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Grads of 2004 Return for a Night

From left, Chrystel Hood, Fachara Jajoute, Saskia Tattetrain, Natalya Moses, Shawntelle Georges, Brandon Fenty, Pascale Bouchereau, Catina McDonnell, Thomas Miller, Alicia Hill, Gordon Harry, Michelle Worrell, Renold Egalite, Calvin Fletcher, Indya Kellman, Leighton Smith, Ivan Nichols, Yolanda McDonald, Christopher Chapman, Gilbert Johnson Jr., Vladimir Estimable, Stanley LaForest, Susan Lowe, Jamil Plateau-Gooding, Cindy Magnan, Jacques Derisier and Fritz Thevenin. Missing, Kyle Lewis.

Thirty members of the Class of 2004 got together at the school on Saturday, Dec. 14 for their 20th reunion.

"Everything had the whole nostalgic feeling," said Calvin Fletcher '04, who organized the event. "A lot of people hadn't been in Kingsmen Hall since we graduated."

Classmates traveled from as far away as Florida, Tennessee and Ohio for the evening of food, drink and conversation. A DJ playing music from their time at Nazareth inspired a little bit of dancing.

Former teacher Rick Dolan attended,

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Vladimir Estimable, right, greets Yolanda McDonald.

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as did staffers Mrs. Franklyn and Mrs. Busico, who just popped in to say “Hi.”

“We definitely reminisced about all the times we were there and the teachers that had come and gone,” Fletcher said.

The event was put together in a few months, with assistance of classmates **Gordon Harry** and **Catina McDonnell**. The class donated \$730 to the school. Not attending but contributing to that were **Wisly Noel**, **Dave Douglas**, **Lana Corbie-Durant**, **Edouard Alcindor**, **Ritchy Voltaire**, and **Boysing Samuel**.

“It was good to see the amount of people that came out on short notice,” said Fletcher, a member of the school’s board of trustees and the class captain for 2004.

You can [see more photos here](#).



Brandon Fenty, Renold Egalite, Gordon Harry, Thomas Miller and Calvin Fletcher. Harry and Fletcher were among the organizers.



Kyle Lewis, Indya Kellman, Vladimir Estimable, and Leighton Smith updating each other on life after 20 years.



Photos by Jamil Plateau-Gooding

ABOVE: Fritz Thevenin, Gilbert Johnson Jr., and Ivan Nichols catching up in Kinsmen Hall.

IN PHOTO AT LEFT: Fachara Jajoute, Saskia Tattetrain, Brandon Fenty, Yolanda McDonald, Cindy Magnan, Thomas Miller, and Chrystel Hood.



Natalya Moses, Catina McDonnell, Michelle Worrell, Brandon Fenty, Alicia Hill, Pascale Bouchereau, Indya Kellman.



Class of '67 Exceeds Goal for Endowment

Members of the Class of 1967 have reached – and surpassed – their goal for a scholarship endowment, collecting almost \$170,000 to help Nazareth students with their tuition.

According to **Steve Gandley**, the class captain, the groundwork was laid before their 50th reunion a few years ago, for which they compiled a Google group of more than 150 classmates and faculty members that they use to keep in touch with each other and plan events.

After that reunion and the death of a classmate, **Ed Feeley**, they decided to work through that Google group to try to raise close to \$10,000 for a one-time scholarship in his memory.

When that succeeded, **Ron Franzese**, another member of the class, suggested that they raise an even larger amount of money and invest it to provide for a recurring scholarship.

Once they began fundraising and set a target of \$150,000, “little by little we kept growing and growing,” the endowment, Gandley said. Four



Ron Franzese and Steve Gandley at a Yankee/Phillies game several years ago.

members of the class made donations that accounted for about half of the total.

“We have some guys who automatically make monthly donations,” Gandley added.

“One of the guys is on this medical board ... and they have this matching program, so he’s been

putting in \$5,000 and they’ve been matching \$5,000. So I’m hoping that continues too.”

The first one-year scholarship payment will be made this spring, and the school will determine whether the annual payouts will go to one student or be broken up.

“We’ll leave it in their hands to make the correct decision, because they know best,” Gandley said.

Besides their 50th and 55th reunions, which each drew about 100 guests, the class gets together often and sometimes hosts dinners with former teachers. In May, for example, the classmates are planning a gathering in Boston “to go to dinner and go to Fenway Park for a game.”

In the meantime, the group hopes to grow the endowment even further.

To make a contribution, go the the school’s [site for this specific endowment](#).

“We’re all in the area of 75 years old,” Gandley said, “so we’re running out of time. But hopefully the endowment will be there forever,

‘Spirit of Nazareth’ Campaign At 63% of Fiscal-Year Target

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all our donors and are pleased to share that we have received over 260 donations totaling \$92,300 to date toward the Spirit of Nazareth Annual Appeal for this fiscal school year ending in June.

Our goal for this year is \$150,000 (we are the 62% mark) and this year’s appeal remains open through June so there is still time to help us reach our goal. [Click here to donate](#).

Donations to the annual appeal help us recruit the best students and teachers to the school and help offset the many capital improvements needed in the facility.

In addition, these funds assist in keeping our tuition lower than other tuition-based Catholic and private schools in New York, thereby giving us the ability to offer many of our families the additional support they need to attend Nazareth.

A New Way For Giving

Nazareth’s website for making contributions has been updated, making it clearer how to send money to a variety of sources, from the main “Spirit of Nazareth” fund, to specific scholarships, to endowments. It also includes information on matching gifts and a section on stock donations and planned giving. Visit nazarethrhs.org/giving for details.

GotNews?

If you have information about a recent alumni gathering, or one on the horizon, or a suggestion or comment for us, please send an email to advancement@nazarethrhs.org



Students Chloe, above, and Max in the lab, in the promotional videos.



Another Way to Present the Nazareth Story

Thanks to a donation from **Mike Flynn '70**, the school now has a fresh batch of promotional material.

After three days of filming in September, Tom Flynn, Mike's son, produced several videos along with still photography illustrating the school's story.

One video features descriptions from students and shows boys and girls sport teams, the science lab, the robotics lab and the chapel. "We filmed all over the school," Mike said. The material can be configured as presentations, commercials or social media ads or posts.

Tom runs a production company that does promotional spots, music videos and TV commercials, including one for the Super Bowl.

He took the Nazareth work on as a personal project, which kept costs down, and brought a small team along with him. Mike financed the project with a generous donation.

"I told him [Tom] I would really like to see the school get some really good promotional material" as a way to boost enrollment and to "make people recognize ...that the school is there," Mike said.

A substantial donor who retired from 35 years as a trial lawyer, Mike explained, "I just wanted to do



Above, Tom Flynn center, with his crew in the hallway.

Photos Courtesy Tom Flynn

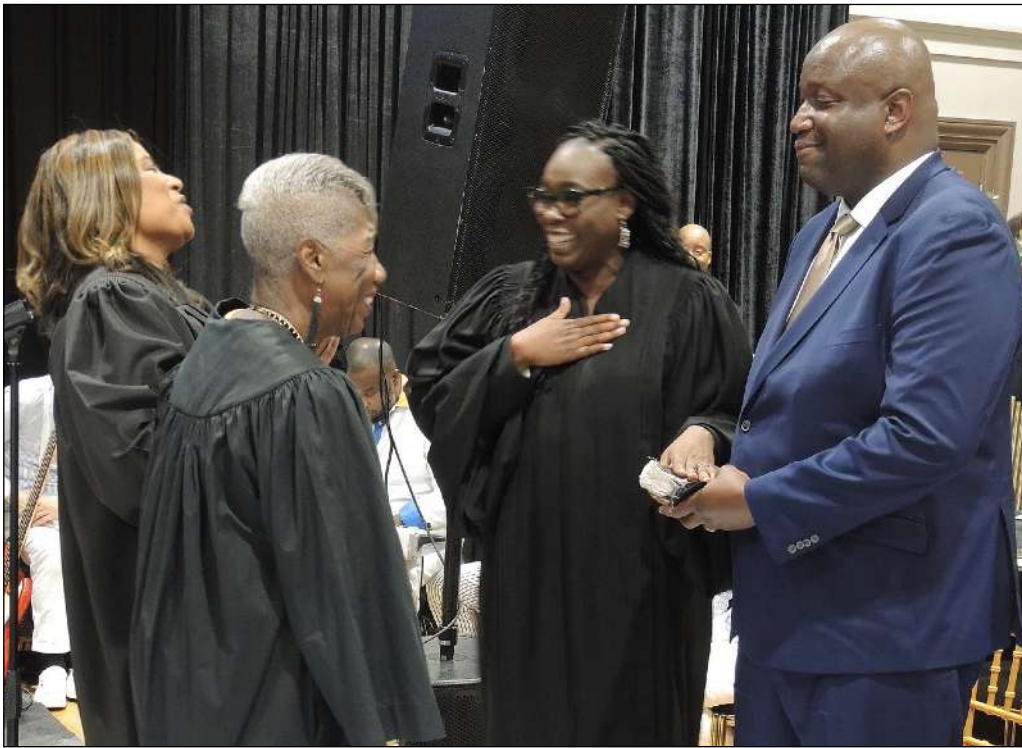
something different, have a bigger impact."

The videos appear on the school's Facebook and Instagram pages, and the next step will be to figure out how to get them in front of people who don't already follow the school on social. To see one, [click here](#).

In another video, **Hugue Jean-Charles '92**, talks about how Latin classes at Nazareth helped him in medical school, and how he enrolled his son at Nazareth now "to have the same opportunities to succeed in all aspects of his life."



Hugue Jean-Charles, a '92 grad, explains why he enrolled his son. [Click here to see.](#)



With her aunt and husband. Keisha Alleyne, center, is sworn in by Justice Valerie Cartwright. In photo at left, she stands with New York Attorney General Letitia James.



'92 Grad Rises to the NY Supreme Court

Keisha Alleyne '92 was sworn in last month to a 14-year term as a judge on the New York State Supreme Court.

"So far it's going great," she said recently. "The work I'm doing is very important. It's definitely impactful to the community and that's what I love about it. It's definitely needed."

Running on the Democratic and Conservative lines, she received 503,459 votes, more than the six other judges elected in November to the court's Second Judicial District, which covers Brooklyn. The State Supreme Court is the "state-wide trial court with the broadest jurisdiction, both in criminal and civil matters," according to the state. Alleyne handles adult

guardianship cases.

Before her most recent election, she became a judge in 2022 for New York City's Civil Court, which has jurisdiction over cases and claims of up to \$50,000.

Alleyne, a member of Nazareth's Board of Trustees since 2017, grew up in Brownsville, where she was born.

After Nazareth, she attended Bryant University in Rhode Island, where she earned an accounting degree by 1996 and moved on to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. She also earned a law Masters in taxation at New York Law School.

She was a corporate lawyer before becoming a judge. And she founded a company that provided

mentoring and career and professional consulting services.

Alleyne credits Nazareth with setting "the foundation for my education and what expectations for excellence should be."

And while at Nazareth she played on the volleyball team. "Playing volleyball is what took me to college" she said.

"So if it wasn't for those foundational things that were important in high school, I probably never would have been at Bryant."

Her induction last month took place at a ceremony attended by more than 300 family, friends and political leaders, including U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and New York State

Attorney General Letitia James.

The oath was administered by her friend Justice Valerie Cartwright from Nassau County, alongside Alleyne's aunt, Veronica Morgan-Price, a retired judge from Houston, Texas.

Holding the Bible was Alleyne's husband, Robert, a Naval Academy graduate who has a tech consulting company.

2005 Reunion

The class has picked July 5 for a reunion at the school. If you're interested in details, contact Nadine Latuoche at nlatouche87@gmail.com



Three More Joining The Class Captains

Dan Jordan '69, Rich DiMatteo '79 and Richard Pierre '83 have signed on to represent their respective classes.

This brings the Class Captain team up to 24 alumni covering 19 years of grads.

Class Captains help Nazareth help maintain current contact information with alumni, share information on reunions and alumni events and offer guidance on enriching alumni connections.

If you would like to represent a class not already on the list or to learn more about the program, contact: Denis Wuestman at: dwuestman@nazarethrhs.org.

Other Class Captains

1967: Steve Gandley.
1968: John Wuestman.
1971: Marty Keating/Tim Healy
1972: Bob Stack/Brian Kilgannon
/Stu Fitzpatrick
1973: Mike DiFede
1974: Jude Hayes/Steve Melsom
1978: Gary Brasco
1980: Kevin Dowd
1982: Chris Buckley
1984: Patrick Mullee
1989: Bev Chanoine
/Margarita Argento
1993: Renée Volney Darko.
1995: Michael Bailey
1999: Deanna Phillippe
2002: Sheldon Sucre
2004: Calvin Fletcher

An Invitation to You to Pitch In

Calling on Our Alums for some volunteer time at Nazareth! We could use your TIME & TALENT in the following areas:

•**SQL Experience:** Database creation, especially for future enrollment cultivation.

•**Marketing:** Creating brochures, web content, mailers, follow-up phone interviews.

•How about volunteering to be a **Class Captain** for your graduating year? Rewarding and fun!

•**Planned Giving:** Any experience with Estate Planning, Wills and/or Trusts?

Some of these are short term seasonal projects, others are just advisory in nature. Much of the work can be filled remotely.

If interested, Please contact with Denis. Wuestman '73 at dwuestman@nazarethrhs.org (Development Committee) or John Wuestman '68, (Chairman, Board of Trustees@jkwuestman@gmail.com). Great way "To give back" to help us "To go forward."



Alumnus Roy Riniker talks with students at Career Day 2024 about handling job interviews.

School Seeks Volunteers for Career Day

Once a year, Nazareth runs a Career Day for students, transforming the gym and several classrooms into a place to pick up practical advice on finding their life's work.

Alumni volunteers have a chance to join faculty, guidance counselors, administrators and parents to share their career experiences, opportu-

nities, and tips for success.

This year the interactive program will take place on April 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Any alumni or friends of Nazareth who are interested in joining in should email advancement@nazarethrhs.org for more information.

Last year, 21 alumni, parents, and other volunteers participated

with school staff in the interactive program, which included large presentations by panels in the gym, followed by question-and-answer sessions.

Smaller sessions involved volunteers addressing classrooms of students in sessions about resume building, interviewing tips or how to dress for success.

What has made Nazareth so special to so many????

Among the many great privileges I enjoy as board chair is to visit Nazareth, walk the halls, chat with the kids, mingle with the faculty, pop into the gym and watch the coaches and the teams in action, look in on the various after-school club sessions, observe the classes in session and work with a very dedicated administration and committed staff.

The vibe feels so similar to my experience as a student at Naz and as a Faculty member for 10 years in the '70s and early '80s. Wonderful memories and treasured friendships!!!

As Nazareth has entered its seventh decade at 57th Street and Avenue D, it still embodies the spirit and the letter of an observation made by Brother Matthew Burke, Nazareth's fourth



JOHN WUESTMAN
Board Chair, Class of '68

principal, who served as such throughout the early to late 1970s. Brother wrote: "For a student at Nazareth, the willingness to accept Christian freedom is to accept its responsibilities to find him/herself with the fortitude to face the future, the confidence to accept responsibility for self-learning, the maturity

to accept criticism as well as failure and the willingness to experiment and to work hard."

These aspirations are readily apparent at the Nazareth of today.

In today's Brooklyn, Nazareth is not without its existential challenges, primarily as a result of the shrinking number of Catholic grammar feeder schools (e.g. Little Flower (St. Theresa of Lisieux on East 47th Street and Avenue D closed its doors in June). In addition New York now offers many options to students at secondary charter schools, where tuition is not an issue.

However with the generosity of alums and the dedication of those mentioned above, Nazareth plans its future as a Xaverian Sponsored Catholic Secondary School in its U.S. network

of brother and sister schools.

Our annual "Spirit on Nazareth Campaign" was launched in late November and I appeal to you as friends of Nazareth for your continued generosity and support and we are indeed grateful for all that many of you have contributed in the past.

I close with a quote from one of the more recent graduates, who dropped a note following a recent reunion saying: "as I looked around the room, I realized that 20 years later my BEST friends are my Nazareth friends."

How true for so many!!!

Have a safe winter and remember the doors at Nazareth are always open to its alums.

God's blessings all,
JKW



Alumni Status Updates

CLASS OF 1967

Mark Hehl, Woodbury CT. Some 57 years after graduating from Nazareth, Mark is finally transitioning into retirement from a career as an engineer and consultant. He has worked in over thirty countries. Mark now spends his time mentoring engineering students, volunteering with Engineers Without Borders, speaking at conferences for various professional societies and writing books. He is the author of *Amusing Confessions of an International Consultant*, and of *Ameri Sicula: Sicilian Culture in America*, *An Immigrant's Dilemma* and is currently writing a fourth book relative to operational excellence in organizations. Mark makes the annual journey to Brooklyn to share his experience and assist students at the annual Nazareth Career Fair. mhehl@charter.net

CLASS OF 1969

Dan Jordan, Breezy Point, NY: Time to be "true to your School" and reconnect with your schoolmates from the Past.

CLASS OF 1978

Deepak Awasthi, Destrehan, LA: Approaching 50 years since graduation. I continue to work (31 years) as a neurosurgeon in southeast Louisiana. Love to travel and enjoy my family, including my six children. I continue to pursue my goal of going to every country in the world (so far, as of 11/2024, I have traveled to 161 countries). I think fondly of my Nazareth days and continue to follow the progress at the school. brainblade@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1985

Karen Marshall, Brooklyn, NY: It will be almost 40 years ago that I have been a Naz grad, lolol. I always have been proud of my great

school experience. I have a 22-year-old daughter who is a recent college graduate. I work for city of New York. Keep striving, my Nazareth Regional family. kmarsh67@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1990

Johanne Pyronneau Webster, Walton County, GA. Greetings Nazareth family. It's unbelievable to think that 35 years have passed since I last entered the Nazareth High School hallways. I will always remember the class of 90. My heart has been permanently impacted by Nazareth. Much of my present professional success can be attributed to my training. Three different counties in Georgia have awarded me Teacher of the Year three times. I credit Dr. Polito, Mr. Dolan, Ms. Blum, Mr. Cantone, and Mr. Holmes with a large portion of my accomplishments. I pray that Nazareth keeps growing. Go Kingsman!"

CLASS OF 2018

Nicole Sacks, Staten Island, NY: It's crazy to think that I graduated Naz almost seven years ago. I am currently working at AHRC, which is a company that assists people with developmental disabilities find employment. I've been a part of the company since I graduated college a little over 2 years ago (to me that's even crazier that I graduated college 2 years ago). I'm hoping to go back to school for my masters in mental health counseling. I hope that all the people I graduated with are doing well. Thank you for all the amazing memories! nsacks1205@gmail.com

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Donor Mass Rescheduled For April 16

A live-stream Memorial Mass for donors that had been set for late November 2024 has been rescheduled for the morning of April 16 at 9:30.

Between the middle of 2023 and last month, more than 420 individuals have made donations to Nazareth in support of the annual appeal, scholarships, and endowment programs.

The school is offering this special mass in recognition of those donors. In a statement on its website it said: "We are very grateful for this support as it helps continue to transform the lives of our students as we fulfill our Mission to develop the individual's spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth."

Invitations will be sent to the donors, or you can check back with the [Nazareth website here](#) as we get closer to the date.

Time Runs Out For Basketball Alumni Event

An alumni event scheduled this month ran up against the calendar and had to be cancelled.

The original plan was to couple the event with a scheduled game against long-time rival Xaverian. But that game, set for February 9, was on the afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday, which organizers felt would suppress attendance for the alumni event.

As some sports fans say, "Wait until next year."



1984

FIRST ROW: S. McLeod, B. McMahon, J. Milligan, N. Rubin, P. Bianco SECOND ROW: G. Williams, W. Seaton, A. Gambino, B. Spadaro, G. Gooden, E. Simmons THIRD ROW: D. Laurendi, G. Destin, S. Johnson, A. Vivien, Coach B. Boriello, Coach D. Laurendi FOURTH ROW: B. Crowe, F. Donalds, J. Libretti, J. Martorelli, J. Kane, N. Jones

FIRST ROW: J. Walsh, Salerno, A. Cooper, G. Gardine, V. Filletti SECOND ROW: P. Ranier, J. Anastasio, C. Colella, K. Adams, R. Desir THIRD ROW: Coach Waitre, J. Bowsky, R. Williams, M. Luma, R. Troiso FOURTH ROW: M. Siofiss, D. Perry, C. Atexide, P. Armato, S. Jackson

Remembering Back-to-Back City Champions

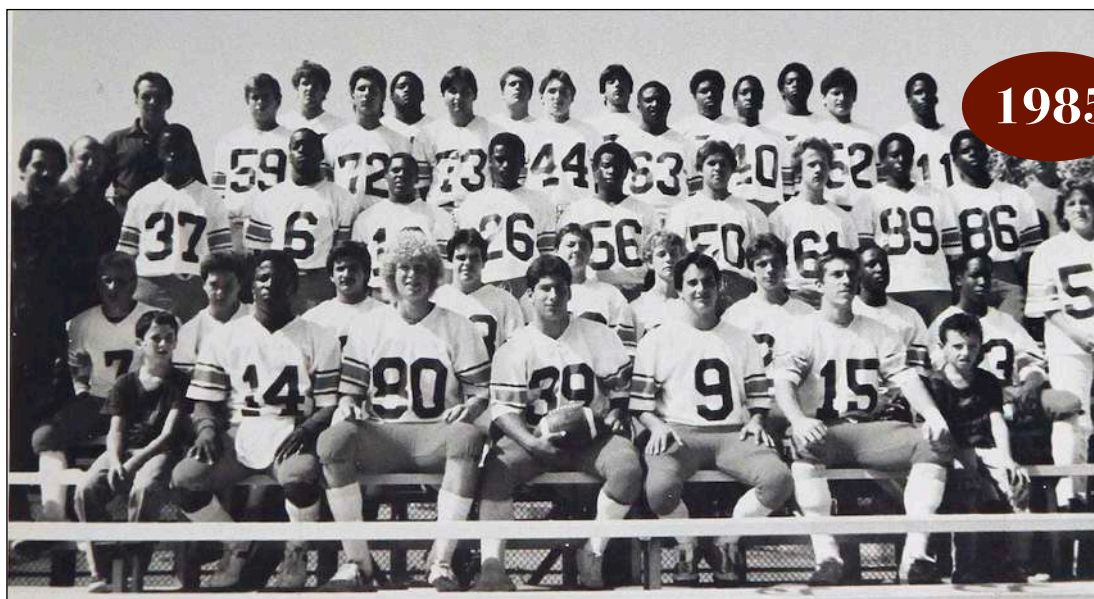
Forty years ago, Nazareth athletes were in the middle of winning back-to-back victories in the 1984 and 1985 Metro Bowl championship for high school football teams in New York City

Plans are in the works for a May 31 reunion to mark the anniversary of the dual achievements.

The first of two championships, each by teams coached by Dom Laurendi, came on Dec. 1, 1984.

After winning the Catholic High School Football League's Division II championship that year with an 8-2 overall record and being undefeated in the league, the varsity team went to the Metro Bowl B Championship to defeat John Jay High School, the winner of the Public School Athletic League's championship, 39-12.

"The defense was unyielding," the Knight



1985

Front Row (L to R): F. Cornell, P. Dolan, J. Corozzo, G. Place, J. Ford. Second Row: B. Boriello, P. Blanco, C. Gralla, A. Zaccchino, K. Fountaine, N. Rubin, P. Salerno, S. McLeod, L. Thomas, L. Gladstone (trainer). Third Row: F. Waitre, G. Gooden, A. Archibald, A. Duclair, W. Spadaro, C. Colella, A. Vivien, W. Seaton, P. Armato. Back Row: D. Laurendi, C. Lombardi, J. Kane, F. Parisi, N. Jones, A. Delprete, J. DiDomenico, J. Flanagan, F. Dello Russo, R. Williams, H. Fleurival, S. Anthony, F. Donalds, M. Santamaria, M. Luna.

How the winning teams from 1984 (top of page) and 1985 appeared in the pages of The Knight.

reported, "and the offense marched up and down the field. **Gary Gooden** compiled 230 yards in the game and scored three touchdown to earn him the title of Most Valuable

Player of the game."

The next year, on November 23, Nazareth defeated Sheepshead Bay High School, 31-12, to take its second Metro Bowl championship. Quarter-

back **John Walsh**, who rushed for 96 yards and completed passes for another 70, scored two touchdowns and was named MVP for the game, —Go to Next Page

Nazareth's Football Teams Rejoining the CHSFL

Nazareth's football program is back in the big league.

The school has accepted an official invitation to return to the Catholic High School Football League for the 2025-26 academic school year.

"It's a big, big deal, especially helping our enrollment," said Mike Camacho, the school's athletic director.

The school has been given a seven-game schedule that includes Holy Cross, St. Dominic and Christ the King.

Coach Gary Gooden '85 said he was "most definitely" looking forward to being back in the league.

"We're very excited because we did have a championship pedigree," he explained, harkening back to teams from earlier decades.

"It's more structure," Camacho said of rejoining the CHSFL. "It gets a little more emphasis with the kids," knowing that games were set, which wasn't always the case outside the league.

"We were independent for the past couple of years, trying to grow the team back," Camacho said. "And we were scrambling to look for games."

"Covid kind of crippled us," Camacho said. "And when we tried to rebuild we had at that time 12 kids, and they were young, they were freshmen and sophomores."

Camacho will be happy to have a more certain schedule than the school had as an independent, along with the ability to look ahead and

scout out the teams they'll be facing in the future.

"As of now we have 33 kids on the team and it's consistently growing."

"Coach Gary Gooden did a great job of bringing the kids in." Camacho explained.

"He does a great jobs of keeping the kids together throughout the school year. The kids play football

and when they're done with football they go right into track."

Gooden elaborated: "I had to put my ear to the ground and try to get kids interested in playing football. We have a lot of kids who never played before but we had to coach them up and get them prepared them to get on the field."

Plans call for adding a junior varsity team the following season



Coach Fisher, right, with the team after their championship game in November.

Volleyball Squad Made It to Final Game

The varsity volleyball team, led by Coach Monique Fisher '82, played for the citywide league championship on Saturday, November 9 at Cardinal Spellman High School, where they lost to Msgr. Scanlan High School from the Bronx.

"It was a pleasure working with a dedicated group of young ladies," Fisher said later.

"We played the entire season with only seven girls."

Fisher was profiled in an earlier issue of the [newsletter, here](#).

Remembering '84 & '85 Citywide Championships

—From Preceding Page according to the New York Times, which ended its story on the game with this paragraph:

"Laurendi had an easy explanation as to how the Kingsmen, in just their

fourth year of varsity competition, had become the first school ever to repeat as Metro Bowl B Division Champion. 'They've got a great coach,' he said with a laugh."

The May event is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Gooden, a player in the 80s and the current coach, said the celebration will be run through the Eventbrite site, with details becoming

available later this month on the school's social media sites.

"I'm going to post it everywhere I can," he said, "because we also use the event as a fundraiser for the team."



Erin Schiffman Photos Courtesy of Nazareth Athletic Department

SHOTS FROM THE SEASON: Senior Joseph Jennings (0), senior Halon Rawlings (4), junior Arly Zapata (12). Below, junior Justin Delgado.

Nazareth Beats Xaverian – Twice in a Day

The boys and girls varsity basketball teams ended their regular seasons at home on February 9 with victories against Xaverian.

The boys team clipped the Clippers 70-63 to polish off an overall season record of 12-7. Their record in league play was 6-5, which netted them a third-place finish.

The girls team won their match by an even wider margin, 66-56 to also place third in their league.

“They were both intense games, but we pulled away,” said Mike Camacho, the school’s athletic director. “The seniors had a nice good-bye for their last home game.”

The third-place finish for each team put them in position for a better playoff matchup.

The boys team beat Archbishop Molloy High School, 67-63, in the first playoff round on February 17 at Molloy.

The girls team beat St. John’s Prep, 72-51, at home for their first-round game on February 18.





‘70s Players Still Draw A Crowd In Brooklyn

About 120 people, many of them Nazareth alumni and friends, hit the Tamaqua Bar and Marina in Gerritsen Beach, on November 9, to hear members of some bands that played school dances in the ‘70s.

Most of the musicians were from the Class of 1972. *Long Time Comin’*

included Kevin Davitt, Fred Sweeney, John Enny, Bill Faulkner, Bobby O’Neill, and Joe Shiel. Enny and Sweeney were also in another band, *Windham*, with Mike Cunetta, Tommy O’Brien, Dennis Casey and John Hastings.

Musicians Johnny Malar, John Ronan and John St

Clair rounded out the crowd. Not every original player in attendance performed in November.

The music began with a rendition of Bruce Springsteen’s “Glory Days” — a funny/serious take on high school reminiscences — and went on from 2 to 6 that afternoon.



Mike Becker '78, Larry Guidarell '77, Tom Duffy '78, Cassandra Gilliard, Gerry Heaney '78, Dan McCarthy '76, Pops Gilliard '76, Ed English '78, Tom Harrigan '77, John Shannon '76, Mike McNiff '78, Phil Costanzo '78, Gerard O'Shea '77, Dennis Kelly. '76, Gene Winter '78, Pete Acquavella '77, Larry McCann. '78, Dennis Greaney '76, Pete Yetman '76, John Collins '78, Steve Brennan '77, Dan Haffod. '77, Kevin Boyle 77, John Luby '77. Not shown, Jim Shields '78.

Informal Annual Reunion

Two dozen Nazareth alumni and Flatbush Brooklyn Boys & Girls members gathered at The Joyce Public House in Manhattan on Friday, December 6th.

“We do it every year. First

Friday in December,” said Kevin Boyle, '77, one of the organizers. “We’ve been doing it for almost 20 years.”

“Some years we’ve had closer to 40,” Boyle said, “It’s not dwindling, fortunately – it

just swings back and forth.”

Anyone is invited. Grads came in from California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington state.