Pictures of Our Community

Student and Teacher Support Make Us Who We Are Today
A COMPLETE PICTURE

By Dick Walsh ’65

I REMEMBER BEING A VERY BUSY STUDENT at BC High. The classwork was challenging, there were always extracurricular activities going on, and I really tried to make the most of my time as a student. When I graduated from BC High, those were the things I thought I would remember about my time on Morrissey Boulevard. As it turns out, I do recall those things, but they are not the complete picture of my BC High memories.

What the lens of time has added to my recollection is something that I did not perceive as a young man while at BC High, and something that even today’s students might not think about. It is the fact that a BC High education is not merely the sum of what one did while there – it is the totality of the opportunities that it will provide throughout life. I realize this now, as many alumni do years after their time at BC High is over.

That sort of education is worth every penny, and no doubt, it takes a lot of pennies to make it happen. I remember when I went to the school the tuition was $330. It may not seem like much money now, but at that time, $330 was a major stretch for my family, and tuition is a major stretch for many families now. Just as it has for generations, BC High works hard to make sure that no student is denied a BC High education because of an inability to pay. I am proud to be a part of just one of the school’s many scholarship initiatives, The Walsh Scholars (see p. 11).

For the scholarships I sponsor, students must qualify for financial aid and must maintain a high GPA. Each year, I have been able to count more students as part of the program, and it is gratifying to see so many deserving students involved. I meet with these students twice a year, and it is amazing to see how well these young men are doing. Over time, I have seen them enter the school as shy, cautious boys, and through their experience at BC High, they emerge as confident and able young men of promise. I have gotten to know many of these scholars, and I can tell you first hand that they are a credit to the institution. They make me proud to be associated with the school, and happy to know that I am able to help them gain the same valuable educational experience that I earned in my time at BC High.

In many ways, they help me complete my picture of the BC High experience. A BC High education is not merely the sum of what one did while there – it is the totality of the opportunities that it will provide throughout life.

A school is only as strong as its teachers, and the largest part of a student’s education and formation is BC High’s faculty. These men and women, both lay people and Jesuits, work tirelessly to ensure that BC High’s students are well prepared for what is ahead of them. I know there are several teachers who greatly affected my life – teachers who were truly dedicated to the school and to the students – and the teachers today are just as motivated and just as skilled as those I was fortunate to encounter. In an ever-changing world, that sort of dedication to the school and its mission is admirable.

These teachers and we alumni know that BC High is more than just four years of classes, it is an education for a lifetime. I am fortunate to have been able to attend BC High, and I count myself as even more fortunate to help support some of today’s students. Someday, I hope they reflect on their BC High days and realize that this school meant as much to them as it does to all of us, and they too will complete their own pictures of their BC High experience.
Ed Villani ’64, BC High’s 2008 commencement speaker, masters all of his life’s endeavors with casual grace

Dave Melville ’57 supports BC High’s faculty with the Melville Summer Institute

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Two Juniors Named Begley Scholars

Among the many prestigious merit-based programs at BC High, the Begley Scholarship is one of the more highly sought-after by students. This year, Kyle R. Larrow ‘09 and Patrick J. Moynahan ‘09 have been selected to participate in this competitive program.

Named after former BC High teacher Rev. John J. Begley, SJ, the Begley Scholarship allows students to develop a program of study that they complete during the summer before senior year. There are no limits or restrictions to the type or scope of the proposed projects.

Larrow will focus his project on the writing process and motivation of Ernest Hemingway based on copies of original manuscripts archived at the JFK Library in Boston. “By studying the individual drafts,” said Larrow, “I can witness first-hand how Hemingway sculpts his writing and whittles away trivial information.”

Moynahan will visit art museums and interview historians to study how visual art and literature portrayed the Trojan settlement of Italy during the Augustan Age and the Pilgrim settlement of Plymouth during 19th-century America. “I will focus on the [historical] discrepancies in the art and what it reveals about the society in which it was made,” he said.

Larrow and Moynahan will present their findings to the BC High community this fall.

McQuillan ‘83 Names BC High Building in Honor of His Parents

With every other building at BC High bearing a familiar name, the most recent campus enhancement, known only as “Building A,” has had somewhat of an identity crisis since its completion in 2005. The crisis is now averted thanks to John McQuillan ‘83 and his family who will name the building in honor of his parents, Kathleen and John.

In addition to their name on the building’s façade, its entryway features a plaque espousing the McQuillans’ dedication to education. The plaque will read, “These native Bostonians, guided by a belief in the transformational power of education, have devoted their lives to providing brighter futures for their children. With love, devotion, and gratitude, we bestow in their honor, this building – dedicated to education – so that generations of loving parents will experience the joy of their own children’s brighter futures.”

The newly named McQuillan Hall made its debut in June.
HIGHEST HONOR

Recipients of the 2008 St. Ignatius Awards

The BC High community gathered in April to bestow the annual St. Ignatius Awards on four prominent alumni for their fulfillment of the Jesuit ideals of humility and service to others.

John E. Conway ’41 is the founder of the Ambassadors of Holy Cross, which supports the mission work of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the poorest areas of Peru. He has tirelessly worked for many local causes such as the MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless. A loyal benefactor of BC High, he funds the Conway Country Scholarship for students in financial need.

Paul J. Driscoll ’78 has lived the Jesuit ideal of being a man for others throughout his life. A long-time supporter of the St. Gerard’s Youth Ministry program in Canton, MA, his drive to carry out the mission of Jesus has taken him from his home parish, to revitalizing struggling coal mining towns in Kentucky, to assisting in the cleanup and rebuilding in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

John V. Murphy ’67 has dedicated countless hours as a board member of Project Rebirth, a nonprofit organization dedicated to documenting the historic rebuilding of the World Trade Center site and the emotional recovery of people affected by 9/11. He has also served his alma mater as a Trustee and Trustee Associate, and has endowed a scholarship to help BC High’s students.

Rev. John J. Pashby ’52 has spent his life serving those who need it most. He has worked in Peru since 1963, and since 1979, has lived and labored in a remote, mountain town in the parish of St. Thomas. In the last 30 years, he has worked to build hospitals, schools, roads, and soup kitchens, often performing the arduous, manual labor himself.

ALL THE NEWS THAT’S FIT TO DOWNLOAD

New Podcast Gives First-Hand Insight into School Life

BC High students have dabbled with broadcasting in one form or another for more than 80 years – and now, today’s students are taking a technological step forward by establishing the BC High Podcast.

A podcast is very similar to a radio show, but instead of being broadcast over the airwaves, it is recorded and made available over the Internet. Podcasts can be heard online through a computer, or downloaded directly to an mp3 player, such as an iPod.

Produced by the school’s new Podcasting Club, the BC High Podcast is a frequent report on BC High news and culture, including school sports news, entertainment reviews, and interviews with BC High faculty and staff, such as Vice Principal for the Arrupe Division Robert Hamblet and Track Coach John Normant ’64.

To hear the BC High Podcast, visit http://mail.bchigh.edu/~PodcastingII and click on “Podcast.”
MORE THAN BOOKS ALONE

Library Council Shapes the Corcoran Living Library Initiative

When Joe Corcoran ’53 helped renovate BC High’s library, he was insistent that the school should have a “living library,” where learning would go beyond books and computers. BC High’s students agreed, and several got together to form the Library Council, a group of 25 motivated students in grades nine through twelve who work to foster a greater appreciation for the Corcoran Library among faculty and students.

The Library Council sponsors several activities throughout the year, from cultural events like Asian tea ceremonies, to videoconferences on topics such as the environment and diversity, to a brownbag lunch career series. In addition, the students gather weekly for open discussions on how to improve the library and to integrate the living library concept throughout the curriculum for the benefit of all students. Judging from the way the Corcoran Library has become a center of student life at BC High, the Library Council’s dedicated work is paying off.

Another less obvious dividend of the program is clear in the individual achievements of the members of the council. Studies show that a strong school library program increases student achievement, and nowhere is that phenomenon more visible than in the senior members of the Library Council themselves, who have been accepted to some very impressive colleges including Harvard, Amherst, BC, Middlebury, and Holy Cross.

Library Council Shapes the Corcoran Living Library Initiative

GOING FORTH
The Class of 2008 Graduates

It would be a familiar scene to almost any BC High graduate – the white tuxedo jackets, the smiling faces of family members, and the proud walk across the stage in the McNeice Pavilion. BC High’s class of 2008 gathered for the school’s 144th Commencement, where some 300 seniors became the newest alumni of BC High. The class of 2008 heard from Ed Villani, Ph.D. ’64, chair of the Georgetown University Board of Directors, who informed them of their responsibility as BC High graduates.

“You are now truly men of BC High,” he said. “This is what you worked toward, and this is what BC High prepared you to be by training you to become men for others. As you file out of here, you have a responsibility not only to maintain but also to advance the reputation that BC High has today. I have no doubt you can do it, and that you will do it.”

Ed Villani ’64 addresses the class of 2008.
Preparing for four years of college is a four-year process at BC High. While some of our students might concentrate more on adjusting to high school life when they enter in ninth grade, BC High’s Guidance office is already working with them to consider the next step. As BC High’s Director of Guidance, Shawn Ahern leads his staff to oversee every aspect of the college-preparation experience. With a college matriculation rate that is typically above 99 percent, BC High’s program is certainly on the right track.

When do students start thinking about their college choices?
At BC High, we introduce aspects of the college search as early as freshman year as part of a comprehensive, four-year, developmental group guidance program. From course selection to mock admissions exercises, to the many intricacies of the college search process, we strive to make students aware of their many options and how they can best take advantage of their time at BC High.

What does your office do to help minimize the anxiety of the college admission process?
Since BC High students are so well versed in the college process, they seem less nervous. The vast majority of students are able to grasp what they need to do and manage to get everything done on time. We also try to get students to do as much as they can before senior year so that they can focus on filling out applications, writing essays, and asking for letters of recommendation in the early fall.

Is getting into a top college harder now than in the past?
Yes, and every year it seems that the admission process keeps getting more difficult at the most competitive, elite colleges. There are more high school students than ever applying to college, which is why it keeps getting more competitive. This year, many colleges published statistics highlighting that they received a record number of applications and had subsequently posted the lowest acceptance rate in their college’s history. Most of the Ivy League colleges have admission rates under 15 percent.

BC High has a long tradition of sending students to Jesuit colleges. Is this tradition continuing to this day?
Yes, that tradition is still very strong. In the past few years, about 33 percent of the senior classes attended a Jesuit college. The majority of these students loved their years at BC High and they are interested in continuing a similar style of education in college, so they are very open to going to one of the 28 Jesuit colleges in the United States.

What does BC High mean to you?
I think BC High is a wonderful school. I feel like the traditions and values that are the hallmark of a Jesuit education are alive and well on Morrissey Boulevard. Having attended a Jesuit college and graduate school, having participated in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and having worked as a counselor at another Jesuit high school for seven years, I feel like the mission of a Jesuit high school is completely in harmony with my own philosophy of what a good high school is supposed to be like. I think there is an amazing community of adults and students at the school who all contribute to making BC High a leader among secondary schools.
Question: What do BC High, the Italian countryside, Georgetown University, and the world of investment management have in common?

Answer: Ed Villani, Ph.D. ’64
Profile: Ed Villani '64 – BC High’s 2008 Commencement Speaker

ED VILLANI HAS APPROACHED all of his life endeavors with a certain *sprezzatura* – the renaissance ideal of casual grace. Villani effortlessly wove his two undergraduate majors in the fields of mathematics and economics into a 30-year career in investment management leading to positions as president and CEO of Zurich Scudder Investments and subsequently, as vice chairman of Deutsche Asset Management. He continues his success as a partner with Intana Management LLC.

In addition to his career, Villani manages all of his “side work” – as the chair of the Georgetown University Board of Directors, a board member for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, chair of the advisory board for the University of Pennsylvania Institute for Economic Research, and a BC High Trustee Associate, to name only a few – with the same laid-back and confident ease about him. Villani’s work has allowed him to discover places far afield of the financial community, leading him to make his part-time home at a vineyard in Italy, where he crafts his own wine and olive oil as a hobby. Doubtless, a man who has experienced life so fully will have a lot to say when he embarks on yet another new endeavor – serving as the keynote speaker for BC High’s 144th Commencement.

Q: What do you remember about your graduation speaker?
A: Well, my graduation speaker was Cardinal Cushing ’13. Anyone who ever saw him in person can’t help but remember him. He had a booming voice; he was always an impressive and engaging speaker. My classmates and I were lucky to have him visit campus a few times, and it was always a very important event when he came to Morrissey Boulevard. I remember him as a man of great dignity, and for us as students, he was second only to the Pope, so it was quite special to have him speak at graduation.

Q: You spend a great deal of time at your home in Italy. What is it about Europe that inspired you to move there?
A: For me it was all part of an educational journey. I traveled through Europe quite a bit for work, and I really wanted to find a way to immerse myself in a different culture. To visit is nice, but you don’t really experience the lifestyle, the culture, and the history unless you live it. Of course, learning a new language at my age was not easy, but it was a lot of fun. My four years of Latin at BC High certainly came in handy for that.

Q: How did BC High help to make you the person you are today?
A: Naturally, I will congratulate them for their achievements. However, I also want them to understand that graduating from BC High is an honor and a privilege that brings with it a significant responsibility. They are expected to conduct themselves as representatives of BC High in the future by upholding the reputation of the school, which is based in more than 140 years of strong, Jesuit tradition. Like their teachers and the generations of alumni who have gone before them, they must live up to those expectations.

Q: What message do you want to express to the class of 2008 in your commencement speech?
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Q: What is your most memorable BC High moment?
A: (laughs) The most memorable things are the things I can’t tell you about – I might still get in trouble for them. Is there a statute of limitations for JUG?
Since 2001, the Joan Melville Faculty Enrichment Fund has supported the Melville Summer Institute, a program that has quickly become a beloved part of the faculty experience at BC High. An annual, two-week program for up to 20 faculty members, the Institute has influenced scores of BC High's teachers in what Jesuit parlance calls a “way of proceeding,” that is, the attitudes and values that shape the mission of BC High. As part of the Institute, professors and experts come to campus over the summer to aid and support faculty exploration of a topic selected by the teachers themselves. Each year, the participating teachers reflect a diversity of age, experience, departments, and community roles. With a commitment to growing in their pedagogy and in their place in the school community, these teachers explore a focused aspect of education with the goal of enhancing their own practice, and ultimately enriching the educational experience of their students.

"The Melville Institute I attended provided the luxury of time – time to weigh the successes and shortcomings of another school year and time to learn from my colleagues," notes veteran English teacher Ron Fletcher ’87. "The seminar's prizing of reflection, dialogue, and a plan for action places it squarely in a Jesuit context and distinguishes it from the usual education workshop." Norm Walsh ’70, who has participated in and helped to lead some Melville workshops, agrees, “One of the most significant aspects of the Melville Institute is that it allows us to explore current best practices within the context of BC High and to meld these with our Jesuit tradition. The Institute brings together a critical mass of our own faculty that is diverse in terms of demographics, experience, and subject matter, which promotes true collegiality.

Dave Melville ’57 wanted to give his wife Joan a special gift for her 60th birthday, but what he had in mind was not the typical piece of jewelry or flowers. He wanted to give her something different, something that would reflect what she had given to others throughout her life. Besides bringing up their five children and being a friend to many people who were in need of help, Joan had been a very successful special needs teacher for 17 years in public schools. With this in mind, Dave thought the perfect gift would be a gift that kept on giving to those involved in education – a fund that would support the efforts of the BC High faculty for years to come.
and professionalism. In addition, it is a critical aspect of change in an institution such as ours that those impacted by the change have ownership of it. This clearly is the case with the Melville structure and process.” Though the experience itself is a worthwhile endeavor that teachers look forward to as a respite from the year’s labor, the Melville experience does not end with the Institute.

Participants and non-participants alike remark on how the experience of the Melville program enriches the school community as a whole. “The Melville Institutes that I have participated in have provided me with excellent techniques to use in my practice to make classes more interactive and engaging for my students,” says science teacher and rugby coach Elena Gourlis, who has taken part in several of the summer courses. That the participating teachers bring the wealth of their experience back to the school is obvious even to teachers who have not themselves participated. Math Department Chair Mary Farrell has found that the Faculty Standards and Evaluation documents that were created in the 2002 Melville program have been a valuable tool as she mentors and supports new teachers in her department. Even from afar, the depth of each seminar and the breadth of the topics have blessed the individual teachers and the school community in numerous ways.

The topics covered during the Institute have been varied and definitive. Many have focused on instruction in a timely fashion to what was happening at BC High. The 2004 Melville program centered on instructional strategies concerning the block schedule, which precipitated the change in length of BC High’s class periods, while the 2005 Institute helped teachers discover ways to utilize new technologies in their classrooms. While some of the seminars have targeted specific changes at BC High, others have addressed issues and ideas that transcend a concrete movement in the community but are relevant all the same. In 2006, the participants spent time re-discovering the roots of BC High’s Jesuit heritage when Vice Principal for Ignatian Mission and Identity Mike McGonagle ’70 led a course entitled Integrating the Principles of Jesuit Education. This summer, the Melville course will demand that participants reflect on the role of race and privilege in the world, at BC High, and in the lives of their students. No matter the specific topic, BC High’s faculty comes away with knowledge that will help them with their daily vocation, and inspiration that will carry them through their school year with a more enlightened outlook.

The Joan M. Melville Faculty Enrichment Fund offers teachers the opportunity to develop and enhance their own work that St. Ignatius defined as the “helping of souls.” This work is important and difficult and with the inspiration of Joan Melville, and the generous gift of Dave Melville, the BC High community – ultimately, both the teachers and by extension, the students – is supported in this “way of proceeding.”

Kimberly Smith is the chair of the English department at BC High. She has participated in several of the Melville Summer Institutes.

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**Ignatius in the Evening**

**Keeping BC High’s Tradition Strong**

Throughout the school year, members of the BC High faculty and staff gather at each other’s houses for dinner and conversation. Contrary to appearances, these meetings are not merely much-needed social outings for busy teachers, but more importantly, they are at the core of BC High’s continued drive to keep its faculty and staff engaged in the school’s Jesuit foundation.

Known as Ignatian Evenings, the gatherings are one of BC High’s successful faculty development programs. During the get-togethers, veteran and novice educators discuss and reflect on key points of Ignatian themes and traditions and how they relate to their work both in and out of the classroom. The program allows participants to explore the richer dimensions of Jesuit education in a casual and relaxed setting.

“The Ignatian Evenings give us an opportunity to take a step back and appreciate the rich legacy and pedagogical tradition afforded to us by the Jesuit founder and his followers,” says Mike McGonagle ’70, vice principal for Ignatian mission and identity. “The faculty, staff, and administrators get the chance to be outside of the school and to engage in some serious conversation about the spirit behind Jesuit education that animates us all and that has brought us together here.”

As the number of Jesuit priests and scholastics in classrooms nationwide declines, the Ignatian Evenings, and other mission-centered programs, help to keep BC High’s Jesuit Catholic identity at the core of the curriculum.
“It’s a tripleheader,” says Peter O’Connor ’60 of the positive impact that his family’s Jeremiah O’Connor Scholarship has on the Boston College High School community of students, teachers, and staff. “It helps the student attend a fine school; it makes the school a better place for the diversity that scholarship students bring to the campus; and it helps the larger community when the student graduates and brings a Boston College High School education to his life beyond the classroom.”

Guerdy Jean-Poix ’10 agrees with the spokesman for his benefactor family. “The scholarship is allowing me to attend a school that will help make a difference for me that I can share with others later in life,” he says. “I’m grateful for the family that makes my scholarship possible and the teachers here. I can talk to them about concerns I have because they are so approachable and they care.”
“Amen to that, and then some,” says Gil Sullivan ’62, whose generosity to his high school alma mater and its students bears only a few comparisons over recent decades. “I believe fully in the power of example,” he says, “and the obligation to give back to this school for what it has given to so many of us in the 145 years it has been educating boys from Boston and beyond.”

BC High has grown dramatically from its birth year, 1863, when a small band of Jesuit fathers and scholastics welcomed their mostly Irish-American students to a new prep-school-and-college combination in the city’s South End neighborhood. Today, the student body comprises 1,550 young men in search of excellence in grades seven through twelve, and the tuition price per seat will be $13,850 this coming September, still a relative bargain when compared to costs at other local private schools.

Current Year Scholarships:
The Walsh Family Scholarship

The majority of BC High’s scholarships are endowed, meaning the donors give a certain amount of money to establish the fund and the students receive their scholarships from the interest earned on the principal donation. Some donors, however, like Dick Walsh ’65, prefer to help BC High students in the form of a current year scholarship, a flexible gift that goes directly to students in its entirety each year.

Walsh established the Walsh Family Scholarship in 2000 with the intention of assisting strong students with financial need to help bridge the gap between their financial aid and the cost of BC High tuition. The scholarship is granted based on need, but it also takes into account a student’s academic work and progress. Walsh wanted to make sure that the scholarship was also merit-based because he feels it is an important way to help BC High maintain its high academic standards. “BC High has always attracted quality students, and young men who are bright and willing to work hard should not be denied a BC High education because of affordability,” he says.

Though the academic requirements are strict, Walsh has been very outgoing with his generosity, increasing the scholarship from just two recipients when it began to almost 20 today. “It’s hard to say no when you are told about students who are taking advantage of all the school has to offer but are having problems with the tuition,” he says.

As part of the program, Walsh meets with the Walsh Scholars twice a year to talk to the students about their BC High experience and find out how they are doing with their studies, sports, and co-curricular activities. He is delighted to hear about their college acceptances as well. Last year, the graduating Walsh Scholars were accepted into top colleges including Brown, BC, and the U.S. Naval Academy. “I have been extremely impressed each year with the quality of young men we have at BC High,” says Walsh. “Education has always been a very important family value and BC High has had a major influence on my life. I can think of no better way to help others than by providing a means for talented young men who are willing to work hard to experience a BC High education.”

Walsh Scholars gather at a recent breakfast to meet with donor Dick Walsh ’65.
The scholarships were still granted to students with financial need, but the exams allowed for an open competition among those requesting the aid. The Catalog also advised, “The holder of a Scholarship will be required to maintain a high rank in his class for good conduct, diligence, and proficiency.”

1909 The St. Catherine’s Guild Scholarship is established by a group of women who met regularly with priests from BC High and around the country. This scholarship, which is still in existence at BC High today, is the school’s oldest extant scholarship fund.

1919 BC High now has 82 scholarships, some 20 of which are funded by women — an impressive number in a society where women are still not permitted to vote. Though neither BC nor BC High admit women at this point, it is clear that the institution does not discriminate when it comes to generosity.

1927 BC and BC High officially become separate entities. The high school retains a handle of the original scholarships, while the college carries on the rest.

1929 BC High’s first class scholarship, a one-year fund, is founded by the class of 1929. The class of 1930 will follow suit the next year. The tradition continues today with three endowed scholarships by the classes of 1951, 1952, and 1972.

1931 BC High experiences a wealth of new scholarships, despite — or in response to — the Great Depression. In the last three years, the school established more than 25 new scholarships for its students.

1938 BC High takes over a number of scholarships from their original donors, administering to both the awarding and financing of the funds.

1951 Brian Donaher ’55 receives a four-year full scholarship to attend BC High, as the highest scorer of more than 1,000 students taking the scholorship exam. After graduating from Holy Cross in 1959, Brian returned to BC High as a Classics teacher. He has been a fixture at BC High ever since, and has just finished his 48th year of teaching.

1963 - 1964 In honor of BC High’s centennial, the school holds a scholarship fund drive, which increases more than $75,000. “These contributions have more than doubled the aid to incoming freshman,” said Rector Fr. Joseph Shea, SJ in the Boston Herald. “In the fall of 1963, the fund assisted 46 freshmen with $8,000 in scholarships. Next fall the fund will be able to help a total of 97 entering freshman.” (See story p.15.)

1985 The John E. Sullivan, Jr. Scholarship is established through Mr. Sullivan’s estate.

1991 The James E. Cotter ’55 Scholarship is established in honor of the legendary coach Fred and Kathleen Knapp P ’88, ’91, ’93, who were motivated by Cotter’s moving speech upon his induction into the BC High Hall of Fame. In the fall of 2007, more than 100 people stepped up to give above and beyond their typical Annual Fund generosity to support the scholarship. The groundswell of support, which included an anonymous challenge gift of $100,000, more than tripled the fund, bringing it to more than $500,000.

2007 The Edward "Ned" Hines, Jr. ’63 Scholarship is established. The Associated Industries of Massachusetts, an employers association that Hines once chaired, and Choate, Hall & Stewart, a law firm where Hines was a partner for many years, established the scholarship, which will be awarded to a qualified student who could not attend BC High without financial assistance. Hines was a prominent tax attorney and a community volunteer who passed away in 2006.

Today BC High has more than 240 endowed scholarships, helping more than 500 students each year.
Nonetheless, the tuition obligation is a daunting, if not impossible, number for many families, especially those who live in the urban areas from which the school wants to attract students in keeping with the Jesuit mission that was formed in Boston in the middle of the Civil War.

There are some 240 endowed scholarships available for the BC High administration to draw from to supplement what families can deliver by other means, and a much smaller number of “current” grants that are given directly by donors and spent in their entirety in a given year.

Among these 240 scholarships are the following four match-ups of scholarship donors and student recipients that give a taste of the interplay between involved alumni and eager students who benefit from a helping hand.

Peter O’Connor, a partner at First Highland, a Boston-based real estate firm, is one of seven brothers who attended BC High out of Newton in the 1950s and 1960s, sons of Jeremiah ’30, a Double Eagle himself a generation before, and Marjorie. The O’Connor boys, who were joined in the family by sisters Kathleen, Maura, and Margaret, tended to play follow the leader; the younger six – Peter, Jerry ’59, Joe ’63, Christopher ’67, Michael ’70, and Chuck ’74 – all followed big brother Bill ’58 to the high school and then on to Holy Cross. Jeremiah and four of his sons also attended Harvard Business School. “We all benefited from the Jesuit way of education and discipline later on, learning at an early age what was truly important in life,” says Peter.

The sons established a scholarship in their father’s name in 1995 and today, young Guerdy, described by Peter as “articulate and alert to scholastic possibilities,” is able to pursue his dreams – the study of poetry, the steady improvement of his grades (in the recent winter term he was cited as one of the 10 most improved students), and the playing of some serious basketball. “It takes some doing to get here every morning ready to go,” says this son of a single working mother living in Jamaica Plain, “but it’s really worth it every day.”

Josh Crespo ’10 out of East Boston is a very busy young man who has involved himself in all manner of activities at the high school – theater, yearbook, the Key Society, Library Council, and crew. In doing all of this while also tending to his studies (he talks of being a pediatrician), Josh seems the model of the student Gil Sullivan envisioned helping when he set up his Rev. Joseph P. Duffy, SJ ’44 Urban Scholarship fund for what he calls “Duffy Scholars.”

“Father Duffy is among the last of the old-time Jesuits and he has been an inspiration to me since I first met him,” says Sullivan of endowing the Father Duffy Scholarship with a truly substantial gift. A look at the record of the Jesuit so honored reveals that he is indeed a model of the Jesuits many BC High students came to know when the residence next door was filled with followers of Loyola. A graduate of BC where he earned a bachelor’s and a master’s degree, and of Weston College and Fordham, he was a teacher and administrator for almost 30 years at several Jesuit institutions including BC High, where he served as principal from 1967 to 1969. He later returned to Boston College where he was, in order, a professor of education, Rev. Father Rector of the Jesuit Community, and secretary of the university.
It would be hard to top that record for involvement and dedication to the Jesuit educational ideal, and it is such an example that Gil Sullivan points to in what he calls “shaking the tree,” asking for more BC High alumni to think about what each can do year by year, in ways large and small, to sustain the ideal of a school committed to the development of boys into men for others.

“If each of the 15,000 or so alumni thought of a teacher who made a difference in his time at the high school and each and every year on an anniversary date contributed something to the school in his honor, we’d all be helping greatly to sustain what has been a very good thing in most of our lives.”

Josh, a member in good standing on Sullivan’s Father Duffy Team, knows what a good thing attending BC High has been for him: “It’s like being with your family, only at school. Friends, teachers, and staff; they are all so friendly and involved in the entire school community. They want to help, and they do.”

The Quincy connection of attorney Rob Higgins ’87 and Bill Kiley ’09 is a fruitful one. Rob and Suzanne Higgins set up a scholarship fund three years ago to benefit a student from the City of Presidents or the South Shore, and Bill, of Quincy, is a three-sport man, playing football, hockey, and baseball while maintaining his marks.

“It was past time to give back,” says Higgins. “My father died when I was young and my mother sacrificed mightily to help me get through the high school. I did work-study myself, taking a job in the Loyola cafeteria helping to serve the Jesuits there. You don’t realize while you’re there what a good thing you have, but when you get older, you gain perspective. In my case, the years at BC High had a terrific impact on me as I looked to the future (a future that included degrees from the University of Maine and Suffolk Law School) and now I’m able to return the favor and each year help someone experience that same feeling, that same impact. My hope is that these young men, in turn, might some day also be in a position to give back to the school.”

Bill feels that impact every day on site. “Being at BC High has greatly broadened my horizons academically, and the discipline I get from my coaches helps me with the time management I need to keep everything working well on the field, on the court, on the diamond, and in the classroom. Every student here knows that our teachers are helpful. You can bring your concerns to them, but many of them spot concerns first and ask you how things are going.”

Jim Cotter ’55, a BC High legend whose impressive resume needs little re-telling here, is a veteran spotter of concerns on the campus, with deep experience gained from his nearly 50 years on campus as a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, and athletic director. As the coach tackles a debilitating illness with a splendid determination to keep at life, one of his concerns is the continuing welfare both at school and at home of Jabreel Wingard ’09 of Dorchester, one of the current recipients of assistance from the Jim Cotter Scholarship Fund.

“My wife Agnes and I have come to know Jabreel and his family and he’s a really good kid and
Completing the Circle

Rev. Joseph Shea, SJ and the Reinvigoration of Scholarships at BC High

When Rev. Joseph Shea, SJ became rector of BC High in 1962, he knew all too well how difficult it could be for working families to afford the school’s tuition. As a 14-year-old boy growing up in Arlington, MA, Fr. Shea hoped to attend BC High, but the $125 tuition was too much for his family of seven to afford.

After college, Fr. Shea became a Jesuit, and in 1962, he found himself assigned to lead the very school he could not attend as a boy. Determined not to let this happen to any other young man, Shea decided to return the school to its roots of helping to educate the sons of the recently immigrated and the working families of Boston. He started on an ambitious fundraising campaign in the school’s centennial year to increase available scholarship money, and with it, a drive to publicize the available funds. “Perhaps if I had applied for help [at BC High] as a boy, I would have been accepted,” he told the Boston Globe in 1964, “but at the time I didn’t realize it.”

His personal effort to make BC High affordable for all deserving students helped raise more than $75,000 for permanent scholarships at BC High, doubling the amount of aid available to students. “This special charity of educating the worthy poor must never stop in any century of Boston College High School’s existence,” he said. As BC High approaches its sesquicentennial in 2013, Fr. Shea’s goals – and the goals of the Jesuits who founded the institution – continue to be met through the generosity of its alumni, parents, and friends.

a helluva football player, a linebacker and a fullback. We try to keep in touch with him and to keep an eye on how things are going at home. We’ve been able to help on a few things there, too. It’s one way I can pay back for a lifetime of knowing I was onto something good at BC High.”

This good will is not lost on young Mr. Wingard, for whom the religious aspect of life at BC High is important, a notion passed on to him by his mother. “This school is just the best place,” he says, “and I’m grateful for Mr. Cotter’s help. Everything is very competitive here, sports and classes, and I have a lot of learning to do. It’s a full package of development with high-caliber people doing the teaching.” One thing Jabreel, who has an idea he’d like eventually to work in community service for a nonprofit, is working on with these “high-caliber” folks in finding ways to better organize his time. “I have a lot going on in my life, and sometimes I overdo one thing when I should be doing something else. I am working at it, though; it doesn’t pay to be sleepy in class at this school.”

The Cotter Scholarship Fund has an interesting history, according to the honoree. “A man named Fred Knapp P’88, ’91, ’93, whose three sons played for me and went on to Harvard, Princeton, and Dartmouth, started it and along the way, so many people chipped in as we set a goal of having $500,000 in the fund, which would allow the school to give out five or six half-scholarships. Today, as I speak to you, we’re at about $570,000.”

Jim Cotter is a city kid, hailing from Savin Hill when he was at BC High so many years ago. “And it’s city kids, urban kids who we want to have access to these scholarships because the school needs them and they help the school in turn,” he says, “and isn’t that what it’s all about?”

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by BRENDAN HUGHES ’98

A Place Where We Chose to Be

How Financial Aid Helped Make the Obukwelus Part of BC High’s Community
“Will I need to use my hands?”
Gladys Obukwelu asks me through the telephone. It’s early evening, the hour of inconvenient phone calls, and Gladys is just home from her job as a medical assistant at Boston Medical Center. The kitchen fills with the clatter of pots and plates as she makes dinner for four of her five sons and husband, and I offer to call back later, but she won’t have it. At the Obukwelu house, multitasking is par for the course.
orn in Awka, in the eastern part of Nigeria, Gladys came to the United States with her husband Ebbie in 1988 – first to Dallas, then to Boston, where Iffi, the first of the couple’s five sons was born in 1989, and Ebbie found work as a taxi driver. “It was hard to make ends meet,” Gladys says. “It’s not regular money, but we try our best and we make ends meet.” But making ends meet is an understatement. Until four years ago, Gladys and Ebbie had never heard of BC High. Now, they have sent three sons (so far) to Morrissey Boulevard, where each has excelled both in the classroom and on the athletic field. Iffi, the oldest, is now a freshman at Harvard and a member of the Crimson football team; Nnamdi is a rising junior with Ivy League college prospects and captain of the BC High football team; followed by sophomore Obumneme, incoming freshman Oderah, and Mukosolu, an aspiring member of the class of 2018.

It was a stroke of luck that the Obukwelus learned about BC High at all. When Nnamdi was in the seventh grade in Brockton, one of his teachers, Heather Clough, suggested that he apply to BC High, but Gladys had concerns about the school’s tuition. “Ms. Clough said my son was so intelligent and so bright that he had to go to BC High, but I was worried about the cost,” Gladys says. “I didn’t know about financial aid. I thought everybody had to pay out of pocket.”

Clough arranged a meeting between the Obukwelus and Michael Brennan ’85, BC High’s director of admissions and financial aid. “Nnamdi’s grades and test scores were excellent,” Brennan says, but Gladys and Ebbie also brought their older son, Iffi, who was a freshman at Brockton High School, along to the meeting. “I said that I can’t send my second son to BC High and send my first son to public school,” Gladys recalls. Iffi’s grades were excellent, Brennan says, and both boys were admitted.

Academically, all of the Obukwelus have excelled at BC High, but Iffi found BC High’s academic pace a challenge early on. “I knew that I had the tools and I expected to be a great student,” he says, and resolved to meet challenges head on. As a sophomore, Iffi was taking French III honors with Mr. Bob Peloquin, and “the class gave me trouble. I literally failed the first test. It was devastating, the first test I ever failed, but it was a wake up call. It brought out a new drive in me that I didn’t have before.”

Iffi says that his greatest tests came on the athletic field and from the challenge of balancing sports and academics – a familiar juggling act to generations of BC High students. “Making the football team was tough. It was a sport I never played before up until my junior year in high school. I didn’t know as much as my teammates did. But I wanted to com-
pete with them and learn from them just by falling and getting back up every time. It taught me about teamwork and camaraderie amongst your brothers.” What set BC High apart, Ififi says, was the insistence on academic excellence along with extracurriculars – a realization he came to from seeing teachers like Mr. Peloquin in attendance at every football game. “It showed me that teachers aren’t just about classes, that they care about students inside and outside of school,” he says. “But you have to realize when you have to put away certain things; when you have to leave the field and when you have to go back to work.”

Finishing his first year at Harvard, Ififi remains very close with his brothers as they pass through the halls and classrooms of Morrissey Boulevard. “I tell them to keep an open mind about things. Sometimes things will not go your way and you will have to adapt,” he says, “and never stray away from a challenge.”

For Michael Brennan and BC High, the challenge is to tap into the diversity of Greater Boston and bring more families like the Obukwelu into the BC High community. “One of our challenges is to reach immigrant families,” Brennan says. “Heather Clough, Nnamlid’s teacher in Brockton, was our connection to the Obukwelus, and now that family has a history with the school, but it is difficult to reach leaders in some of these communities.”

Brennan has started outreach efforts in places like the Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club in Dorchester, and in youth sports leagues in South Boston, Hyde Park, and Quincy, and he relies on parents to connect prospective students in neighborhoods where BC High does not have a strong presence. “We’re always trying to create those pathways,” Brennan says. “It’s very much a part of the school’s original mission, which was to educate the sons of Boston’s Irish immigrants.” Once those connections have been made, Brennan says, BC High’s goal is to meet every family’s level of financial need through scholarships and aid. “One thing people aren’t proud of asking for is money,” Brennan says, “but because of financial aid, the Obukwelu brothers are a part of the BC High community, and in 20 years, they may be sending their sons here.”

For her part, Gladys Obukwelu sees her sons thriving at BC High. “When I was in school, I was an athlete, so they take after me,” she laughs. “It is a good place for my children,” she says. “It is still hard for me, but I thank God. I promised them they would all attend BC High, even if I have to starve, they will all go.”

This summer, Ififi Obukwelu plans on working in financial services, “maybe asset management or private equity,” he says. His brother Nnamdi will be touring campuses of the Ivy League, and his younger brothers Obumnene and Oderah will be getting ready for the Eagles’ football season this fall. “BC High showed me that taking advantage of all my opportunities would help me become successful in life,” Ififi says. “It wasn’t a place where I had to be, but a place where I chose to be.”

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MATT GREENE ‘04 NAMED HOCKEY EAST DEFENSIVE FORWARD OF THE YEAR

For those who knew Matt Greene ‘04 in his BC High days, accolades for his work on the ice were commonplace. As a Catholic Conference MVP and frequent Globe, Herald, and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic pick, Greene’s future hockey career with BC looked to be bright. Now, in his senior year at Boston College, Greene has lived up to his billing. As a member of the NCAA National Champion Eagles, he was named Hockey East’s Best Defensive Forward for 2007-2008.

An alternate captain for the Eagles, Greene rounded out his college career with eight goals and four assists this season while playing in all 44 of BC’s games. His season culminated with a 4-1 win over Notre Dame to capture the NCAA Championship.

“This is something you dream about as a kid,” Greene said after winning the national title, under the guidance of Coach Jerry York ‘63 (see next column). “I can’t say this is the best feeling I’ll ever feel, but this certainly is the highlight of my life so far.”

JERRY YORK ‘63 LEADS BC HOCKEY TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

They say the third time is the charm. For the third consecutive year, Boston College hockey head coach Jerry York ‘63 led his team to the NCAA Frozen Four National Championship tournament. Unlike the last two years, when they fell one game short, this year’s squad came home with the title – BC’s third overall – defeating rival Notre Dame 4-1 in the championship game.

The second most winningest coach in NCAA hockey history and the leader in wins among active coaches, York reached his 800th victory this season over Minnesota. In his 14 years at the helm of his alma mater, York has led the Eagles to repeated success, including eight Frozen Four appearances, six Hockey East Tournament titles, and the 2001 national championship. Despite losing several star players early in the year, York’s team, which includes fellow BC High alumnus Matt Greene ‘04 (see previous column) way to the title.

“It’s great to be able to join the Red Sox, hopefully the Celtics, and the Patriots,” said York about his team’s place in the championship-rich Boston sports landscape. “It’s a great time to be successful in our city now.” The Red Sox obviously agreed, as they invited Coach York and his whole team to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before a game against the New York Yankees in April.
HELP ESTABLISH THE TRAPILO FUND AT BC HIGH

Most of the world remembers Steve Trapilo ’82 as a 10-year NFL veteran or as the man who carried Doug Flutie off the field after his famous Hail Mary pass against Miami.

But at BC High, Steve is remembered as a man who never forgot his roots and who always made sure to give back to his alma mater, returning to coach football and to donate the equipment in the Trapilo Weight Room, which is used by all of BC High’s athletes.

Steve’s family is working to continue his legacy at BC High with the formation of the Trapilo Fund, which will not only maintain and update the school’s weight room, but will also provide scholarships for students in need.

If you would like to support the Trapilo Fund, contact Matt Curran ‘89 at curran@bchigh.edu or 617-474-5036.

STUDENT ATHLETES ADVANCE TO THE NCAA

For a school that is known for its scholars and its sportsmen, the annual College Signing Day has become a regular tradition at BC High. This year, five of the finest BC High scholar-athletes have signed letters of intent to carry on their academic and athletic careers at colleges across the country.

Baseball leads the pack for the class of 2008 with two signees, Tommy Chase who will join the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame and Tom Conley who will play at UMass Amherst. Jake O’Brien is Boston University-bound for hoops, while Dave Barton will play lacrosse at the University of Vermont, and Tim Schulte will head to Duke University’s cross country team.

AD JON BARTLETT ’87 EARN HONES HOMORS AND TAKES OVER FOOTBALL PROGRAM

BC High Athletic Director Jon Bartlett ’87 is always a busy man – with any number of games going on in any given day and scores of BC High athletes and coaches to oversee, Bartlett never slows down. This January was no exception – Bartlett was recognized for his work as BC High’s successful AD, and added to his long list of duties by accepting the role as the head coach of BC High’s storied football program.

After an enormously successful year for BC High athletics, which saw two teams win state championships in the same weekend last fall, the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association named Bartlett the District H Athletic Director of the Year for his leadership and guidance over the school’s thriving sports programs.

Recipients of the award, who are nominated by their peers, are chosen for exhibiting outstanding leadership and meritorious achievement in interscholastic athletics administration at the local, district, and state levels. “I am honored and truly humbled by this award,” Bartlett said. “The credit goes to our hardworking coaches and the student athletes of BC High.”

A skilled athlete in his own right who played football, basketball, and ran track while at BC High, Bartlett has been the school’s athletic director since 2000. He has also served as a head or assistant coach for several teams in his 16-year career at BC High, including freshman, JV, and varsity football, as well as JV and varsity basketball.

No more than a week later, Bartlett added to his impressive resume of leadership by taking over the reins of BC High’s varsity football program, which fought to an undefeated regular season and a Catholic Conference title in 2007.

“I am very excited by this opportunity,” said Bartlett. “BC High football has a long tradition of excellence in this state, and I look forward to taking on a job that will help continue that tradition.”

Bartlett will also continue his tradition of successful athletic administration, retaining his duties as athletic director in addition to his new position as head varsity football coach. Success, it seems, brings little rest.
BC High’s Renaissance campaign reached its $40 million goal early, thanks to the many alumni, parents, and friends who have so generously supported the initiative for the last five years. With the end of the campaign nearing on June 30, the BC High Board of Trustees voted at the end of March to increase the overall goal by an additional $5 million, bringing the new goal to $45 million.

Renaissance: The Campaign for Boston College High School is the most ambitious fundraising effort in the school’s 145-year history. Intended to both reflect and inspire a rebirth of the school as an urban, Jesuit Catholic institution that educates tomorrow’s leaders, the Renaissance campaign has already brought about significant changes for the school.

In 2005, BC High completed the school’s largest expansion effort, which resulted in the creation of a new building that unified all of the school’s previously separate buildings and expanded the school’s footprint by 63,000 square feet. In addition, BC High opened the Arrupe Division for grades seven and eight last fall with 240 new students, expanding the Jesuit Catholic mission to two new grades of younger students.

“The success of the Renaissance campaign comes at a time of enormous rebirth and growth for our school,” said President William J. Kemeza. “The bold goals of the campaign and the generous support of our alumni, families, and friends have reinvigorated this school and put us in a fine position to continue our success and growth well into the future. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our benefactors, and even though we have reached this goal, we count on them to help us to achieve our new $45 million goal with continued support for our campaign and for our annual giving.”

Important to the Renaissance campaign’s success is the role of annual giving for the school. Last year, BC High broke the $2 million mark for the first time in its history, raising a total of $2,061,067 from more than 4,400 donors. “The Annual Fund is vital to not only the campaign’s success, but to the overall success of BC High every year,” said Kemeza. “The Annual Fund provides 20 percent of BC High’s operating budget, so its importance not only secures the school’s future, but it also helps our students and faculty in the present, providing much-needed financial aid and faculty support programs that help us educate deserving students with the best faculty available. We could not have been as ambitious with our Renaissance campaign were it not for the support of our Annual Fund donors each year.”

When the campaign closes, BC High will turn its fundraising attention to supporting the school’s 1,500 students – some 35 percent of whom receive part of the nearly $3 million that the school awards in financial aid – and the school’s faculty of more than 125 teachers. “Our continued success and our future as a school lie in making sure that we stay true to our mission. We can do that by ensuring that no young man is denied a BC High education for an inability to pay. Further, we are committed to expanding and enhancing our faculty support and compensation programs so we may continue to provide a top-quality Jesuit Catholic education to young men in the Greater Boston area. The two initiatives go hand-in-hand.”
Tom Robinson ‘26 was featured in a Boston Globe story to celebrate his 100th birthday. BC High’s oldest living graduate, Robinson is still so active that his family has to check his calendar to schedule time to visit with him. Ever on the move, Robinson’s 100th birthday wasn’t even enough for him to slow down to celebrate. “One-hundred was for Rip Van Winkle,” he said in the article. “There was no such thing. When I arrived at 100 that morning, I didn’t feel any different than a year ago.”

Jack Shaughnessy ‘44 was selected as the 2008 recipient of the Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ Award from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. The Kolvenbach Award is presented each year to a person who has demonstrated loyalty, service, cooperation, and faith in his or her personal life and in support of WJST and its mission. Named for Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, superior general of the Society of Jesus from 1983 to 2008, the award was inspired by Fr. Kolvenbach’s message that “…every person must walk according to his or her own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity.”

Dick Gill ’58 spoke to the class of 2008 during the senior awards ceremony in the Bulger Performing Arts Center.

Fr. Daniel J. Harrington, SJ ’58 is celebrating his 50th year as a Jesuit. He presided over BC High’s class of 2008 graduation Mass.

Dr. John Mahlmann ’88 is executive director of MENC: The National Association for Music Education. He has led MENC, the world’s largest arts education association, since 1983. He has appeared on national television programs such as the Victor Awards and Good Morning America, and was host and executive producer of the television series Tempo that focused on music education. In addition, Dr. Mahlmann speaks frequently and publishes extensively, and has recently been interviewed by Newsweek, Rolling Stone, and CBS News.

The 20s

The 40s

Jack Conway ‘41 received a 2008 St. Ignatius Award, the highest award bestowed on a BC High graduate, in recognition of his years of service to others. Jack is the founder of the Ambassadors of Holy Cross, which supports the mission work of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the poorest areas of Peru. He has tirelessly worked for many local causes such as the MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless. A loyal benefactor of BC High, he funds the Conway Country Home Award from St. Francis House, the largest day shelter and rehabilitation center in New England, in recognition of his years of service to others. He has spent his life serving those who need it most. He has worked in Peru since 1963, and since 1979, has lived and labored in a remote, mountain town in the parish of St. Thomas. In the last 30 years, he has worked to build hospitals, schools, roads, and soup kitchens, often performing the arduous, manual labor himself.

The 50s

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The 60s

John McHice ‘50 and his wife Margaret received the All the Way Home Award from St. Francis House, the largest day shelter and rehabilitation center in New England, in recognition of their extraordinary generosity to the homeless of Boston.

Paul Benedict ‘56 was nominated by The Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) for the 2007 Best Actor/Drama Award for his role in No Man’s Land at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge.

Dick Cole ’62 retired from Verizon after 41 years in 2003. He and his wife Pat live in Plymouth. They frequently visit their seven grandchildren.

The 70s

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John Drew ’61 is the president of the Seaport Hotel, which was selected by the Boston Business Journal as one of the best places to work in Greater Boston for 2008.
**Fritz Scheuren, Ph.D. '58**

works at the intersection of two seemingly divergent areas: statistics and human rights. Co-author and co-editor of the recent book *Statistical Methods and Human Rights*, Scheuren has become the foremost expert on statistical studies for several human rights organizations across the world. He recently returned from Lesotho, South Africa, where he studied the country’s AIDS epidemic in an effort to find out the best ways to stem the crisis in a country where some 30 percent of young people are afflicted with HIV/AIDS. “What can someone who is not a health professional do in the presence of an AIDS epidemic?” he wrote from Lesotho. “I do what I know best; study the problem statistically, try to find its shape, and detail its scope. When resources are limited, and they always are, then an effort to find what does not work or what works better can be a way to make what is available go further. To paraphrase Mother Teresa, it is my way of ‘making myself available to God.’”

Phil Boyle ’67 received a 2007 Cushing-Gavin Award from the Labor Guild. Boyle received the 2007 Legal Counsel Award for his three decades of dedication to collective bargaining and arbitration. A partner at Morgan, Brown & Joy, Boyle has represented many public sector agencies and governments, and despite the pressures such a job brings, he was praised by the Gavin-Cushing selection committee for his “collegial style and quick wit,” and a patience to see through conflicts and questions that appear irresolvable to others. The Labor Guild, founded by Richard Cardinal Cushing ’13 in 1945, is the largest Church-sponsored member organization in the United States.

**Ed Forry ’62** returned to BC High for the annual Fathers’ Group Career Night event, where he talked to hundreds of BC High students about careers in media and technology. Ed left his job in banking more than 25 years ago to start The Dorchester Reporter. Publisher of the successful Reporter family of newspapers, his many contributions to Dorchester, as life-long resident, advocate, and journalist, are well recognized.

**Paul O’Brien ’62** was nominated for a 2007 Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) Award for Best Actor/Drama/Small Theater for his role as George Bernard Shaw opposite fellow Broadway veteran Sandra Shipley in *Dear Liar* at the Gloucester Stage Company. The *Boston Globe* described O’Brien as the “perfect choice” for the role. He has performed on Broadway in *The Crucible*, *Twelfth Night*, and in Christopher Plummer’s *King Lear*, as well as on TV with roles in *The Practice*, Providence, ER, *Star Trek Voyager*, Angel, and Law & Order.

**Walter Robinson ’63** was prominently featured in *CommonWealth* magazine for his work as a professor of investigative reporting at Northeastern University. Recently, several of his students published a front-page story in the *Boston Globe* about senior citizens without families who end up under the care of court-appointed guardians.

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**Phil Boyle ’67** received a 2007 Cushing-Gavin Award from the Labor Guild. Boyle received the 2007 Legal Counsel Award for his three decades of dedication to collective bargaining and arbitration. A partner at Morgan, Brown & Joy, Boyle has represented many public sector agencies and governments, and despite the pressures such a job brings, he was praised by the Gavin-Cushing selection committee for his “collegial style and quick wit,” and a patience to see through conflicts and questions that appear irresolvable to others. The Labor Guild, founded by Richard Cardinal Cushing ’13 in 1945, is the largest Church-sponsored member organization in the United States.

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Bob Devereux '68 is studying to become a deacon and living in Palm Coast, FL. He currently works for USB.

Tim Hayes '68 has recently retired after working as an executive with Fidelity for more than 20 years. He is now teaching finance at Boston College.

Bob Hunter '68 and his wife Kate recently completed their fourth year as host parents for an Irish intern in the Washington-Ireland Program (WIP) in Virginia. Their intern this year, Sarah Reavey, is from County Armagh, Northern Ireland and is a third-year law student at Trinity College, Dublin. The WIP is a nonprofit group that is helping to develop the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland and Ireland through a six-month program of service and leadership training.

Paul Logan '68 and his wife Jeanne welcomed their first grandchild, Kyle Logan Couture, on December 11 – which is also Paul's birthday. Their daughter Colleen and son-in-law Tom are the proud parents. Paul also received the Kevin Kynock Award at BC High, which is presented annually to a member of the school's faculty or staff for their selfless support of the arts at BC High.

Dick Mucci '68 has been named chairman and CEO of New York Life International, the company's overseas arm with operations in eight markets - Argentina, China, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

John Shea '69 received national recognition for his environmental law practice on Newbury Street in Boston when he was selected for The Best Lawyers in America 2008. He was also designated a Massachusetts SuperLawyer and New England SuperLawyer for 2007 by Boston Magazine and Law & Politics. His firm, Mackie Shea O'Brien P.C., recently received the Best Places to Work and Most Environmentally Conscious awards from the Environmental Business Council of New England. He has practiced environmental and land use law for 30 years.

Steve Hayes '68 graduated from BC High in 1968. He is currently a member of the school's faculty or staff for their selfless support of the arts at BC High.

The 70s

Norm Walsh '70 of BC High's Social Studies department has been appointed the head of BC High's Summer Programs. With his appointment, the school will expand its co-ed summer program, which includes extensive athletic and academic enrichment courses.

David Bernotas '72 spoke at BC High's Fathers' Group Career Night, where he discussed his work in the mortgage industry. He is the president and CEO of East/West Mortgage, one of the largest mortgage lenders in New England.

Mike McFarland '72 was named the superintendent-director of Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole, where he has been business manager for six years. He is also an at-large city councilor in his second term. Mike graduated from Suffolk University in 1977 with a degree in business administration.

Mike Sullivan '72 hosted 15 BC High Model UN students on their visit to the North American Invitational Model UN Conference at Georgetown University. Students toured the headquarters of ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) and had a briefing with Mike and his staff that included an explosive detection demonstration, tactical weapons explanation, and a discussion with ATF legal advisor, Brian Kenrick '96.

Brig. Gen. Joe Dunford '73 has been nominated for promotion to the rank of lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps. Joe is currently assigned as the vice director for operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

John Ferraro '73 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Marquette University College of Business Administration. The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes outstanding professional achievement and service to Marquette or the larger community.

Don Sprague '73 is on the board of directors for the musical theater company, Porchlight Music Theatre Chicago.

John Barron '74 is the CFO of a ski apparel brand, Spyder Active Sports. He lives in Boulder, CO, a short walk from Colorado University with the Rocky Mountains in clear view all around.

Br. Brian Cidilevich '74 will be ordained a priest of the Society of Mary. He will celebrate his First Mass at St. Benedict Church in June.

Philip McGovern '75 returned to BC High to speak at the Fathers' Group Career Night panel on Healthcare and the sciences. He has been a lieutenant with Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since 2003 and a member of the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness since 2005. He is responsible for overseeing daily emergency management operations and developing a special needs population emergency preparedness plan. Phil is a trained paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He received his bachelor's in social science from Boston College in 1979, and a master's in administrative studies from Boston College in 2000. He has also received many awards for his work with Boston EMS.

Jim Timmins '75 was named city solicitor for Quincy, MA. He previously served as assistant solicitor under former mayor James Sheets during the 1990s. He and his wife, Paula, have three children. He is a graduate of Brown University.

Bob Flynn '76 is vice president for communications and marketing for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and MacNeil Lehrer Productions.

Joe Garrity '77 was profiled in the Patriot Ledger’s “To the Rescue” section. Joe is a firefighter in Milton. He earned a degree in physical education from Boston State College in 1982. He and his wife, Janet, have two children, Colin (19) and Shannon (16), and live in Hanson.

Don Gosselin '77 was named program director of WBEN-FM in Philadelphia.

Jake Hill ’77 is living in San Antonio, TX, and working in the music industry in Texas and around the country.

Frank Armstrong '78 and his sons Fran (15) and John (13) summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania for Cops for Kids with Cancer, which raises money to help children in Pediatric Oncology Units of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Floating Hospital for Children at the New England Medical Center.
Jim Burgoyne ’78 is working as director of production at Comcast SportsNet. Currently, he oversees all studio and remote productions produced by Comcast SportsNet New England, which includes Mohegan Sun Sports Tonight and Boston Celtics basketball.

Paul J. Driscoll ’78 received a 2008 St. Ignatius Award, the highest award bestowed on a BC High graduate, in recognition of his years of service to others. He has lived the Jesuit ideal of being a man for others throughout his life. A long-time supporter of the St. Gerard’s Youth Ministry program in Canton, MA, his drive to carry out the mission of Jesus has taken him from his home parish, to revitalizing struggling coal mining towns in Kentucky, to assisting in the cleanup and rebuilding in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Joe Nash ’78 was the featured speaker at the 10th Annual Sundown Banquet. Sponsored by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston and the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches’ Association, the Sundown Banquet honors the top high school football players in the Commonwealth for the 2007 season. Nash played 218 regular season games over 15 years in the NFL.

Kevin Cronin ’79 was featured in the Boston Business Journal for his work in keeping Putnam Investments successful in the wake of the credit crisis in America. Kevin is Putnam’s head of investments.

Mike Lewis ’79 acted as the guest auctioneer for BC High Night at Gillette Stadium. Lewis and Peter Skipper of the Religious Studies department presided over a live auction of Patriots and Celtics tickets, and a weekend getaway to Vermont. The event raised more than $20,000 for students in need of financial aid at BC High.

Dave McCarthy ’79 and his wife Rose are set to adopt their sixth child, a two-year-old from Vietnam. With eight children in the family, Dave and his wife “go through 14 gallons of milk a week, two a day,” he says.

Jack Shields ’79 and his company, Shields MRI, have become the official MRI provider of the Boston Celtics. Brian Robertson ’91 worked on the agreement with Shields, and they are pictured at center court with Celtics legend JoJo White during the official announcement. Shields MRI is also the official MRI provider for the New England Patriots.

The 80s

Paul Meaney ’80 and wife Michele welcomed their second child into the world on February 25. Kate Grace was born a healthy 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Garry McCarthy ’81 has been promoted from senior associate to principal of the design firm Stantec and is now the managing leader of the company’s environmental infrastructure group in New England. Specializing in the design of water infrastructure projects such as transmission mains and water treatment and storage facilities, McCarthy joined the firm in 1993 when it operated locally under the name Dufresne-Henry. McCarthy holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts and is a registered professional engineer in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Steve Fulton ’83 is living in Portland, OR and he and his wife are expecting a baby. Steve works with the City of Portland’s Bureau of Housing and Community Development.

John McQuillan ’83 is the owner of Triumvirate Environmental, which was named a best place to work in Massachusetts for the second year in a row by the Boston Business Journal. The honor recognizes the company’s achievements in creating a positive work environment that attracts and

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Mark Ockerbloom ’81
got back to his roots in sports when he served as emcee for BC High Night at Gillette Stadium. Mark, who is the anchor for FOX25 News, took time out of his busy broadcast schedule to preside over the event, which included a Q&A session with Patriots radio personality Andy Gresh. The event raised more than $20,000 for students in need of financial aid at the school.

Brian Cashman ’85 started working at FTI Consulting in January after spending 20 months working for Levitz Furniture in New York City surrounded by Yankees fans. He lives in Mansfield, MA with his wife Julie and their four children: Mickey (12), Liam (9), Caileigh (7), and Emma (6).

Greg Long ’85 was featured in the Washington Post in a story about the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Greg was named the executive director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, which also makes him the chief executive for the TSP, a retirement program with 3.8 million participants and assets of about $225 billion. Prior to overseeing TSP, he spent 14 years in the investment business in Boston, including seven years at State Street and its record-keeping affiliate Citistreet, where he was director of marketing for the American Bar Association retirement funds. “I’m having fun. I like doing this,” Long said of TSP in the story. “I came here to do important work, and I feel like I’m doing important work.”

Rich Robinson ’85 met up with a fellow Eagle, Hon. William Bulger ’52, in Beijing. “We ended up having dinner and tea together and chatting for five hours,” says Rich. Not long after that dinner, Rich was lucky enough to catch the Red Sox vs. Athletics games in Tokyo.

Chuck Stravin ’85 was recently named executive vice president, sales and marketing at Euro-Pro Operating LLC, a privately held consumer products company in West Newton, MA.

Mike Sullivan ’85 and his wife, Jennifer Riggs, had their first child, Penelope, in January.

Kevin Bell ’86 returned to BC High to speak at the Fathers’ Group Career Night panel on public service and the government. He has been a teacher at the Quincy Public Schools since 1994, and has been the social studies department chair since 2001. He teaches AP U.S. history and supervises, evaluates, and develops teachers within his department. Kevin received his bachelor’s in history from Boston University in 1990, master’s in education from the University of Massachusetts in 1993, and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Boston College in 2000.

David Chase Lopes ’86 has been living in London, where he is the sales and marketing director at Salisbury Associates, balancing his time between and the London and Paris offices.

Tim Moynihan ’86 has been named vice president, sales and marketing at Rent Marketer, Inc., an online marketing provider for property managers and real estate investors. Before moving to Rent Marketer, Tim founded the Mountain States operation for Google where he was responsible for sales, marketing, and strategic planning. While at Google, he built a highly successful regional sales and operations team that increased revenue from $1 million to $100 million in less than four years of operation.

**Kris Meyer ’87** was co-producer of the Ben Stiller comedy The Heartbreak Kid, which opened in theaters in October.

**Joe Norton ’87** is the new owner of Mullaney’s Harborside Fish Market at Scituate Harbor and Mullaney’s Seafood in Cohasset. Joe started working at the shop while he was at BC High, and has been with the company for more than 20 years.

**David Carolan ’88** and his wife Kristin welcomed daughter Lauren Christina on March 11.

**Brian Higgins ’88** and his wife Alessandra welcomed their first child, son Conor Powers, in November. Brian is currently the director of sales for Sentient Jet Membership in Weymouth.

**Andrew Lynch ’88** and his wife Ashley welcomed son John Morgan. “Jack” is the second child for the Lynch family.

**Mark Molloy ’88** is now coaching basketball at Hanover High School.

**Matt Abbott ’89** hosted 15 BC High Model UN Students who participated in the North American Invitational Model UN Conference at Georgetown University. Students toured Capitol Hill

**Rev. Richard Wilson ’86** was named a New Bedford Standard-Times 2007 Man of the Year for his work with Hispanic families who were separated in the wake of an immigration raid. Fr. Wilson is the diocesan director of the Hispanic Apostolate and pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James Parish in New Bedford.
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Joel Buenaventura ’89 returned to BC High to speak at the Fathers’ Group Career Night panel on public service and the government. He is a prosecuting attorney with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. He represents the department at administrative hearings involving allegations of neglect and abuse of nursing home residents by health care workers. Prior to becoming an attorney, he worked as a budget analyst for the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance/Medicaid. Joel received an undergraduate degree from Sarah Lawrence College, an MPH from Boston University, and a law degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Paul McDonnell ’89 and his wife welcomed home their newborn daughter Elizabeth in November. Paul’s nephew is now a sophomore at BC High joining an extended list of McDonnells who are Eagle grads including his father Matt ’59 and brother Matt ’86.

Paul Paglierani ’89 and his wife Lisa welcomed son Glenn Joseph. Larry Ryan ’89 and his family have moved from Germany to Katy, TX. He has taken on a new job at Sulph Company and he and his wife Laura have two children. Jake Young ’89 is enjoying his new surroundings as he and his family have moved to Greece while he is working for AIG. He experienced 10 inches of snow, earthquakes, and 80-degree weather all in the span a few weeks, but has no complaints with his move overseas.

The 90s

Tim Roche ’90 and his wife Karen welcomed their first child Caitlin Jeanette. They have been living in New York for two years, originally in Manhattan, but now in Westchester County. He works for a financial software company in the city.

Tim O’Day ’91 was engaged to Christine Ann Cotti of Plymouth. Tim is a graduate of Mass Maritime Academy, and he is employed as a marine engineer. The couple were engaged on a family vacation in the Grand Cayman Islands. A 2009 wedding in Hawaii is planned.

Chris Stemmon ’91 has been promoted to principal for O’Connor & Drew, P.C., a Quincy firm that handles financial, tax, and consulting services.

Tim Flaherty ’92 and his family currently live in Orlando, FL. They return to Boston a few times each year, where Tim works as a recruiter for electrical engineers.

Andy Garrity ’92 and his wife Allison welcomed their second child, James Stephen, on April 2. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and 23 inches.

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Ryan McDevitt

Rich and his wife, Dr. Nicolle Corner, are the proud parents of twins, Billy and Ava, who were born on December 15. They are looking forward to having another generation of the Corner family carry on the BC High tradition in the Class of 2025.

Chris Jones ’93 was profiled in the Patriot Ledger’s “To the Rescue” section. Chris is a Sergeant in the Marshfield, MA Police Department. He decided he wanted to be a police officer while at BC High, and he went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts and a master’s degree in criminal justice from Western New England College.

Mike Reardon ’93 and his wife Peg welcomed their third child, Matthew Thomas, in November.

Greg Donoghue ’94 married Lisa Marie Tonon on March 31 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Farmington, CT. Greg is a 1998 graduate of Bates College and a 2004 graduate of Suffolk University Law School. He is an attorney for Tedeschi Food Shops in Rockland. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas. They live in the North End of Boston.

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Lt. Scott Larson ’94 married Sarah Anne Mullin on November 3 at St. Joseph’s Church in Providence, RI. Scott earned his bachelor’s degree from Holy Cross. He also received an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 2004. The couple enjoyed a belated honey moon on the island of Oahu, HI before returning to Norfolk, VA, where they currently reside.

Matt Rice ’94 married Jennifer Elaine Murphy on September 15 at St. Paul’s Church in Hingham, MA. Matt earned a bachelor’s degree from Wheaton College and an MBA from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a vice president at State Street Corporation in Boston. Following their wedding, the couple enjoyed a Hawaiian honeymoon. They reside in Wakefield, MA.

Michael Saniuk ’94 and his wife Jennifer welcomed son Michael Robert in March. Michael weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Michael Stout ’94 attended the Red Sox games against the Oakland A’s in Japan.

Pat Gray ’95 published his first book, Breakthrough IT: Supercharging Organizational Value through Technology with John Wiley & Sons. Patrick is the founder and president of the Prevoyage Group in South Carolina.

Matt Creadon ’96 is living and working in Beijing, China.

Francois Exilhomme ’96 now works at Boston University. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Joseph O’Neil ’96 married Stephanie McDonough on May 17 in Sebog Lake, ME. The couple resides in Portland, ME.

Kevin Spinale ’96 begins First Studies at Regis College in Toronto, Canada as part of his first vows as a Jesuit. Kevin taught in the BC High Mathematics department in the 2006-2007 school year.

Matt Tagliaferro ’96 has been promoted to a specialty sales position with ViaCord, and will relocate to Philadelphia, PA as part of the promotion. He has been with ViaCord for three years.

Jeff Burns ’97 returned to BC High to speak at the Fathers’ Group Career Night panel on business and finance. He is an attorney with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, a law firm with more than 1,750 lawyers and government professionals in 35 locations throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Jeff concentrates his practice on the representation of corporate clients in all areas of labor and employment law, including litigation of discrimination, harassment, wrongful
Major Mike Manning '93

delivered the commencement address at Providence College. Mike is a Bronze Star Medal veteran of the Iraq War and is currently deployed as the operations officer with Special Operations Detachment-Global (SOD-G), RAARNG. He graduated from Providence with a bachelor's degree in history and was commissioned through the college’s ROTC program. He began his service with the U.S. Army in 1998, and has served in Kosovo and in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his service in Iraq, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He is also the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, among many other commendations. He received an honorary degree from Providence College during the exercises.

1st Lt. Brian Gundersen ‘97 of the U.S. Army and Capt. John Pettinelli ‘97 of the U.S. Marines have been working together at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq since August 2007.

Pat O’Brien ‘97 has moved to Atlanta to work for Delta Airlines. “I’m thrilled to work in the airline industry,” he says.

1st Lt. Brian Gundersen ‘97 and Capt. John Pettinelli ‘97

Jason Campbell ‘97 married Serena Gibian on October 6, 2007 in Chevy Chase, MD.

Anthony Forina ‘97 was engaged to Kathryn Laura Ord. Anthony received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Northeastern University. He is a field service engineer for Koch Membrane Systems in Wilmington.

Chris Owens ‘97 was engaged to Melissa Fener of Waple, MA. Chris holds a bachelor’s degree from Fordham University. He is a state and nationally registered optician and manager of For Eyes in Boston. The couple is planning an August 2008 wedding in the Cayman Islands.

Brian Wahlgren ‘97 returned to BC High twice recently, first to address BC High’s Model UN Conference, and also to speak at the Fathers’ Group Career Night panel on business and finance. Brian is a manager with Accenture, a global consulting and technology integration firm. He consults with Fortune 100 companies in the retail and consumer goods industries, helping them with strategy, people practices, and organizational changes due to major system/process implementations. He was recognized as one of Consulting Magazine’s “Top 30 Under 30,” and has represented Accenture in its overseas nonprofit consulting program, Accenture Development Partnerships, and worked with United Nations Development Program on an economic development initiative in South Africa. He received his bachelor’s in history and Political Science in 2001 from Northwestern University in Illinois.

Lt. Colin Bernard ‘98 is currently stationed in Jacksonville, FL flying the S-3B Viking. He has returned from his second deployment, this time on board the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise. He says his experience flying in the Navy has been nothing short of expectations. He is getting married on October 11 in Chicago.

Adam Creedon ‘98 married Kaitlin Morse at Our Lady of Victory Church in New York. Their reception followed at the Asa Bushnell Estate. Adam graduated from Fordham University in 2002. He is a regulatory specialist for Lehman Brothers. The couple honeymooned in Greece, and is residing in New York City.

Jim Hasson ‘98 ran the Rock ‘n Roll Arizona Marathon in Phoenix. He clocked in at 3:45:53. Jimmy currently lives in Colorado, where his brothers John ’96 and Jeremiah ’03 also reside.

Patrick O’Brien ’98 is in graduate school in Prague.

Capt. Doug Olson ’98 is currently in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corp stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Jason Cherubini ’99 is working as an assistant professor at the Sellinger School of Business and Finance at Loyola College of Maryland.

Michael Farrell ‘99 graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. He
James received a bachelor’s degree in 2003 from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

James Hussey ’99 was engaged to Kristine Marie Frizzell. James played in the Rocky Mountain Division of USA Hockey for the Senior-A Jackson Hole Moose in Jackson, WY. He is employed as a general contractor at M&K Construction in Syracuse, NY. An October wedding is planned.

Mike Ryan ’99 played on the Buffalo Sabres as part of the NHL Winter Classic on January. A crowd of more than 71,217 fans packed Ralph Wilson Stadium for the second outdoor NHL game in history and the first in America.

Erik Vendt ’99 broke the American record in the 1,000-yard freestyle in Long Beach, CA. He is training to swim in his third consecutive Olympics.

Jared Wahlgren ’99 signed a publishing contract with BeWrite books in the UK. His book is currently under editorial decision and should be available through amazon.com when released. He also has a chapbook of poems available through Maverick Duck Press.

The 2000s

Ryan Buckley ’00 has been to Korea and Amsterdam since graduation. He is now in Argentina teaching English as a second language courses.

Charles Glover ’00 was engaged to Karen Oliveira. He is employed in information technology services at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

Paul Zukauskas ’97

Pat Carney ’01 wrote an article for the Medford Mercury about his experiences of serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. “I feel passionately that Americans simply don’t realize the good work being done in their name in these two countries,” says Pat in the story. “I get to see it first hand every day.” Pat also donated an American flag that was flown over his base in Iraq to BC High.

John Crowley-Buck ’01 is finishing his graduate degree in theology at Boston College and working at the Boise Center for Religion.

Bill Driscoll ’01 travelled to hurricane-ravaged areas of the southern United States through Maverick Duck Press.

Kevin Gunderson ’00 was engaged to his wife and is training to swim with the San Francisco 49ers in 2005 after playing four years with the Cleveland Browns. Among his football accomplishments were being selected as a high school and college All-American and to the first team All-Big East Conference his senior year at Boston College.
States as a representative from Hands On Disaster Response, a nonprofit organization that applies volunteer resources to aid victims of natural disasters. Bill is the operations director at Hands On.

Sgt. Adam White ’01 left his home base in Ft. Gordon, GA to serve in Afghanistan. A member of the 513 Military Intelligence Unit with the U.S. Army, Adam previously served in Baghdad from December 2005 to December 2006. He will be in Afghanistan for eight months.

Joel Carpenter ’02 is currently living in New London, NH teaching ski lessons and substitute teaching at Kearsarge Regional Schools.

Billy Croke ’02 is still coaching in the Sacred Heart North Quincy youth basketball league, where he was the league’s first youth coach while still at BC High. A graduate of Villanova, Billy has been able to see some of the players he coached go on to become members of BC High’s basketball teams.

Tom Fitzgerald ’02 started working with MC Communications and is living in South Boston.

Victor Siu ’02 is currently working at Goldman Sachs in New York after graduating from Tufts University.

Greg Smith ’02 is now working in the real estate business on Newbury Street in Boston, and living in South Boston. He spent the past few years playing minor league baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

Jordan Virtue ’02 is playing hockey for UMass Amherst, where he notched his first career goal against Boston College in a 3-2 victory.

Pat Bragan ’03 and John Mahoney ’03 were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Marines and are attending the Basic School in Quantico, VA. Patrick graduated from Sacred Heart University and John graduated from Cornell University.

David Crowley-Buck ’03 is now working in New York after graduating from Georgetown and spending time in Beijing.

Maxwell Drummey ’03 was featured in the January 24 issue of Spin magazine. His band, Chester French, was zine. His band, Chester French, was

2nd Lt. Daniel Rushton ’03 graduated summa cum laude from Villanova University with a degree in electrical engineering in May 2007. He is currently stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Dan works in the Datalinks Test Flight, part of the 46th Test Squadron as a test engineer and he is currently working on his master’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida.

Dave Benoit ’04 spoke as a panelist for the BC High Fathers’ Group Career Night where he discussed the media and technology industries. He will graduate in May with a bachelor’s in English and history. While at Boston College, David was the managing editor of The Heights, the BC student newspaper. He is a contributing editor for the Dorchester Reporter and covers high school sports for the Boston Globe.

Tim Dee ’04 received the Loyola Medal from Fairfield University, the top award given to a graduating senior for commitment to service and Jesuit ideals.

Ryan Flannery RIP ’04 had a soccer and lacrosse field in Scituate named in his honor. A lacrosse player at BC High, Ryan passed away in a car accident in 2003. The field, beside Hatherley Elementary School, was once unplayable, but with thousands of dollars raised through tournaments and fundraisers, the space was revitalized with benches, fences, and a new grass playing surface.

Matt Greene ’04 was named Hockey East’s Best Defensive Forward for 2007-2008 as a member of the NCAA National Champion BC Eagles. An alternate captain for the Eagles, Greene rounded out his college career with eight goals and four assists this season while playing in all 44 of BC’s games.

Sean McCarthy ’04 is a senior outfielder at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

BC High is embarking on a project to commemorate the lives of our graduates who have died in service to their country. Through the generosity of Phil Byrne ’58, the BC High Veterans Memorial Wall will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices that so many BC High graduates made for freedom.

Eligibility: Members of the BC High “family,” (alumni; former students who left BC High to enter the service; faculty or staff just prior to entering military service), who died or went missing in action in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or its Allies. For more information on these definitions, visit www.bchigh.edu/veteransmemorial.

How you can help:
The process of compiling a list of these veterans will be long and challenging, but you can help. If you know of a veteran who qualifies, please contact us at alumni@bchigh.edu with the following information: Name and rank of service man, class year, branch, date of death/date missing, war/battle/conflict in which they died.

Please be sure to include your contact information so we can reach you in case we have any questions.

Matthew Moran ’04 graduated in May from Fordham University with a double major in urban planning and political science. He was selected for a fellowship with the New York City Urban Fellows, and will begin with the New York City government in September.

Matt O’Connell ’04 is a left fielder for the baseball team at the University of Hartford. He is a criminal justice major with a minor in sociology.

Bryan Wholey ’04 plays basketball for Bates College where he scored the 1,000th point of his career against Amherst College this season. He was also named the Catholic University Tournament MVP, scoring 18 points in...
The 5’11”, 260-pound junior was a BC High Today Academic selection.

Brian Wholey ’04 traveled to Scottsdale, AZ to help setup Super Bowl XLII for the New England Patriots.

Joe Tierney ’05 reconnected with Bill McQueeney ’52 to help to raise money and awareness for Rural Water Ventures in Nicaragua, which McQueeney founded. Joe spent a semester in Central American and helped with some of the contacts with the clean water initiative for the local villages.

Eulises Tiraudo ’05 has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

Marc Aiello ’06 hosted 15 BC High Model UN Students at Georgetown University, along with Dan English ’06 and Andrew Curtis ’07. The students participated in the North American Invitational Model UN Conference at Georgetown University.

David Jaehnig ’05 was selected the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference Player of the Week for Dec. 9-16. Jaehnig, a 6’4” junior guard, scored a career-high 27 points in the Owls’ 72-51 victory over Lesley College on Dec. 11. He shot 7 of 9 from the field, including going 4 for 4 from three-point range, and had six rebounds. He was named Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference’s rookie of the year in 2006.

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Kevin Donovan ’05 has been named a tri-captain for the Union College men’s soccer team. Donovan, who will be a senior next year, started every game that he played this year in the backfield, and netted two game-winning goals. He was also named a Liberty League Defensive Player of the Week after scoring a pair of goals in Union’s season-opening weekend, including the game-winner against Colby-Sawyer. Donovan anchored a Dutchmen defense that allowed a league-low 0.50 goals per game, and is a two-time Liberty League All Academic selection.

Mike Flynn ’05 was selected to be the station manager for WCUA radio, broadcasting online at www.wcua.cua.edu. WCUA is the Internet radio station for Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He is also the play-by-play announcer for Catholic University Cardinals basketball.

Joseph Hobin ’05 was a member of the 2007 Westfield State College football team that posted a 5-4 record. The 5’11”, 260-pound junior was a starting offensive lineman for the Owls.

Chris Marinelli ’05 was a starting offensive tackle on the Stanford University football team. The 6’7”, 304-pound offensive tackle is a double major in classics and economics. "It’s been incredibly difficult to balance football with all you’re expected to do academically here at Stanford," he says. "I know it’s a cliche, but some days there just isn’t enough time in the day."

Pat Nee ’05 is a junior at Curry College where he majors in communications and is active in theater. He played the role of Frederich in For the Greater Good, a production from Curry College’s Second Annual New Plays Festival. Later in the semester, Pat also played the role of The Wizard in the Curry’s production of Once Upon A Mattress. Since joining the Curry Theatre program Patrick has performed on stage in Madwoman of Chaillot, Macbeth, and War Games.

Greg O’Neil ’05 (number 22) assisted on the winning goal to lead the BC Eagles over #1-ranked Wake Forest to their first ACC championship since joining the conference three years ago. The team finished the season 15-5-1.

Mark Sangalang ’05 is currently interning at the New York Stock Exchange.

Step into Spring and Help Students in Need with BC High Vineyard Vines Ties and Bags

BC High is offering limited edition Vineyard Vines neckties and bags in several stylish colors. Proceeds from the sales of these items will go to establish a fund that will help defray the cost of textbooks for students and families with financial need.

Ties are available with the BC High logo in yellow, mint green, periwinkle blue, and royal blue, as well as a club tie version without the logo in maroon and gold. The ties, which come packed in a Vineyard Vines gift box, cost $50 each plus shipping. BC High tote bags, which feature a beach-friendly waterproof bottom, are available with BC High logo details in yellow and periwinkle blue, and cost $75 each plus shipping.

To order, contact the Advancement Office at alumni@bchigh.edu or 617-474-5030.
John Sills ’06 met up with fellow Eagles Dan Capeless ’06 and Matt O’Brien ’05 at Rollins Baseball Week in Winter Park, FL where the Holy Cross Crusaders played two against the Georgetown Hoyas. Each team came away with a victory.

James Burokas ’07 was named a recipient of the 2007-2008 Francis Quimette Scholarship. This prestigious national scholarship has been awarded since 1949 to young men and women who demonstrate academic excellence and who have worked as caddies, pro shop, or course operations personnel for at least two years. He is currently a freshman at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. He has been employed at the Marshfield Country Club since 2003.

Austin Byrd ’07 is a freshman at American University where he recently participated in the Freshmen Service Experience, a community service project that reaches out to 37 sites in the Washington, D.C. area. Austin worked with Folger Theatre Shakespeare Library, a community art center dedicated to preserving and enhancing its collections while nurturing understanding and appreciation of Shakespeare’s works.

Daniel Cotter ’07 won the Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award. As part of his award, Dan delivered the first pitch baseball to the mound prior to game two of the 2007 American League Championship Series at Fenway Park.

Andrew Curtis ’07 received his Eagle Scout award after working on a service project to landscape a public park in his hometown of Randolph. The project took more than a year to complete. He is currently a freshman at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., studying in the McDonough School of Business.

Zachary Gray ’07 was accepted as a freshman in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at a ceremony in Kings Point, NY. He was administered the academy’s oath and sworn into the U.S. Naval Reserve on September 15. Zachary is midshipman and was nominated to attend the academy by Senator Edward Kennedy.

Chris Horan ’07 of Hanover is a member of the Bentley College swimming team. He was also honored as a “Local Hero” by the South Shore Community Action Council. Chris founded The Christopher Foundation, an organization he created for charitable purposes while he was still at BC High.

Making the transition from high school to college, fielding many questions from the current students.

Patrick Mulkern ’07 along with John Bocon ’07, Wilkie Chan ’07, Frank Ricci ’06, Brian Galvin ’07, Brian Pineau ’07, and Dominic Ridgard ’07 participated in the first of two Recent Alumni Panels at BC High to tell current upperclassmen about their experiences of applying for and attending college. The alums met with more than 100 students over two class periods, and shared their first-hand knowledge of making the transition from high school to college, fielding many questions from the current students.

Liam Regan ’07 is a freshman at Bentley College where he plays football. For his first collegiate touchdown, Liam raced 68 yards in the Falcons’ 52-6 win over Saint Anselm.

Nicholas Schmiemann ’07 is a forward for the Bates College basketball team. He was a member of BC High’s state champion basketball team in 2007.

Timothy Smith ’07 earned playing time on the football team this year as a college freshman at Bentley. He has had a great year thus far according to his brother Greg ’02.

and biological diversity in the waters that feed Lake Champlain.

Michael Duffy ’06 was named to the 2006 SUPER26 football team and now plays as a linebacker for Bentley College.

Alex Hassan ’06 is a sophomore pitcher-outfielder for the Duke University baseball team. He is among the ACC leaders in batting average, hits, runs scored, doubles, stolen bases, and saves. He made the transition from starter to reliever this season, “It’s something I’m working on,” he said. “The only difference is you try to be a little more aggressive in the closing role. You’re only out there for one or two innings and you have to come in and be aggressive with everything you have.”

Kevin Merigan ’06 is currently enrolled in a service-learning writing course at Bentley. As part of the course, he collected more than 500 books for an organization called Teen Leep that assists troubled youth by giving them leadership and entrepreneurial opportunities by running a bookstore called More Than Words.

Coach Nick Argento of the Social Studies department was named baseball “Assistant Coach of the Year” for 2008 by the Massachusetts State Baseball Coaches Association.

Three teachers joined forces to lead the 21st annual Good Friday Walk. Arthur Bradley ’83 of the Science department; Peter Skipper of Religious Education; and Barbara O’Brien Miller of the English department led more than 400 walkers through the parishes of Dorchester and South Boston in this year’s event.

Matthew Aumiller of the Classical Language department brought his Latin IV class to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to view the many Roman and Greek artifacts on display. Closer to home, he and his wife Dominique also welcomed daughter Ingrid Marie-Jacqueline. She measured up at 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and 19 inches.

Athletic Director Jon Bartlett ’87 was named the District H Athletic Director of the Year by the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association. This award recognizes athletic administrators from across the state who have excelled in the profession of high school athletic director. He was also named Head Coach of BC High’s varsity football program.

Janine Christopher of the Guidance department and her husband Stephen Walkauskas welcomed son Luke on December 23.

Katie Denning of the Religious Education department and her husband Brian welcomed son Gavin Seitz Denning on March 23. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and he was 21 inches long.

Seven members of BC High’s faculty and staff brought family along for the faculty and staff ski trip to Stowe, VT in January. Included were (l-r) Mary Farrell of the Science department, at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana, Harvard Law School, and Boston University.

Adrian Hernandez of the Fine Arts department and his wife Courtney welcomed son Alexander Miles. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

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Mary Farrell of the Science department published a book entitled Computer Programming for Teens by Thomson Publishing. The book describes the basic topics of programming for beginners and is targeted at a teenage audience.

Heidi Hayes has joined the BC High Guidance department. She comes to BC High from a career in higher education.

Paul Logan ’68 of Religious Education and his wife Jeanne welcomed their first grandchild, Kyle Logan Couture, on December 11 – which is also Paul’s birthday. Their daughter Colleen and son-in-law Tom are the proud parents.

Coach Joe McCabe just finished his 26th season as head hockey coach for the Eagles. His squad made the Super 8 tournament once again this year.

Vice Principal for Ignatian Mission and Identity Mike McGonagle ’70 will be participating in an Ignatian Pilgrimage this June with the Loyola School of New York City. Along with pilgrims from Loyola and other east coast Jesuit schools, he will travel to sites in Spain and Rome in order to learn more about St. Ignatius and how his life is still part of the spirit of Jesuit education today.

Steve Medeiros of the Science department and his wife Michele welcomed...
daughter Maggie on Saturday, March 15. Maggie weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Choir Director Dr. Marina Rozenberg was honored by her alma mater, Kazan State University in the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, on her recent visit with the BC High Concert Choir. BC High faculty members Jerry Morelli '61 of Student Affairs, Gene Holmes '72 and Jeff Toto '99 of the English department, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Michele O’Connor accompanied the choir on the trip. While there, the choir visited Red Square and the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, where they met U.S. Ambassador to Russia, William Burns. The choir performed a joint concert with the Sergiev Posad Chamber Choir in Moscow and at the prestigious Kazan State Music Festival.

Peter Skipper of Religious Studies acted as the guest auctioneer for BC High Night a Gillette Stadium. Skipper and Michael Lewis ’79 presided over a live auction of Patriots and Celtics tickets, and a weekend getaway to Vermont. The event raised more than $20,000 for students in need of financial aid at BC High.

Kaileen Sanner of Modern Languages, Patty Pope of Guidance, and Huy Huynh of Campus Ministry brought 14 students on BC High’s first international service immersion trip to the Dominican Republic over April vacation. While at Logan Airport, the group bumped into Seán Cardinal O’Malley, who was on his way to New York to attend Pope Benedict XVI’s Mass at Yankee Stadium.

Patrick Tiernan of Religious Education presented a paper that examined the Trinity in light of Catholic personalism at the American Academy of Religion regional meeting. He is also writing a teacher’s guide for primary readings of world religions scriptures which will be published by St. Mary’s Press next spring and he helped to co-edit the teacher’s manual for their textbook World Religions: A Voyage of Discovery.

Tony Toto ’66 of the Science department is on sabbatical for the spring semester. He has been in Rwanda, working at the Maranyundo School for Girls.

Norm Walsh ’70 of the Social Studies department has been appointed the head of BC High’s Summer Programs. With his appointment, the school will expand its co-ed summer program, which includes extensive athletic and academic enrichment courses.

Taylor Ware of the Guidance office and her husband Adam welcomed William (Will) Platt on April 24. Will weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20.5 inches. Big sister Neily is ecstatic to have a little brother.

Jan Yutzy of the Science department welcomed his first grandchild, Isaiah, on January 30 to son Eric and daughter-in-law Jen.

Hayman Joins Advancement Staff

Erica Hayman joined the Advancement Office in March as Parent Fund Director. Erica will oversee the Parent Annual Fund as well as various events for parents including the annual Senior Parents Reception and the new Arrupe Grandparents Day. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Erica received her master’s degree from Boston College. Prior to coming to BC High, she worked at the Nativity Prep School in Wilmington, DE. If you are a BC High parent who would like to get involved in the school’s parent fundraising efforts, contact Erica at 617-474-5046 or ehayman@bchigh.edu.

Steve and Maggie Michelle Medeiros

Joe McCabe

Jan Yutzy

Kaileen Sanner and Huy Huynh
Recent Alumni Events

- **BC High Night at Gillette Stadium**
  Gillette Stadium
  Foxboro, MA
  January 17, 2008

- **BC High on the Road**
  Lauderdale Yacht Club
  Ft. Lauderdale, FL
  February 14, 2008

- **BC High on the Road**
  Naples Grand Resort and Club
  Naples, FL
  February 15, 2008

- **Pub Night Across America**
  Stout Public House
  San Diego, CA
  February 27, 2008

- **Pub Night Across America**
  Sonny McLean’s
  Los Angeles, CA
  February 27, 2008

- **Pub Night Across America**
  The Fours
  Quincy, MA
  February 27, 2008

- **Class of ’72 Pub Night**
  Freeport Tavern
  Boston, MA
  March 20, 2008

- **Alumni Hockey Game**
  MDC Rink
  Boston, MA
  March 22, 2008

- **St. Ignatius Awards**
  Hunter-Fahey Commons
  BC High
  April 2, 2008

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- Bill Reilly ’60 and Judy Stella
- John McKiel ’41 and Marilyn Freedman
- James Dolan ’56, Craig Dolan ’56, Tim Westfield ’02, and John Shea ’90
- The class of 1972
- Dan Cabral ’01, Dave Butler ’90, Tom O’Connor ’70, Sean Corcoran ’90, and Brian Lee ’02
- Paul Corneau ’57, Jack McMahon ’57, and Joe Fitzgerald ’49
- Paul Kingston ’53, Joe McMenimen ’53, and Paul Duggan ’54
- Mike Cotter, Joe Corcoran ’53, and Dick Horan ’49
- Alumni Hockey participants
- Alex Vannoni ’03, Dan Vannoni ’01, Bob Peloquin, Joe Chase ’84, Norm Swain ’55, and Ed Toland ’83
- Paul Driscoll ’78, John Murphy ’67, President Bill Kemeza, Jack Conway ’41 and Rev. Jerry Pashby ’52
Grand Reunion 2008
Hunter-Fahey Commons
BC High
April 5, 2008

NCAA Hockey Frozen Four Finals
Pepsi Center
Denver, CO
April 12, 2008

Golden Eagles Breakfast
Loyola Function Room
BC High
May 1, 2008

Rev. Mahoney, SJ Golf Tournament
The Pinehills
Plymouth, MA
May 12, 2008

Class of 1958 Reunion
Hunter-Fahey Commons
BC High
May 17, 2008

Class of 1958 Golden Jubilee
McNeice Pavilion
BC High
May 18, 2008
Reverend Walter M. Abbott, SJ ‘41 passed to eternal life on March 5, 2008. He was 84 years old.

The former associate editor of America, the national Catholic weekly magazine, Fr. Abbott was best known for his work as the general editor of The Documents of Vatican II. Published only one month after the end of the Second Vatican Council, Fr. Abbott’s masterwork was the first paperback English translation of the council’s documents. Weighing in at a robust 791 pages, it included translations of all 16 documents, as well as commentaries from Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox authorities. It remained the standard edition of the writings of the Second Vatican Council for many years.

In addition to his eight years at America, he was also the executive secretary of the Vatican Office for Common Bible Work for 10 years. After his retirement, he remained a highly respected and sought-after spiritual director, especially for younger Jesuits in the New England Province.

His is survived by his sisters, Phyllis Abbott and Elizabeth Eastman, and many nieces and nephews.
### September 2008
- **5**  First Day of Classes
- **11**  Incoming Parents Reception
- **27**  Alumni Soccer Game

### October 2008
- **3**  Fall Business Lunch: Decision 2008
- **19**  Bulger Performing Arts Fundraising Dinner and Concert

### November 2008
- **13**  Magis Reception
- **29**  Class of 2003 5th Reunion

### December 2008
- **4**  Corcoran Living Library Lecture Series Event: Steve Pinker

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#### Alumni Soccer Game

**DATE:** September 27, 2008  
**LOCATION:** Viola Stadium  
*Join us on Saturday, September 27 as BC High Soccer alumni lace up their cleats and take to the field again for a friendly game against their classmates and former teammates. All are welcome.*  
To RSVP contact **Tim Alberts ’97** at alberts@bchigh.edu or 617-474-5044.

#### Fall Business Lunch: Decision 2008

**DATE:** October 3, 2008  
**LOCATION:** Seaport Hotel, Boston  
*Boston College High School invites you to join us for our next Boston Business Lunch.*  
*This series of lunches features successful BC High graduates sharing their knowledge and experiences. It is also a wonderful opportunity to network with graduates, parents, and friends from the BC High community who are part of the Boston business community.*  
*The 2008 election season has been hotly contested, highly debated, and watched with rapt attention not only by Americans but by people around the world. Our guests for this fall's luncheon will be Charlie Manning ’70, Republican political consultant and frequent commentator on CBS4, and Mary Anne Marsh, Democratic political consultant for the FOXNews channel. Jon Keller of CBS4 will serve as moderator.*  
*Join us for a wonderful dinner and an evening of live performances featuring many local professional musicians, including Lawrence Wolfe, assistant principal bass for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and principal bass of the Boston Pops, as well as BC High students. All proceeds from the event will benefit BC High’s many arts programs.*  
For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the BC High Advancement Office at alumni@bchigh.edu or 617-474-5030.

#### Bulger Performing Arts Fundraising Dinner and Concert

**DATE:** October 19  
**LOCATION:** Bulger Performing Arts Center  
*The new Bulger Center for Performing Arts has reinvigorated BC High’s arts programs, giving the entire school community a place to enjoy plays, concerts, and lectures. Join us for a wonderful dinner and an evening of live performances featuring many local professional musicians, including Lawrence Wolfe, assistant principal bass for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and principal bass of the Boston Pops, as well as BC High students. All proceeds from the event will benefit BC High’s many arts programs.*

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Mary Madden and Dr. Larry Blake Retire

Mary Madden

For generations of BC High students, Mary Madden was what math was all about. Even though she left the classroom in 2005, she continued to make her mark as BC High’s admissions assistant, helping to select and welcome new Eagles to campus. At the end of this school year, Madden will retire after 32 years at BC High.

A devoted teacher who was truly dedicated to her students, Madden taught for 29 years, helping countless students to understand mathematics. In addition to her work in the classroom, she was part of the team that created BC High’s McElroy Scholars program, which helps incoming students from urban areas with extra tutoring and support.

“I knew after I spent one year here, I was staying,” she said in an interview after her retirement from the classroom. “It’s like another family, coming to work every day.” The BC High family will not be the same without her.

Dr. Larry Blake ’60

After more than 40 years as a math teacher at BC High, during which he instructed generations of students, Dr. Larry Blake retired after his final class on January 18.

A member of the class of 1960, Blake first came to the school as a freshman in 1956, and after graduating from Boston College, he returned to teach math in the late 1960s. Ever dedicated to the craft of teaching, Blake continued his own education while at BC High, attaining a doctorate in mathematics. His tenure as a teacher was interrupted only by a stint teaching, to his students, and to the study of mathematics will be missed at BC High.

We apologize for these errors.

The following listings were inadvertently omitted or misprinted in the Annual Report. Please accept our apologies for the errors.

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SUPPORTING OUR TRADITION OF SUCCESS

By President William J. Kemeza

SUCCESS NEVER TRAVELS ALONE. All that we have done at BC High, not just recently but in the last 145 years, can be attributed to many people working together. It started with a handful of Jesuits, a small group of students, and their parents. Today, we count our lay faculty, alumni, and all of our friends among the many who help us carry out our mission each and every day. The fact is, BC High would not be the successful school it is today without them.

When BC High opened 145 years ago, the school was intended to educate the children of Irish immigrants in Boston, one of the city’s largest populations at the time. Many of these families did not have the money to send their students to other, more expensive Catholic schools. (Holy Cross then cost $150 a year – a staggering amount for a working-class family in 1863. As late as 1918, both BC and BC High were still only $60 per year.) Though the cultural backgrounds of our students are more diverse than ever, we still stay true to our mission by reflecting the changing face of our city and our church, and working to make sure that a BC High education remains affordable for all who qualify.

From our earliest days, scholarships and financial aid were an important part of BC High. Aside from the typical aid programs, many alumni from the turn of the last century told stories of Fr. Gasson, SJ, one of the school’s early Rectors, reducing the tuition for some students, or even going as far as to forgive tuition entirely in some cases. These days, however, it is not quite that easy.

As the cost of educating each student rises, so too does tuition, and with it, the amount of financial aid and scholarships that we grant. We know that a BC High education is a reach for many families, and we work hard to try to keep BC High affordable for as many qualified students as possible. As you have read in this issue, our loyal alumni, parents, and friends who support the Annual Fund and our scholarships are the primary way that we help to close that gap. For their generosity, we are deeply grateful.

Similarly, we are grateful for the hard work of our faculty. Having been a teacher myself, I know what it is like to work with our young men day in and day out. There is occasional adversity, but there are also great and frequent achievements and accomplishments – the direct result of our faculty’s inspired work. Just as we support our students, we will make sure that our compensation structure will allow us to attract and retain the best-qualified faculty. It is only fair to the teachers who work tirelessly for their students, and it is only right for our students who rely on their teachers for knowledge, guidance, and direction.

As we come to the close of our successful Renaissance campaign this June, we will continue our initiatives to support our students and teachers. They are the center of our school, and they make us who we are today. Years from now, the specific names and faces you see in this magazine may dissolve into history, but our tradition of success will continue because of our students and teachers and the many alumni, parents, and friends who have supported them and BC High.
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Your support of BC High’s Annual Fund will continue its important mission of supporting our dedicated faculty and students.

Make your gift online at www.bchigh.edu or call our secure gift line at 617-474-5055.