

Order of Brebeuf Inductees Recognized by Government of Canada



On Sunday, November 9th the 2025 Inductees into the Order of Brebeuf were formally recognized with Certificates of Achievement from the Government of Canada.

Pictured above is **Vince Gasparro '97** (third from left), Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence, who presented these certificates to Order of Brebeuf inductees (L-R): **Bavly Kost '08**, **Shawn Murray '77**, Paul Solarski (retired staff), **Mike Walsh '73** and to Alumni Association Chairman **Frank MacGrath '82** (far right).

For a complete recap of the 2025 Order of Brebeuf induction ceremony please see pages 11-13.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

The Alumni Association is looking to add additional members to the Alumni Executive, particularly from more recent graduating years. If you are interested please contact either **Michael Da Costa '92** michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org or **Frank MacGrath '82** fmacgrath@gtigolf.com

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Alumni Association Update

This past year the Alumni Association has focused on several key initiatives with the objective of creating more tangible connections with Brebeuf students (and our future alumni). In this newsletter we have highlighted several of these projects (e.g. Kairos, mentorship) and we invite you to learn more about what is happening at Brebeuf today and how alumni can support these programs. The Order of Brebeuf continues to seek out 'Men and Women for Others' to be recognized by the Brebeuf community. This past month the 2025 Order of Brebeuf inductees had a chance to speak to Grade 11 and 12 classes and interact with current students. On pages 10-11 you will read about an exciting new student-lead mentorship program – The Brebeuf Leadership Forum - in which alumni can participate.

Alumni from all decades continue to stay connected through class reunions and informal gatherings. Many alumni continue to financially support Brebeuf and the Alumni Association; we greatly appreciate your generous donations and your continued loyalty. For alumni that wish to make a financial contribution to Brebeuf please see the details on the pages 8 & 39. Online donations can be made through the "Donate To Brebeuf" portal and all donors will receive a tax receipt.

A note of special 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 alumni who submit "Where Are They Now" updates and "Where Were They Seen" photos. Please keep those notes and photos coming; one of our main goals as an alumni association is not only to keep alumni connected to Brebeuf but also to their fellow alumni.

Finally, thanks to our tireless Alumni Executive members. These individuals volunteer many hours of their time each year to help plan, coordinate and implement various events and programs in support of Brebeuf and its alumni. Please join me in acknowledging:

Michael Da Costa '92, **Anthony DiNicolo '20**, **Bryon Di Sera '81**, **Mike Flint '89**, **Pete Gillespie '85**, **Eric Guy '82**, **Rob Gregoris (current staff)**, **Eric Kam '05**, **Michael Kirwin '19**, **Rosemary Lavery (retired staff)**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **Andrew Munro '82**, **Jonathan Page '93**, **Steve White '81** and **Marc Vittorio '01**.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to all alumni & staff (current & former) for 2026.

Frank MacGrath '82

Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

Principal's Message by James Tanchez

Dear Brebeuf Alumni and Friends,

As I enter my fourth year as principal, I continue to be inspired by the enduring spirit of the Brebeuf College School community. Each day, I am reminded of the strength of our shared mission—to form young men of faith, character, and service who live out the Jesuit ideals of being men for and with others.

This year has been filled with moments that remind us of what makes Brebeuf such a special place. We have seen renewed energy across the school as traditions old and new have brought our community together in fellowship and joy. From the excitement of Spirit Weeks, Brebeuf Madness, and House Challenges to the creativity on display at our Christmas Arts Night, last year's musical production of Disney's Descendants, and our upcoming show, Grease, the halls of Brebeuf have once again echoed with laughter, talent, and brotherhood.

Our students have continued to shine both in and out of the classroom. This year, we proudly celebrated 202 Honour Roll students who achieved an overall average of 80% or higher, a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

On the field, our Brebeuf Bulls represented the school with pride and determination, capturing the 2025 TDCAA Tier II Junior Soccer Championship and demonstrating teamwork and resilience throughout the season. In the realm of innovation, our Brebotics team continued to make waves in the world of STEM—embodying Brebeuf's ongoing commitment to creativity, collaboration, and excellence.

Faith remains at the heart of all we do. Through retreats, liturgies, and the ongoing guidance and collaboration within our Jesuit Schools Network, we have continued to nurture spiritual growth and deepen our connection to God and one another. These moments of reflection remind us of our Jesuit calling to promote justice, compassion, and service in our world.

To our graduates and alumni, you remain an integral part of our story. When you reflect on your own time at Brebeuf, I hope you are reminded not only of the lessons learned in class but also of the friendships formed, the traditions shared, and the values that continue to guide your lives. You are part of a brotherhood that extends beyond these walls—a community that supports one another and strives, always, for the greater glory of God.

As we move toward the Advent season, may we take time to be grateful for the blessings we share as a Brebeuf family. Let us continue to walk together in faith, hope, and love—honouring our rich traditions while embracing the promise of the future.

Wishing you and your families peace, joy, and renewal in this sacred season.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,
James Tanchez, Principal



School News

New Additions to the Staff

Brebeuf welcomes Andrew Muia as our new Vice-Principal. Andrew was previously Vice-Principal at St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School and at Loretto Abbey.

Staff Retirements and Departures

Rob Sedran retired after many years of dedicated service to Brebeuf. As a teacher of both Computer Science and Physical Education, Mr. Sedran has been a dynamic presence in our school. His impact will be felt for years to come as he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and humour.

Elda Pacitti, a valued Educational Assistant in our Special Education Department, also retired. Ms. Pacitti has brought warmth, compassion, and unwavering support to our students in the ISP (Intensive Support Programme). Her gentle spirit and commitment to student well-being have touched many lives, and she will be deeply missed.

Eamonn Jenkins has taught English and religion at Brebeuf since 2004 and is now retired. His faith, friendly demeanour, and commitment to student welfare will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Cicero**, our English Department Head, who has been promoted to Vice-Principal in the Father Henry Carr community. Ms. Cicero's leadership, commitment to academic excellence has made a lasting mark on Brebeuf.

Farewell to **Andrew Peacock**, our Vice-Principal, who has been appointed Principal of St. Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School. Mr. Peacock's guidance, wisdom, and care for the Brebeuf community have been instrumental in fostering a culture of respect, faith, and excellence.

Grade 9 Registration

Brebeuf had a very successful Open House for Grade 8 boys and their families in October. Part of the draw is Brebeuf's new Congregated Advanced Placement IT programme.

Anyone interested in applications to the school can contact silvana.marino@tcdsb.org or romina.zeppieri@tcdsb.org.

Brebeuf Parent Council Welcomes a New School Year

Dear Brebeuf Alumni,

As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, the Brebeuf Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) extends warm greetings to the Brebeuf Alumni Association. This year, we continue to embrace the spirit of collaboration, recognizing that our shared mission is to support Brebeuf's future alumni by uplifting and enriching the experience of the current student body. Together, we aim to strengthen the foundation that allows every student to flourish—academically, spiritually, and socially.

We are pleased to introduce the CSPC for the 2025–2026 school year:

James Sanchez – Principal Ex-Officio

Maria D'Amore-Walker – Co-Chair

Arlene Melinte – Co-Chair

Elizabeth Evans – Treasurer

Nathan Gomes '99 – Secretary

Natalia Abass-Phillips – OAPCE Representative

Natasha Teslenko – OAPCE Representative

Victor Leung – Member

Lori Sweetapple – Member

Yullayma Esmeral – Member

The Role of the Parent Council

The role of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is pivotal. Our council serves as a vital forum for parents and the community to advise the school administration on matters affecting student education. Through the active participation of parents and guardians, the CSPC strives to improve student achievement and well-being, while also enhancing the accountability of the education system to parents.

Achievements Over the Last Few Years

Over the past few years, the Brebeuf Parent Council has been actively involved in numerous initiatives, including:

- Assisting with the School Open House
- Arranging guest speakers for parents and students — and this year, we hope to collaborate with Brebeuf alumni to inspire current students with the experiences and accomplishments of our own graduates
- Organizing our Annual Used Uniform Sale
- Hosting the Krispy Kreme fundraisers
- Supporting Honour Roll Ceremonies
- Hosting a Mother's Day Soap Sale, with all proceeds supporting school programs and student initiatives

Our Annual Used Uniform Sale stands out as our largest fundraising event, with all proceeds supporting various initiatives at Brebeuf. These include funding for Kairos retreats, team sponsorships and sports equipment, music programs, ISP programs, and many other programs that benefit all Brebeuf students.

Gratitude

Our accomplishments are a collective effort, and we cannot do this alone. We are deeply grateful to the Brebeuf Alumni Association for its steadfast support of many school initiatives.

We hope this new school year brings growth, collaboration, and continued excellence. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the Brebeuf community.

Warm regards,

Brebeuf Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), 2025–2026



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Graduation 2025 – Awards & Scholarship Winners

Each year the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards named in honour of alumni and former staff.

- **The Peter Knopf '81 Memorial Scholarship**, sponsored by Mrs. Rita Knopf, is awarded to Lucas Mark '25 and Nicolas Gonzalez Padilla '25
- **The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award** is awarded to Lucas Mark '25
- **Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award** is awarded to Angelo Di Maria '25 & Renz Felipe '25
- **Grad at Grad Award** is awarded to Binyam Bezawork '25
- **Gerry Tanner Scholarship**, sponsored by **Brett Tanner '81**, is awarded to Angelo Di Maria '25 and Joel Yohans '25
- **Michael Thompson '69 Award**: Matteo Sabatini '25
- **Martin Foy '82 Scholarship** is awarded to Lucas Mark '25
- **The Marcus McInerney Scholarship**, funded by **Barry McInerney '81** & Rose McInerney, in memory of their son, is awarded to Noah Viray '25 and Noah Karagossian '25
- **The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award**: Kurt Raboy '25
- **The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship**: Hrag Kazanjian '25
- **The Lou Puccini Scholarship** recipients are Ayaninch Jonathan '25 & Lewis Jake Galvez '25

The Barry, Gazeley & Puccini Scholarships are each funded by **George Macri '68**.

- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Most Improvement** is awarded to Daniel Ko '25
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Sports Leadership** is awarded to Angelo Di Maria '25
- **Christopher Stanfield '83 Award for Leadership** is awarded to Angelo Di Maria '25
- **Brother Lawrence Maher, F.P.M. Award** is awarded to Hrag Kazanjian '25
- **Man for Others Award** is awarded to Simon Pires '25
- **Janath and Chapay Award** is sponsored by their sons, Kalana '15 and Rashmi '17 Sembakuttige, and is awarded to Binyam Bezawork '25
- **St. Charles Garnier Award**: Binyam Bezawork '25
- **Joseph Younder Debating Award**: Paul Marshall '25
- **Catholic Student Award** is awarded to Angelo Di Maria '25 and Noah Viray '25
- **Valedictorian**: John Dungog '25
- **Governor-General's Medal** is awarded to Neil Simmons '25 and Jacob Comia '25
- **Salutatorian & Lieutenant Governor's Medal**: Gavin Giron '25
- **Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. Award** is awarded to Neil Simmons '25
- **STEM Award** is awarded to Neil Simmons '25
- **Smith and Long Health & Wellness SHSM Award** is awarded to Victor Coste '25
- **Smith and Long Business SHSM Award**: Elie Alassaf '25

- **Smith and Long Arts & Culture SHSM Award** is awarded to Maximiliano Villegas '25
- **Theatre Brebeuf Award** is awarded to Lindo Junior Bown '25 and Maxi Omandam '25
- **TSU Award** is awarded to Joel Yohans '25
- **Life Skills Achievement Scholarship** is awarded to Dylan Magalang '25, Maxi Omandam '25, Josh Leon '25 & Reichman De Morgan '25.
- **OYAP Learn To Work Bursary** is awarded to Eamon Donnelly '25, Elie Alassaf '25 and Kyle Duldulao '25
- **OYAP Skilled Trades Bursary**: Joshua Ghobrial '25, Jhayden Pagatpat '25, Mackenzie Perez '25, Karl Pascua '25
- **Catholic Women's League Scholarship Accelerated OYAP** is awarded to Mackenzie Perez '25 and Karl Pascua '25

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards each year.

Special thanks to the Foy, Knopf, Loh, McInerney, Stanfield, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to:

Robert Baldauf '82

Mark Baker '82

Paul Foy '84

Paul Lavin '82

Frank MacGrath '82

Doug MacMillan '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.



Pete Gillespie '85, representing the Alumni Association, presents the Michael J. Tomaszek '82 Music Scholarship to Renz Felipe '25 & Angelo Di Maria '25

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PRESENTATION BROTHERS' SCHOOLS IN GHANA

With the support of its Alumni Association, Brebeuf College School is helping the Presentation Brothers to raise \$75,000 to build a new elementary school in Navrongo, Ghana in West Africa. So far, over \$9000 has been raised. The new school will be named after our patron, St. Jean de Brebeuf.

Quality education is key to lifting students out of poverty and giving hope for their futures, and the Brothers have been providing this to the people of northern Ghana since 1968.

Collections for change will happen in homerooms on the First Friday of each month. Students can also donate via bank/credit card on a point-of-sale machine.

We are so grateful to our students, staff, parents, and alumni whose generosity will make this possible. We acknowledge and thank all past donors as part of regular contributions to the Brother Lawrence Maher Fund for Africa.

See <https://www.brebeufalumni.org/Ghana.php> for ways to donate online or by cheque.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS

In May 2025, Mr. Ryan's Grade 11 Mathematics class at Brebeuf College wrote the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus exam.

This rigorous, firstyear university-level exam is typically taken by graduating Grade 12 students preparing for admission into competitive university programmes.

Of the 28 students who wrote the exam, the results were outstanding:

- 10 students achieved a score of 5 (First Class Standing)
- 9 students achieved a score of 4 (Second Class Standing)
- 9 students scored between 1 and 3

This is a remarkable accomplishment for a Grade 11 class. Mr. Ryan expressed his pride in his students' dedication and hard work. Looking ahead, they will continue into Grade 12, where they will study second-year university calculus and differential equations.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPUTER SCIENCE

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of last year's Grade 11 students who completed the Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A exam. Demonstrating advanced knowledge and skill in Java programming, the class achieved exceptional results.

The group earned an impressive 86% pass rate, with 25 out of 29 students achieving a qualifying score. Notably, 14 students reached the highest performance levels:

- 6 students earned a Level 5
- 8 students earned a Level 4

In addition, two students also wrote and passed the AP Computer Science Principles exam, earning two AP credits in Computer Science while still in Grade 11. These same students further distinguished themselves by successfully obtaining their AP Calculus credit—a remarkable academic accomplishment.

Earning multiple AP credits in Grade 11 gives these students a strong advantage as they apply to postsecondary programs this fall, highlighting their dedication, advanced skills, and academic excellence.



Brebeuf Varsity Football Update

After an historic Championship season last year, Brebeuf football continued to be strong this year, going 4-1 in the regular season, and was ranked 3rd in all of Tier 1 High School teams in Toronto. The team had 5 players, and Head Coach, Tim Hughes, selected to the Football Toronto All-Star game.

Unfortunately, the season came to a sudden end in the semifinal - losing to Michael Power with less than 2 minutes remaining.

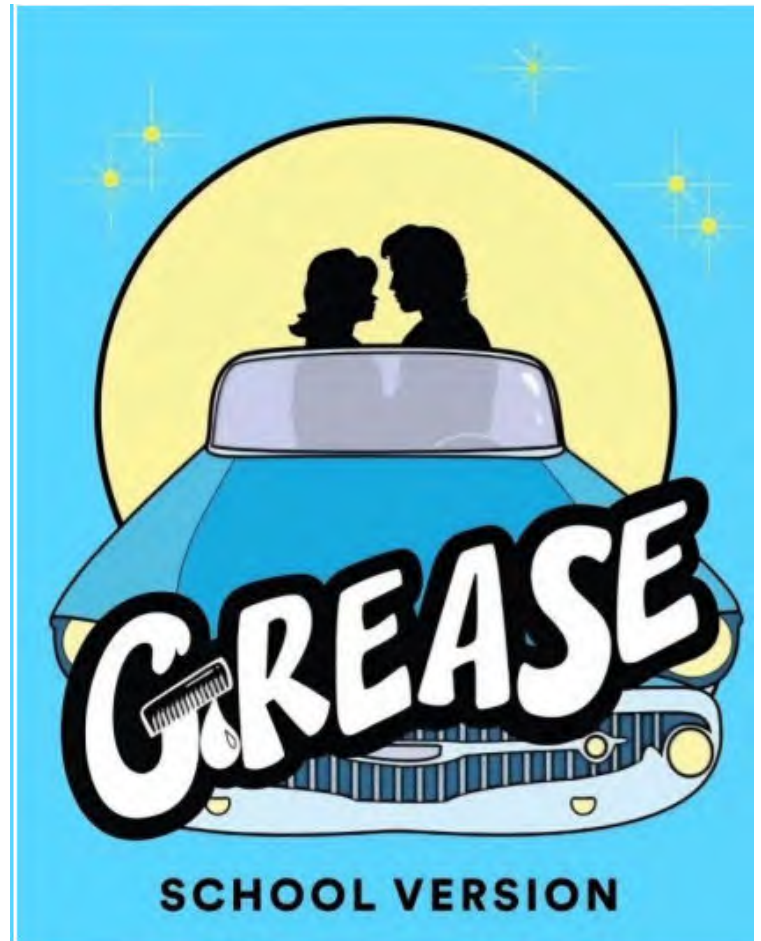
Thank you to our coaches: Teachers - Mr. Bayley, Mr. Vittorio, Mr. Sbergio and Mr. Chin You; Community Coaches, Tim Hughes, Carlo Onorati, and Kyle Wilson; and Alumnus - Reigh Arcayos.

Since the last week of August, all of the players, managers, and coaches practiced daily to give all they had to Brebeuf - and they did not disappoint. With many players returning next year, Brebeuf will be a force in football again.



TOP 10 HIGH SCHOOLS IN TORONTO

1		ST. MIKE'S toronto
2		ETOBICOKE CI etobicoke
3		BREBEUF north york
4		MICHAEL POWER etobicoke
5		WESTERN TECH toronto
6		CHAMINADE north york
7		NORTHERN toronto
8		RICHVIEW etobicoke
9		BISHOP ALLEN etobicoke
10		LAWRENCE PARK toronto



THEATRE BREBEUF

GREASE is the Word!

Following the success of our sold-out run of Disney's Descendants last year, the Arts Department is joining with SJMP again this year to put on another mainstage musical! "Grease is the word!" Performances will be Thursday, April 16, 2026, Friday, April 17, 2026, at 7pm, and Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1pm. Mark you calendars! Tickets will be on sale in February.

Kairos XX



Kairos XX: The Journey of a Retreatant by Gabriel Aprile, '27

I was initially hesitant about attending Kairos. I worried about falling behind in my classes and missing extracurricular activities to the point where I almost gave up my spot. After some encouragement from my teachers and parents, I decided to go. At the start of the retreat, my mind was still occupied with schoolwork and the stress of everything waiting for me at home.

As the retreat continued, that stress gradually faded. I found myself becoming closer to my friends, to myself, and to God. For the first time in a while, it felt like the world was on pause. Without the usual distractions that take over my life, I was finally able to appreciate the relationships and blessings around me. The daily struggles that usually take control seemed much smaller, and I began to understand how loved and supported I truly am. That constant pressure to always be working finally relaxed as I took time to reflect on the life I have been given.

In the end, Kairos has been one of the most impactful experiences of my life. It taught me not to let responsibilities blind me from the people who care about me, and it reminded me that God remains present even in the most stressful moments. I'm grateful for the opportunity and hope that others will one day be able to experience it as well.

Kairos XX: The Journey of a Student Leader by Anthony Genua, '26

Going into Kairos, I felt an extreme sense of anxiety and worry, constantly thinking about what would happen if I messed up and how it would throw off the entire retreat. My brain was just constantly worrying throughout the start of it, trying to be perfect. However, after I actually started talking with the retreatants and started connecting with them as if they were people that I had known for years, the experience became a lot more enlightening for me.

As someone who wants to go into the field of teaching, I think this was somewhat of a vocation from God that reaffirmed my desire to go into teaching and this was definitely a good first step towards that desire because of how it helped me in getting over my anxiety and learning that people aren't always just focused on you and the mistakes you make.

It also helped me improve my relationship with Christ because of how I realized that even after the retreat was over, I still had a role to fill around the school. I had to be a role model that inspired others to come to Christ and grow in a relationship with him because of all the things that he's done for me, even if I hadn't realized it before. I believe that this retreat was a pivotal moment in my spiritual journey to unite myself with my Father.

Kairos XX: Reflections From An Alumnus by Robert Baldauf, '82

Friends ...

As we participate in the Christmas season, we are grateful for the many gifts that we have received in our lives, and we anticipate how we can share our gifts with others.

Many of you are aware of the Kairos Program at Brebeuf. This initiative has been delivered for more than 16 years at Brebeuf by Brebeuf Alumnus Eric Guy, '82 and Rob Gregoris. Kairos helps Brebeuf students identify, develop and practice skills that will lead and guide them for the rest of their lives. Rooted in faith and Jesuit tradition, Kairos supports these young men find opportunities to connect with their beliefs, each other and their formation of being "Men for Others".

In October, I was blessed and fortunate to be part of the annual Kairos Retreat for the Grade 11 and 12 Brebeuf students. It was an opportunity for a group of young men to bond and share their hearts with each other and God while understanding more about the Catholic faith and its impact in our lives. It allowed them to test and practice what it means to serve, rather than be served.

I say blessed because it is always a joy to be witness to God's work with youth, whether it be His expression through ritual and prayer or through the interactions of these young men with and for each other. At this stage in their lives, as they navigate and seek understanding, these young men are looking for direction, inspiration and understanding. The vocations and opportunities ahead of them - as was with us - are boundless. These few days together offered some thoughts on where a road - whether inspired by God (Isaiah 6:8 - "send me"), Robert Frost (The Road Not Taken) or Tom Cochrane - can take them.

I say fortunate because it is important to see - however briefly over a couple of days - what the youth of our communities are facing and faced with in their lives. The demographic of these young men and our future alumni colleagues is different from our years twenty, thirty, forty or fifty years ago. So. Very. Different.

Our formative years had challenges. It appears to me that these young are faced with so much more: being the "man" of the house in non-traditional households, have faced war, poverty and famine in their home countries, have immigrated to Canada; social media, gender identification etc. etc. And some of them are facing all of these issues at the same time, all while seeking a place to belong.

They and their families have come to Canada, and Brebeuf and Kairos to provide the place where they and their families can belong and thrive. Kairos, delivered at Brebeuf, offers the formation and practice of values that are essential for them to flourish and thrive.

As a chaplain with The Salvation Army, I am a witness to what is happening in our communities, especially for men who have moved away from faith, hope, compassion and companionship and belonging. There is no end to the stories of missed opportunity, misdirection, and just "missing" some of the keys that make us able to flourish. I can appreciate and realize the impact of Kairos.

Kairos helps create skills and values in our young men that will be the basis for success in the future. "Make good choices" is something that I reminded my kids to do every day as they walked out the door to school. I maintain that what we believe to be good and right is formed when we are in high school. We learn about service. I think that we can all remember what we learned about ourselves and others and how that formation framed our approach to our futures, our relationships, and our lives. That formation is what has set the foundation for what we have today.

Our youth are facing challenges today that perhaps we only imagined. The formation of their values and outlook is part of what Brebeuf and Kairos achieves. It would be delightful if each of you could look at Kairos and find a way to support its programming, growth and development. It would be cool if Kairos is sustained and maintained as an element of every student's opportunity to grow and thrive at Brebeuf.

The basis for leadership and growth and being "Men for Others" is created in our Brebeuf community and is fostered in programs like Kairos. Wherever possible, please consider Kairos as part of your Christmas giving and outreach. It will go a long way in providing and sustaining the foundation for the next generations of our alumni.

Merry Christmas and God Bless You in this Holy Season.

Support the Kairos Program

In order to make the Kairos program available to as many students as possible, we are seeking donations from alumni to help offset the registration fees for each participating student.

Please consider a donation of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or \$100.

You can make a financial donation at [Donate to Brebeuf](#) and mark your donation in support of "Brebeuf College - Kairos program". Please contact **Eric Guy '82** eric.guy@tcdsb.org or **Rob Gregoris** robert.gregoris@tcdsb.org for further information.

Introducing the Brebeuf Leadership Forum Building the Next Generation of Men for Others

by Ronak Bagga, Grade 11 - Prefect & Founder, Brebeuf Leadership Forum

A Legacy That Lives in the Hallways

When I first walked through the doors of Brebeuf College School as a Grade 9 student, I immediately felt the presence of something larger than myself - a legacy built by the students who had come before me. There was a quiet weight in the hallways, the kind that tells you you're stepping into a tradition shaped by purpose, character, and a calling to be more. I didn't fully understand it then, but those early moments planted the foundation for what would later become the Brebeuf Leadership Forum.

As I've grown here, I've realized that our Four Pillars - Faith, Excellence, Tradition, and Fellowship - are not symbolic gestures; they're lived every day in the stories, accomplishments, and values of Brebeuf alumni. That understanding is what inspired me to begin building a bridge between their journeys and the next generation's future.

Why I Started Brebeuf Leadership Forum

This year, I felt a responsibility to take what Brebeuf has given me and carry those values forward in a meaningful way. I wanted to create something that would connect the talent and ambition of today's students with the lived experience of the men who once stood where we stand now. Something that would prepare us not only for our future paths, but for leadership, service, and character in the real world. That desire to bridge generations - to learn from the journeys that shaped Brebeuf's legacy - is what led me to found the Brebeuf Leadership Forum (BLF).

What Brebeuf Leadership Forum Is

The Brebeuf Leadership Forum is a student-led initiative built on three words: Integrity, Initiative, and Impact. But BLF is more than an initiative - it is a response to the legacy we inherit as Brebeuf students.

At its core, BLF exists to help young men develop the will to lead in a way that reflects the values this school has lived for generations: leadership rooted in service, humility, and purpose. Through BLF, students are given the chance to learn from alumni and entrepreneurial leaders whose journeys embody what it means to be Men for Others.

BLF's vision is simple, but powerful: to connect students with the world beyond the classroom and to empower them through real experiences, real mentorship, and real guidance. Whether a student imagines a future in medicine, business, engineering, athletics, public service, or a path still unknown, BLF offers the tools, confidence, and perspective to begin that journey with character. It is an opportunity to learn not just how to succeed, but how to lead - and to lead in a way that honours the tradition we are all part of.

Why Alumni Matter

Every hallway in our school carries the echoes of alumni who once stood where we stand now. You built careers, families, businesses, and legacies rooted in the Jesuit tradition of being Men for Others. The journeys you've lived, the successes, the setbacks, and the lessons learned along the way - are exactly what today's students need.

The Brebeuf Leadership Forum was created with that belief at its center. We want to learn from you, listen to you, and understand how Brebeuf shaped the paths you took. Your stories are living examples of faith, resilience, service, and leadership - qualities our generation is eager to develop.

In the months ahead, BLF will be inviting alumni to return to Brebeuf to speak, mentor, and engage directly with students. Sometimes one honest conversation is enough to change how a young person sees their future. That is the kind of impact the Brebeuf Leadership Forum hopes to create.

Why Brebeuf Leadership Forum Matters Now

Brebeuf students are talented, driven, and full of potential - but potential becomes leadership only when it is guided, challenged, and supported. Today's world moves quickly, and the expectations placed on young people are higher than ever. Students need real insight, real connections, and real experiences that prepare them for the complexity of the world they're stepping into.

The Brebeuf Leadership Forum will help bridge that gap between the world our students are preparing for and the world our alumni have already navigated. When a student hears directly from someone who once sat in the same classrooms, walked the same hallways, and wore the same uniform, something changes. The future stops feeling distant. It becomes real. It becomes possible. It becomes inspiring.

Continuing the Legacy

The Brebeuf Leadership Forum is not about creating something new for the sake of it. It is about carrying forward the same spirit that has defined Brebeuf for generations, a spirit of faith, service, courage, brotherhood, and, above all, being Men for Others.

If Brebeuf is a story, then the Brebeuf Leadership Forum is the next chapter: a chapter written by students, guided by alumni, and grounded in the values that have shaped this school for over sixty years.

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The Brebeuf Leadership Forum - Continued

As its founder, backed by a committed team who bring passion, talent, and perspective, I am committed to building a forum that will outlast my own time at Brebeuf, one that future students can continue to grow, evolve, and lead. But a forum rooted in alumni wisdom must begin with alumni support.

A Personal Invitation

To every Brebeuf alumnus reading this:

- We want to connect with you.
- We want to learn from you.
- And we hope you will consider returning to speak, mentor, or simply share your story.

Your experience is not only valued, it is essential. You are part of the foundation on which the Brebeuf Leadership Forum is built. Thank you for the legacy you've created. The next generation is ready to carry it forward with integrity, initiative, and impact.

Where there's a will, there's a way. The will to lead starts here.

We hope you are interested in connecting with the Brebeuf Leadership Forum, we would be grateful to hear from you.

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Mike Murphy '69 spoke at Brebeuf on December 16th

Mike Murphy, Class of 1969, spoke to Brebeuf students to help launch the Brebeuf leadership forum on December 16th.

Mike played for the Toronto Marlboros and was their Team Captain in 1968. After being drafted by the New York Rangers, Mike played for the St. Louis Blues, the Rangers and, eventually, the L.A. Kings. Murphy was the Team Captain for the L.A. Kings for six consecutive seasons and in 1983, he retired as a player with a career total of 556 points in 831 games. After serving for three seasons as their Assistant Coach, Mike became Head Coach for the L.A. Kings, making him only the second person to rise to this position after being both player and captain for the team.

Murphy's career highlights include playing for Team Canada, bringing home a Bronze Medal in the 1978 World Championships in Prague; playing with Gordie Howe in the 1980 NHL All-Star Game; participating in the Stanley Cup play-offs; and serving as Head Coach for his favourite boyhood team, the boys in 'Blue and White', the Toronto Maple Leafs.

As part of his extensive coaching career, Murphy was Assistant Coach for Team Canada during the 1989 World Championships in Switzerland. He was also Head Coach or Assistant Coach for the Vancouver Canucks, the Milwaukee Admirals, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the New York Rangers and finally the Ottawa Senators before accepting the position of Senior Vice President of NHL Operations at the conclusion of the 1999 season. In this position, Mr. Murphy shared his extensive experience and wealth of knowledge of the sport, using both data analysis and his own keen instincts for the benefit of the NHL's thirty-one teams.

A long-time resident of Aurora, Ontario, Mike was inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.




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Order of Brebeuf - 2025 Inductees

The 2025 Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf Inductees were formally recognized at a Mass and Luncheon held on Sunday, November 9th with over 70 members of the Brebeuf community in attendance. The Order is the highest recognition the Brebeuf community bestows on those who have demonstrated the values for which the school has always stood. This year's celebration recognized the "11th class of inductees" and demonstrated that the Order has truly become a Brebeuf "tradition" as numerous past inductees and pillars of the school community as well as many students, returned to honour the 2025 current inductees.

Bavly Kost '08 - A graduate of the class of 2008, Bavly's ethical conduct, his life's vocation, and his personal journey all encompass the epitome of what it is to be a "man for others." His faith journey has taken him to spaces full of hardships and through that, he grew and gave back to his communities. He exudes humility, compassion, and excellence to elevate those around him in meaningful ways.

Bavly is not only a psychotherapist, he is also a spiritual care practitioner and a clinical supervisor who gives back to local communities and schools on his own time to see students through their journeys of becoming therapists and practitioners. He volunteers his time giving back to the Malvern community by rallying underprivileged folks and having community dinners for them so they can participate in fellowship without judgement and with a "come as you are" spirit.

Bavly is an active caregiver as a Chaplain and clinical supervisor at Mackenzie Health in York Region and Ubuntu Psychotherapy and Wellness in Markham. Bavly conducts himself with tremendous humility whether it's in his personal life or his professional life. He is not afraid to stand up for justice, volunteering his time as a former Board member with Coptic Survivor (an organization that helps survivors of clergy abuse). Bavly gives back to Brebeuf as a regular mentor.



L-R: **Matthew Boutros '09**, **Steve White '81** (Order of Brebeuf Selection Committee Chairman), Inductee **Bavly Kost '08**, Karen Rezk and Ryan Nutter

Paul Solarski (retired staff) - Paul Solarski is a name synonymous with dedication and excellence in the world of teaching and coaching, serving as one of Brebeuf's longest tenured staff members.

For over 30 years, Paul has been a pillar within the Brebeuf community, consistently contributing his expertise, time, and passion. Whether through informal mentorship, organizing events, or serving on advisory boards Paul emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship, instilling in his athletes the values of respect and teamwork. His unwavering commitment to sport has earned him accolades and admiration from players, peers, and the broader sports community, across Canada and internationally.

His career reflects not only his love for baseball but also a broader commitment to nurturing the potential in others, creating a legacy that will inspire many generations to come.

In addition to his international accomplishments, Paul has significantly contributed to the athletic landscape in Canada as a six time Intercounty Baseball League Champion with the Brantford Red Sox, bullpen catcher with the Toronto Blue Jays, Head coach of the Polish National team and currently (in retirement) as a coach with the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. His dual focus on sports and academics has guided many student-athletes to excel in both arenas, equipping them with skills and disciplines that extend far beyond the baseball diamond.

As a long-standing executive member of the Toronto District Collegiate Athletic Association (TDCAA), Paul continues to lead from his extensive experience to shape policies that support youth sports participation and equitable access to sports resources. His leadership in this role is marked by a commitment to fostering inclusive sports environments that cater to diverse student backgrounds.

Coaching and baseball offer transformative opportunities that align with the Jesuit philosophy of being "Men for Others" and living "for the greater glory of God."



(L-R): **Marc Vittorio '01**, **Steve White '81**, Inductee **Paul Solarski**, Jim Eliopoulos & **Brad Chin You '98**

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Order of Brebeuf - 2025 Inductees

Mike Walsh '73 - Mike Walsh is a proud Brebeuf alumnus from the Class of 1973. During his student years, he served as President of the Student Council and was Valedictorian at the Grade 13 graduation.

Ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2004, Deacon Mike continues to serve faithfully at St. Patrick's Parish in Markham, ministering through preaching, pastoral care, and outreach to those on the margins of society.

He currently serves as Executive Director of the National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC), which produces the Daily TV Mass for Catholics across Canada and around the world. Since joining the NCBC in 2015, Deacon Mike has helped guide this ministry in bringing the sacred devotion of the Daily TV Mass to those who are homebound or unable to attend church. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Daily TV Mass became a vital spiritual lifeline for countless Catholics when churches were closed.

In 2008, he co-founded Friends of Dismas, a ministry that supports individuals and families who have been touched by crime. Through fellowship and community outreach, Dismas helps people rebuild their lives and restore hope. Today, more than 150 volunteers serve in local Dismas communities across the Greater Toronto Area.



L-R: **Mike Da Costa '92**, **Paul Walsh '77**, **Steve White '81**,
Inductee **Mike Walsh '73** and **Paul Bar '79**

Shawn Murray '77 - Shawn Murray is a tireless patient advocate and survivor who draws from a lifetime of adversity to help others.

Both of Shawn's parents died of cancer when he was young, and he later lost a sister to the disease. In his mid-30s, Shawn was diagnosed with the first of several advanced cases of cancer. Despite these challenges, he built a successful career in journalism and communications and has lived a rich personal life defined by resilience and compassion.

In 2020, Shawn joined a Mount Sinai Hospital support group for individuals and families affected by Lynch Syndrome, a hereditary condition that dramatically increases cancer risk. Then in 2023, just prior to retirement, Shawn was diagnosed with metastatic Stage IV stomach cancer. Refusing to give up, he underwent experimental treatment that proved remarkably successful. By October 2023, he was declared cancer-free, an extraordinary outcome for such an advanced case.

Earlier this year, Shawn was diagnosed with a recurrence. He underwent unconventional stomach surgery in the spring and, having recovered over the summer, is today healthy and in remission.

Through the Lynch Syndrome support group and other initiatives, Shawn and his wife RuthAnne will continue to share his story to raise awareness, foster hope, and promote mental health support for patients and caregivers.

Throughout his life, Shawn has faced adversity with strength, discipline, faith, and commitment. He has harnessed his challenges to help others through the most difficult times of their lives.



(L-R): **Paul Fraumeni '77**, **Steve White '81**,
Inductee **Shawn Murray '77** and **Mark Beamish '77**

Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

The Order is open to all members of the Brebeuf community (alumni, current and former staff, parents, students and friends of Brebeuf) and recognizes achievement that exemplifies the values for which the school has always stood, namely faith, discipline, integrity, humility, friendship community and above all being "Men and Women for Others". Since it was introduced in 2012, the Alumni Association has inducted over 48 "Men and Women for Others".

Think you know someone worthy of being honoured by the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf? Please contact **Steve White '81**, Chair of The Order Selection Committee at swhite.62@live.com, by January 31, 2026, for further details. Information on the Order of Brebeuf can be found at the Alumni Association's website www.brebeufalumni.org

Order of Brebeuf Luncheon



Current & former Brebeuf staff attended the Order of Brebeuf luncheon including (Back Row L-R): Roman Turlo, Rob Sedran, Paul Solarski, Rosemary Lavery, **Paul Adams '71** Joe Younder & Sergio De Miglio plus (Front Row L-R): **Marc Vittorio '01**, **Mike Da Costa '92** and **Brad Chin You '98**

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On Monday, November 10, 2025, the Brebeuf Alumni Association in partnership with Brebeuf College hosted a senior student assembly in the theatre auditorium to allow the most recent recipients of the Order of Brebeuf to speak to Grade 11 and 12 students. This new event was intended to strengthen the connection between alumni and current students and to provide an opportunity for current students to learn more about the Order of Brebeuf and to ask questions of these "Men for others".

Bavly Kost '08 talked about his work as a hospital chaplain and the lessons he learned about perseverance and social justice while at Brebeuf.

Shawn Murray '77 discussed the importance of mental health as he recounted his lifelong struggles with cancer and other medical challenges, and the impact several Brebeuf teachers had on his life.

Mike Walsh '73 regaled the students with stories of his football career and his short stint helping to coach the Brebeuf football team in the early 1970's; Mike also spoke about finding his 'vocation' and encouraged the students to seek out their true path.

Long time Brebeuf staff member Paul Solarski spoke movingly about his teaching career at Brebeuf and what he learned from his students and teaching and coaching colleagues during a 37 year career at Brebeuf.

The Alumni Association looks forward to having the 2026 Order of Brebeuf inductees visit with Brebeuf students in November 2026.

The Alumni Association and the school are currently working on creating a more permanent display to highlight the Order of Brebeuf and its growing list of inductees. Stay tuned for further details.

Save the Date

Please mark the following date in your calendar for the
2026 Order of Brebeuf Induction Ceremony
Sunday, November 8th, 2026
at Bayview Golf & Country Club



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Vince Gasparro '97 was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence in the April 2025 federal election. As a member of the Liberal government, Vince also serves as the Parliamentary Secretary (Combatting Crime).

Following his graduation from Brebeuf, Vince obtained a BA from York University, an MSc from the London School of Economics and an Executive MBA from Villanova University. Vince served as Head of Sustainable Finance at Roynat Capital (part of Scotiabank) and at Vancity, Canada's largest credit union. In addition to his career in finance, Vince also served as Principal secretary to former Toronto Mayor John Tory and as a special assistant to former Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Environmental action has been one of Vince's key objectives. He represented Canada at the UN Climate conferences in the U.K, Egypt and UAE. He has served on the board of directors of organizations such as the Worlds Wildlife Fund, Postmedia and the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Editor's Note: Vince becomes the 2nd alumnus elected to Parliament. **Gar Knutson '75** held the seat of Elgin Middlesex London from 1993-2004 and also served in Cabinet as the Minister of State for International Trade in the Paul Martin government.



Joe Younder (retired staff) Former Brebeuf staff member Joe Younder was recently inducted into the Order of St. Michael at his alma mater, St. Michael's College school. A 1956 graduate of SMC, Joe also taught English & Latin at St. Michael's for 24 years. He served as President of the Ontario Pro Con Debating Society for 35 years while building St. Michael's into a debating powerhouse. Joe Younder came to Brebeuf in 1986 and joined the English department and coached debating. He retired from Brebeuf in 1996 and then spent several years teaching in Ireland and Italy.

During his years teaching at St. Michael's, Joe was a key member of their Alumni Association. When the Brebeuf Alumni Association was first established in the early 1980s, Joe Younder (then still at St. Michael's) provided a great deal of guidance and assistance to the Brebeuf Alumni Executive and has continued to serve as an informal adviser to the Brebeuf Alumni Association for the past 25 years.

At the 2025 Order of Brebeuf luncheon, Joe's recent induction into the Order of St. Michael was acknowledged by the Brebeuf Alumni Association. **Mike Flint '89**, long time member of the Brebeuf Alumni executive and former student of Joe Younder, presented Joe with a special Brebeuf hat.



Irish Eyes are Smiling

Two Brebeufians were recognized recently for their outstanding volunteer contributions to charitable causes in support of the Irish community in Canada.

Barry Columb '83 was named Canada's "Irish Person of the Year" in March, 2025. Barry is President and CEO of President's Choice Financial. Barry is only the 3rd Canadian born honouree in the 35-year history of this award. The citation for his award noted:

"Barry is the son of Danny (Granard Co. Longford) and Lena (Belfast), both of whom emigrated to Canada in the 1950s. Danny & Lena raised their Irish Canadian family with the values of community, and the importance of giving back and helping others if in a position to do so. Barry has used those values to great effect, often working in the background to support many important initiatives in the Community. He previously served on the Board of the Ireland Fund of Canada, leading some of their key initiatives, including the Emerald Ball. As his career progresses, he continues to strongly support many of our community's key activities, notably Ireland Park, The Rose of Tralee, and more recently, The Sunshine Volunteers. This is a pandemic initiative aimed at ensuring outreach and support to those in our community most at need of it,



John Knowlton '83, Mark Purdy '82, Barry Columb '83, Brad Maxwell '83 and Drew Munro '82 at the Irish Person of the Year Luncheon

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and Barry continues to be a proud supporter both financially, but more importantly, in how this initiative has built a great volunteer networking supporting those who continue to support those people in our community:.

Mark Purdy '82 has been elected to serve as the new Chair of the Canada Ireland Foundation. Mark emigrated to Toronto from Belfast with his family in 1971. He has always been passionate about his Irish roots and strengthened his connections to the Irish community, initially as a Director of the Ireland Fund of Canada with Robert Kearns. As part of that organization, he enjoyed being the Committee Chair of the St Patrick's Day Lunch for three years. Mark is a Founding Director of Canada Ireland Foundation and a member of the Foundation's Corleck Construction Committee, Fundraising Committee and a former member of its Governance Compliance Committee. He is also an advisory member of the Northern Ireland Business Advisory Council, supporting Northern Ireland's trade and FDI strategy to help local Irish businesses expand their presence in the Canadian market. Mr. Purdy has spent the last 25 years in the investment industry, becoming a founding partner and chief investment officer at Arrow Capital Management Inc. Prior to his role at Arrow Capital, Mr. Purdy held senior roles at BPI Financial Corporation and IBM Canada Ltd. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Commerce and Economics degrees. He was captain of the Varsity Blues Soccer team and was inducted into the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. After graduation, Mark continued to play professional soccer for five years in the Canadian Soccer League with the Toronto Blizzard and Hamilton Steelers and spent time with two professional teams in England before returning to begin a business career at IBM Canada.

Ted Moroney '68 has been awarded a prestigious ARCSM diploma and award from The Royal School of Church Music in England. The citation is below:

"Edward Moroney has, for over fifty years, been most influential in church music as organist, composer, teacher and advisor in hymnology to many clerics. As well as being a much-respected accompanist in Canada, he has made a significant contribution in ecumenical circles. He has been recognised by both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches for services to church music. He continues to support his colleagues both locally and abroad."

Edward Moroney was awarded two Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee medals by the Governor-General of Canada in 2002 and 2012, and was the 1st winner of the prestigious Leslie Bell Choral Conducting Scholarship (Ontario Arts Council) in 1973. He is also a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Holy See), and was awarded the Order of the Diocese.

BREBEUFIANS RECEIVE KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL

Four Brebeuf alumni were among several thousand Canadian citizens who received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2025 for their outstanding dedication to public service.

Dave Di Felice '89 was recognized for his years of service to the Government of Canada and was nominated by the Federal Public Administration.

Joe Ferraro '92 with more than two decades of service to the people of Ontario, Joe has become a defining force in the evolution of public welfare and regulatory law in the province. As a Senior Crown Counsel with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Joe's career is marked not only by his deep legal expertise but also by a tireless commitment to justice, innovation, and mentorship.

Dr. Kieran Moore '79 was nominated by Premier Doug Ford for lengthy service in the field of public health and particularly for his leadership during the Covid pandemic.

Michael Flint '89 was nominated by the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lt. Governor of Ontario, in recognition of his outstanding work as a member of the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.



Michael Flint '89 receives the King Charles III Coronation Medal from the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.



Josiah Morra '15 Josiah began playing rugby while at Brebeuf. He made his international debut at the 2016 South Africa Sevens as an 18-year old and has since been a regular member of Canada's rugby sevens side, including at the 2019 Pan American Games in Peru, where they were the silver medalists. In 2022, Morra debuted for the Canada XB rugby team in a match against the Netherlands. He is now playing professionally with the New England Free Jacks in Major League Rugby.

Brebeuf Alumnus Meets President Jimmy Carter

Editors' Note: on January 9, 2025, Jim Lavery, Class of 1980, had the opportunity to meet President Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States of America. Jim currently serves as the Conrad N. Hilton Chair in Global Health Ethics, Rollins, school of Public Health and Centre for Ethics at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. The following article was posted on Linked In by Jim Lavery. Special thanks to [Joe Caruso '80](#) for bringing this article to the attention of the Alumni B.

What I learned about love during my lunch with President Carter by [Jim Lavery '80](#)

At President Carter's 100th Birthday Party concert at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta on September 17th Eric Church sang a beautiful rendition of Paul Simon's American Tune, a Carter family request. One lyric, in particular, captured the mood of the reverent crowd: "When I think of the road we're travelling on, I wonder what's gone wrong". President Carter shaped my own view about what has gone wrong during an unexpected lunch with him at The Carter Center.

"Hi Jim, my name is Steve Hochman, I am President Carter's personal assistant. President Carter would like to know if you would be available to have lunch with him? He likes to welcome Emory faculty whose work is aligned with the mission of The Carter Center".

President Carter greeted me and two other Emory faculty lunch guests as warmly and graciously as the thousands of pictures of his beautiful, beaming smile over the years might have foretold. He was a giant of a man in a diminutive body. We made our way to The Carter Center cafeteria, through hallways lined with a collection of his own wonderful paintings. No fancy dining for this President. As we headed towards the back of the food line to pick up our plastic trays—no jumping the queue—we passed a table of grade-school students and their young teacher, perhaps a fourth-grade class on a field trip to learn about the nation's 39th president. The kids were well behaved but exhibited some typical lunch-room exuberance. When she grasped that it was President Carter himself marching into the cafeteria in front of her, and her class, the teacher's face illuminated like a Vermeer portrait and she was momentarily spellbound.

Catching the teacher's eyes, President Carter broke away from our little lunch procession and veered directly towards her and her young charges. No gratuitous waves from a distance. The teacher jumped to her feet like a military officer greeting the former Commander-in-Chief. "It's President Carter", the teacher announced, directly to President Carter. Her random gestures to her kids, intended to rally them into an attentive class formation, were utterly futile. "How old are you?" the first perfectly unawed young man queried as the President took his place beside the students' cafeteria tables. "I'm 92 years old". A pause. A stand-off. "You're old", was the rejoinder from the intrepid youngster. "I am old", was the President's unflinching reply. A truly epic exchange that would not have been out of place in a dimly-lit cabin at Camp David. The young teacher was mortified, but President Carter reached out and held her hand and offered some inaudible words of welcome for her and her delightful inquisitors. You could feel her heart melting.

This unscripted moment of such warmth, good humour, grace and kindness felt like a glimpse into President Carter's heart and soul. Lawyers use the phrase *res ipsa loquitur* ('the thing speaks for itself') to describe a piece of evidence that is so obvious and unambiguous in its meaning that it dissolves any residual doubt. The "thing" here, this moment, is what all the stories about the man are about. This was not just friendliness or political instinct. President Carter filled that little cafeteria with love in the blink of an eye.

I don't need to wonder what's gone wrong with the road we're travelling on. To have anything more than allegorical meaning, love requires us to acknowledge one another and to engage with one another as human beings who are equally fragile and equally deserving of respect, whether we have occupied the White House or the poorest public housing. Love is ultimately what we do. Love is what President Carter and First Lady, Rosalyn Carter, did for their entire lives. What's wrong with the road we're travelling on is that many of our leaders are either unwilling—or more likely incapable—of love in the ways that the Carters have demonstrated so unambiguously for us over the past century. They are guided instead by the endless desire for advantage over others and self-satisfaction, whatever the costs may be.

Shortly after the announcement that President Carter was receiving hospice care at home in March 2023, my wife Susan and I were driving east along the John Lewis Freedom Parkway in Atlanta, just past The Carter Center, and passed an installment of giant letters on the grassy slope beyond the road: "Wage Peace. Fight Disease. Build Hope. Thank You Jimmy Carter." Thank you, indeed, President Carter for the rare example of love and humanity that you have graced us with. How much better the world would be if so many of those in power today were capable of emulating your example of genuine and relentless love. And thank you, too, for the most memorable lunch of my life.



Where Are They Now?

We invite all alumni to send in news and notes on classmates and themselves.
Please email those details, along with grad years, if possible, to michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org

Lucas Cameirao '17 is now a full-time staff member in the Brebeuf English Department.

Justin Chen '14 is a pharmacist with Shoppers Drug Mart in Toronto.

Anthony Cyle Acost '19 is the owner of Adaptiv Content Analytics and has a Computer Engineering and Management degree from McMaster University.

Anthony Dale '89 is President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association.

Eddy Della Mora '89 is Co-Founder and Director of Salient AI Inc. and the Founder and President of Campus Bookstore.

Adam Craig '09 is the Systems Integration Engineering Lead for Meta in California.

Joey Furlano '21 is a personal banking associate and investment consultant for TD.

Reggie George '98 is Managing Director & Head of Canada, Financial Sponsor / Investment Banking for TD.

Janek Kmiec '09 is Senior Policy Advisor for the Ontario Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence, and Security.

Mario Lofranco '14 is a corporate lawyer with Baker McKenzie in Toronto.

Michael Long '19 is a Senior Accountant for EY.

Andres Ricardo Lopez Tovar '16 is a physician and cardiac surgery hospitalist in Bogota, Colombia.

John A. MacDonald '82 the long-time Brebeuf staff member and very talented musician can be seen onstage in "Lennon Live". He will be performing on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at the City Playhouse Theatre in Thornhill. See page 35 for more details.

Dr. Ken MacKinnon '89, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Prince Edward Island.

Barry McInerney '81 has written a book entitled "Leadership RESET: The Path Forward in Our Upside-down World". In this book, Barry draws on his experiences as a global executive, actuary, and award-winning CEO to offer a fresh perspective on leadership in times of crisis.

Michael McWilliams '92 is Partner and Head of Commercial and Construction Litigation at Loopstra Nixon LLP.

Martin Miasko '09 is a C.A. And Senior Director of Investor Relations and Strategy for Altus Group.

Matthew Mammolo '00 is a Chartered Accountant and Family Capital Advisor for Creaghan McConnell Gould Ltd.

Stefano Possamai '11 is Strategic Market Research Lead for H.H. Angus and Associates.

Nicholas Rowe '85 is the Principal of A.Y. Jackson Secondary School.

Luca Stoikos '20 - a former Brebeuf football & rugby standout, Luca is now playing professional football playing in the CFL for the BC Lions.

Dr. Andrew Sulatycki '92 is a chiropractor, clinical acupuncture provider, kinesiologist, and exercise physiologist. He is Clinic Director of Total Rehabilitation and Chiropractic Centre in Thornhill and Richmond Hill.

Thomas Varga '13 is a Director of Electronic Security and Building Systems for Ellis Don.

Daniil Velykyi '21 is CEO and Founder of SpaceCore Solution LTD and NetLir LTD.

Oliver Wales '18 is a Senior Development Specialist with Vena Solutions in London, England.

Gregory Wlodarek '13 is the Lead Engineer at MongoDB in Sydney, Australia.

Victor Wong '99 has a PH.D. In Physiology from U of T and is currently Project Manager for R&D Software at GenDX and Visiting Scientist at UMC in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Wilson (Wai Chin) Wong '98 was educated as a lawyer at the City University of Hong Kong and is now with the firm of Cheung and Liu.

Thanks to **Dario Battista '87** and his company Isure.ca for contributing to the annual Can-Aid food drive! #AMDG #MenForOthers

Victor Valdes '09 was recently ordained a Transitional Deacon at St. Michael's Cathedral by Francis Cardinal Leo.

Staff Meeting - Save The Date

A "Staff Meeting" for former staff on Wednesday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Frog and Firkin Pub at Yonge and Sheppard (4854 Yonge Street). Stay tuned for more details.

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.



Nabil Tadros '74 hosted an informal gathering of Brebeuf alumni from various years this summer.

Standing - Dan Walshe, Paul Flanagan, Oscar Fava, Peter Kahnert, Vince Khanert

Sitting - Sam Mantenuto, Nabil Tadros, Brendon Mulroy, Kevin Barr, Tim Tatzell, Kieran Mulroy



Former classmates **Mike Flint '89** & **Greg Vitale '89** met up unexpectedly in the most unlikely place in October, 2025. Greg's father Joseph Vitale was officially appointed into the Order of Ontario, the province's highest honour. As Mike Flint notes: "I work for the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, so I was one of the guests and had the honour of recording Joseph's citation to be played when he was appointed. I last saw Greg fifteen years ago"



Robert Galarneau '86 sent in this photo he took of a recent gathering of 1985 & 1986 alumni. (2nd from left) **Chris McLennan '85**, (3rd from left) **Pat Iamurri '85**, **Lino Cugini '85** (standing), **Paul Russo '85** is second from right, **Kevin McCullagh '85** (far right)



1974 Grads still playing music together: Geoff Kahnert, Peter Beamish, Dan O'Reilly, John Welsman, Ted Leonard, Joe Steiner & Mike Capotosto getting together.

Echon Yearbooks

If you are missing any of your Echon yearbooks, particularly for years 1980+, please email michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org. We are selling old yearbook copies for \$20 each to support the school.

Where Were They Seen?



Anthony McDermott '15, Paul Shibata '15 and Vincent Mastromatteo '15 completed a walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. The walk commenced at St. Barnabas Church in Scarborough, covering 220 KM over one week. The Martyrs' Shrine honours St. Jean de Brébeuf and the other Canadian martyrs.



Andre Willi '85 (far left) joined classmates Graeme Montgomery, Dave Rosa, John Meraglia and Pete Gillespie at the alumni golf tournament dinner.

Members of the class of 1979 celebrated their 65th birthdays in 2025



Kevin Duffy '79 submitted a photo of 4 more members of the Class of 1979 celebrating their 65th birthdays and their lifelong bond of friendship proudly wearing their Brebeuf sweatshirts.

As Kevin noted they are 'still great friends'.

(L-R): **Steve Frotten '79, Kevin Duffy '79, Iain Jamieson '79** and **Jim Macdonald '79**



Paul Fujiwara '79 shared this photo taken on our Alaskan Cruise (June 14 - 21). The Bars, Clancys, Tobins and Fujiwaras (couples) went to celebrate the guys' 65th birthdays in 2025. The idea to travel together came to us at my son Michael's wedding back in 2023"

(L-R): **Paul Bar '79, Paul Fujiwara '79, Paul Clancy '79 & Dennis Tobin '79**



Viktor Sarudi '00 is a Media Relations Officer for the Toronto Police Service. You will often see him on the news speaking to reporters.



Imamu Tomlinson '92 is a medical doctor, MBA graduate, and CEO of Vituity Medical Corporation in California. He is also an author, and his most recent book is called *Less than One Percent: How Disruptors Defy the Odds*.

Class of 1975 50th Anniversary Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club September 23, 2025



(Back Row L-R): Greg Horgan, Andy Zsolt, Pat Ryan, Jim McArdle, John Bar, John Beaton, Mike Nestor, John MacDonell, Paul Daoust, Mike Wren, Don Miller, Boyd Rumball, Ken Fitzgerald, Gar Knutson, Greg Kokko

(Front Row L-R): Bryan Black, Tom Miller, Rob Tonelli, Bill Hutchison, Larry Lancefield, Paul Oulahan, Paul Macdonald, Bill O'Rourke

BREBEUF CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

The Class of 1975 celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year at the Alumni Golf Tournament in September - it was our first reunion since 1977. We were able to make contact with 36 of the 67 graduates, and 23 were able to attend the reunion.

We were saddened to learn that these class members had passed away: Gus Arrigo, Chris Blaine, Kevin Flanagan, Paul Gingras, Greg Hughes, Anthony Paul, Peter Phillips, Michael Arrigo, Gerry DePape, Bernie Kahnert, and Bill Stafford.

Class members travelled from as far away as Alberta, Bermuda, and Florida to attend.

Thanks go out to the organizing committee: John Bar, Paul Macdonald, Boyd Rumball, and Mike Wren.

The organizing committee would like to thank Frank MacGrath '82 and Michael Da Costa '92 of the Brebeuf Alumni Association for their assistance in planning our reunion. We hope to organize another reunion for 2030.

We would like to offer some advice to those classes who may be thinking about planning a reunion. Start organizing early – it will take time to track down some of your classmates, and for them to plan a trip to the Toronto area.

Don't wait 48 years to plan your next reunion!

Interested in organizing a Class Reunion?

The Alumni Association can provide assistance with alumni contact information and help promote your class reunion through the alumni newsletter and social media channels.

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Class of 2005 20th Anniversary



The 20-year reunion for the Class of 2005 was held on August 17 at The Goose and Firkin Pub.

(Back Row L-R): Joe Song, Emerson Cho, Joseph Lai, Justin Minett, David Lam, Eugene Mak, Joseph Yeung, Patrick Stepanian, Gabriel Gherutchi, Benedict Dellomes (Front Row L-R): Newton Wong, Eric Kam, Fred Chong, Sam Leung, Andrew Fonseca

Class of 1968 Mini-Reunion by Stephen Kahnert '68

Stephen Kahnert '68 had a chance to visit Brebeuf in mid-May 2025 and to also meet up with classmates **Rick Reddick '68**, M.D and **Peter Dungan '68**, PhD at Fran's Restaurant on College Street. Stephen (LO & YB – Lunch Organizer & Yearbook Bringer) notes what they learned:

- Rick & Peter were both born in Lindsay, Ontario.
- Stephen & Peter each has a family member, Stephen a Nephew and Peter a Granddaughter, born on the same day December 19th.
- Stephen & Peter each declared EJ Barry was his best, warmly remembered teacher.
- Peter said Stephen was the one who stayed connected with him across the decades.
- Stephen said his Brebeuf lifeline was Rick.
- We all laughed that Stephen stood up and hugged Peter as he arrived late to lunch, only to realize that guy was NOT Peter!! Turns out his name is John and he appreciated the warm greeting
- Rick is already a feisty 76; Peter & Stephen will achieve that status on the same day (December 19th). No gifts; prayers will suffice.



1968 Brebeuf College School grads, one off to Princeton.
(L-R): Rick: basketball, smart, MD; Peter: debating, brilliant, PhD Economics; Stephen: hockey, yearbook, theatre, school rep, class president, not bad academically, Hons. English Language & Literature

Alumni Golf Classic 2025

More than 100 alumni, retired staff and friends of Brebeuf gathered at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Stouffville on Tuesday, September 23rd for the annual Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic. The strong turnout was influenced by the large number of alumni from the Class of 1975 who participated in the golf tournament as a way to celebrate their 50th anniversary reunion (See story on page 21). Special recognition to the 1975 alumni who came a very long way to participate including **Jim McArdle** (Ottawa), **Boyd Rumball** (Fort McMurray), **Don Miller** (Florida) and **Tom Miller** (Bermuda).

The Horgan brothers, **Greg '75**, **Pat '78** and **Phil '80**, always perennial contenders at this tournament were aided by the strong play of their 4th golfer **Chris Bortolin '77**, now known as an honorary Horgan brother for life, to post the winning score of 58 (-14) in the Team Scramble competition.

At least one foursome from the Class of 1975 proved that they are still very competitive on the golf course, with the foursome of **Bryan Black**, **Rob Tonelli**, **Pat Ryan** & **Bill O'Rourke** finishing in 2nd place with a score of 61 (-11). The father & son team of **Dennis Tobin '79** & **Jamie Tobin '09** with **Tom Pasquale '73** & **Luke Pasquale '09** edged out the threesome of **Bryon Disera '81**, **Jim Hubbard '81** and **Jim Stevens '81** for 3rd place.

In the individual competitions, the winners included:

Closest to the Pin #3 – Dave Hopps (Friend of Class of 1973)

Closest to the Pin #6 – **Chris Bortolin '77**

Closest to the Pin #8 – **John Beaton '75**

Closest to the Pin #15 – **Jim McArdle '75**

Closest to the Pin #17 – **Tony Bortolin '79**

Longest Drive #4 – **Jamie Tobin '09**

Longest Drive #11 – **Richard Stevens '81**

Putting contest – **Paul Macdonald '75**, **Noel Austin '87** and **Chris Bortolin '77**

In the "individual stroke play" division, **Jason Cuddy '95** took Low Gross honours while **Dave Keaveney '93** won in the Low Net category. Thanks to the Classes of 1973, 1977, 1981 and 1987 for their strong turnout this year and to all who attended.

Special thanks to our alumni sponsors & donors:

Pete Gillespie '85

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Rob Pellegrini '80

Paul Steiner '77

Vic Tonelli '73

Dan Walshe '73

The Class of 1975



The Champions (L-R): Phil Horgan '80, Chris Bortolin '77, Greg Horgan '75, Pat Horgan '78



2nd Place (L-R): Bryan Black '75, Bill O'Rourke '75, Rob Tonelli '75, Pat Ryan '75

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the Class of 1975 alumni for celebrating their 50th Anniversary at the Alumni Golf Tournament.

Save the Date

The 2026 Alumni Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Stouffville.

Please contact **Frank MacGrath '82**
fmacgrath@gtigolf.com for further details.

Alumni Golf Classic 2025



3rd Place (L-R): Luke Pasquale '09, Tom Pasquale '73,
Dennis Tobin '79, Jamie Tobin '09



4th Place (L-R): Bryon Disera '81, Jim Hubbard '81,
Jim Stevens '81



(L-R): John Beaton '75, Bill Hutchison '75,
Mike Nestor '75, Oscar Fava '74



(L-R): Mike Wren '75, Paul Oulalen '75,
Jeff Oulalen '99, Paul Macdonald '75



(L-R): Gerry Lorenzetti '73, Dave Thring,
Dave Hopps, Andrew Macdonald '73



(L-R): Jim Hill (Retired staff), Dan Walshe '73,
Mike Barrack '73, Mike Hart '72

Alumni Golf Classic 2025



(L-R): Paul Adams '71 (retired staff), Rosemary Lavery (retired staff) and Bob Hamlin (retired staff)



(L-R): Joe Younder (retired staff), John Murphy '81 (retired staff), Dina Orlando (retired staff), Michael Rogers '81 (retired staff)



(L-R): Brendan Jones '77, Steve Melchiori '77, Tom Zsolt '77 and Alan Beaton '77



(L-R): Mike McCann '77, Paul Steiner '77, Rick Brown '77 and Mike Maugeri '77



(L-R): Tony Bortolin '79, Paul Fujiwara '79, Paul Cusimano '78



(L-R): John Meraglia '85, Dave Rosa '85, Graeme Montgomery '85, Pete Gillespie '85

Alumni Golf Classic 2025



(L-R): Joe Domotor '80, Joe Caruso '80,
Fr. Bob O'Brien '80, Rob Pellegrini '80



(L-R): Josh Tan '10, Ryan Mallette '10,
Jason Kim '10, Clifford Lam '10



(L-R): Saggi Lozada '93, Andre Semeniuk '92,
Koko Lozada '91, Barry O'Shea '91



(L-R): Kevin Duquette '87, Craig Metzger '87,
Mike Benoit '87, Sanford Carabin '87



(L-R): Sandro Morassutti '92, Brian O'Neil '92,
Owen O'Neil, Brian Carney



Noel Austin '87, Mike McQuaid '78, Paul Maugeri '79

Alumni Golf Classic 2025



(L-R): Jonathan Page '93, Jason Cuddy '95,
Dave Keaveney '93 and Michael Koor '93



(L-R): Paolo DiNicola, Logan Purdy '98,
Mark Purdy '82, Mario Di Nicola



(L-R): Brett Tanner '81, John Mullaley '81, Steve McHale '81



(L-R): Mike Tynan '81, Richard Stevens '81, Ken Abbott '81



(L-R): Jim McArdle '75, Don Miller '75,
John McDonnell '75, Tom Miller '75



(L-R): Vic Tonelli '73, Rod McIsaac '73,
Richard Pasquale '73, Dave Lorenzetti '73



In Memoriam



Please pray for the following members of the Brebeuf family who passed away between December 2024 and December 2025

Alumni

- Gary Ching '88
- Vince De Marco '69
- Martin P. Frank '89, brother of Karl Frank '88
- Phil Macaulay '78
- John (JD) Murphy '74, father of Jonathan '13 and brother of Mike '69, Paul '72, Mark '77 and brother-in-law of Kieran Mulroy '77
- Nicholas Sentence '13

Former Staff

- Leo Cornacchia
- John Volpe

Relatives of Alumni & Staff

- Maria Alicandro, mother of Sal '78, Luciano '79, John '84, Joe '94 and her grandsons Jesse '08, Alex '11, Nicholas '17 & Lucas '26

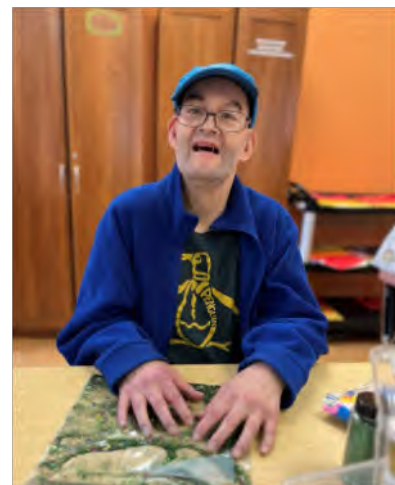
- Edward Baker, father of Ted '80, Mark '82, Peter '84, Stephen '87
- Marilyn Byers, mother of Kevin Willcock '82
- Joe Calabretta, father of Rosanna Calabretta (staff)
- Koo-Sung (Gregorio) Chung, father of Ann Chung (staff)
- Marian Galligan, mother of Tom '77 and Patrick '81 and aunt of Richard Mahoney '78 and James Mahoney '83
- Sarah (Sally) Kerr, mother of Cathy Pieroni (former staff)
- Fred Kielburger, father of Marc '95
- John W. MacDonald, father of John A. MacDonald '82 (retired staff)
- Marilyn MacDonald, mother of John A. '82 (retired staff)
- Maggie Mondell, mother of Paul '78 and Mark '81
- Dennis O'Connor, father of Brian '80
- Berto Ramos, father of Jason '99 and Brian '96
- Mary Rush, mother of Ted '86
- Bruna Sedran, mother of Rob (former staff)
- Rhonda Warecki, wife of George '78 and sister-in-law to Grant '74 and John '82
- John Younder, father of John '81 and brother of Joe (retired staff)

Martin P. Frank '89

by Karl Frank '88

My brother Martin P. Frank '89 passed away on January 3, 2025. Martin was one of Mrs. Menard's special education students in the 1980s.

It is believed that Martin had a TIA / mini-stroke in September, 2024 and passed away from pneumonia.



Memorial Tributes

John David “JD” Murphy ‘74 by Anne Thompson Murphy

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of John David “JD” Murphy, who died peacefully on March 4, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born on June 3, 1954, John was a proud lifelong resident of the Greater Toronto Area and a devoted member of a large, close-knit family. At Brebeuf, he distinguished himself not only as a warm friend and natural leader, but also as an exceptional student athlete. John served as captain of the hockey team, was the youngest member of the football team, and contributed his enthusiasm and work ethic to the Student Athletic Council. His years at Brebeuf were also shared with his brothers and fellow alumni Mike, Paul, and Mark Murphy, creating lifelong memories and bonds that remained strong throughout their lives.

He was a devoted husband to Anne (née Thompson) and an endlessly proud father to Jonathan (Brebeuf '11) and Laura. He cherished every moment spent with them, creating the kind of memories that endure far beyond his too short time with us.

John enjoyed a long and successful career with Nestlé and Rowntree before finding his professional home at LEGO Canada, where he worked for more than 23 years. He brought the same humour, positivity, and kindness to his work that he did to every corner of his life.

A passionate sports fan and gifted athlete, John played football, hockey, and golf well into adulthood. When he could no longer play, he took great joy in cheering on his favourite teams, including the Toronto Argonauts, Blue Jays, Maple Leafs, and Minnesota Vikings. Nothing could be better than catching a game on TV with friends or one of the kids, that is, of course, if his team was winning.

Even as his illness progressed, John’s determination and enthusiasm for life never dimmed. He continued to travel and make memories, including in his final months, and likely against doctors’ orders, John allowed nothing to get in the way of his plans to travel to Austin, Texas, with Jonathan and Anne for the epic UT Longhorns vs. Georgia Bulldogs NCAA football game in October 2024.

John leaves behind a legacy of kindness, courage, and unwavering love. He is mourned by his father, John, his sisters Mary, Maureen, and Jackie, and his brothers Mike, Paul, and Mark. He is also remembered by countless lifelong friends and colleagues. Above all, he lives on in the hearts of Anne, Jonathan, and Laura, who were the center of his world.

May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.



John (JD) Murphy '74 (seated, front row, 2nd from right) at Brebeuf's 60th Anniversary Pub Night in May 2024 surrounded by many of his classmates as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

Memorial Tributes

Phil Macaulay '78

Phil Macaulay '78 passed away in January, 2025 after suffering from ALS. Long-time friend & classmate Tim Haffey '78 noted that "while Phil only attended Brebeuf in Grades 9 & 10 he was part of a large group of 1978 alumni that came to Brebeuf from St. Timothy's Catholic School. Phil went on to be a football star at Concordia University in Montreal, was drafted into the CFL as a defensive back and played one game with the Hamilton Tiger Cats before retiring due to injury. He later became a top international model.

Editor's Note: The tribute below was submitted by Phil's Concordia Friends & Teammates:

It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Phil Macaulay on January 3, 2025, after a courageous battle with ALS. Phil was a remarkable man who left an indelible mark on the lives of those fortunate enough to know him. A proud member of the Concordia Stingers football team (1979 – 1982) Phil embodied grit, camaraderie, and determination both on and off the field. Beyond his years at Concordia, Phil embarked on an extraordinary journey that took him across the globe.

In 1989, Phil launched his modelling career and quickly became one of the top male fashion models of his era working for the Ford Modelling Agency. An avid cyclist and triathlete, he was rarely far from the great outdoors. For five years, he dedicated his time and expertise to coaching skiing for the Canadian Special Olympics, a testament to his generous and compassionate nature.

Despite his international adventures, Phil never forgot his roots. He remained deeply loyal to his friends from high school, university, and beyond, nurturing relationships that spanned decades. His ability to connect with people and make them feel valued was one of his greatest gifts.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Heather Macaulay; his father, Don Macaulay; and his sisters, Mary Ellen, Janet and Maureen. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael, and his mother Mary. Phil's legacy of kindness, perseverance, and adventure will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He was a beloved teammate, friend, husband, brother, and son who enriched countless lives with his warmth and generosity.



Garry Ching '88

Gary Ching '88 passed away suddenly in 2025. Gary was originally from Hong Kong. After he graduated from Brebeuf in 1988, Gary attended the University of Western Ontario. He was also a graduate of Wah Yan College in Hong Kong and returned to Hong Kong to pursue his career in the financial services industry. As classmate John Corso '88 recalls, "Gary was very well liked by everyone and always involved in school activities". Even living internationally Gary always maintained a strong connection to Brebeuf and was a great supporter of the Jesuit Fathers.



Memorial Tributes

Vince De Marco, Class '69 by Bince De Marci '69

When one thinks back to those days, so long ago, the late 60s; heady times, revolutionary times, as Bob Dylan wrote, "The Times They are a Changin'". Long hair, The Beatles, Woodstock, Viet Nam, and closer to home, The Quiet Revolution, happening in Quebec.

Vince De Marco was in a sense, iconic, in that he never seemed to change. He wore the uniform according to the mode, a swoop of jet-black hair across his forehead, aviator glasses, and big grin with open smile, always open to chat. One was never able to chat for long with Vince though, because he was always on his way ... somewhere; mostly to another class. He carried his textbooks; thick, heavy textbooks in the crook of his arm, as was the hip method then; unlike the nerds, who carried a browner-bag.

In that year, the final year that Grade 13 was in the Ontario curriculum, we, the Gr. 13 class at Brebeuf, had the choice from up to nine or so academic courses. Most chose the minimum to meet the requirement, which meant we could take as few as four courses. Vince, the brilliant academic that he was, took them all: Math A, Math B, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (at St Joe's), Latin, French, English Lit, English Comp, Theology, and who knows what other subjects he took at St. Joe's, perhaps German and Music! One would think, with the demands of a nine-subject workload, that some subjects may have proven too challenging, or not sufficiently compelling to justify one's complete attention and comprehension. That certainly was not the case with Vince, for he earned "A's" in every subject and he was recognized for earning the highest average among the entire 1969 graduating class.

Vince, in no way, was a one-dimensional guy. No, not a nerd, as his curiosity and thirst for knowledge may lead some to deduce. He was very active, and very social. I had the pleasure in the summer and fall of the year of our graduation, 1969, of enjoying a couple of events at his family's home on Bayview; the pool with the three-metre diving board, the nine-hole executive golf course, and his personal pad atop the multi-car garage, where the music was loud and the experience was a trip!

It is very sad to hear of Vince's passing; he was one of a kind. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Lux Aeterna,
Paul McKernan '69

Erik Riswick '69 added the following comments:

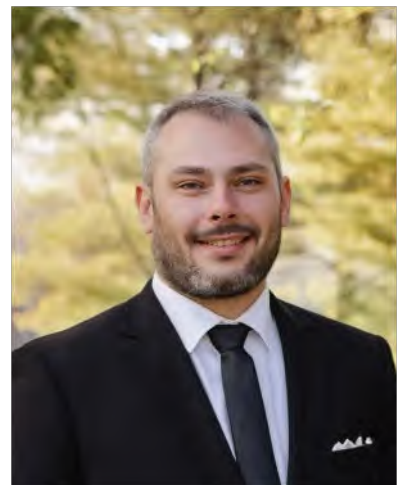
"I regret that I lost touch with Vince immediately after high school, and I was saddened to learn of his passing. I remember Vince as being very smart, and as I recall, one of the three guys in our class along with Bob Carty and George Kelly, who really separated themselves from the rest of us. Vince was very well liked in high school and I am not surprised that he had a successful career helping others as a physician and psychiatrist. He was a truly good guy."

Nicholas Sentance '13

Editor's note: *Nicholas Sentance '13 passed away suddenly on December 7, 2025. The following tribute was written by Dan Marozzo, Department Head, Computer Studies, Business & Cooperative Education at Brebeuf.*

Nicholas started at Brebeuf in 2010 and graduated in 2013. During his time here, Nicholas was part of many sports teams. He was the captain of both the Junior and Senior Hockey teams. Nicholas was known for being a very skilled hockey player. It was clear from his early days at Brebeuf that he was a true leader. His fellow classmates respected him for his high skill, but they also appreciated his competitive nature. Nicholas always played with a very competitive edge, and with the respect that he commanded, it became part of the team culture. His leadership and skill helped propel the Junior Boys' Hockey team to an undefeated season in grade 9. After a few games, it was clear that this was Nicholas' team. Nicholas continued to have great success during his four years at Brebeuf, as he captained the team for four years. He was also a big part of the Senior Boys' Baseball team in his grade 12 year. Nicholas Sentance was a quiet leader who always led by example. He represented Brebeuf with honour and pride in everything he did.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Vaughan Rangers 'Nicholas Alan Sentance Memorial Fund'. All contributions will help under-privileged youth with opportunities to participate in hockey programming and support the Vaughan Rangers Scholarship Award. Your generosity will help continue Nicholas' passion for the sport and to provide others the opportunity to play the game he loved. Donate here: <https://payme.sportspay.com/pay?046dxyitjfun>



Memorial Tributes

John Volpe (Retired Staff)

John Volpe, retired staff member and the founder of Brebeuf's music program, passed away on November 13, 2025.

John began his teaching career as an elementary instrumental music teacher. In the early 1970s he started Brebeuf's music program while working part time at Brebeuf and part-time in elementary schools. After moving to Brebeuf to teach music full-time he quickly established a strong music and band program. Alumni who were at Brebeuf during the 1970s will remember the annual Christmas concerts and spring concerts at Minkler Auditorium (Seneca College) featuring the Junior Band, Senior Band & Stage Band.

As Drew Munro '82 recalls "The senior concert band was comprised of 80 students. Every Monday night these 80 students would jam themselves like sardines into the music portable, and from 7 to 9pm the senior concert band practiced. It's amazing that we all fit into such a small space but they made it work, with Mr. Volpe's conductor chair jammed tight up against the blackboard. With 80 teenaged guys working hard in such a small closed room it became very warm, and it was common to hear someone yell out "open the door and windows!" A lot of work and practice was done on those Monday nights; all of it fun with much laughter, respect and admiration for Mr. Volpe. Those who played in the senior concert band are very fortunate to have these wonderful memories from those Monday night practices, all because Mr. Volpe made learning music so enjoyable, with his terrific sense of humour. Anyone who took music as a class looked forward to music period. This speaks volumes about Mr. Volpe as a person and teacher."

In 1978 the Brebeuf band travelled to Switzerland & Italy for two weeks, spending one week in each country. The group of 72 students was lead by John Volpe and Brebeuf teachers Larry Hoffman and Mike Strimas along with guest musician, Cliff McKay. The band played several concerts in various venues, including at a casino where the stage band performed. The highlight of the trip was a concert at Easter for Pope Paul VI in his private auditorium at the Vatican in front of an audience of ten thousand people. The band played a medley of songs entitled "Themes from Great Italian Movies" which clearly caught the ear of Pope Paul. He rose from his chair, listened and smiled. This trip marked John Volpe's last tour with the Brebeuf band. He was succeeded as music department head by Tom Butash in September, 1979.

After leaving Brebeuf in 1979, John went first to Francis Libermann to start their music program and later he moved on to Mother Theresa (again establishing a new music program). He then moved into school administration, serving as a Vice Principal at Madonna and at Dante Alighieri High schools within the Toronto Catholic District School Board. At the end of his teaching career, John served as the Principal of James Cardinal McGuigan High School. In retirement John still kept active in music, leading several bands in the greater Toronto area, including the Red Peppers Jazz Band and the Royal Canadian Legion Concert Band.

John is survived by his wife Anne; his children Vince (Angela), Patrick (Katie), Andrew, and Thomas; three grandchildren and one great-grandson. The Volpe family will be holding a celebration of John's life in the near future and the Alumni Association will pass that information along when it becomes available.

Editor's note: Thanks to Tom Butash, Drew Munro '82 and Peter Teolis '79 for their assistance with this article.



The Brebeuf Concert Band performing at the Vatican in March 1978.



The Catholic Register reported on the 1978 Concert Band Trip and the performance for the Pope.



Memorial Tributes

Leo Cornacchia (Retired Staff)

by Rosemary Lavery (Retired Staff)

It was September 1992 that I first met Leo. We were both introduced at the first staff meeting of the year as the newest staff members. I am not sure if this was what led to a special bond between us but there was always a connection that stayed with us throughout our careers at Brebeuf.

Leonardo Cornacchia was a colleague and a friend; a man whose quiet strength and humble spirit made a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of working along side him. Leo never sought recognition, yet his presence was always deeply felt - in the way he listened, the way he helped, and the way he carried himself with steady deliberation.

Leo lived a life dedicated to his family and to service. Whether he was supporting the staff, students, and administration of Brebeuf as Head Custodian or later in retirement giving his time generously as a volunteer at Mackenzie Health Hospital. Leo was also a proud and long-standing member of the Knights of Columbus and an usher at St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

Leo truly exemplified the values and ideals of Brebeuf College School. Values rooted in our Patron St. Jean de Brebeuf. Values of Faith, Discipline, Integrity, Hard Work, Humility, Excellence, Success, Pursuit of the Greater Good, Friendship, and Community. Leo embodied what it meant to show up for others. He did not speak loudly, but his actions spoke volumes. Through simple acts of kindness, he reminded us that real leadership is not about attention - it is about compassion, consistency, and heart. His deep faith guided him, giving him a calmness and clarity that those around him often leaned on. Even in challenging moments, Leo's gentle steadiness made our workplace, or wherever he was, a better, kinder place.

We are grateful for the example he set and the goodness he left behind. Colleagues and friends like Leo are rare, and the mark he left on our lives will not fade.

Our condolences to his family. His sons Tony (Nadia) and Joe '98 (Patricia), and his grandchildren Cassandra, Samantha, Leonardo, and Olivia.

Rest in Peace, Leo.

Your humility, your service, and your quiet light will be remembered always, you were truly a Man for Others.



ALUMNI SUPPORT JESUIT ORPHANAGE IN EGYPT

Nabil Tadros '74 sends in the following photo "Pizza party in November in Luxor, Egypt at Jesuit run orphanage school.

Oscar Fava '74 runs a hockey tournament every December to raise money for the orphanage & school in Luxor. The money raised was used to take the kids out for pizza and the rest donated to the workers at the school".

Nabil is in the back left with the U of T t-shirt (where Nabil is the Varsity Tennis coach). Note the U of T hats all the kids are wearing).



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Many thanks to those alumni who have purchased ads in this newsletter in support of the Alumni Association. Several of these advertisers like **Craig Metzger '87** and **Michael DesLauriers '84** have been advertising in the Alumni B for over 20 years! Not only do these alumni help to offset the cost of producing this newsletter but many of these Brebeufians also very generously support other initiatives at Brebeuf.

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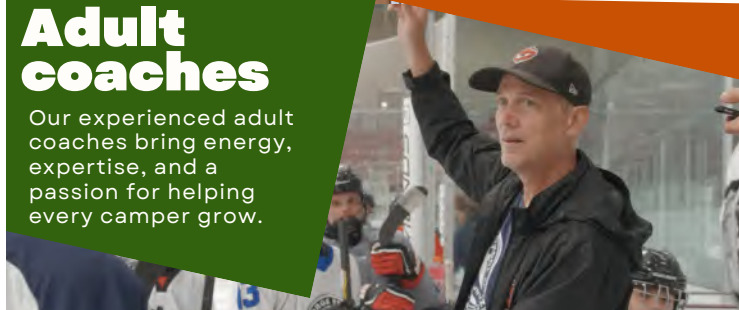


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CONGREGATED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

What is the Congregated IT AP Program?



Congregated IT AP is an enriched program that allows students to develop key 21c skills through authentic tasks and real world application challenges to prepare for an evolving digital world.

The Congregated IT AP program is answering industry's call to develop student competencies in critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication. An IT AP curriculum will prepare students in any field and will broaden interest in high demand STEM careers.

Students are cohorted in the majority of their courses and can leverage fast-tracking to grant them AP credits in Grade 11, giving them a competitive advantage with their post-secondary applications. Fast-tracking allows students to balance their AP pursuits across Grade 11 and 12 should they elect to. Students have many enrichment opportunities presented throughout high school, including FIRST Robotics, specialty trips, projects, University contests, and STEM contests.

Why Should You Be Interested in STEM?

Demand for STEM skills is exponentially growing in response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which endeavors to fuse physical and digital worlds.

"By 2025, ICTC forecasts employment in the Canadian digital economy to reach 2.26 million—triggering a demand for an additional 250,000 jobs." ICTC Annual Report 2021)

The finance, health-care, and high tech sectors are therefore experiencing a boom that is growing faster than the overall Canadian economy! STEM conclusively guides students towards the knowledge and skills needed to jump on board with evolving job trends and the creativity to contribute to its transformation.

Congregated IT Advanced Placement (AP) courses qualify students to take AP Courses in Math, Calculus AB+BC, Computer Science, Science & English

Grade 9

MTH1W (AP)
SNC1W (AP)
TAS1O (AP - FIRST ROBOTICS)
ENL1W (AP)

Grade 10

MPM2D (AP)
SNC2D (AP)
ICS3U (AP)
ENG2D (AP)
TEJ 3M (taken in grade 10 or 11)

Grade 11

'may be congregated based on scheduling considerations
MCR3U (AP)
MHF4U (AP)
SCH3U (AP)
ICS4U (AP)
NBE3U (AP)
(English in Inuit Studies)
TEJ 3M (taken in grade 10 or 11)

Grade 12

ENG4U (AP)
MCV4U (AP)
SCH 4U (AP)
TEJ 4M

STEM & FIT Certificates (Graduation)

Students must maintain an overall average of 80% in all their IT AP courses as well as a minimum of 75% overall in all courses..

Students with an overall 80%+ average across their Grade 11 & Grade 12 Computer Science Courses, qualify to receive the FIT Certificate in Software Development at graduation issued by the Information and Technology Council of Canada (ICTC).

'Most students write their Advanced Placement Calculus (AB) and Advanced Placement Computer Science exams in their Grade 11 year.

Students are asked to take the Grade 12 Calculus (MCV4U) AP course as they will be writing the AP Calculus Test (BC) through this course.

Enrichment Opportunities & Brebeuf STEM Achievements

FIRST ROBOTICS

SHSM ICT

SHSM Business

SHSM Health and Wellness

SHSM Arts and Culture

Advanced Placement offerings in STEM Science, Math (AB & BC), Computer Science and English

Game Development and Robotic Arm

Sport Scope Filming

Animation and Character Design Workshop

Commercial Creation and TV Media Informatics

Sound & Light Editing / DJ Mixing

Website Development

Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge

Distinction Winners 33%

Waterloo Canadian Computing Challenge

Grade 9 Waterloo Pascal Distinction Winners

Grade 10 Waterloo Kayley Contest
Distinction Winners

FOCUS on IT (FIT) Certification in Software
Development

Grade 11 Math Contest Distinction Winners

Grade 12 the Waterloo Euclid Contest
Distinction Winners

Silver Medalist Science Contest

Grade 12 successfully completed the
AP calculus BC exam

Toronto Science Fair Winners

UOFT Exploration and Engineering SEEK
Competition (3RD AND 4TH PLACE)

FIRST Robotics over 36 awards in 3 years

CAD Design

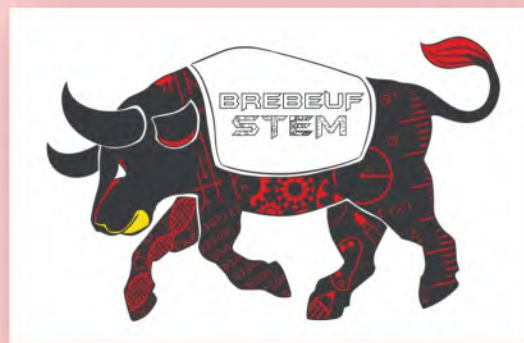
Application Process for CONGREGATED IT AP

Students at Brebeuf College will have the opportunity to apply to the Congregated IT AP program by indicating their preference in SOAR (www.secsoar.tcdsb.org).

Students interested in the Congregated IT AP program are highly encouraged to submit the supplementary documents listed below. After students indicate their interest for our Congregated IT AP program on SOAR, they will be contacted by Brebeuf College with further information.

Final Acceptance Criteria:

- Grade 7 Report Cards
- Student Questionnaire
- Grade 8 Teacher Reference
- Grade 6 Math EQAO



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- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- Other

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