving on...."



Lifelong friends Bryan Black '75, Anthony Paul '75 and Rob Tonelli '75

Memorial Tributes

Jody Forno '97 - Submitted by Riccardo & Luca Forno and Steve Gennaro '96

Jody's smile was contagious. Everyone who knew him at Brebeuf- from telling stories in the caf, to running through the port-o-pack, playing soccer, or sitting in class, will always remember his laugh and his smile.

After Brebeuf, Jody attended Anderson University and South Carolina University on a soccer scholarship before returning to Toronto to play at York University. Shortly after, Jody began his coaching career while working with the Vaughan Soccer Club as a coach for the grassroots development program. In 2016, he became the Long-Term Player Development Director for one of the country's largest and most successful soccer clubs. He also spent time on the coaching staff with the York University Lions, helping to guide the Lions to multiple national titles and mentoring multiple players who would later wear the Canadian National Jersey. However, Jody's passion was grassroots development. He devoted his life to encouraging boys and girls to play the game he loved in a fun, respectful, and professional manner. Jody loved being a coach and constantly helped encourage kids to keep playing and practicing, enjoying the sport the way he did, always smiling. Jody's energy and enthusiasm for youth soccer and coaching, leading and developing young soccer players were at the forefront of how he lived his life.

Jody passed away suddenly in December 2020. To honour his memory in 2021, Vaughan Soccer Club hosted the first inaugural Jody Forno Footgolf Tournament. The tournament has been well attended by Brebeuf Alumni, friends of Jody, and supporters of the beautiful game. In 2022, we hope to introduce a student award in his honour to a graduating student-athlete who exemplified Jody's commitment to sport and the community with an emphasis on respect and fun.

Jody also loved AC Milan. He was a long-time comic book lover, and anything involving the beautiful game of soccer was his passion. Jody is survived by his son Alessio, his brothers Luca and Riccardo, and his mom and dad.



Mr. Loconte - Retired Staff - Submitted by Michael Da Costa '92

Mike Loconte passed away on May 28, 2022 at the age of 65. He started teaching at Brebeuf with the Jesuits in 1982 and gave the next three decades of service to the school, teaching history, economics, and Man in Society. He also ran a driving school and taught many a Brebeufian to drive. He had a passion for life and his family. Some former students and colleagues shared their memories of him on facebook:

Mike Loconte knew how to infuse humour and subtlety to all the material he taught. I was lucky to have him as a teacher multiple times; he was very influential to me. -- Chris Lackey '02

He was a great man with a big heart. -- Lou Paonessa (former staff)

My marks were suffering in his history class, Mr L didn't want me to fail so he called my mom. I had to get an A to pass the course on the final exam. For next two weeks my mom practised and helped me learn history. Final exam mark, 100%. Thank you sir for caring and making a difference. -- Michael Pal '93

Mr. Loconte was the first teacher I had at Brebeuf, grade 10 history in 2004. I remember he was stern on his students but that was because he cared. He could be hilarious at times and made the class fun. He was a good and kind man. -- Nicholas Che '07

I remember taking the Man in Society course back in 1990-91 and remember Mr. Loconte's sense of humour. I recall him showing me my final mark and telling me he took out his magic red marker and rounded my mark to 70% which meant I didn't have to write the final exam. -- William Lee '93



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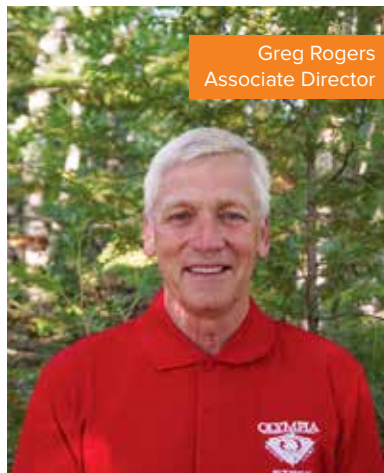
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Brebeuf College School will celebrate its 60th Anniversary during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Over the next year the Alumni Association will be working with the Brebeuf community to plan for this milestone event.

We will be updating the alumni regularly as details are finalized for the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

If you would like to get involved with the planning of the 60th Anniversary please contact:

Frank MacGrath '82

fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or 905-726-4488

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New Posters

In order to promote our Four Brebeuf Pillars of Faith, Excellence, Tradition and Fellowship, twenty-eight new posters highlighting them were placed around the school. They also include the Jesuit Grad at Grad Expectations: Intellectually Competent, Open to Growth, Loving, Religious, and Committed to Justice. Thanks to Ms. Kira Ling for designing them and to **Aldo Di Felice '81** and TLN for the donation which made them possible!



15th Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner

Join the Jesuits of Canada for their 15th Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner

Wednesday, April 12, 2022

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Pre-dinner reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner

NEW LOCATION:

The Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan, Ontario

This fundraising dinner honours Jesuit Jubilarians - men marking 50 years of service in the Society of Jesus. This year we will be celebrating Fathers Godefroy Midy and David Nazar. We will also honour long-time supporter Rosella Kinoshameg, with the Magis award.

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Class of 1993 Reunion

Attention Class of 1993 Alumni

Michael Koor, Dave Keaveney, Ed Sabat and Jonathan Page are planning a 30th reunion for the class of 1993. The event will be held in the spring of 2023 in the GTA - details coming soon.

1993 alumni are encouraged to email jonathanpage.ca@gmail.com with your phone and email address if interested in attending.

If you are unable to attend and wish to send a note of greetings to be shared at the event, this would be welcome.

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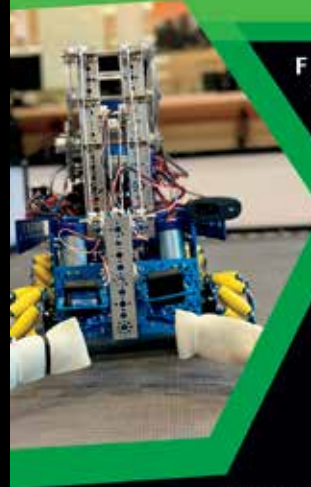
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