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**Tune In!**

**Live Farrell Sporting Events**

Farrell games are streamed live! Home games also feature commentary from current students who are part of our Sports Broadcasting program. Some away games are also available, depending on the venue.

Check the schedule of games at [events.locallive.tv/schools/monsignor-farrell-hs](http://events.locallive.tv/schools/monsignor-farrell-hs)

*Alumni Stories*

Check out the *Alumni Stories* podcast on our YouTube channel. Episode 1 featured Farrell basketball legend Kenny White '88, head strength and conditioning coach for Georgetown University Men's Basketball.

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# Coming Events

Visit [msgrfarrellhs.org/alumni](http://msgrfarrellhs.org/alumni) for online registration, event details, and updated events.

## September

- 11<sup>th</sup> Mass of Remembrance and Wreath-Laying Ceremony
- 19<sup>th</sup> Class of 1995 30-Year Reunion

## October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Class of 1970 55-Year Reunion
- 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Bocce Classic
- 11<sup>th</sup> Class of 2015 10-Year Reunion
- 24<sup>th</sup> Homecoming  
Class of 1990 35-Year Reunion

## Plan Your Class Reunion

If you are interested in planning your class reunion, contact Pete Kennedy '12, Director of Alumni Affairs [pkennedy@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:pkennedy@msgrfarrellhs.org) | 718-987-2900 ext. 1266



**26 November** Young Alumni Luncheon  
Classes 2021 - 2025



**4 December** Christmas Tree Lighting  
and Nativity Blessing



**8 October**  
Fall Bocce Classic

# Vir Fidelis Ball

## Save the Date

*Saturday, May 2, 2026*

*Nicotra's Ballroom*

*Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island*

Calling All Farrell Alumni: Be a Table Captain!

In true Farrell brotherhood spirit, we are calling on one proud alumnus from each graduating class to step forward as a table captain for the Vir Fidelis Ball.

Your mission? Help us secure at least one full table (minimum of 10 seats) from your class year and fill the ballroom with the energy, pride, and loyalty that define our Farrell family.

By serving as a table captain, you'll help ensure that every decade—and every generation of Vir Fidelis—has a strong presence at this signature celebration of our shared legacy.

Rally your brothers, reconnect with lifelong friends, and show the strength of your class year. Together, we can pack the ballroom and make this a night to remember!

Visit [msgrfarrellhs.org/vfbal](http://msgrfarrellhs.org/vfbal) for the announcement of this year's honorees (coming this fall), ticket sales, discount Hilton hotel accommodations, and information about becoming a table captain.

## Past Honorees

- Bishop Edmund J. Whalen '76
- Monsignor Thomas J. Bergin
- Mr. Larry Musanti
- Mr. Jim Quinn '70
- Monsignor Peter G. Finn (posthumous)

*The Vir Fidelis Ball was established in February 2020 to honor and thank leaders who have helped build Monsignor Farrell High School into the revered institution it is today.*





# Great Things are happening here!

From the proud sendoff of the Class of 2025 to the incredible momentum carrying us into the arrival of over 230 young Lions in the Class of 2029 this fall, one thing is unmistakably clear: Great things are happening at Monsignor Farrell High School. **And they're happening because of you.**

Over the past ten years, the generosity and engagement of Monsignor Farrell alumni have increased exponentially. Of our approximately 13,500 alumni, annual donor participation has grown from under 1.5% to over 11%. That means the number of alumni making annual contributions to support the school has risen from about 200 to more than 1,500—a tremendous show of faith and commitment to the mission of developing the Vir Fidelis, the Faithful Man.

Together, through the Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign, we've secured over \$10 million in gifts and pledges. Whether it's a million-dollar leadership gift or a faithful \$15 a month in our 15 for Farrell program, every

cent has made—and continues to make—a powerful impact.

This generosity has allowed us to reimagine and rebuild our campus, elevate our academic offerings, and ensure our young men are equipped to meet modern-day challenges with confidence, clarity, and faith.

One of our most significant accomplishments to date—and one of the most appreciated by our students and faculty alike—is the historic achievement of air-conditioning every single classroom on campus. For the first time in our school's history, every young man at Farrell can now learn in a comfortable, climate-controlled, and healthy environment. This was no small task—it was a massive undertaking made possible by alumni like you who understand the importance of investing in the daily well-being of our Faithful Men.

*The community is noticing.* At events across Staten Island,

I'm continuously humbled by the resounding praise for Monsignor Farrell. There's a word-on-the-street buzz—people proudly point to Farrell as the gold standard of high school education on Staten Island.

## Academic & Athletic Excellence

Our newly launched academic institutes, societies, and studios have become bridges—connecting our successful and professional alumni back to campus, offering mentorship and modeling leadership for the next generation of *Vir Fidelis*. These efforts have paved the way for authentic experiential learning—offering our students opportunities to explore the world while deepening their faith and broadening their perspective.

In recent years, Farrell students have journeyed to Italy, France, Ireland, and England, and will soon head to

Spain. Domestically, our travels have brought us to Albany, Washington, D.C., and Boston—and through our Marine Biology Society, to Key Largo, St. Thomas & St. John, and soon, to La Paz, Mexico.

Academic excellence continues to thrive at Monsignor Farrell. Vincenzo “Enzo” Rapacciuolo '25 was awarded the prestigious Petrides Award for Excellence in Math and Science, a borough-wide honor open to all Staten Island high schools. This is the second year in a row that a Farrell student has received the award. Brian Lahari '24, now a student at Cornell University, won the award in 2024.

Eric Rodriguez '25 earned the coveted Varsity Club Award, Staten Island's highest honor for all-around student-athletes. These two young Lions—and the academic culture that shaped them—prove that Monsignor Farrell is producing not only Faithful Men, but future leaders of intellect, character, and impact. You'll learn more about these two impressive young men later in this issue.

At home, we've raised the bar in athletics and student health. Our Performance & Wellness Center and the new JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center—with a full-time trainer on staff—are transforming the experience of our student-athletes, giving them the tools to compete safely and excel proudly.

It is no coincidence that since these investments, Monsignor Farrell teams have captured seven varsity championship titles at both the city and state levels. Most recently, our wrestling and lacrosse teams brought home the New York City and state titles—a reflection of our commitment to excellence, both on and off the field.

And yet, while we've accomplished so

much together—there is still more that we can do.

## Eye to the Future

As we look to the future, and with the continued active support and generosity of our alumni, we are poised to make even more history.

Next up: bringing to life our “*Field of Dreams*”—the first regulation baseball field on campus. This will be a generational game-changer—but we need our alumni to help make this dream a reality (see page 22 for details).

Through it all, our tradition has not changed. The spirit of the Farrell Brotherhood remains as strong as ever—perhaps best captured in the moment when Matteo Renna '27 returned to the Lions' Den after a lengthy battle with illness and a kidney transplant. His classmates didn't just welcome him back—they lifted him with an outpouring of love that defined what it means to be a Farrell Man.

Through all our growth, our Catholic identity and mission remain our cornerstone. We proudly and unapologetically stand for God and country, both literally and figuratively.

To all our alumni: thank you for strengthening our legacy, living the mission, and continuing to believe in the power of the Farrell experience. There is still so much more to come—and we look forward to writing the next chapter with you by our side.

With gratitude and brotherhood,

Louis R. Tobacco '90  
President  
Monsignor Farrell High School

# 1970

In over 55 years at Farrell, Larry Musanti has seen it all

## From the Principal

The magazine you are holding as you read this letter provides a colorful snapshot of our present campus, which for four years served as your “home away from home”. Our building is 64 years old and those of you who have reached or are approaching that milestone know that age is a constant battle to overcome the effects of gravity, entropy, and oxidation.

“HAVING STARTED MY CAREER AT FARRELL IN SEPTEMBER, 1970, IT’S SAFE TO SAY THAT NO ONE IS MORE QUALIFIED TO GIVE A PERSPECTIVE ON THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR ALMA MATER OVER THE LAST 55 YEARS”

The days of Monsignor Bergin repairing a burst pipe in the link area with a TAB can and duct tape are over. Maintenance and more importantly modernization of the facility come at a significant cost, and it is through the generosity of our alumni that we are able to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our students, faculty, and staff.

So let’s take a look at some of the changes which have taken place since you were at 2900 Amboy Road, while we continue to uphold the mission, values, and traditions of Monsignor Farrell High School.



# THE BEST is Yet to Come

## Commitment to Catholic Education

Some of you remember when more than half of our faculty consisted of priests and brothers. It is a sign of the times that our staff now has only one brother, one sister, and one priest who serves as a school chaplain. We are very fortunate that we have been able to attract qualified lay faculty, both men and women, who continue to provide the quality Catholic education for which Farrell is renowned.

Liturgical life and pastoral outreach continue to be at the forefront of everything we do. We celebrate weekly Monday Mass and First Friday Mass in the chapel, school-wide Mass of the Holy Spirit, Ash Wednesday and Holy Day Masses, daily prayer, Advent and Lenten confessions, grade level retreats and Stations of the Cross and Rosary during Lent.

Our Teaching the Christian Message (TCM) program features approximately 30 of our seniors who go to parishes on Staten Island to teach CCD classes, bringing the Christian Message to students who attend public elementary and junior high schools.

## Technology in the Classroom

The inevitable switch to technology in the classroom was expedited by the COVID pandemic and the transition to remote learning in 2020.

Presently, every classroom and lab have at least one state-of-the-art SMART Board connected to campus-wide WiFi.

Every student is issued a Lenovo laptop/tablet to use for note taking, homework and testing where appropriate. Students and younger faculty members made the adjustment to this technology faster than Luddites like me. I still miss the old blackboard and tossing a piece of chalk halfway across the Chem Lab into a beaker on the front desk ....legendary! And don’t worry AP Chem alums...*I still insist on a 5 subject college-ruled notebook* (to supplement the laptop) which will be filled with only AP Chem notes and problems by the end of the year.



Larry teaching his AP chemistry class in 2024.

Left to right: Santo Sciortino '24 (Wagner), class valedictorian Dominick Angelone '24 (Duke), Ryan Albertson '25 (Sacred Heart), partially obscured is Gasper Ndokaj '24 (Vassar).

And speaking of labs, all of our science labs have all been stripped down to the bare bones, re-outfitted, modernized, and restocked with all the latest equipment to provide our young men the science education they deserve. Once again, we could not have accomplished this without alumni support.

## College Preparatory Curriculum

We pride ourselves on the fact that so many of our alumni come back to tell us how well prepared they are/were for college.

A contributing factor is that we presently have 25 courses in our curriculum, taught by our own faculty, which are available for AP and/or college credit.

It is the rare student who graduates from Farrell without having accrued some credits toward his future degree.

The majority graduate with at least one year of college courses on their transcript. With the cost of college spiraling out of control, this offers a significant savings toward paying for their degree.

And what colleges are they attending? Our Department of College Advisement and Guidance prides itself on making sure that each graduate is placed in the post secondary school which is right for him and his family. I realize it is a small sample size, but in the photo above, the four students (now alumni) are enrolled in Wagner (PA program), Duke, Vassar, and Sacred Heart.

## Our Current Faithful Men

The members of our student body today reflect the diversity of Staten Island and are genuinely bright and eager young men who appreciate a Farrell education.

As it was in your time, their families sacrifice to pay our tuition because they want the faith-based education and foundation Farrell provides.

## Best Days Ahead

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have strengthened our legacy with your support.

I encourage all alumni who haven’t gotten on board to join us as we continue to do great things at Monsignor Farrell High School.

With your help *I am sure the best is yet to come!*

Lawrence V. Musanti  
Principal

# What's New

## Academic Institutes and Societies

Since 2019, we have enhanced our exceptional college preparatory curriculum by adding a number of academic institutes and societies.

- Archaeology Society
- Business & Finance Institute and Bloomberg Lab
- Institute for Law and Public Policy
- Leadership Institute
- Marine Biology Society
- Medical Education Development Institute (MEDI)  
(a collaboration with Staten Island University Hospital - Northwell Health)
- Scientific Research Society
- Sports Broadcasting and Digital Media Studio
- STEM Institute
- The Writing Studio
- Music Studio (coming soon)

Members of these programs have also traveled to places including Washington D.C., the New York Stock Exchange, and St. Thomas/ St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Alumni Involvement** - To date, *over a hundred alumni* have returned to Farrell to share their time, talent, and expertise as guest lecturers in these programs, with many more scheduled.



Dr. Mike Schirripa '09 demonstrates a medical procedure to members of the Medical Education Development Institute during a recent visit.

## Facilities, Technology, & Equipment

Since the beginning of the Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign, major renovations and upgrades have taken place across campus.

- Renovated restrooms throughout the building
- All new science laboratories
- The award-winning Brother Henry S. Wright Learning Commons
- The award-winning Performance and Wellness Center
- The JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center
- The Business & Finance Center and Bloomberg Lab
- The Institute for Law & Public Policy Mock Courtroom
- Lenovo ThinkPads for all students and faculty
- SMART Boards with touchscreen technology in all classrooms
- Dry erase whiteboards in all classrooms
- New central air conditioning in all classrooms
- Renovated Cafeteria & Denino's at the Den Café

**The Brother Henry S. Wright Learning Commons** is a hub of student activity. Pictured below is one of the many events held in *The Commons*.

Two of our academic institutes, The Writing Studio and MEDI, hosted a lecture and book signing with Dr. Joseph Basile '02, Director of Emergency Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital - Northwell Health and the medical director of our MEDI program, along with Dr. Brahim Ardolic, Executive Director of SIUH - Northwell. Moderated by Miss Dawn Guerriero, Director of The Writing Studio (pictured), and Ms. Elizabeth Palazzo, Director of MEDI, the doctors discussed their recently published book *Emergency Diaries: Stories from Inside the ER*.



Above: Students in the STEM Lab collaborate on an engineering project using their Lenovo ThinkPads.

# By The Numbers

**900+** Current enrollment

**#1** The most boys chose us as their first choice on the TACHS exam each of the last four years

**15:1** Faculty-to-student ratio

**↑30%** Increase in admissions each of the last three years when compared to the graduating class of seniors

**27** Average class size

**100%** College acceptance, including to many of the top colleges and universities in the country

**COLLEGE** Students can earn up to 45 college credits at Farrell

**REGISTERED** 230+ students are registered for the incoming Class of 2029...and counting!





“  
*Give me a lever long enough and  
 a fulcrum on which to place it,  
 and I shall move the world.*  
 - Archimedes

When we provide our students with the tools they need, *great things happen.*

The investment in facilities and programs has transformed our campus, increased enrollment, and is helping to *strengthen our legacy.*

Pictured (top to bottom):

- Students working in the new biology lab with the Anatomage Table, the most advanced real-human-based medical education system, offering virtual human cadavers and superior learning technology.
- The STEM Lab is equipped with all new technology, including a 3D printer. Students are pictured using their Lenovo to design and engineer a 3D printed project.
- Every classroom is equipped with a touch-screen SMART Board which also allows for remote learning and video conferencing.



Pictured (top to bottom):

- Students perform experiments in the new chemistry lab.
- A group of seniors working on their stock portfolio challenge competition in the Business & Finance Center Bloomberg Lab.
- Our future legal minds participate in a trial in our Institute for Law & Public Policy mock courtroom.
- Students from our Marine Biology Society snorkel during their recent research trip to St. Thomas & St. John, US Virgin Islands.





Left to right: Farrell President Lou Tobacco '90, Angelo Stallone '27, Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella '83, President and CEO of JAG John Gallucci Jr. '85, Matteo Beach '25, and Farrell Principal Larry Musanti.

## The New JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center at Monsignor Farrell

Monsignor Farrell High School proudly unveiled our state-of-the-art JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center on March 3, 2024, a testament to the enduring bond between the school and distinguished alumnus John Gallucci Jr., Class of 1985.

As the President and CEO of JAG Physical Therapy, John's generous contribution has endowed Farrell with a premier facility dedicated to the health and performance of our student-athletes.

While this event officially marked the opening of the facility, it has already been serving Monsignor Farrell's student-athletes, providing them with top-tier care, injury prevention, and rehabilitation services.

The center has become an integral part of the school's commitment to student wellness,

ensuring that our athletes can train, compete, and recover with the highest level of support and expertise.

"John embodies everything that it means to be a Vir Fidelis," said Lou Tobacco '90, President of Monsignor Farrell High School. "Thanks to John and JAG Physical Therapy, our student-athletes now have access to a world-class training facility right here on campus, ensuring they receive the best care possible," he added.

The JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center ensures that student-athletes have direct access to a certified athletic trainer specializing in injury prevention, assessment, and rehabilitation. Having a dedicated full-time athletic trainer on campus allows for immediate care and personalized recovery plans, helping athletes stay in peak condition while minimizing the risk of injuries.



## THE PERFORMANCE & WELLNESS CENTER

Coupled with the JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center, the Performance & Wellness Center signifies our commitment to the health, growth, and development of our students.

Officially opened in the spring of 2022, the 3,600 square foot facility features equipment and technology found in professional sports facilities.

"The Performance & Wellness Center is utilized for fitness, physical education, rehabilitation, and sports performance, which are integral to the growth and development of my Monsignor Farrell brothers," said John Gallucci, who holds a master's degree in sports science and athletic training from Long Island University, and both a master's and doctorate in physical therapy from Dominican College.

The Performance & Wellness Center is under the direction of Rob Schmidt '12 (pictured), Farrell's Assistant Director of Athletics for Student Wellness and Performance.

A specialist in the field of exercise and human performance, Rob earned his bachelor's degree in sports science from Long Island University, Brooklyn.

He has been mentored by some of the most highly respected professionals in the field of strength and conditioning, having worked at prestigious colleges and universities such as Ball State University (Indiana), the University of Alabama, the University of South Carolina, and Defiance College (Ohio).



“As a proud graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School, it is an incredible honor to give back to the place that helped shape me into the person I am today.

The JAG Physical Therapy Athletic Training Center represents a commitment to the health, safety and success of every student-athlete who walks through these doors.

I am thrilled to see Farrell's athletes benefit from top-tier care, and I look forward to watching them thrive on and off the field.”

John Gallucci Jr. '85



# Chairman's Challenge

Larry Unrein, Class of 1974, Currently Serves as the Chairman of the Monsignor Farrell Board of Trustees. His Challenge - *Answer the Call*

There is no question — great things are happening at Monsignor Farrell High School. As I look across our campus today, I see a place transformed: state-of-the-art labs, a thriving Performance & Wellness Center, classrooms filled with young Lions learning and leading with faith and purpose.

These remarkable achievements didn't happen by accident.

foundation for generations to come. *But our work is far from done.*

If you're reading this, you already know the power of a Farrell education. Undoubtedly, we are the men we are today in no small part because of the role Farrell played in our development during those critical formative years. It's where we built the values that guide us, the faith that anchors us, and the

gathering in your city. Share your professional expertise with a class. Support the campaign — whether it's through a leadership pledge, a one-time gift, or joining our \$15 for Farrell program.

No matter how you choose to give, you are investing in something far greater than yourself: the future of countless young men who will one day carry forward the torch of faith, brotherhood, and excellence that Farrell instilled in each of us.

Imagine what we can achieve if every one of us answers this call. If each alumnus, no matter where life has taken him, reaffirms his bond to this place we once called home, we will build not just facilities, but legacies. We will shape not just students, but the next generation of faithful, courageous leaders our world so desperately needs.

I challenge you today — and I promise you this: the best is yet to come, and together, we will continue to strengthen the legacy of Monsignor Farrell High School for decades to come.

With faith, pride, and brotherhood,

Larry Unrein '74,  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**“FARRELL MADE US WHO WE ARE — NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO ENSURE IT STANDS EVEN STRONGER FOR THOSE WHO COME NEXT.” | LARRY UNREIN '74**

They happened because of the unwavering spirit and generosity of our alumni — men who have taken the lessons of Vir Fidelis beyond 2900 Amboy Road and into every corner of the world, and then returned to give back.

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and as a proud member of the Class of 1974, I've had the privilege to witness firsthand what happens when Farrell men answer the call. Over the past decade, we've seen alumni engagement soar, donations multiply, and our brotherhood strengthen our

lifelong friendships that continue to enrich our lives today.

Now, it's our turn to give back to the institution that gave us so much. We can't take for granted that this special place — the place that shaped us, challenged us, and united us — will always be there for future generations if we don't step up to nurture it and strengthen its legacy.

That's why I'm challenging each of you today — to give of your time, your treasure, and your talent.

Volunteer as a mentor. Host a

# Chairman of the Board

After graduating from Farrell in 1974, Larry Unrein earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and psychology from SUNY Plattsburgh, and his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

In 1979, he joined the Investment Management Corporation of AT&T. In his 18 years with the company, Larry worked in equity, fixed income, and private markets, overseeing what was, at the time, the largest corporate pension fund in the world.

After leaving AT&T in 1997, he joined the investment and wealth management arm of JPMorgan, a multi-trillion-dollar global investment company, with the idea of starting a private equity business. In 23 years, Larry took the company to over \$30 billion in assets under management, establishing a leading global investment platform, primarily for institutional clients such as pension funds, insurance companies, foundations, and endowments. For most of his time at JP Morgan, Larry chaired the investment committee for the entire company, as well as serving on the firm's management committee.

During his career, Larry was a member of over 60 external corporate and advisory boards, serving as chair or committee chair on a number of them. He retired from JPMorgan in 2021.

Larry remains deeply rooted in his Farrell heritage. Appointed as a member of the Monsignor Farrell Board of Trustees in 2019, today he honors his alma mater as Chairman of the Board (since 2024), championing initiatives that modernize the campus and enrich the educational experience for his younger Farrell brothers. He has returned to Farrell on numerous occasions to share his time and talent as a guest lecturer in our academic institutes.

Through his stewardship, Farrell's legacy—and its commitment to forming Faithful Men—continues to thrive.

*Pictured below is Larry at his 50-year class reunion at Farrell last October, rallying his classmates to enroll in the \$15 for Farrell recurring gift program.*



# Development Update

## Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign

The ongoing Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign is a comprehensive fundraising campaign aimed at funding capital improvements, endowment building, and annual fund support for Monsignor Farrell High School.

### Celebrating Brotherhood & Building the Future

Our Strengthen the Legacy development tour across Florida in March was nothing short of extraordinary! From Vero Beach to West Palm Beach, Naples, and Tampa, we had the privilege of reconnecting with our Monsignor Farrell brothers—a testament to the lifelong bonds forged at Farrell.

Monsignor Farrell President Lou Tobacco '90 was honored to be joined by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Larry Unrein '74, Director of Institutional Advancement and Development John Cusick '88, and incredible alumni who welcomed us with open arms, shared their stories, and reaffirmed their dedication to Farrell.



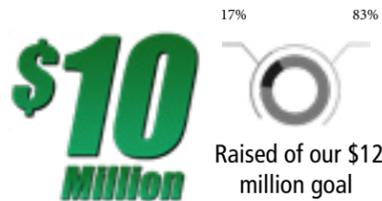
## Florida Development Tour Stop

Alumni dinner at Shula's Steak House Naples, Florida

Left to right:

Frank Scappatori '72, John Cusick '88, Larry Unrein '74, Dr. Mark Russo '80, Chris Murray '78, Dan McAloon '78, and John Reilly '74.

### Money Well Spent



## How You Can Help Strengthen the Legacy

There are a number of ways to support the Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign.

Scan the QR code below, or visit [msgrfarrellhs.org/donate](https://msgrfarrellhs.org/donate) to make a donation in any of the following ways:



## On the Road Again

In addition to the Florida tour, alumni dinners and gatherings with Lou and John have been held at numerous locations along the East Coast, with more planned for 2025-2026.

The only cost of admission is an interest in hearing about the great things going on at Monsignor Farrell High School, and your consideration of supporting the Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign.

### Host an Event or Meetup

If you are interested in hosting a gathering in your area, email [jcusick@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:jcusick@msgrfarrellhs.org)

“ Giving back with a monthly contribution is the least I can do to thank Farrell for the opportunities, experiences, and friendships I’ve made along the way.

- Vin Nucatola '05

After Farrell, Vin graduated from Syracuse University’s Newhouse School, regarded as one of the nation’s leading schools of communication.

He has worked in digital media as a director, producer, and writer for online video series and branded content for companies including JetBlue, Hilton, Miller Lite, and Frank’s RedHot, to name a few.

Most recently, he was Director of Video Production at Doing Things (the company behind comedic online shows like Recess Therapy, Bob Does Sports, and Hot & Single).

He is currently building his own media company, creating talent-led video series for digital platforms.



## One-Time Donation

### In Any Amount

Every donation is appreciated and will allow for continued investment in new technology, facility modernization, endowment building and scholarship, and annual fund needs.

- Credit or Debit Card
- Venmo
- Check



## Leadership Pledge

### Gifts Greater Than \$5,000 Paid Over a 5-Year Period.

Leadership gifts can be made quarterly or annually, and completed over a 5-year period.

In the first four years of the Strengthen the Legacy Capital Campaign, **\$7.5 million** in pledges have been committed by **70 donors** through leadership gifts completed over five years.

Leadership Levels	Number to Date
• Vir Fidelis Club: \$1million	4 Commitments
• Monsignor Farrell Club: \$500,000	None to date
• Chairman’s Club: \$250,000	3 Commitments
• President’s Club: \$125,000	1 Commitment
• Principal’s Club: \$100,000	13 Commitments
• Lions Club: \$50,000	9 Commitments
• Gold Club: \$25,000	10 Commitments
• Maroon Club: \$10,000	12 Commitments
• Cornerstone Club: \$5,000	14 Commitments
• Elective Leadership Gifts: <i>Greater than \$5k paid over any time frame elected by the donor</i>	4 Commitments: 150k, 100k, 12.5k (2)

## \$15 for Farrell Monthly Recurring Gift

### Fast. Easy. Automatic.

A \$15 per month recurring gift from just one-fifth of our 13,500 alumni would generate **over \$500k annually**.

For the cost of a pizza (two slices, *if you are in New York*), or a monthly subscription to a streaming service, you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless current and future Faithful Men. The donation is automatically billed to your credit card each month. You set the day of the month and end date.

You can also choose to give a recurring gift in any amount.

### Strength in Numbers

To date, **over 250** alumni and families have enrolled in the \$15 for Farrell program, spanning every decade from the 1960s to current students.

What seems to be a modest amount can become a significant resource when there is **strength in numbers**.

### Back in Time

Celebrating a 20-Year Class Reunion and Giving Back to Farrell

*The Class of 2005 recently returned to Farrell to celebrate their 20 year reunion, inspiring a number of alumni in attendance to enroll in the \$15 for Farrell program.*

*Vin Nucatola '05 shares what inspired him:*

“Going back to Farrell for my reunion was a surreal mix of nostalgia and reflection. Walking through the familiar hallways, classrooms, and other spaces brought back a flood of memories as if I were transported back in time via Doc Brown’s DeLorean.

Faces I hadn’t seen in years (and some in decades) felt instantly familiar, even as we swapped stories about careers, families, and everything that’s happened in between. It was strange and comforting all at once to see how much had changed, yet how some things — the feeling of being back in that space, the shared history — remained the same.

The experience was both grounding and eye-opening, a reminder of how far I’ve come and how those early years still shape who I am today.”

## Leading The Way

Leadership Pledges to Date

### 1960s

Louis Bergonzi '65  
Peter Quinn '65  
Peter Krause '66  
Ed Curty '67  
Charles Fox '68  
Bill Padula '68  
Hank Wohltjen '68  
Mike Marino '68  
Rear Admiral (Ret.)  
Michael Finley '69  
Bob Pangia '69

John Scalia '83  
Dr. Anthony Petrosini '84  
John Caracappa '85  
John Gallucci '85  
Bill Haddad '85  
John Cusick '88  
*Friends of Bill Micciulli '89 Foundation*  
Joe Saraceno '89  
Joe Tracy '89  
T.J. Beinhert '89

### 1970s

Jim O'Neill '70  
Jim Quinn '70  
Bruce Smolka '70  
David Bradford '71  
Pat McLaughlin '71  
John Campo '72  
John Sottile '72  
Dr. Gerard Villa '73  
John O'Leary '74  
Larry Unrein '74  
Bill Duggan '75  
Bob Panazzolo '75  
Michael Navarro '76  
Jack Oehm '76  
Billy Fox '77  
Richard Hayes '77  
Jack McGowan '77  
Charlie Brown '78  
Dan McAloon '78  
Chris Murray '78  
Bill Dougherty '79  
Steve Gilmartin '79

### 1990s

Joseph Schultz '90  
Lou Tobacco '90  
Nicholas Botta '91  
John Leone '91  
Michael Burke '92  
*Fidelis Investors:*  
Brian Tortorella '93 &  
Mike Tessitore '98  
Phil Pucciarelli '93  
Vincent Lumia '94  
Matt Gilmartin '95  
Joe Biondolillo '97  
Lou DeStefano '98  
Chris Mitrovich '99

### 2000s

Matthew Tarantola '00  
Dr. Joseph Basile '02  
Joseph Costa '02  
Joseph Morio '02  
Ron Scimone '02  
Victor DeStefano '03

### 1980s

Peter Demaria '80  
Bob Fitzsimmons '80  
Mike Moog '80  
Carmine DeSantis '81  
Mike Gualario '82  
Robert Holdman '82  
Jack Valinotti '82  
Mike Borik '83

### Farrell Family

The Caridi Family /  
*The Vincent Gruppuso Foundation*  
The Savino Family  
The Scarso Family  
The Cianciaruso Family /  
*Nationwide Bus Charter*

# Planned Giving

*Leave Your Legacy. Strengthen Ours.*

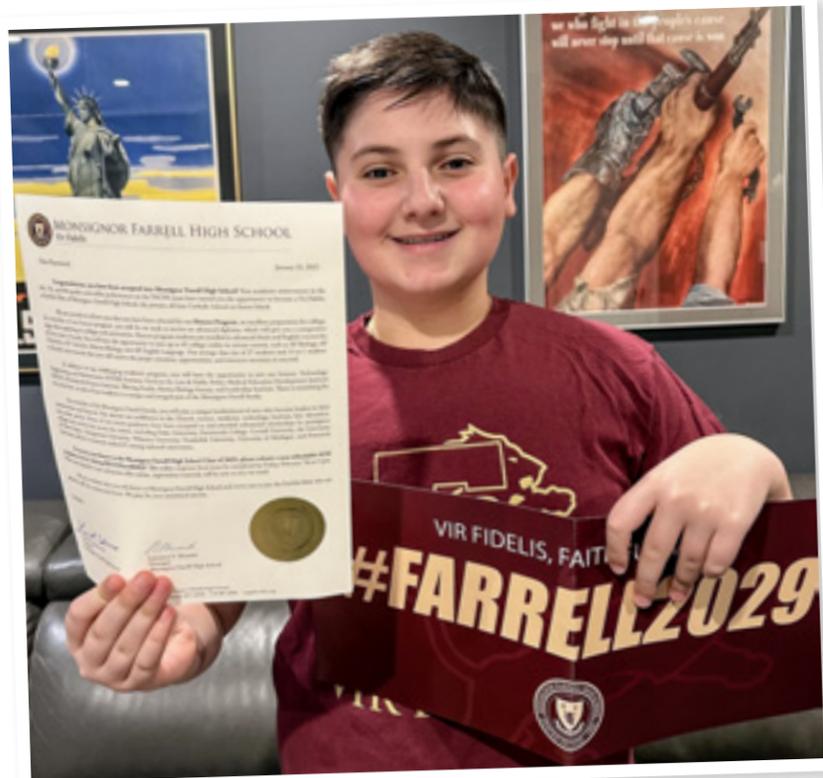
Planned giving is a powerful way to support Monsignor Farrell High School and ensure that future generations of Vir Fidelis, like incoming freshman Ray Guarini '29 (pictured below), continue to benefit from the same life-changing experiences that our beloved alma mater provided us.

## Legacy Lions

Including Monsignor Farrell in your estate plans not only supports our mission, but may also provide meaningful tax advantages for you and your family.

Become a *Legacy Lion* today when you inform Monsignor Farrell High School that you have included us in your estate planning. Legacy Lions will be acknowledged in all future print publications, as well as listed on the school website.

To learn more about planned giving and to download helpful forms to share with your financial advisor, please scan the QR code on the previous page, or visit [msgrfarrellhs.org/donate](http://msgrfarrellhs.org/donate).



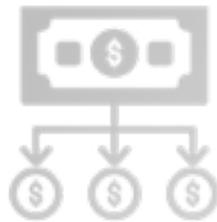
*Do You Remember Getting Your Letter in the Mail?*



Include Monsignor Farrell In Your Will



Designate Monsignor Farrell as a Beneficiary of a Retirement Account or Life Insurance Policy



Use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Satisfy Your IRS Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Lower Your Annual Taxable Income While Helping Monsignor Farrell Raise the Bar in Catholic Education



Donate Appreciated Assets Such as Stock or Real Estate and Maximize Your Giving While Lowering Your Capital Gains Tax

# MONSIGNOR FARRELL FIELD OF DREAMS



The FieldTurf multi-sport athletic complex will be constructed on the back field between Tysens Lane and S. Railroad Ave.

- Baseball Game & Practice Field
- Practice Field for Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, and Band
- Lights for Night Games & Practice
- Bleacher Seating

## Help Make the Dream Come True

We are asking for your investment in our *Field of Dreams*

Whether it's a leadership pledge, a one-time donation, a "\$15-for-Farrell" or other recurring gift, completing this project will truly require a team effort. A successful team is the culmination of individual contribution, and every contribution from our alumni and Monsignor Farrell family is valued and appreciated.



Scan to Watch Our Field of Dreams Video

# The Class of 2025



The Harringtons, from left to right: Dad Matt, Kevin '22, Thomas '23, Matthew '25, Michael '26, Patrick '28, and mom Beth Ann (Owen Reiter photo).

## Top of the Class

**Valedictorian Matthew Harrington** graduated #1 out of 204 Faithful Men.

He carried on his family's tradition, becoming the third member to graduate from Farrell, with two more of his brothers soon to follow.

A member of our Scholar's Program and a three-year member of the

National Honor Society (NHS), Matthew was also an executive member of two of our service organizations, a catechist for the Teaching the Christian Message (TCM) program, a student ambassador, a member of the Holy Name Society, and a four-year member of our swimming & diving team.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to Farrell for shaping me into the person I am today and providing me with an unforgettable experience with men I am proud to call brothers," said Matthew.

He will be attending Villanova's College of Engineering, majoring in civil engineering.



Matthew Harrington '25 delivers his valedictory speech at our 61<sup>st</sup> commencement ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup> in Coach Barrett Stadium

## Service Above Self

**Marcello Signorastrri** reported to the United States Naval Academy in July.

The Vice President of the Monsignor Farrell Student Government during his senior year, Marcello was a member of our Scholar's Program and a three-year member of NHS.

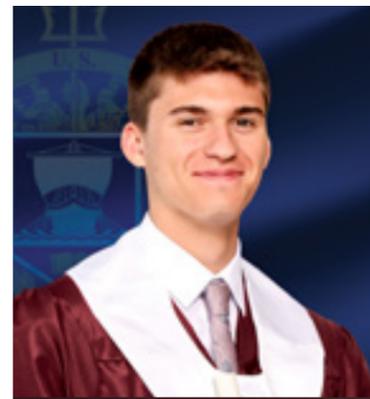
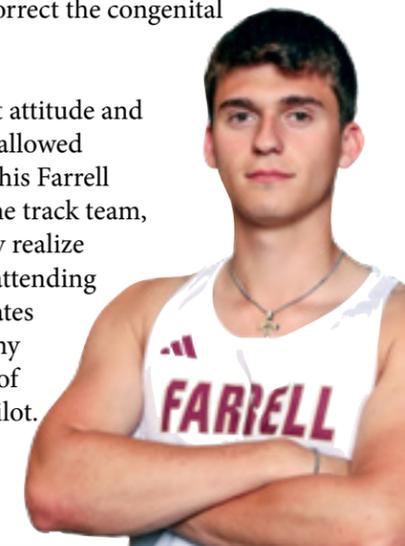
*"I just love my country and I want to serve."*

He was also active in a number of student-service organizations and was a member of the track and field team.

As a junior, Marcello was featured on Spectrum News NY1, which documented his road to recovery after he collapsed during a track meet in 2021.

Diagnosed with a heart condition called Wolf Parkinson White Syndrome, and with the understanding that he would not be medically eligible to attend Annapolis, Marcello elected to undergo two heart surgeries to correct the congenital defect.

His never quit attitude and perseverance allowed him to rejoin his Farrell brothers on the track team, and ultimately realize his dream of attending the United States Naval Academy with the goal of becoming a pilot.



Members of the Class of 2025 joining Marcello in service to our country are:

**Ryan Leonard**  
The US Merchant Marine Academy

**Andrew Cavagnaro, Joseph Katz, and Lucas Tait**  
SUNY Maritime Regiment of Cadets

**Richard Pagan**  
Enlisted - US Air Force

## High Marks

**Jack Reed** (University of Wisconsin) and **Eric Rodriguez** (Lehigh University) were named Posse Scholarship finalists. The Posse Foundation partners with the nation's top colleges to provide scholarships to students across the United States and Puerto Rico.

**James Giovanazzo** (University of Rochester) and **Anthony Williams** (University of Minnesota) were recognized in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program as Commended Students.

Over 3,000 students in New York were nominated with only 130 (approximately) receiving Posse Scholarships.

Out of approximately 1.3 million students who took the PSAT/NMSQT, only 34,000 are recognized as such.

## Engineering Excellence

**Salutatorian Vincenzo Rapacciuolo** scored a *near-perfect* 1550 out of 1600 on the SAT Exam.

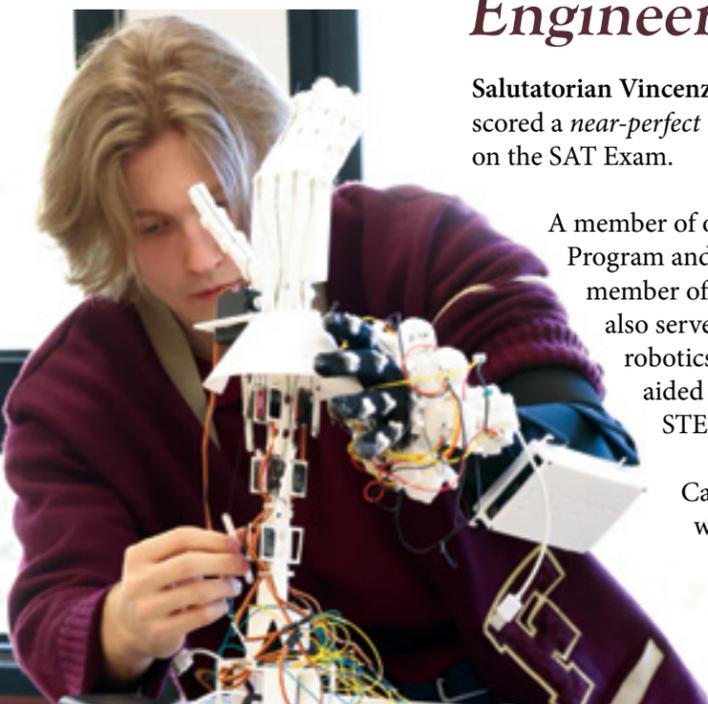
A member of our Scholar's Program and a three-year member of NHS, "Enzo" also served as head of robotics and computer aided design in our STEM Institute.

Captain of the discus, weight throw, and shot put events on the track and field team, Enzo was also a part of

the math team, the Big Brother program, the Marine Biology Society, The Writing Studio, and the Classics & Philosophy Colloquium. He also served as a peer tutor in our Center for Learning and Academic Wellness.

An accomplished inventor, Enzo won this year's prestigious Michael J. Petrides Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. The winner is chosen from seniors from all Staten Island high schools — public, private, and parochial.

Enzo will be studying mechanical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a concentration in robotics and space technology. His dad, John, is a member of the Farrell Class of 1991.



One of Enzo's most impressive inventions is his 3D-printed teleoperated robotic arm, featuring VR technology.



Members of the Class of 2025 at the 61<sup>st</sup> Monsignor Farrell High School Commencement Ceremony

# Where Are They GOING?

[ The Class of 2025 will be attending some of the best colleges and universities in the country ]



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Graduates

100%

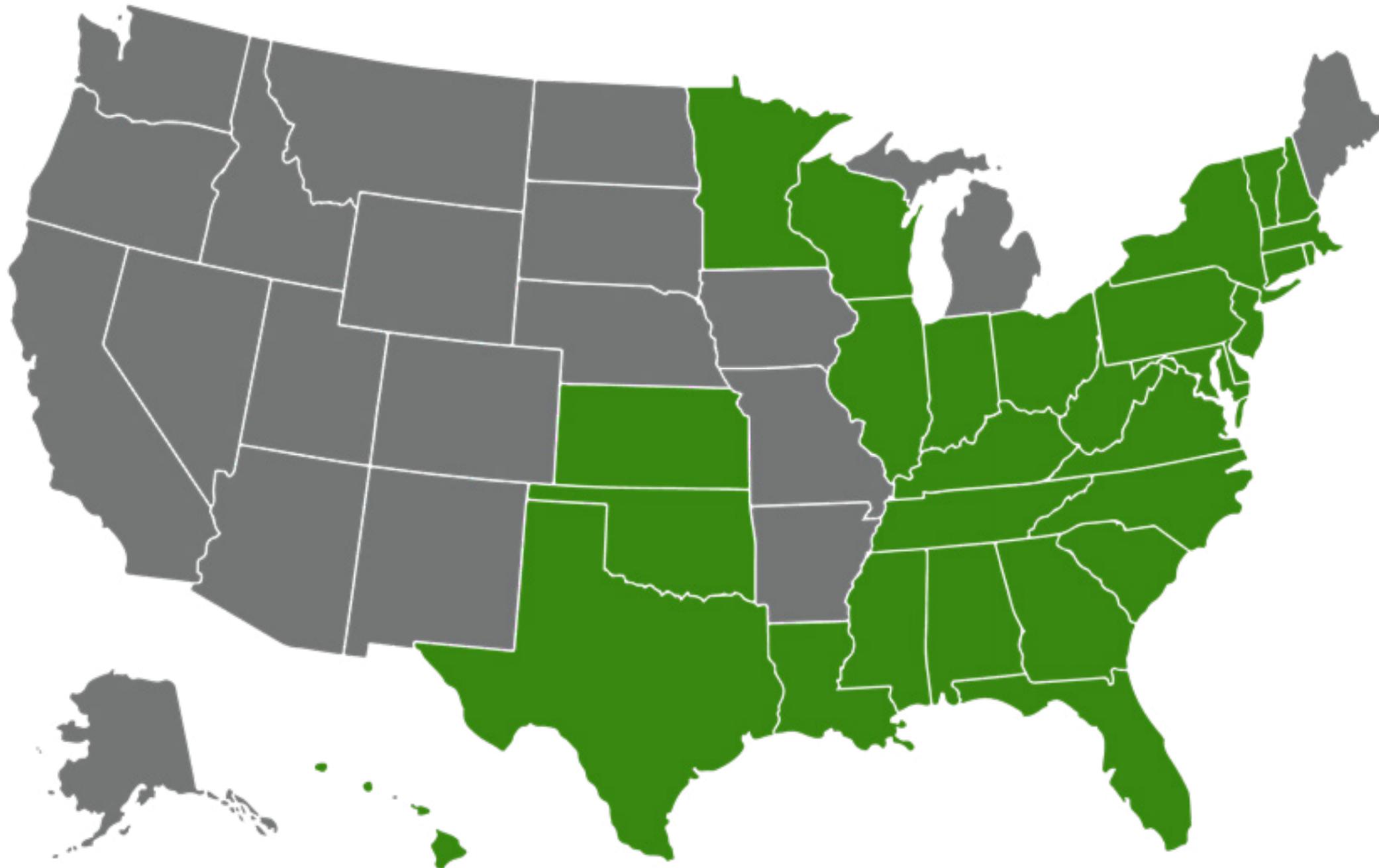
College acceptance

40+ MILLION

Awarded in scholarships

30 STATES

Members of the class were accepted to schools across 30 states →



- Adelphi University
- Albright College
- Alfred State College
- Alfred University
- Alvernia University
- Arcadia University
- Assumption University
- Bentley University
- Boston University
- Bowling Green University
- Bridgewater State University
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University
- Caldwell University
- Campbell University
- Canisius University
- Carthage College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Centenary University
- Central Connecticut State
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- Coppin State University
- CUNY:
  - Baruch
  - Brooklyn
  - City College
  - Hunter
  - John Jay
  - Kingsborough
  - Lehman
  - Macaulay Honors College
  - Queens
  - Staten Island
  - York
- Dean College
- Delaware State University
- DeSales University
- Dominican University
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- D'Youville University
- East Carolina University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Elon University
- Fairfield University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Farmingdale State College
- Felician University
- Fisher College
- Flagler College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida International University
- Florida Southern College
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Gannon University
- Georgia Southern University
- Hartwick College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- Holy Cross College
- Holy Family University
- Immaculata University
- Indiana University
- Iona University
- Ithaca College
- Jacksonville University
- James Madison University
- Kansas State University
- Kean University
- King's College
- Kutztown University of PA
- Lafayette College
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Le Moyne College
- Lehigh University
- Lincoln College of Technology
- Long Island University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University-Chicago
- Loyola University-Maryland
- Lynn University
- Manhattan University
- Manhattanville University
- Marist University
- Marymount University
- Marywood University
- Mercyhurst University
- Merrimack College
- Messiah University
- Misericordia University
- Molloy University
- Monmouth University
- Montclair State University
- Moravian University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Muhlenberg College
- NJ Institute of Technology
- NY Institute of Technology
- New York University
- North Carolina State
- Norwich University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Ohio State University
- Pace University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Pasco-Hernando State College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Plymouth State University
- Point Park University
- Pratt Institute
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rosemont College
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Anselm College
- Saint Johns River State College
- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Peter's University
- Saint Vincent College
- Salve Regina University
- Seton Hall University
- Siena College
- Southern Connecticut State
- Southern Methodist University
- St Bonaventure University
- St. John's University
- St. Joseph's University - NY
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stetson University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stevenson University
- Stockton University
- Stonehill College
- SUNY:
  - Buffalo
- Cobleskill College of Agriculture
- College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- College of Technology-Canton
- College of Technology-Delhi
- Cortland
- Fredonia
- Geneseo
- Maritime
- Morrisville
- New Paltz
- Old Westbury
- Oneonta
- Oswego
- Polytechnic Institute
- Plattsburgh
- Potsdam
- Purchase
- University at Albany
- University at Binghamton
- University at Buffalo
- University at Stony Brook
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Texas Christian University
- The Catholic University of America
- The College of New Jersey
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Tampa
- The University of Tennessee
- Towson University
- Trinity College
- Union College
- US Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Central Florida
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Hartford
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland-Baltimore
- UMass-Amherst
- UMass-Lowell
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- University of Mississippi
- University of Mount Saint Vincent
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- University of Wisconsin
- Ursinus College
- Utica University
- Vassar College
- Vaughn College
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Wagner College
- Washington College
- West Chester University of PA
- West Virginia University
- Western New England University
- Widener University
- Wilkes University
- William Paterson University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- York College of Pennsylvania



Left to right: Michael Megale '27, Dean Cardinale '27, Samuel Caballero-Garzon '27, Dalton Lake '27, Peter Buttitta '26, Bishop Whalen '76, Nikko Caracciolo '26, John Distefano '26, Dylan Corrado '27, and Vincenzo Cacciuto '26

## “One of the Best Days of My Life”

**Nine Faithful Men Received Confirmation, Including Dalton Lake '27, Who Received All Three Sacraments of Initiation**

On the sacred Feast of the Ascension, Monsignor Farrell High School experienced a moment of profound spiritual significance as nine students were fully initiated into the Catholic Church—with eight receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and one student receiving the full Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The special school-wide Mass was

concelebrated by Bishop Edmund Whalen '76, and Monsignor Farrell Chaplain Father Jeff Pomeisl. Held in the school gymnasium and attended by the entire student body, faculty, and staff, it was a moving and joy-filled liturgy, one that powerfully embodied the brotherhood and faith that define the Farrell experience.

At the center of the celebration was sophomore Dalton Lake, who

received all three Sacraments of Initiation. As Bishop Whalen poured holy water over his head during the Rite of Baptism, the gymnasium erupted in a thunderous standing ovation. The spontaneous outpouring of support and love from his classmates was an unforgettable moment that captured the spirit of Farrell unity, pride, and brotherhood.

Reflecting on the ceremony, Dalton

shared that getting baptized felt like a fresh start. “I was nervous at first,” he admitted, “but hearing all of my Farrell brothers cheering for me made me feel like I really belong. This was one of the best days of my life,” said Dalton.

The students were prepared through our *Faithful Men Program* under the guidance of our Director of Campus Ministry Mr. Rich Scafuri '99, a devoted Farrell alumnus who walked with each young man throughout

their journey of faith.

“This is why we do what we do,” said Rich. “To help these young men grow spiritually, to come to know Christ more deeply, and to understand who they are as beloved sons of God.”

In his homily, Bishop Whalen exhorted the newly confirmed and the entire student body to “be the light of the world, to live boldly, love deeply, and serve selflessly in the name of Christ.”

More than a sacramental moment, the Mass was a defining experience for nine Farrell Men and a powerful reminder of Monsignor Farrell High School’s mission, to form men of intellect, faith, and service.

We are incredibly proud of these young men and look forward to witnessing the ways they will continue to lead, inspire, and live out their faith.



## Our Catholic Faith in Action

In addition to celebrating school-wide Mass on holy days, Monsignor Farrell High School helps our students demonstrate their Catholic Faith in many ways. All students participate in a class retreat during the school year. A number of students are members of the altar servers program, Teaching the Christian Message (TCM), and our service organizations that help support local charities.

Pictured above is the school-wide Mass held in memory of the late Pope Francis, and in celebration of Pope Leo XIV. Below, members of the altar servers program with Fr. Jeff Pomeisl at his farewell Mass last spring. Fr. "P," a beloved member of the Farrell Family, served on the faculty before becoming school chaplain. He was granted permission by the Archdiocese to serve in a parish in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for a few months while he assists his family. *Thank you, Fr. P!*



## We Never Forget

We have kept our sacred promise to never forget. Each year, we celebrate a school-wide Mass of Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony for the twenty-three of our Monsignor Farrell brothers who were killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11/01, and those we have lost in the years since due to WTC-related illnesses.

Pictured above, FDNY Battalion Chief Jack Spillane '89 guides students in the wreath laying at our September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial during last year's ceremony. Never forget our Farrell brothers:

- Frank Spinelli '74, Stephen Huczko '75, Chuck Margiotta '75, Tom Celic '76, Steve Fiorelli '76, Stephen Lauria '79, John Casazza '81, Marty Egan '82, Scott McGovern '83, Neil Leavy '85, Steven Hagis '87, Brian Cannizzaro '88, Vincent Laieta '88, Billy Micciulli '89, Jeff Stark '89, Shawn Bowman Jr. '90, Carl DiFranco '91, Joe Ianelli '91, Pete Mulligan '91, Mike Clarke '92, Keith Roma '92, Chris Mozzillo '92, Joe Visciano '97, \*Ray Ragucci '70, \*Sean Kenney '71, \*Bill O'Connor '75, \*Dennis Hogan Jr. '79, \*Patrick Murphy '81, \*Ned Thompson '86

\*WTC Illness

### Join Us - Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 8:30 am

Alumni who would like to join us for our 9/11 Mass of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony are asked to contact Peter Kennedy '12, Director of Alumni Affairs. [pkennedy@msgrrfarrellhs.org](mailto:pkennedy@msgrrfarrellhs.org)

*If we have not included the names of any alumni who have passed in the years following the 9/11 terrorist attack due to WTC-related illnesses, please contact us so we can include them in any future Masses and memorials.*

# VARSITY ATHLETICS UPDATE

## Highlights From the 2024 - 2025 Season

Alumni Coaches Guide Lacrosse, Wrestling, and Track & Field to Championships



### LACROSSE

Captured the New York State Intersectional (downstate) championship, repeated as CHSAA City champions, and won the New York City Mayor's Cup, as well as the Staten Island Shootout championship.

■ Head coach, Steve Lyman '00



### WRESTLING

Undefeated in NYC. Won the third CHSAA NY State championship in program history (1990, 2000, 2025), while repeating as both city champs and Dave Ironman Invitational tournament champions. Also won the Horace Greeley dual meet.

■ Head coach, Pete Hamm '89



### TRACK & FIELD

Won their third consecutive Staten Island indoor track and field championship (their 46<sup>th</sup> title in the meet's 61-year history). Also captured their 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive outdoor Staten Island championship — the 47<sup>th</sup> in program history.

■ Head coach, John Bentivegna '13



### Coach Mike Dunn Retires

Dan Fisher '05 Named New Head Coach

Mike Dunn (left), Monsignor Farrell High School's all-time winningest varsity basketball coach, has stepped down after nearly two decades coaching the Lions.

Since taking over the basketball program in 2010, Coach Dunn compiled a 233-143 record, making him the winningest varsity basketball coach in Farrell's history.

Long time assistant coach Dan Fisher '05 (right) has taken over the program. Coach Fisher is also the current Assistant Principal for Academics at Farrell.

Read more: [msgrfarrellhs.org/dunn](https://msgrfarrellhs.org/dunn)

## ERIC RODRIGUEZ '25 2025 Varsity Club Award Winner

The prestigious award is given annually to top student-athlete on Staten Island

Eric, who will be attending Lehigh University in the fall, graduated from Farrell with a 99.2 GPA, receiving First Honors every academic term all four years. He was a three-year member of the National Honor Society, serving as NHS President his senior year.

A member of our Scholar's Program, Eric was also an anchor for the school's television studio, WFBN-TV, and was one of the voices of Farrell Sports Broadcasting.

He was also active in a number of student-service groups at Farrell and volunteered his time with numerous outside organizations.

Recognized as a hard worker and a great teammate, Eric was a Catholic High School

Athletic Association First-Team All-City infielder and was also named to the Staten Island Baseball Oldtimers first team as a junior. He was named this year's Frank Caporaso '76 *Heart of a Lion* memorial award winner.

### Continued Dominance

Since the award's inception in 1938, Monsignor Farrell has had 20 winners, the most of any other Staten Island High School, including those that have been in existence since the 1930s.



# NCAA

## COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

31 Lions from the Class of 2025 will be continuing their athletic careers in college

The student-athletes inked their names at our annual College Athletics Signing Day ceremony on May 8th. Pictured signing his letter is Joe Castellano, who will be part of the University of Scranton track & field team.

## All-Time Farrell Varsity Club Award Winners

- |                          |                         |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mike O'Grady - 1967      | Greg Guido - 1998       | Nick Lazzara - 2014     |
| Brien O'Neill - 1971     | John Cassidy - 2005     | Julio Ruiz-Gomez - 2015 |
| Chris Ragucci - 1977     | Jeff Carbonella - 2006  | Mike Cloppse - 2016     |
| Chris Ventresca - 1984   | Sean Potter - 2007      | Tom Pinto - 2017        |
| Gary di Silvestri - 1985 | Tom Donegan - 2011      | Frank Scafuri IV - 2020 |
| Dan Black - 1990         | Steve Mezzacappa - 2012 | Eric Rodriguez - 2025   |
| Tom Wonica - 1992        | John Bentivegna - 2013  |                         |

# Stay Connected

Share Your Time & Talent  
Update Your Contact Info

All of us at Monsignor Farrell High School are truly grateful for the tremendous support provided to our students by our alumni community.

In the last several years, so many alumni have returned to Farrell, both in person and through virtual platforms like Zoom and Teams, to share their knowledge, experience, and insight with our current students.

We have also been fortunate to have alumni provide internships to current students.



Bryan Harkins '94, President of IEX Group, speaks with students in the Learning Commons

Our academic institutes (listed on page 9) are focused on a variety of industries that provide guest speaking, coaching, and mentorship opportunities, both in-person and virtual.

Additionally, there are clubs, groups, and courses that would benefit greatly

from field trips, office/site visits, and visits to the school from accomplished professionals.

Use the QR code below to update your profile and let us know if you would like to share your time and talent with your younger Farrell brothers.

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Just a few of our alumni who have returned to Farrell in recent years to share their time and talent with our current students.

Clockwise from upper left: Brain Tortorella '93 (left) and Mike Tessitore '98 (right), Fidelis Investors co-founders, along with Jake Dunn '18 (middle), also of Fidelis Investors; celebrated author and illustrator Mike Garland '70; Distinguished Professor of Great Books and Dante Scholar at Pepperdine University, Dr. Paul Contino '76; Fred Ragucci '75 (standing), a partner at Proskauer Rose, and Charlie Brown '78 (seated) retired from Fitch Group, where he served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary for Fitch Ratings; Major League Baseball player Tom Cosgrove '14 (center), currently on the 40 man roster for the Chicago Cubs.

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