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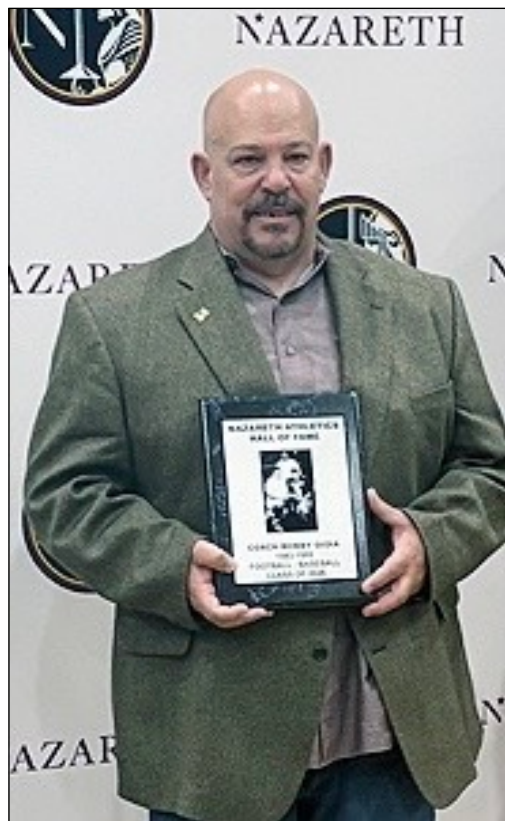
# 4 Additions to the Sports Hall of Fame



The coach, front and center in a vest, with some of “his boys” from past wrestling teams, who came from as far away as Ireland for the event.



At left, Dan Wiatre, representing the family. His brother was home with their father, who is recovering from a recent fall. At right, the plaque for Bobby Gioia, who is deceased, was accepted by his son.



On April 18, Nazareth added four plaques to its Hall of Fame for sports — one track star, two coaches and a third coach with two of his sons.

The ceremony took place in the gym and was attended by 140 former athletes and guests. The inductees were:

**Ian Jones '88**, who set a national record in the 600 meters that stood for seven years and earned a spot on Sports Illustrated's list of top high school track and field stars. Special arrangements had to be made for Jones, who is on dialysis, to travel from his home in Texas.

**Paul Goddard**, a phys-ed teacher from 1972 through 1985, he started the wrestling program at Nazareth with a goal to beat out sister school Xaverian in five years. They did.

**Bobby Gioia**, the head coach of the Junior Varsity football program from 1983 to 1995. He retired with the most JV wins in the history of the Catholic High School Football League. His team won a division championship in 1988. He also coached JV baseball for five seasons and the Varsity for two.

**The Wiatre Family.** The father, Fred, help found the football program in the early 1980s and served through the mid 1990s, during which time they won back-to-back Metro Bowl championships. His son **Mike '94** was a standout member of the basketball and football programs. Another son, **Dan '92**, played both football and basketball.

The ceremony was arranged by **Mike Camacho**, the athletic director, and MC'd by Principal **Robert DiRe**.

On the cover: Track Coach Will Thomas introducing Ian Jones amid a standing ovation.

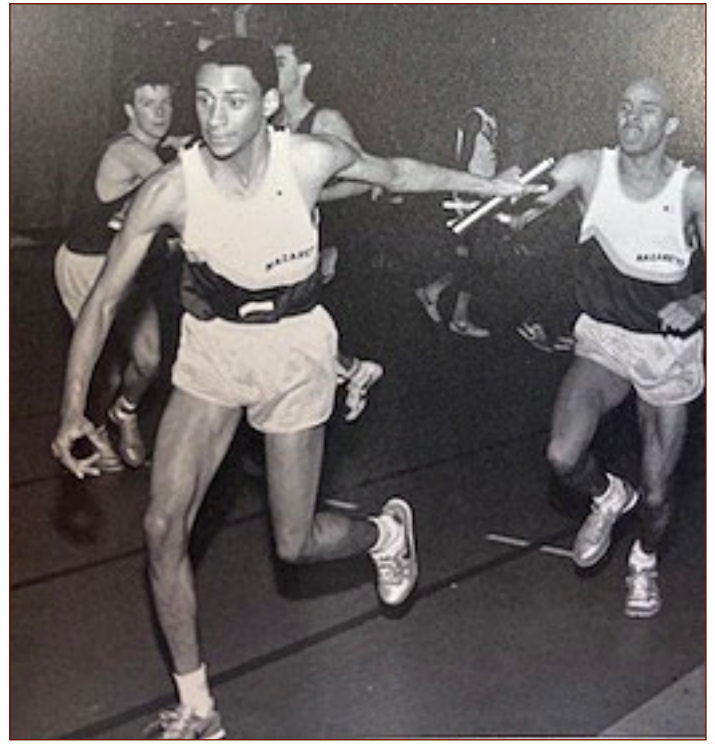
## THE INDUCTEES AS SEEN IN 'THE KNIGHT'

### COACH PAUL GODDARD



Concentrating on the sidelines at a wrestling match during his last and most successful season, 1979-80.

### IAN JONES '88, TRACK

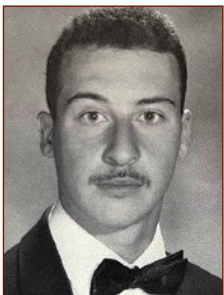


From the 1988 yearbook, taking the baton from teammate Bard Simpson on the way to a relay victory.

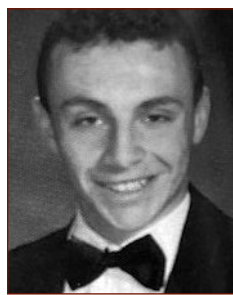
### THE WIATRE FAMILY



Coaches Fred Wiatre, Rich Parris and Bob Gioia at a game.



Dan Wiatre '92, at left, who played football and basketball, and Mike Wiatre '94, right, who also played both those sports.



### COACH BOBBY GIOIA



Surrounded by a victorious Junior Varsity team during the 1989-90 season.



Left to right, in front: John Palmeri, Bill Castello, James Cosgrove, James Ralston, Billy Harkins, John Keenan, Rob DiRe (the current principal), Tom Kennedy (a former teacher) and Andrew DelGaudio. Second row: Andrew Muldoon, Kevin Hoey, Bobby Bruns and Robert Conway (partially blocked). Third row: Jim Kneisel, Dennis Kelleher, James Kearney, Joe Falcone, Ed Quigley, Michael Waglione, Gee Linares ('73), Roy Ryniker. In the back: Jose Glynn, Jimmy Dresh (blocked), James Behan, Danny McCarthy, John Sattler, Michael Donovan and Ed Rapp.

# An Afternoon Reunion for the Class of 1975

About 40 members of the Class of 1975 got together at a restaurant in Sheepshead Bay on April 18 to mark the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

“I’m glad they did it,” said **Bill Castello**, a member of the class who retired after a career with the Associated Press and who now lives on Staten Island. “It woke up a lot of memories.”

The event was organized by **John Keenan**, who lives in Dallas, TX, and does executive coaching and consulting after a long career in the maritime industry. He had help from **Dan Kelleher**, **Dan McCarthy** and **Roy Ryniker**.

Classmates talked about their lives since Nazareth and remembered some experiences there. The reunion at Wheelers ran from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Tom Kennedy**, a teacher during their time at the school, dropped in, as did the current principal, **Robert DiRe**, who talked to the group about changes at the school. The class had a little over 300 members, which is about the size of the total student body now.



Joseph Glynn, Mike Waglione and Kevin Hoey flank former teacher Tom Kennedy.



Denis Kelleher and Andy Muldoon.



James Behan, Andy DelGaudio, Bill Castello

# A Run for the Roses And an '86 Reunion

Members of the Class of 1986 are planning to get together for a 40th reunion on Saturday, May 2, at a bar in Manhattan and to take in the Kentucky Derby while they're at it.

**Chris O'Donnell**, one of the organizers, said a group of classmates had a good time last year on Derby day at their friend's bar and decided to repeat the outing with more alumni. "It should be fun," he said.

The event is scheduled for Bourbon & Branch, 155 West 33rd St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and include food, a curated bourbon selection, Mint Juleps and other cocktails, music, and the race. The event is open to all classes and friends.

You can contact O'Donnell at 516-468-9206 or other organizers: **Alex Pertose** at 917-617-4962 or **Donna Santarpia**, 908-415-8318. **Christine Garrity Sainato** and **Kerry (Boland) McPhillips** round out the team.

O'Donnell said the four other organizers ran the 10-year, 20-year and 30-year reunions for the class. They're hoping to have 40 guests. And hats, a Derby tradition, are encouraged.

**Reunion Organizing Tips, Pages 12-13**



## School Named 'Best' in Survey For the Second Straight Year

Nazareth has been notified that it was voted "Best Catholic High School" in the annual "Best of Brooklyn" competition for 2026.

The contest, run by publishing company Schneps Media and sponsored by Ponce Bank, involved the public voting on businesses, service organizations and other institutions in the borough.

Categories include arts and entertainment, automotive, bars and nightclubs, education, fashion, food,

health and beauty, home and garden, restaurant, shopping and sports.

Details on the voting are available on the [competition's website](#).

The site describes the school as providing "students with an environment that supports intellectual growth and personal development. The school offers academic programs that challenge students while encouraging discipline and responsibility."

## Brother Matthew Fund Off to a Fast Start

**By Denis Wuestman '68**

*Development Committee  
Chairman*



The Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship Fund ("Building Bridges After Nazareth") is a great testament to the legacy of Brother Matthew Burke and has positively impacted the lives of many Nazareth students by raising \$224k in its first 5 years.

Thanks to this Fund, through June 2025, ten juniors were awarded a \$5,000 Brother

Matthew Burke Scholarship and thirty other juniors benefited from smaller scholarships. In addition, funds were allocated for specific educational, academic and arts related projects/capital improvements as well as financial aid to other deserving students.

The goal for the sixth year of the Brother Matthew Burke Annual Scholarship was to raise \$76,000 this campaign year to help reach the \$300,000 mark

since the inception of the fund.

We are pleased to report that, due to an excellent response and early start from many donors, the Fund has reached \$75,000 this year as of this writing. We look forward to exceeding the \$300,000 goal as we continue to support and build upon this worthy cause.

Thanks to all our donors over the years! Quite a tribute to Brother Matthew Burke.

You can find more information about this fund and [donate on our website](#).



John Wuestman (left arrow) and Robert DiRe (right arrow) with other Xaverian school officials in Massachusetts last month.

## ‘The Xaverian Charism Is Alive and Well’

The annual Xaverian Brothers’ Sponsored Schools Conference was held March 26-27 at the Marriott in Quincy, Mass., and attended by school administrators and board officers throughout the network of Xaverian schools in the American Province.

The theme of the board forum was “Leading with Purpose. Governing with Vision.”

Principal **Robert DiRe** and Board Chairman **John Wuestman ‘68** represented Nazareth.

A wide variety of vital schools’ issues, challenges and successes alike were explored in a “think-tank” format on con-

temporary topics of value. That included strategic planning, enrollment challenges, sound financial principles, the importance of parental engagement, and data-driven metrics to elevate and inform critical decision-making.

Representatives from all the schools were most willing to share their experiences, strategies and prominent challenges in generous exchanges of ideas,



**JOHN WUESTMAN '68**  
Board Chair, 2024-26

both of immediate and potential future impact.

Nazareth is especially grateful to Dr. Patrick Slattery, who represented the Xaverian Brother Sponsored schools and was one of the principal hosts and event coordinators.

The network, known as XBSS. Includes 13 Roman Catholic schools around the country sharing a common mission and a similar governance structure.

## McCarthy Brothers Run/Walk Set for Marine Park

The annual McCarthy Brothers Run/Walk is scheduled for Marine Park on June 6, with check-in starting at 8:30 a.m. The race begins at 9:30 a.m.

The event started as a memorial for **Major Eugene McCarthy ‘73**, who died in 1991 during the Persian Gulf War

when his helicopter crashed during a medevac support mission. It was renamed in 2024 to include his brother, **Dennis McCarthy**, a special agent for Homeland Security who died in 2018 of a 9/11-related illness.

You can register for the race/walk, order a T-shirt if you are

not participating and/or donate to the Nazareth Spirit Fund in memory of the McCarthy Brothers all on the race's registration link.

This event is being run by the Rockaway Track Club and all proceeds will be donated to Nazareth.



Meyerend, who was faculty moderator of Excalibur, the student newspaper, presenting a journalism award to student Amanda Jordon in 2024. Above, the teacher before a religious ceremony in the gym.

# School Mourns the Passing of Paul Meyerend

**Paul Meyerend** a teacher at Nazareth since 2017 who also served as the Campus Minister, died on March 2 after a fight with stomach cancer. Below are excerpt from a eulogy given by Principal **Robert DiRe**, one of several during a service (you can [see it here](#)) on March 14 at Christian Heritage Church:

“As a professional, Paul was so smart. Just absolutely a brilliant man. You could tell in the classroom, you could tell in his writing but you could just tell talking to him.

He was analytical, he was resourceful, he was a critical thinker. He was a problem solver and he was an expert communicator, which gave him the tools to be so successful.

Maybe more importantly as a colleague he was kind, compassionate and collaborative always, which made it such a pleasure to work with him, I think we would all agree.

He understood as well as anyone that we were a team and that each individual person was contributing to the goal to get our kids to graduate, to get them

into college. As a friend, supportive, thoughtful, appreciative. He had, again, so many relationships with everybody.

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But I think most importantly from this perspective, was his devotion and dedication as an educator. We already knew he believed in every one of his students. He wanted every one of his students to succeed.

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The impact that he had on so many people in helping them get to where they needed to go was phenomenal.

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The last thing I want to leave you with, I’m stealing — I’m now plagiarizing but I’ll cite my source, which is **Mrs. Monique**

**Fisher**, a longtime teacher at Nazareth. So when we did announce to the staff that Paul had passed, she said, ‘He was truly a man who walked the walk.’

He was campus minister at Nazareth, praying with us every morning, leading us in so many ways. Being the spiritual center of the school. He walked the walk.

He truly was what he said he was. He truly acted the way he said we should all act. And it’s so inspiring to me and to many of us to be able to have that impact, to have somebody say that about you.

He will be truly missed. He will never be replaced, and he will be part of the Nazareth community always.”

# Survey Provides Sampling of Younger Grads

A survey to gauge interest among younger alumni has wrapped up with 30 respondents whose answers to 10 basic questions will be reviewed by members of the school's board to determine what next steps might be taken.

A possible target: mentoring. In a question about current career status, 15 respondents — the largest group at 50 percent — said they were successful in their careers and “looking to mentor other alums.” Five said they “want to connect with other alumni in my field to advance my career,” and three described themselves as entrepreneurs who “want to connect with other alum entrepreneurs.”

**Renée Volny-Darko '93**, who developed the survey, saw mentoring as an avenue to increase interactions among Nazareth's younger grads.

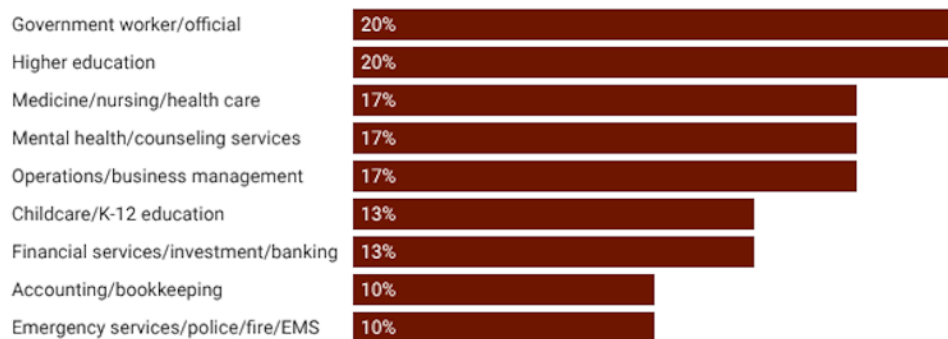
“People like talking about what they do,” she said. “And I think for the most part people like being able to talk to someone who is steps-moved-away from what it is that they do so they can share their own story of how they got there, potentially to help that person get to the next level.”

Elsewhere in the survey, grads who have had stints working in government or higher education made up the largest groups by job category, at six apiece. Medicine/nursing/health care had five takers, as did both mental health/counseling services and operations/business management. The survey allowed people to give multiple answers to most questions.

When asked about

## Top 7 Areas of Alumni Job Experience

Percent of Nazareth grads in survey checking off each category (multiple answers allowed).



Source: "Tea" survey conducted by alumni • Created with Datawrapper

their jobs, 43.3 percent said they owned or worked “in a large, for-profit business of over 50 employees,” while another 10 percent worked for non-profits of that size. Looking at the service sector, seven grads said they offer “coaching, training or consultation, counseling services,” while another five said they offer other types of services — either online or in person.

The two questions that drew the most multiple answers involved what people were interested in receiving as alumni. For example, 56.7 percent said they would like to see special deals on apparel, memorabilia

and other school-branded items, and 50 percent said they were interested in reduced fees for gym memberships, wellness workshops or yoga classes. Special alumni rates on auto, home or health insurance with partnering companies was checked off by 43.3 percent.

With a small, self-selecting group—not one chosen at random — the survey respondents provided a sampling or snapshot of the alumni that may not be strictly statistically representative.

The survey was sent via email in the fall to 1,076 graduates from 1990 through 2020, and it was promoted in the newsletter and on social media, which led a few older grads to chime in, too.

Twelve of the alumni still live in Brooklyn, with another four each from either another borough or somewhere in the metropolitan area.

Ten lived elsewhere in the United States, with six of those visiting New York at least twice a year.

Experiences With the Alumni Network	Replies
I mostly connect with those alums who attended Nazareth at the same time I did.	43.3%
I've maintained relationships with only a few alums since graduation.	40%
I would like to learn about the opportunities that the alumni network has to offer.	23.3%
I sporadically connect with other alums.	20%
I've had lots of communication and opportunities across generations of alums.	10%
I have a connection with a few from Nazareth but don't wish to connect with anyone else.	3.3%
I haven't communicated with anyone from Nazareth since graduation.	13.3%



At left, Skyla Hudson, Amiya Holder, and Heaven St. Cyrus, with Gerard Fitzgerald. Above, Knox Baker with James Kennelly.

# 9 Students Named in a Night of Scholarships

Nine students received a total of \$10,000 from four alumni-sponsored scholarships at an awards ceremony for freshmen, sophomores and juniors on March 24.

Among the alumni giving out awards was **Gerard Fitzgerald '84**, who told the audience of students, some of whom were there with family, about sacrifices his parents made to send him to Nazareth.

"I want you to think about

what your parents have done for you to be here today to receive your awards. It's easy to not see it — what your parents might be giving up, whether it's a vacation, a car, whatever, to give you that education here at Nazareth."

"Thank them," he added.

Fitzgerald established a scholarship in memory of his father, who was also named **Gerald**. The \$1,000 winners were **Skyla Hudson, Amiya**

**Holder, and Heaven St. Cyrus.**

Another alumni, **James Kennelly '79**, presented \$1,000 scholarships to **Imron Boev, De Andre Hall, Ruth Pierre and Kimora Samuel**. Kennelly, a former member of the school's board of trustees who set up a scholarship in honor of his late father, **Donald**, spoke about the school being important to his development growing up.

"I was going in a different direction, and this school was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Two new scholarships were established with money raised at the alumni golf outing in the fall. **Knox Baker** received a \$1,500 scholarship in honor of **Paul Goddard**, a long-time wrestling coach. **Kamari Hamilton**, who was not present, was awarded a scholarship of \$1,500 in memory of **Pat Morgan '76** which was funded by a long-drive competition by his son **Gerry** at the outing.

The scholarships were given out at a ceremony, presided over by Principal **Robert DiRe** that honored 143 students for academic achievement and service to the school.



James Kennelly with Ruth Pierre, Kimora Samuel and De Andre Hall. Missing Imron Boev.

# Active Tenure Concludes For Board Member

By John Wuestman '68

*Board of Trustees Chairman*

After a decade of dedicated service to Nazareth as a member of the Board of Trustees, **John Barrett '73** recently completed a most active tenure.

John, a lifelong Marine Park resident and a parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas parish, provided invaluable leadership by serving on the Executive Committee of the board and as chairman of the Finance Committee.

His contributions to the school went “above and beyond” as a valued advisor in all financial matters, preparing timely and comprehensive reports for all board meetings, visiting the school at least several times a month to meet with administrators, always offering sound advice and perspective in matters related to enrollment, plant management, tuition trends and a variety of data analyses.

In addition, John could often be found at school activities and sporting competitions rooting on both the Kingmen and the Lady Kingmen teams alike, a **True Kingsman** in all matters. His devotion was “full time.”

Nazareth thanks you, John, and is grateful for your continued committee work behind the scenes!!



## From the Video to the Board

Hugue Jean-Charles from the Class of 1992 has joined the Nazareth Board of Trustees. His first meeting was April 11. A doctor with a practice in East Flatbush, he was featured in one of a series of promotional videos made in 2024 in which he talks about how Latin classes at Nazareth helped him in medical school and how he enrolled his son, now a senior, “to have the same opportunities to succeed in all aspects of his life.” See the video [on this page](#).

## Teacher Wins Xaverian Group’s Ryken Award



**Damaris Batista**, a teacher at Nazareth, has won the Theodore James Ryken Award from the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools network.

The award is given to a faculty or staff member at each of the network’s 13 schools “whose life and work reflect a deep commitment to Ryken’s vision, proclaiming the Gospel, fostering a vibrant community of faith, supporting the growth of each individual, and promoting academic excellence, service, and justice.”

She joined the faculty in 2014. “She teaches Spanish, and also occasionally Religion and Fashion Design,” Principal **Robert DiRe** explained. “And is now a department head as well. She is also our summer school principal a few years running.”

The award is named for the Dutch Catholic missionary who founded the Xaverian Brothers.

### Want to Update Your Classmates About What You’ve Done?

Just fill out the form at  
[https://nazarethrhs.org/  
alumni/alumni-news-  
updates/](https://nazarethrhs.org/alumni/alumni-news-updates/)

### Want to Send Us Some Feedback?

Reactions? Story ideas?  
Questions? Please send  
email to  
[advancement@nazarethrhs.org](mailto:advancement@nazarethrhs.org).

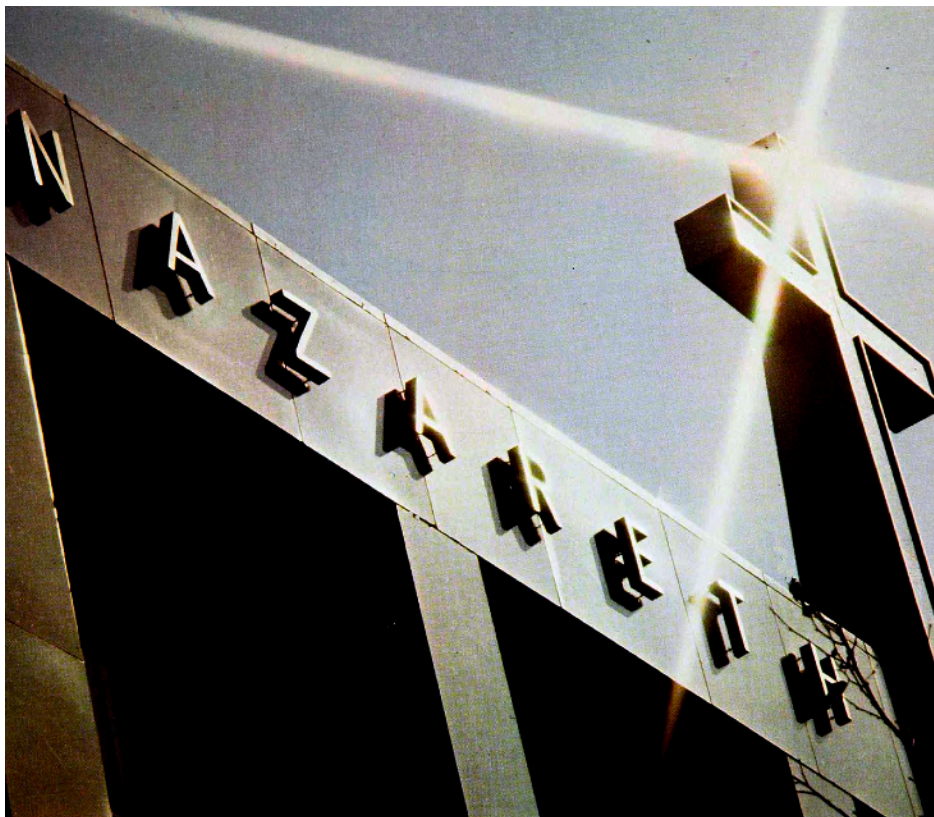
### Want to Make a Donation to the School?

You have a number of  
options, all explained at  
[https://nazarethrhs.org/  
giving/](https://nazarethrhs.org/giving/)

# 'Donation Dash' Contest for Younger Grads

Keep an eye on the school's website and social media for word of a race to see which class — from 2000 to 2010 — can be the first to reach \$2,000 in donations.

## CLASS UPDATES



### CLASS OF 1967

**Mark C. Hehl** of Woodbury CT received the Italian American Ambassador Award from Italian Charities of America for his efforts in preserving Italian American culture. Hehl lectures on Italian-American culture and has written two books: *An Immigrant's Dilemma* and *Ameri-Sicula: Sicilian Culture in America*. [mhehl@charter.net](mailto:mhehl@charter.net).

The "4th Annual Nazareth HS Class of '67 Saturday Jug" — a sponsored horserace at Monmouth Park in New Jersey — has been scheduled for

Friday, June 26th. Alumni from all classes are welcome.

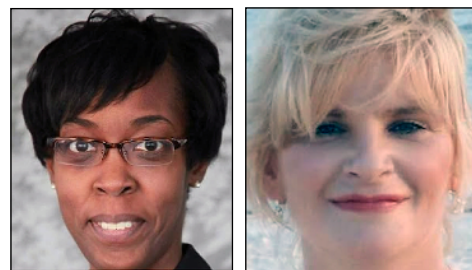
### CLASS OF 1975

**John Palmeri**, Chesire, CT: Married 46 years this August. three children and two grandchildren. Oldest granddaughter in college. Still in practice as a tax attorney. [john@palmerilaw.com](mailto:john@palmerilaw.com)

### CLASS OF 2006

Members of the class are getting a reunion together in July. If you want to find out more, you are invited to follow them on Instagram — [naz06reunion](https://www.instagram.com/naz06reunion).

## PASSINGS



**Michelle Ann Taylor '83**, above left, a class captain who went to Hampton University after graduating from Nazareth, died on January 17. You can see her [obituary here](#).

**Dawn McDonald Zamanis '85**, above right, passed away on March 19. Services were held on March 30 at Resurrection Roman Catholic Church. You can see an [obituary here](#).



**Darren Canton '96**, above left, of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Island, died February 12 at the age of 47. You can see an [obituary here](#).

**Rodrick "Ruddie" Daley, right**, a language teacher at Nazareth during the 1990s before moving on to teach in city schools, died earlier this month. For information on services on May 1 and May 2, [click here](#).

**John Murphy '71** died in July after a series of strokes. He had retired after a long career with the Hospital Workers Union in New York.

To notify us of someone's passing, send an email to [advancement@nazarethrhs.org](mailto:advancement@nazarethrhs.org) with a link to an online obituary.

# 16 Tips For Making Your Reunion a Success

The number of alumni reunions has been growing over the past few years, even though Nazareth, like most schools, doesn't run them. It's largely because an alum or small group of alums stepped up to take the planning initiative.

Here are some of the steps to climb to organize and hold a memorable event, with notes on where the school can help.

**1 A leader from the class lights the fire** by reaching out to several classmates to get the ball rolling by building a **planning team** to contact people in their graduating year. Reunions, no matter how large or small, are only as effective as the momentum and commitment the planning team generates.

**2 Timetable:** Plan on a minimum of four to six months of advance work. Brainstorming with your planning team will generate many different ideas.

**3 Find people.** Go beyond just the folks you still



Photo by Eddi Cruz

With a little help, these five grads were part of the planning team for the 2005 reunion last summer. From left, Daphne Chanoine, Alexandra Charles, Jody-Kay Grant, Myriam Gillis and Kajuan Hall.

know and try to find as many classmates as you can. Start by getting a **complete list** of your class. The school may have one for you, but check it against your yearbook to make sure it lists everybody. See below for a story about **resources to conduct a search**. Keep a list and ask the people you find if they have contact info for classmates who are not already on your list.

**4 Settle on a venue.** And pick a date. Having those nailed down make it "real" to the people you want to attend. Reunions are held in a variety of locales: party rooms at familiar restaurants and bars, picnic grounds, church assembly room, Knights of Columbus halls, or even at Nazareth itself with sufficient notice and a small maintenance fee, subject to availability. If you're using a different venue, make sure to get all charges (extra fees, gratuities, cancellation fees, taxes, etc.).

**5 Set a price,** so you can get ticket sales going. Make sure to include estimates for all expenses and leave a little room for the unexpected.

**6 Use a ticket-selling app:** Ticket Tailor is one. For a small fee they will help collect money for the event ahead of time so that you can avoid "no shows" and unanticipated costs.

**7 Spread the word.** Use social media, the Nazareth website and this alumni newsletter to post details of the upcoming event. Set up a Facebook group in the lead-up, to list who's coming. After, use it to show photos of the gathering.

**8 Name tags.** Office-supply stores sell kits. With bit of computer skill you can **add headshots** from the yearbook. Oh, and bring a yearbook to the event. The Class of 2005 even put together a Powerpoint presentation of yearbook pages to play on a big screen during their reunion.

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## Online Tools to Help You Find Classmates

To start, there are the obvious social media sites — Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn — some of which let people list their high school in their profiles. You can also use them to send messages to the people you find.

**Beyond that, there are search sites.** This **techradar article** describes and rates eight free or subscription sites where you type in the name and location for the person you're looking for and gets back a name — or names — with contact information and sometimes an age, which can help you determine if the person they're giving you is the one you want. If you find the subscription sites work better for you, have one or two people from the planning team pay for a subscription out of the money from ticket sales.



Take and share pictures. Get names to go with faces. And notice all the name tags on this crowd from 1971's 50th reunion.

**9 Eat, drink and be merry.** Buffet-type menus seem to work best. If the event is at the school, Nazareth can make recommendations about outside caterers. Alcohol or not? It's up to you.

**10 Let there be music.** Depending on size, location and affordability, a DJ can liven things up and help with hosting the event. That said, we have found that the real "noise" is the buzz as folks reminisce, share often exaggerated memories, show pictures of kids, share address, contact info, and cell numbers (Collect and share that by keeping a sign-in sheet.)

**11 No group is too small.** Often the reunion idea starts over dinner of a few friends. We see groups of 1-12 grow quickly. Many reunions average 25-30 folks. Spouses and guests often attend.

**12 Join forces.** A four-year block of alums who all attended Nazareth at the same time can hold a reunion together. In 2024, the first graduating classes (1966-69) held a joint reunion at a New Jersey hotel and turned it

into a weekend event. A 1990s multi-year event happened in Brooklyn last summer.

**13 Take and share photos.** Group shots, table shots, candid shots that are emailed to all attendees after the gathering can be a good memory keeper.

**14 Surprise Guests.** Inviting former faculty favs has been a hit for some.

**15 Pitch In.** Think about building a contribution to the school into the ticket price. Run a 50-50 raffle and have 50 percent go to Nazareth as a donation from the entire class.

**16 Take everything in stride.** Members of the planning team should not get frustrated or discouraged by the lack of participation from some classmates. Temper your expectations. And remember to have fun, yourself, at the event.

So whether you're marking the 10-year or 25-year anniversary of your graduation, or deciding to get together the year many of your classmates turn, say, 30 or

40, these steps can help you plan a memorable celebration.

If you need to contact Nazareth for help, for a class list, to use the school as a venue, to help publicize the event or with pricing or catering, contact the **Development Office** at Nazareth via email. Include your contact phone number in the email, please. Address it to: [dwestman@nazarethrhs.org](mailto:dwestman@nazarethrhs.org)

And if you enjoy running a reunion, consider **becoming a class captain**, especially if you graduated between the years 1990-2010! Be a leader by becoming a captain and bring a co-captain along as well. It helps to have a "running mate." The group of class captains has been growing in recent years.

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