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"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

– Helen Keller

I am so proud of this community. Together, we did so much! It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. I would like to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of Arlington Catholic. It is your belief in the values of a Catholic education that help us to sustain our school. We respect the sacrifices each family

makes to send their child to AC, and we will continue to put our students first in everything we do.

AC is a unique and special place to so many. I enjoy my time with the students, the faculty, and our community of families. I want to thank the teachers, staff and parents for all they have done to make Arlington Catholic the nurturing, caring, and intellectually challenging school that it is.

Together we celebrate the achievements from the past year – a few I'd like to highlight are: the establishment of the Achievement Center, providing the tools for our students to become more effective and efficient learners; the new website – if you have not seen it yet – visit achs.net; ten of our world language students attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2016 National Spanish Examinations; we celebrated the new Hall of Fame, Athletic Hall of Fame, Arts Hall of Fame, and Quarter Century Club inductees in April; our sports teams continue to excel (both our boys and girls hockey teams made it to the finals again); enrollment is up for the Class of 2020; ACDC mounted another stellar performance with *Decade*; and we are about to launch a new Arts & Enrichment Program..

We are so grateful for your support, and this year, we hit several fundraising milestones that we are particularly proud of: we successfully raised over \$130,000 to renovate and update our school gym, installing a new court in memory of an AC hero, Dr. Michael T. Foley, refurbishing the Cougar Den and modernizing the whole area; for the second year in a row 100% of our faculty supported the Annual Fund – yes, on top of all the wonderful things they already do for the school, each and every member of our staff supported us financially; and our Annual Fund was 129% at goal. Thank you all!

Congratulations to our graduates. I feel blessed to have been with them on this journey to adulthood. We are so proud of the wonderful leadership this class provided. Good luck in your next chapter in life! Please stay in touch.

I'd like to offer a prayer in remembrance of two special AC employees who passed away this past academic year – Nancy Piontkoski and Eileen Doherty. Both of these women touched our lives and we will remember them fondly.

May God bless us all and keep us safe throughout the summer.

Sincerely

Linda Butt

Linda M. Butt



If you haven't seen it already, be sure to check out our new website at achs.net!

## Class of 20/6 Commends...



VALEDICTORIAN Laura Caron

Laura Caron, the Valedictorian for the Class of 2016, has consistently proven to be devoted not only to her academics, but also to her extra-curricular involvements. Laura's transcript over her four years proved that she "accepted the challenge" by taking honors and AP courses across all areas of study. Due to her academic achievements, Laura earned membership into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Additionally, Laura has been recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar with Distinction and a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholar Program. Lastly, Laura was awarded the Harvard Book Award. Outside of the academic realm, Laura took on many leadership positions. She was the President of the Photography Club, the Editor of Imaginary Gardens and is one of the Captains of the Science Team.

Laura's commencement address reminded her fellow graduates that we have to live life to the fullest. She opened with a quote from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow saying "Life is Real! Life is Earnest! And the grave is not the goal..." She said that living in the present is all we have, and that we should celebrate. She reminded us to not squander a day and integrate the past and future into our current lives.

Laura will be attending Georgetown University in the fall where we know she will continue to succeed and excel.



SALUTATORIAN Daniel Caron

**Daniel Caron**, the Salutatorian for the Class of 2016, has maintained academic excellence while also participating in many clubs during his time at Arlington Catholic. Daniel became a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Spanish Honor Society. Having a passion for his studies in foreign language, Daniel became the secretary for the Spanish/World Languages Club. Daniel also has an interest in the sciences, thus becoming a captain for the Science Team. Additionally, he was involved in the Journalism Club, the Math Team, the Photography Club and the Cougar Growl. Daniel donates lots of time volunteering at the Bread of Life in Malden, Massachusetts, and has helped as a tutor for the last three years.

Daniel's commencement address brought his peers back to their first day here at Arlington Catholic, walking into the gym for Orientation. He reminded them that they were all in the same situation, but that they were different. They had different experiences leading up to their Orientation and that they would have different experiences after they graduated from AC; however, for their four years here, they all came together as a community and will always have these four years together to cherish.

Daniel will be attending Tufts University in the fall where we know he will continue to succeed and make us proud. Congratulations!

## SISTER MELANIA AWARD

## Valerie O'Loughlin



Valerie O'Loughlin is the 2016 recipient of the Sister Melania Award, named for the first principal of Arlington Catholic and given to the graduating female who the faculty feels demonstrates school loyalty, character, service, achievement and leadership.

Valerie has proven to be an excellent student. Challenging herself, she took many AP and Honors courses. Valerie earned a place in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Additionally, she was awarded the Eastman Young Leader Award last year. Outside of her academics, Valerie became the President of the Humanitarian Club and participated in the service trip to the Romero Center in Camden, NJ. Also, she was the vice-president of the Photography Club, captain of the Science Team and a member of the Drama Club. Outside of Arlington Catholic, Valerie volunteers with Make a Wish and Boston Children's Hospital and has a job at the Melrose Public Library. Amidst her busy and bustling schedule, she still finds time to enjoy her passion for dancing.

Valerie will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall where we are confident she will continue to excel in everything she does.

## MSGR. O'GORMAN AWARD

## Costa Angelakis



Costa Angelakis is the 2016 recipient of the Msgr. O'Gorman Award, named for the pastor of St. Agnes Parish when AC first opened in 1960 and given to the graduating male who the faculty feels possesses the same characteristics as the Sister Melania Award.

Costa is an excellent student who was involved in several clubs and athletic teams as well. He was a member of the Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society, and earned a spot on the Honor Roll every quarter. Costa was seen as a leader to his peers, having served as a Class Representative this past year. He was a member of the Debate Club, Humanitarian Club, Drama Club and the Computer Club. In regards to athletics, Costa played on the varsity Football Team and Spring Track Team. Outside of AC, he also plays basketball and tennis.

Costa will be attending Bentley University in the fall where we know we he will continue to do well and help his community.

## SISTER CATHERINE CLIFFORD TRIBUTE AWARD

## **Emily Guerriero**



Emily Guerriero has been selected to receive the Sister Catherine Clifford Tribute Award. Funded by the faculty and staff, this award is given to the student who best exemplifies the school motto, given by long-time Principal Sister Catherine, "Act

Justly, Love Tenderly, and Walk Humbly with your God."

Emily has proven to be a great leader and student while attending Arlington Catholic. In regards to her academic achievement, Emily certainly pushed herself, taking eight AP courses and many honors classes. She earned a spot in the National Honor Society, serving as the Vice President, as well as the Spanish Honor Society. Outside of academics, Emily was the Captain of the Varsity Soccer and Spring Track Teams. She was also the treasurer of the Humanitarian Club, Drama Club, and was a class representative for the past two years.

Emily is attending UMASS Amherst in the fall, and we know that she will continue to uphold Sister Cathy's motto.

## MSGR. LINNEHAN AWARD

## Julia Hall



Julia Hall has been chosen to receive the Msgr. Linn ehan Award, named for the long-time pastor of St. Agnes. Funded and selected by the faculty, the winner is someone who has made a positive difference within the school, who lives his or her faith, and who is generous,

sincere, caring and dependable.

Julia is a very well-rounded student who has contributed so much to the Arlington Catholic community inside and outside the classroom. Julia was most-notably the President of the Class of 2016. In addition, she was a member of the Humanitarian Club and traveled on the service trip to the Romero Center, Liturgical Choir and the Photography Club. On the field, she played on the Soccer Team and Spring Track Team. In regards to her academics, Julia never shied away from challenges, taking eight AP courses and many honors classes earning her a spot in National Honor Society.

Julia will be attending Holy Cross in the fall where we wish her all the best.

## Baccalaureate Mass & Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 25, the Arlington Catholic Community celebrated our annual Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony to join together in prayer and recognize the achievements of the Class of 2016. Students received their National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society Cords, their Athletic "Letters", and many other awards, including our Legacy Awards and Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards. Students were also recognized for all the scholarships they received, totaling over \$8,000,000 to colleges and universities.





## The Tradition Continues...



The Class of 2016 included many seniors whose parents also graduated from AC. What a wonderful and proud tradition and legacy this displays!

Erica Burke and her parents Patrick '88 and Lisa (D'Alleva) '88

Brian Canniff and his mom Shirley (McGinnity) '83

Alicia Caruso and her mom Marisa (Cantu) '90

Tyler Catino and his Grandmother Patricia (Donlin) '69 (Katherine Ruggiero '95)

Devin Chute and his mom Holly '96 (deceased), pictured here with his aunt Maureen

Nolan Delano and his mom Karen (Linskey) '85

Demiana Fogarty and her mom Jolene (Shaw) '92 Julia Hall and her mom Kathleen (Manning) '82

Margaret Gillis and her mom Kathleen Kelly '83

Shannon Jennings and her mom Mary (Kelly) '86

Abigail Knight and her mom Stacie (Pallotta) '77

Devin Lively and her dad Derek '89

Michael Maher and his dad Peter '81

Andrea Santini and her dad Brett '95

Patty Williams and her dad Richard '77

Edwin Woods and his dad Ed '73

## Senior Week

On May 23rd, the Senior Class kicked off graduation week with Senior Class Day on the AC Turf Field. Over 120 members of the senior class joined together for a day of games, food, and camaraderie. Students enjoyed a great day in the sun: jumping in an inflatable bounce-house; playing Can-Jam, Spike-Ball, and Beanbag Toss; and racing through an inflatable obstacle course. Edwin Woods, Paul Solviletti, and Demi Fogarty organized a massive kick-ball game, reminding everyone what they enjoyed most in Ms. Cassell's gym classes. A special thank you to Senior Class President Julia Hall for helping to organize this great day for her classmates!













## Commencement 2016

On Thursday, May 26th, over 1,500 people gathered at the Dana Athletic Center at Bentley University to celebrate Arlington Catholic's 52<sup>nd</sup> graduating class. In addition to the graduates, their families and the AC Faculty, we were also thrilled to have members of the Class of 1966, celebrating the 50 year anniversary of their graduation by leading the Class of 2016 into the Ceremony.

Our Pastor, Reverend Brian Flatley was also celebrating his Golden Jubilee on this day and shared a wonderful reflection of his 50 years in the Priesthood as part of his invocation.

Other speeches included opening remarks by Class President Julia Hall and remarks from both our Valedictorian Laura Caron and Salutatorian Dan Caron.





Mark Estee, Class of 1988 and nationally renowned chef, gave a wonderful Commencement Address. His message asked the students to not think about financial success but try to be "one of the five." He asked everyone to think of "their five people" – those five people you know you can always count on – and that each student's goal should aim to be one of someone's "five." He also asked the students to think about what they want their obituary to say about them – and live their life to make that happen.

After each of the 174 students received their diplomas, alumni **Catherine Doyle**, Class of 2013, closed with a beautiful song.























## Future Plans

## The Members of the Class of 2016 will be attending the following Colleges and Universities in the Fall of 2016.

Abigail Alberino	Plymouth State University
Costa Angelakis	Bentley University
Elizabeth ArenaU	niversity of Massachusetts, Lowell
Leo Bae	Nichols College
Kathryn Baldwin	Merrimack College
Brandon Beaubrun	Western New England University
Justin Beecher	Merrimack College
Mary Blais	North Shore Community College
Andrea Bloomer	Skidmore College
Ivana Bonetti Mass. Colleg	ge of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Olivia Bowman	Northeastern University
Julia Brown	Curry College
Erica Burke	Bryant University
Kassandra Burke	Suffolk University
Kayla Canney	Bridgewater State University
Brian CanniffSou	thern New Hampshire University
Benjamin Caron	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Daniel Caron	Tufts University
Laura Caron	Georgetown University
Alicia Caruso	Fordham University
Mackenzie Casey	Regis College
Tyler Catino	Fisher College
Nicole Cerundolo	Northeastern University
Mingtai ChenUı	niversity of Massachusetts, Boston
Yeshuai ChenUniversity at Bu	uffalo, The State University of NY
Devin Chute	Boston University
Alena Coppola	University of New Hampshire
Erica Corso	Endicott College
Liam Daly	Johnson & Wales University
Yuji Dan	Undecided
Shane DeanUni	versity of Massachusetts, Amherst
Nolan Delano	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Alexa DelloIacono	Framingham State College
Alex DiVito	Rivier University
Louis Doherty	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Nikki Doherty	Washington and Lee University
Juliana DolanUni	versity of Massachusetts, Amherst

	Villanova University
	Quinnipiac University
	The Catholic University of America
Justin Donovan	College of the Holy Cross
Gillian Drane	Merrimack College
•	Stonehill College
	Middlesex Community College
Sara Ellis	Boston University
Nicholas Facciolo	Merrimack College
Katelyn Fisher	Assumption College
Eileen Flynn	Providence College
Ross Fodera	Emerson College
Demiana Fogarty	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Ashley Francois	Emmanuel College
Marie Gaffney	Villanova University
Leijia Gao	University of California, Riverside
Jacqueline Garvey	Salem State University
Justin Geneus	
Geoffrey Gentile	United States Army
Richard George	
Margaret Gillis	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Ahsani Graves-Cribbs	
Andrew Griffin	Emmanuel College
Emily Guerriero	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
	Anna Maria College
Breanna Gustin	Salve Regina University
	College of the Holy Cross
	Johnson & Wales University
Daniel Harrigan	Work
	University of California, Los Angeles
	University California, Davis
-	Southern New Hampshire University
	Saint Anselm College
James Judge 111	Saint Anseim College

Caroline Kallenberg	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Alexandra Keane	Regis College
Matthew Kehoe	Electrical Trade School
Samantha Kenney	Saint Anselm College
Brendan Kenny	
Alexandria Kindle	
Abigail Knight	Bentley University
Lindsey Komorny	North Shore Community College
Erin Lane	Assumption College
Giana Leone	Mount Ida College
Jonathan Letang	University of Tampa
Nicole Limone	Merrimack College
Jenna Limone	Providence College
Devin Lively	University of New Hampshire
EmmaRose Long	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Daniel Lordan	Merrimack College
Dylan Madden	Lasell College
Kaitlyn Maguire	Merrimack College
Michael Maher	Nichols College
Juliana Maitino	Merrimack College
Miranda Maitino	Quinnipiac University
Brendan Martel	Merrimack College
Nikko Martins	
Anthony Masse	Salem State University
Cody Matorelli	Lasell College
Sarah Mattera	Merrimack College
Liam McCabe	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Amanda McInnis	Northeastern University
Justin McKenzie	Nichols College
Michaela McLaughlin	University of New England
Conor Meehan	Assumption College
Shant Melkonian	Framingham State University
Lily Mello	University of San Francisco
Casey Mercer	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Caroline Morganelli	University of Rhode Island
Kevin Morrissey	College of the Holy Cross
Ali Moudakkire	Eastern Nazarene College
Adrian Mourato	Nichols College
	Bunker Hill Community College
Jacqueline Noftle	Sacred Heart University
Alison O'Connell	Stonehill College

Valerie O'Loughlin	University of Pittsburgh
Wilson Ochoa	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Jennifer Ong	College of the Holy Cross
SeYong Park	Purdue University
Monique Pinto	Suffolk University
Annabelle Plowden	
Lily Raso	Assumption College
Paul Reis	Northeastern University
Ayak Ringador	Salem State University
Gabriela Rodriguez	Merrimack College
Christian Rosati	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
John Ryan	Worcester Academy
Anthony Salemme	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Anthony Santagati	
Andrea Santini	Plymouth State University
Daniel Sartell	Merrimack College
Dominic Scutti	Western New England College
Gianna Seaver	Saint Michael's College
Nicole Shanley	Providence College
Fiona Slater	
Ryan Smith	Quinnipiac University
Paul Solviletti	Merrimack College
Matthew Solviletti	
Jake Sousa	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Marissa Spagnoli	Lasell College
Emma Tanahashi	Endicott College
Angela Tartarini	North Shore Community College
Marisa Tassi	Simmons College
Stephen Thomas	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Michael Venditti	The Catholic University of America
Deja Wallace	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Matthew Wever	United States Army
Emma Wiklund	Columbia University
Nathan Wilcox	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Patricia Williams	Simmons College
Edwin Woods	Norwich University
Junming Yu	Bentley University
Weijia Zhang	Undecided
SiYu Zhu	Pepperdine University
Julianna Zucco	Westfield State University

## Academic Awards Night



Arlington Catholic began a new tradition this June. An Academic Awards Ceremony was instituted to recognize the Academic and Service Achievements of our 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. Miss Butt, along with Academic Department Chairs, recognized 42 students for their Achievements.

Awards were given out for success on the National French and Spanish Exams (see page 15) and the National Latin, Classical Etymology, Latin Classical Literacy, Roman Civilizations, and Latin Vocabulary Exams (see page 16-17). Campus Ministry, Student Service and Leadership Awards, Drama Program and College Book Awards were also given out.



## Nicole Angelakis

- The College of the Holy Cross Book Award

## Michael Balboni

- Stonehill College Book Award

## John Biagioni

 Rochester Institute of Technology – Computing Medal & Scholarship

## Patrick Browne

- Top Scorer -- National American Math Competition Exam -- Grades 9 and 10

## **James Cordero**

- Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild All Star Cast Acting Award
- Rochester Institute of Technology --Innovation & Creativity Award Program

## Victoria DeFabritiis

- Le Moyne College Book Award/Scholarship Program

## Nancy Ding

- Art Award

## Craig Diskin

- St. Michael's College Book Award
- Citizenship Award

## Samantha Donahue

- Dartmouth College Book Award

## **Bridget Flaherty**

- St. Michael's College Book Award

## Cate Gallagher

- Campus Ministry Award

## Michaela Gallagher

- Campus Ministry Award

## Shayna Gnewuch

- Poet Laureate Award

## Nello Gu

- University of Rochester -George Eastman Young Leaders Award
- The Micah Award

## Ryan Guo

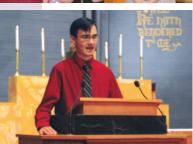
- Overall Judges' Choice Award -New England Regional Botball Robotics Tournament
- Top Scorer National American Math Competition Exam - Grades 11 and 12
- Math Team Award
- Rensselaer Award

## **Courtney Ingersoll**

- University of Rochester - Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award

## Alexandra Kay

- Boston University School of Education Book Award









## Rebecca Kwolek

 Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild – All Star Cast Acting Award

### Eric Lee

University of Rochester –
 Xerox Award for Innovation &
 Information Technology Award

### Yilei Li

- St. Anselm College Book Award

### Karmen Lu

- Dorothy Day Award
- University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

## Caroline Peterson

- Campus Ministry Award

## Erik Plowden

- Oscar Romero Award

## Michael Rallo

 Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild – All Star Cast Acting Award

## Rose Roche

- Elmira College Key Award

## Heidi Santa Cruz

- National History Day Award
- Regis College Book Award

## Jane Wakefield

- Harvard University Book Award

## Elaine Woods

- Campus Ministry Award

# Arts and Enrichment Program Launch

In keeping with Arlington Catholic's mission to educate our students in mind, body and spirit, we are very pleased to announce the creation of The Arts and Enrichment Program.

The new Arlington Catholic Arts & Enrichment Program will begin in September, 2016. We are very excited about this program, which will be an essential and integral component of the AC experience. Our sincere hope is that students will have fun, take chances, and be exposed to things they might not have considered before. Research supports the value of art education in all areas of students' lives and we are proud to be able to offer that enrichment and exposure to all of our students.

"I believe arts education in music, theater, dance, and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. (People) have an enthusiasm for life, a spark of creativity, and vivid imaginations that need training – training that prepares them to become confident young men and women."

- Richard W. Riley, Former US Secretary of Education

## Campus Ministry Happenings

The Arlington Catholic school community has been quite active in the Campus Ministry program during the second half of the year. The students and staff appreciate the importance of sharing their gifts and giving to others.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Catholic Schools Week is held each year throughout the nation during the last week of January. This year's theme, "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service", is very much a part of the school community. Arlington Catholic is a community where faith is encouraged and lived daily, knowledge is shared among students, teachers and staff, and service is at the heart of the mission of Arlington Catholic. The students led special prayers each day and we attended a school Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We gratefully support Catholic education.

### Lent

The students and staff participated in a special Prayer Service on Ash Wednesday. Father Brian Flatley, our Pastor, presided at the service. The students distributed ashes and participated in the service as readers and musicians.

The school community also celebrated a Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. We are grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph, past and present, who continue to share their charism of service to the "Dear Neighbor". We are grateful to Mrs. Betty Lally and Mr. Serge Clivio who shared reflections at Mass on how the Sisters have influenced their lives.

## WALK FOR HUNGER

The students of Arlington Catholic once again participated in the Greater Boston Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 1. This walk has been an annual tradition at Arlington Catholic for more than 25 years beginning with former Principal, Sister Cathy Clifford. The students were happy to help the poor in Massachusetts.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The students of Arlington Catholic have been working very diligently completing Christian Service hours. All students are required to complete 60 hours of Christian Service before graduation. The students have been completing hours at hospitals, nursing homes, recreation centers, soup kitchens and the like. We encourage the students the importance of giving back to others in thanksgiving for all that God has given to us.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

On April 7, the students and staff held an annual Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Many students and staff donated blood and helped with the organization of the day. We have tried to instill in our students an understanding of the importance of donating blood on a regular basis. We were happy to help this very worthwhile organization.

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## National Honor Society

The Arlington Catholic Chapter of the National Honor Society had a wonderful year. In the fall the membership held a sock drive for Friends of Boston Homeless. The strong leadership of the NHS community allowed for the drive to be a success, collecting over 800 pairs of socks. During the month of February, an exquisite NHS induction ceremony was held in St. Agnes Church, which was a location change from previous years. The ceremony went flawlessly as Jacquie Billings (English Chairperson) gave a heartfelt address to the junior inductees. Finally, the combined junior and senior membership put on a drive for Cradles to Crayons' Gear Up For Baby program which provides newborns to the age of 3 with necessary items in their first years of life. The student body collected baby wipes, baby powder, baby lotion, and baby soap. Each class was assigned an item to bring in. The president of NHS Margaret Gillis led the charge for this spring drive. Overall, the NHS membership had a wonderful year!

## Students of the Quarter

At the end of every quarter, teachers nominate students and then the full faculty takes a final vote on who should receive the honor of Student of the Quarter. A student from each class is chosen based on their commitment to living the AC motto: "Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with God."

## **FIRST** QUARTER **RECIPIENTS**



Patrick Browne, Freshman



Taleah Pierre-Louis, Sophomore



Spencer Burton, Junior



Emily Guerriero, Senior

## SECOND QUARTER **RECIPIENTS**



Rachel Yore, Freshman



Jack Thorpe, Sophomore



Bridget Flaherty, Junior



Val O'Loughlin, Senior

## **THIRD QUARTER** RECIPIENTS



Meghan McDevitt, Freshman



Michael Burke, Sophomore



Tekarina Pierre, Junior



Matt Solviletti, Senior

## **FOURTH** QUARTER **RECIPIENTS**



Aidan Kay, Freshman



Erik Plowden, Sophomore



Bridget Crane, Junior



Kaitlin Maguire, Senior

## Spanish Honor Society

We are very pleased to have a chapter of the **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica** (Spanish Honor Society) here at Arlington Catholic. The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, an honor society for high school Spanish students, is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. At present, there are over 2,000 national and international chapters.

The goal of this organization is to stimulate interest in the study of Spanish, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures, and to perpetuate international friendship and understanding.

Membership is based on scholarship in general and scholarship in Spanish in particular, as well as leadership and interest in Hispanic cultural activities, either in a group or as an individual. To be eligible, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a senior enrolled in Spanish IV or higher at Arlington Catholic High School.
- Have an A- (90) average in Spanish for at least six quarters at Spanish II or higher level.
- Have an overall B (83) average.

An induction ceremony was held in the school library in the fall and students wore the red and gold honor cords of the SHH at graduation.

## The following students of the Class of 2016 are members:

Marie Gaffney Costa Angelakis Abigail Knight Andrea Bloomer Jenna Limone Olivia Bowman Nikko Martins Benjamin Caron Daniel Caron Amanda McInnis Valerie O'Laughlin Laura Caron Nicole Cerundolo Annabelle Plowden Gabriela Rodriguez Devin Chute Michaela Duffy Matthew Solviletti Alexa DellaIacono Deja Wallace Patricia Williams Sara Ellis

## French & Spanish Exam Thwards

## Nicole Angelakis

Honorable Mention

Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## John Biagioni

Bronze Medal Level 4 National Spanish Exam

## Victoria DeFabritiis

Honorable Mention

Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## John Dellano

Honorable Mention
Level 3 National French Exam

## Craig Diskin

Bronze Medal

Level 3 National French Exam

## Samantha Donahue

Honorable Mention

Level 4 National French Exam

## **Bridget Flaherty**

Honorable Mention

Level 4 National French Exam

## Andrea Lopez

Honorable Mention
Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## Sabrina Lopez

Honorable Mention
Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## Gianna Martin

Demiana Fogarty

Honorable Mention

Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## Mahima Menghani

Honorable Mention
Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## **Erin Montion**

Silver Medal

Level 3 National French Exam

## Erik Plowden

Honorable Mention

Level 3 National Spanish Exam

## Michael Rallo

Honorable Mention

Level 3 National French Exam

## Rose Roche

Honorable Mention Level 4 National French Exam

## Latin Awards

Once again Arlington Catholic's Latin classes fared very well in a number of national competitions taken throughout the year. It is a testament to the students' effort, preparation, and hard work that they do so well and yet are able to take care of the assigned syllabus for the year.

## National Latin Vocabulary Exam

As the name suggests, this exam draws upon a student's overall knowledge of Latin vocabulary according to the appropriate grade level. On the Latin 2 level, **Andrew Chan** (Gold), **Abigail Connell** (Silver), and **Erin Kelly** (Bronze) received medals.

On the Latin 3 level, **Elena Bonetti** and **Ria DeFranzo** both received Gold Medals; **Karmen Lu** won a Silver and **Jane Wakefield** a Bronze.

## Classical Literacy Exam

Several AC students received word that they had won medals or certificates for Honorable Mention on the Classical Literacy Exam. This is a very difficult and demanding test designed to test their overall knowledge of language, culture, law and literature. They are accountable for hundreds of terms that they must memorize. Likewise, the format is "fill in the blank" which makes the responses less susceptible to random guessing. On the Level 2, Elena Bonetti won a Gold Medal (see story below). Karmen Lu won a Silver; Andrew Chan and Jane Wakefield secured a Bronze. Honorable Mention Certificates were won by Ria DeFranzo, Thomas DeLillo, Hanwen Gu, and Eric Spagnoli.

## National Latin Exam

This is the apex of all the exams since it has been around since 1978 and is administered all over the world. Thus, the competition is fiercer and more widespread (over 140,000 participants). Arlington Catholic did extremely well with 90% of those taking it receiving a medal, a certificate, or both. 40% of the AC students won Gold Medals in the various grade levels.

## Summa Cum Laude

Andrew Chan – Latin 2

Jane Wakefield – Latin 3

Karmen Lu – Latin 3

Eric Spagnoli – Latin 3

Elena Bonetti – Latin 3

Margaret Gillis - Poetry 4

Anna Lynch - Latin 2

Thomas DeLillo - Latin 3

Ria DeFranzo – Latin 3

## Magna Cum Laude

Hanwen Gu - Latin 2

Erin Kelly - Latin 2

Nicole Shanley - Poetry 4

Nikki Doherty - Poetry 4



Because Junior **Elena Bonetti** won a Gold Medal on the Classical Literacy Exam, she was eligible to compete in an essay contest on the topic "The Value of a Classical Education." Well, compete she did and Elena was one of four students nation-wide whose essays were chosen as winners. For this she received a letter of congratulations as well as a cash prize. The entire school congratulates Elena on her superb feat.

## National Etymology Exam

In December the students took the National Etymology Exam sponsored by the Junior Classical League of which AC is a sustaining member. This exam covers Greek and Latin derivatives as they come down to modern English. The winners are:

## GOLD MEDALS

Margaret Gillis Karmen Lu Hanwen Gu Erin Kelly

## SILVER MEDALS

Elena Bonetti Nikki Doherty Eric Spagnoli Andrew Chan

## Bronze Medals

Nicole Shanley Jane Wakefield Anna Lynch

## National Roman Civilization

This test too is sponsored by the Junior Classical League and focuses on many facets of Roman life: its history, geography, ancient holidays and festivals, clothing, etc. Because it is so far reaching in scope, this exam is the most difficult; yet several AC students garnered awards. On the Advanced Level,

Karmen Lu and Nicole Shanley won Bronze Medals, and on the Intermediate Level, both Andrew Chan and Hanwen Gu also won Bronze Medals.

## Science Team



The Science Team finished in second place overall (out of 27 schools) in the North Shore Science League this year, the best finish in school history. AC also earned league awards for Best in Physics and Best in Biology this season.

In the March meet at Woburn, AC dominated the competition, finishing in 1st place in the meet. AC was led by the group of Laura Caron, Dan Caron, Annabelle Plowden, and Noel Slater who scored a 49 out of 50 in the Ecology Event and the group of Ben Caron, Valerie O'Laughlin, Emily Guerriero, and Ryan Guo who scored a 49 out of 50 in the Chemistry Event. The group of Junyi He, Zoe Duan, Edward Shi, and Abby Le scored 45 out of 50 in the Instant Invention Event.

AC traveled to Cape Elizabeth, ME in April for the last meet of the season and captured second place in the meet. The group of Ben Caron, Ryan Guo, Conor Meehan, and Junyi He finished fourth in the Physics Event--the group had to build one device to launch an egg 100 ft and another device to catch the egg without breaking it. The group of Laura Caron, Noel Slater, Annabelle Plowden, and Karmen Lu finished second in the Ecology Event, and Dan Caron and Valerie O'Loughlin finished second in the Biology Event.

A special thank you goes out to Coach Ken Murphy for all of his help this year.

The team would like to recognize seniors Ben Caron, Dan Caron, Laura Caron, Valerie O'Loughlin, Emily Guerriero, Nancy Huang, Conor Meehan, Annabelle Plowden, and Noel Slater for all of their hard work and dedication. Thank you and good luck, seniors.

Congratulations, Science Team, on an outstanding season!

## Drama Festival

Arlington Catholic Drama Club entered the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's High School Festival in early spring. Participating students presented a 40-minute entry along with seven other schools' productions at a host site. Each site closes the day with an awards ceremony and the announcements for schools moving on to the semifinal and final rounds, which take place in the following weeks. In 2016, ACDC's production of The Staggering Heartbreak of Jasmine Merriwether moved forward to the semi-final round at Sharon High School and received a number of awards for acting and design. The Festival is a great opportunity to share ACDC's work with other drama programs, meet new people, and come together in an amazing day of theatre.















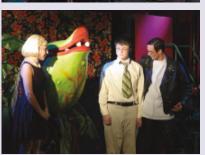












**ACDC PRESENTS** 

## Little Shop Norrors















## recade of ACDC

This April, the Arlington Catholic Drama Club celebrated a decade of productions with a musical revue entitled "Decade". Held at Arlington Town Hall, the show featured musical numbers from the past ten ACDC musicals-Lil' Abner, Guys and Dolls, Once Upon a Mattress, Grease, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Who's Tommy, Into the Woods, The Wizard of Oz, Godspell, and Little Shop of Horrors - performed by the current Drama Club. Even some of the faculty got in on the action, with Mr. Clivio, Mr. Shine, and Mr. Wilcox all singing "Heart" from Damn Yankees (another show ACDC has done, though not in the past ten years).

However, the night wasn't only about the performances; it was a celebration of the arts at Arlington Catholic, bringing a perfect ending to the week the school launched its arts initiative. There was a pre-show cocktail hour for ACDC alumni to mingle with each other, catch up, and reminisce about their days in the Drama Club, and at intermission, staff, alumni, and current ACDC members came together to celebrate the woman who makes all ACDC productions possible: Mrs. Billings. The highlight of the intermission — a video compiled by alumni Maggie Kiernan, which featured clips from ACDC members, past and present, discussing how Mrs. Billings made their time in the drama club so special.

The night ended with everyone - students and faculty -singing the anthem of ACDC: "Beautiful City" from Godspell. This brought tears to eyes of some, and brought the house down. By the end of the night, the same idea was on everyone's mind: ACDC has done incredible work in the past ten years. It has touched the lives of so many students, and holds a special place in their hearts. So, hats off to you, ACDC. Here's to another ten years.































## Tunior Ring Ceremony

AC continued its annual tradition of the Junior Ring Blessing. Students purchase rings to commemorate their years at Arlington Catholic. Those rings are blessed and presented by Miss Linda Butt at a beautiful and spiritual ceremony. Students then ask their classmates and families to turn their rings on their fingers for good luck.











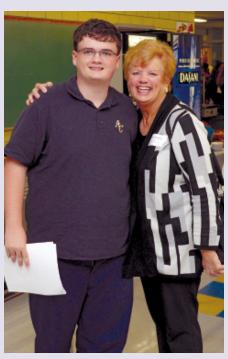






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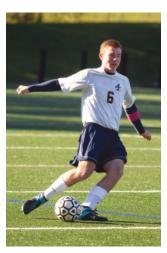








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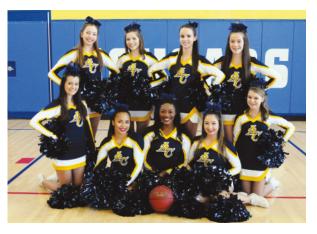












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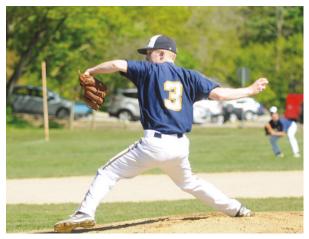
























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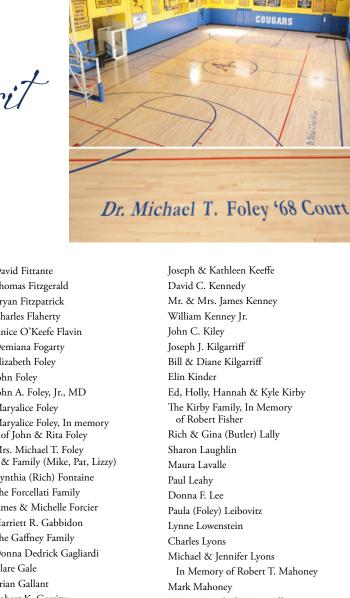
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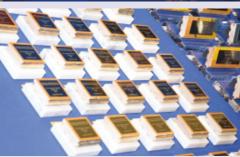
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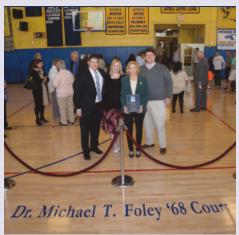
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Katharine (Kari) Donahue is the recipient of the 2016 Female Scholar Athlete Award. Over her four years, Katharine always found time to give back to the community, all the while excelling in academics, athletics and extra-curriculars.

Katharine has built a fantastic transcript and resume for herself. In regards to her academic achievements, she excelled in classes and continually challenged herself to try something new. Katharine was awarded the Dartmouth College Book Award in recognition for her achievements as well. On the field, Katharine was the Captain of the Soccer Team, played basketball, and ran on the spring track team. Additionally, she joined the Ice Hockey cheering team. Off the field, Katharine was involved with the National Honor Society and the Spanish/World Language Club. In her spare time, she has volunteered at the Melrose Public Library, Bread of Life in Saugus, Boston Children's Hospital, and the Melrose Food Pantry.

Katharine is certainly an incredible young woman who will be missed inside the halls of AC. She will be attending Quinnipiac University in the fall, and we wish her all the best!

## SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Katharine Donahue and Nikko Martins

Scholar Athletes must achieve a letter for at least two years in two separate Varsity sports in addition to being the highest ranking student in competition.

**Nikko Martins** is the recipient of the 2016 Male Scholar Athlete Award. Nikko has had a very impressive career at AC and surely will leave a legacy behind him. On and off the field, Nikko has excelled in all aspects.

In regards to academics, Nikko has succeeded in the classroom amidst the challenging course load he has taken on. Due to his accomplishments, Nikko earned a spot on the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Additionally, Nikko received the RIT Book Award last year.

On the field, Nikko has proven to not only be a gifted athlete, but also a leader. From his freshman year to his senior year, Nikko constantly improved his game and eventually became the Tri-Captain of the Football Team. Additionally, Nikko ran track and played baseball. His fierce competitive spirit helped motivate his fellow team members to constantly improve their athletic abilities.

Amidst the busy academic and athletic schedule, Nikko still found time to be an involved leader amongst his pears. Most notably, Nikko served as Class President his junior year. Additionally, Nikko was a member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), The Cougar Growl, and joined the Drama Club for his senior year.

Nikko has proven to be a remarkable young man, athlete and leader at his time here at Arlington Catholic. He will be attending Wake Forest in the fall where we know he will continue to succeed.

Sophomore

Dodge Ball



## Woman and Gentleman Athletes

## Demiana Fogarty and Louis Doherty

The Woman and Gentleman Athletes are nominated by their coaches and chosen by the faculty and staff of AC with the criteria being that the athlete conduct themselves with dignity and class, both on and off the playing field.

Demiana (Demi) Fogarty has been chosen to receive the 2016 Woman Athlete Award. Demiana is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and constantly earned a spot on the Honor Roll. Demiana is an invaluable member of the Volleyball and Basketball Teams. Making varsity her freshman year, she constantly proved her athletic abilities. Demiana has completed 1,000 Kills on the Volleyball court as well as been named a CCL All-Star for both Volleyball and Basketball. Ultimately, Demiana became captain of both of the teams, proving her leadership skills. Demiana will be attending UMASS Lowell in the fall where we wish her well.

Louis (Lou) Doherty has been chosen to receive the 2016 Gentleman Athlete Award. Louis is a three sport varsity athlete—playing on the football field, basketball court and the baseball diamond.

Louis has been a member of SADD for three years and has also become a member of the Spanish/World Language Club. Being a leader, Louis joined the Student Senate as well. Louis excelled in his academics and became a member of the National Honor Society. In his spare time, Louis helped coach the St. Agnes Basketball team as well. We wish him all the best next year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.







## Sports Thwards

## ALL-STARS 2015-16

Football: Christian Rosati, Jack Ryan

Boys Soccer: Liam Daly, Alex Tavitian

Girls Soccer: Kari Donahue, Michaela

McLaughlin

Volleyball: Juliana Dolan,

Demi Fogarty (Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic, CCL MVP),

Samantha Kenney, Monica Royo

Boys Cross Country: Shawn Brown, Andrew Doyle, Kevin Hickey, Michael Venditti

Girls Cross Country: Olivia Bowman,

Alexandra Kay, Chloe Stubblebine

Golf: Justin Beecher, Danny Lordan, Rob Valeri

Boys Basketball: Lou Doherty, Michael Maher, Edwin Woods

Girls Basketball: Erin Donlan, Demi Fogarty (CCL MVP), Marie Gaffney

Boys Ice Hockey: Matt Anderson, Michael Balboni, Cam Geary, Kevin Morrissey, Matt Solviletti

Girls Ice Hockey: Nicole Amato (Boston Herald All-Scholastic), Juliana Dolan, Eileen Flynn, Erin Healy (Boston Globe All-Scholastic and Boston Herald Dream Team), Michaela McLaughlin, Jasmine Mucci

**Indoor Track:** Nikki Doherty

Swimming: Dan Sartell

Boys Lacrosse: Nolan Delano, Riley Donovan, Andrew Griffin, Andrew Guinane, Kevin Morrissey, Nolan Sullivan

Girls Lacrosse: Carrigan Dall, Erin King

Baseball: Matt Laurendeau, Christian Rosati

Softball: Gillian Drane, Samantha Kenney,

Erin Lane, Jackie Noftle

Boys Tennis: Vasilios Papathanasiou

Outdoor Track: Nikki Doherty

Girls Tennis: Eileen Flynn, Emma Wiklund

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

Hobey Baker Award (Ice Hockey) and MSCHA All-Academic Team:

Matt Solviletti

John Cronin Award (Basketball):

Erica Burke, Lou Doherty

Thomas Duffy Award (Cross Country/

Track): Nikki Doherty, Michael Venditti

Jessica Downey Fiorino Award (Volleyball):

Erica Burke

John J. Finnegan Award (Baseball):

Christian Rosati

Bob Martin Award (Softball):

Erin Lane

David Powers, Jr. Award (Ice Hockey):

Cam Geary

Dr. John Treanor Award (Football):

Jack Ryan

Scholar Athlete Awards: Katharine

Woman and Gentleman Athlete Awards:

Demi Fogarty, Lou Doherty

Donahue, Nikko Martins

**CCL Scholastic Honorees:** 

Nikki Doherty, Lou Doherty

## TEAM RECORDS

**Boys Cross Country: 7-1** 

Girls Cross Country: 7-1

Field Hockey: 0-13-2

Football: 2-9

Golf: 5-10

Boys Soccer: 4-10-4

Girls Soccer: 5-12-1

Volleyball: 20-5

CCL Champions, Division 2 State

Semifinalist

Boys Basketball: 10-13, State

Tournament

Girls Basketball: 17-5, State

Tournament

Boys Ice Hockey: 11-8-4 Division 1 North Finalist Girls Ice Hockey: 21-2-1 CCL Champions,

Division 1 State Finalist

Indoor Track: 4-2

Swimming: 3-5

Baseball: 6-14

Softball: 12-10

State Tournament

**Boys Spring Track: 3-6** 

Girls Spring Track: 8-1

Boys Lacrosse: 10-9, State

Tournament

Girls Lacrosse: 4-15

Boys Tennis: 0-12

Girls Tennis: 12-6

State Tournament

## Alumni *News*

class of 1996



Michael Pierce and his wife Kathan have launched a non-profit organiza created to fund dedicated research, development of treatments, and community awareness in support of finding a cure for Fragile X Syndrome. After learning that both of their beautiful young boys had

been diagnosed with Fragile X Syndrome, they soon realized that there is a great need for more funding to further the research and clinical trials that are underway to find a cure. In order to support these efforts, and raise awareness, they have formed The Pierce Family Fragile X Foundation, Inc. Please visit the Foundation website to learn more about Fragile X Syndrome and be inspired by the Pierce Family story. www.piercefxfoundation.org

class of 2001

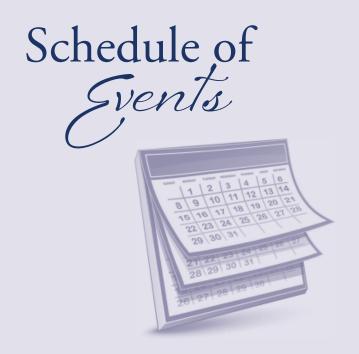
This past September 2015, **Michael Lyons** married Jennifer (Sullivan) Lyons of Melrose, MA. Jennifer is currently an executive assistant at Boston Children's Hospital, and Michael just accepted a new position as Vice President of Hedge Fund Administration at the Bank of New York Mellon



Golden Tubilee

On May 7th, **Sister Claudia Amrod, C.S.J** celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph in Latham, NY. Sister Claudia was a long time faculty member here at Arlington Catholic teaching math and heading that department for a number of years. In addition, she held down HR 402 and served as Senior Faculty Advisor.

We congratulate Sister and wish her many good years ahead. Ad Multo Annos!



25th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 19th www.achs.net/golf

Sophomore Grandparent's Day

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> www.achs.net/grandparent

AC Arts Christmas Fair Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

AC Night at the Celtics TBA

www.achs.net/celtics

Quiz Night

Saturday, March 18th www.achs.net/quiznight

\$10,000 Drawing

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> www.achs.net/\$10k













## Hall of Fame

On Saturday, April 9th, Arlington Catholic celebrated and honored AC alumni and faculty in its ongoing Hall of Fame Ceremony, held every 3 years. Miss Linda Butt and Father Flatley welcomed the 275 attendees of the night at Montvale Plaza and Alum Joe Zarbano '05, Executive Producer at WEEI, served as the Master of Ceremonies. The AC Drama Club brought a little life to the night with songs from the Decade show.













We were thrilled to recognize the following:

The Quarter Century Society honors faculty members who have served at Arlington Catholic for over 25 years. The 2016 Inductees were:

John DeLorenzo, Guidance

Kathleen Grugan, World Language

Mary Catherine MacGillivray, Theology

Mary O'Connor, World Language

Jane Seminara, Theology

The Hall of Fame recognizes those alumni who have distinguished themselves in their career path, have been recognized for outstanding service, or have been a vital part of their community. The 2016 Inductees were:

John Carroll, Class of 1964

Peter Agnes, Class of 1968

Michael Pallotta, Class of 1981

Lisa (Hickey) Simmons, Class of 1996

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes an individual with outstanding athletic ability or honors a coach or group who has made significant impact and contribution to Arlington Catholic and the community. The 2016 Inductees were:

Daniel (DJ) Keating, Class of 1990

Stephanie Martin, Class of 1996

Stephanie Nugent, Class of 2003

The 1993 Football Super Bowl Championship Team

The Arts Hall of Fame recognizes an individual for distinguishing himself/herself in the arts through their personal or professional life, or for their outstanding service to the arts at AC through volunteering their time and expertise. The 2016 Inaugural Inductees were:

Donna (Lavalle) Rockwell, Class of 1989

Rachel Bertone, Class of 2003











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