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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### JFK, On Shoulders of Giants

Mateo Messina '90, Grammy-award winning composer and recipient of the Alumni Distinction in the Arts Award, composed a piece for our 50th anniversary Kennedy Catholic Lancer Legacy awards, entitled JFK, On Shoulders of Giants.

Listening to our symphonic band play that night, I was able to reflect upon all of the teachers, administrators, coaches, staff, students and parents who set the standard and tradition of graduating leaders following Christ.

Each year, I pen a letter to our graduating class. This year, celebrating our 50th year of existence, I would like to share these words which were given to me by two people I deeply admire and who truly believe in supporting the mission of our school. It's my pleasure to pass them along to all of you.

*Now it's time to stand and make the walk to the stage, walk proudly to the handshake of congratulations and best wishes, a look of thanks and nod of approval.*

*Down the stairs and back to your seat you go to sounds of clapping and cheers.*

*Awaiting you are the next steps of your life journey, be it college or another quest you choose.*

*You're excited, a bit nervous, maybe unsure and even sad. It's natural, as you're soon to leave the security and comfort of your Kennedy Catholic family and your own family.*

*Recall for a moment your first days as a Lancer and how it felt to be a part of something so new.*

*You quickly realized you're a part of something wonderful, surrounded by people who care about you and help you arrive at today.*

*Kindness, courage, faith, focus and so much more tucked into your portrait of values that will forever sustain you and guide you along the way.*

*As years go by your time here will take on even stronger meaning as you realize it is what you learned and were part of that prepared you for the path you will travel.*



**Mike Prato - President**

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**Nancy Bradish - Principal**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**An excerpt from Principal Bradish's address to the class of 2017.**

*This year has been the year of candles. I have always loved candles, but this year they have carried new meaning. I have received candles as gifts, I have purchased them for myself. After a year of living in my new house, I learned how to light the pilot light on my gas fireplace to start a fire. I have also been hearing references to the Holy Spirit and the light of Christ all year. It can't be a coincidence.*

*I have been giving this a lot of thought. Why so many candles, or references to candles or flames this year? I think it's a sign; a symbol of God's light in each of us.*

*It begins with a quote from St. Catherine of Siena, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire", often quoted in homilies this year. We walk past her picture in the hallway every day. We hear or see her words all the time. But do we really think about it?*

*I believe that when you came to Kennedy Catholic, your pilot light was already lit, ready to be fueled and to spread light and warmth. You have been given the gift of light, opportunities to discover your true self and to have your calling revealed to you. There have been many times this year that I have seen the light grow in you.*

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## Saint Vincent de Paul Club officers for 2017-18

**President:** Rebecca C.

**Treasurer:** Gracie S.

**Vice President:** Paisley S.

**Secretary/Public Relations:** Marissa T.

## Ordinations

For the second straight year, the Archdiocese of Seattle will have four new priests, as Archbishop J. Peter Sartain ordains Deacons Chad Green, Chris Hoiland, Jeffrey Moore (Kennedy Catholic Class of 2006) and Colin Parrish to the priesthood this month. "They're an interesting mix of personalities," said Father Bryan Dolejsi, Director of Vocations, with "a diversity of different gifts and backgrounds." But they have some important things in common. "All four of them have had very powerful experiences of the risen Christ," Father Dolejsi said. "All four of them, their motivation is to really love God and love God's people." And "all four of them have a heart of service — they want to really give of themselves for God's people and help the church grow."



From left: Deacons and soon-to-be priests Christopher Hoiland, Chad Green, Colin Parrish and Jeffrey Moore '06. Photo by Stephen Brashear

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### Ordination of a Deacon - Louis Cunningham '10



Photo by Cyril Macaraeg '04

On Saturday, May 20 Louis Cunningham (Class of 2010) was ordained a Deacon in a beautiful Mass presided by The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle. Fr. Bryan Dolejsi served as Master of Ceremonies for the Ordinandus. Below is an excerpt from Louie's ordination Mass program:

"Finally, thank you to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle who have prayed for me, worked with me, and hoave loved me to this point in my life. I have attempted to incorporate some members of the different parishes (but definitely not all of the parishes!) where I have interned in the liturgy to show my gratitude for your gently guiding hand in forming one to tryly be for you as a deason of the Roman Catholic Church. I thank God for the opportunity to serve you now and in the future in the affection of Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!"



Photo by Cyril Macaraeg '04

**Congratulations Louis and Jeffrey** – the entire Kennedy Catholic community offers heartfelt congratulations, prayers, and best wishes as these two alumnus begin their faithful service to the people of the Archdiocese of Seattle. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

## Lancer for Life

### Coming Summer 2017!

Watch for your copy of the Lancer for Life magazine which will be in mailboxes soon! If you do not receive the magazine, please contact [Lindsay Smith](#) so we can add your address to our distribution list.



# SPORTS NEWS

## 28 Lancers Receive Spring Sports All-League Honors



2017 SPRING SPORTS ALL-LEAGUE HONOREES



With spring sports at Kennedy Catholic now complete, it's time to celebrate a wealth of North Puget Sound League individual accolades. The Lancers were well represented in this new league, highlighted by multiple teams and individuals advancing to State competition, our own Dino Josie being named as NPSL Cascade Coach of the Year, and our girls tennis team winning the Cascade Division championship. A full list of Lancer Athletics spring all-league honors can be found below:

### Baseball:

**1st team all-division:** Nick H. (12), Grayson O. (12), Jared T. (12)

**2nd team all-division:** Alex P. (12), Trevor H. (12), Travis M. (10)

**Honorable Mention:** Aaron B. (10), Jordan M. (11), Nick B. (12)

### Boys Soccer:

**1st team all-division:** Jesus G. (12)

**2nd team all-division:** Oliver K. (12), Julius N. (11), Luke C. (12), Kaiden B. (11), David R. (12)

**Honorable mention:** Aaron R. (12)

### Girls Tennis:

**1st team all-division:** Lily O. (11), Lauren J. (11)

### Track & Field:

**Honorable mention all-NPSL (based on NPSL championship finishes):** Bowen M. (11), Alyssa H. (11)

### Fastpitch:

**Cascade Division Coach Of The Year:** Dino Josie

**1st Team all-division:** Samantha I. (12), Hanna S. (9)

**2nd Team all-division:** Lia C. (12), Tatiana L. (10), Elise T. (12), Marianna D. (10), Morgan M. (9)

### Boys Lacrosse:

**1st team all-conference:** Dar S. (12)



## Girls Golf Places 4th in State; Alyssa N. 3rd Overall

Congratulations are in order to our Lancers girls golf team who placed 4th in State this spring behind strong performances from Alyssa N. (3rd overall) and Makenzie M. (27th).



## Girls Tennis Duo Places 7th in State

Lancer girls tennis juniors Lily O. and Lauren J. teamed together to place 7th in State in the 4A girls doubles division this spring. **Way to go ladies!**

## Kennedy Catholic Prepares to Launch Boys Water Polo Next Fall

Kennedy Catholic High School is officially adding boys water polo to its list of athletic offerings beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. A fall sport, practices will begin August 21 with registration beginning August 1 along with the other fall sports offered.

This move comes after a thorough evaluation of programming and following a growing interest of both current and prospective student-athletes. "I'm excited to help bring boys water polo to Kennedy Catholic and am confident that this growth will only add to our already strong list of offerings for our students," said Sam Reed, Athletic Director. "Not only is boys water polo a fast-growing club sport around the state, I believe it fills a void in the region and can help Kennedy Catholic become a destination location for aquatic sports."



Boys water polo is a club sport (similar to lacrosse) working in partnership with the WIAA. While some schools may work in conjunction with a local club and be open to student-athletes from a variety of schools, Lancer water polo will be an official school sport and will abide by all the same rules and eligibility of the other 23 sports offered.

### Boys Water Polo Frequently Asked Questions

#### Why boys only?

The addition of boys water polo balances our athletic offerings (12 per gender) and is played during the fall athletic season where research indicates it will not significantly affect those sports already played during that season. Girls water polo is played in the spring and at this time, is not being considered.

#### Who will we compete against?

Kennedy Catholic will be placed in the Puget Sound-East division of the Washington High School Water Polo Association. In that division, we will match up against our fellow NPSL schools; Auburn, Auburn Mountainview, Auburn Riverside, Enumclaw, Kentridge and Kentwood.

#### What will the season look like?

The season fits within the WIAA-defined fall sports season, with practices starting August 21 and registration opening August 1. The match schedule has not yet been released by the league, while regular practices will run Monday through Thursday from 8:00-9:30pm. There will be no regularly scheduled events on Fridays or the weekend.

#### Where will practices and matches take place?

Boys water polo will follow our swim and dive programs in calling the Tukwila Pool (4414 S. 144th St. Tukwila, WA 98168) our home. Because of the later practice times, transportation to and from practices will not be provided. Transportation will be provided for all away competitions.

#### What type of experience is required, and will there be cuts?

As with any sport, prior experience is a benefit to building skill, but it is not required. In its inaugural season, boys water polo will only be fielding a varsity team and therefore, cuts may be required if interest is beyond the capacity that can be safely and sufficiently coached and held in the pool. Those exact numbers will be determined once the season begins.

#### Are there any special costs associated with participation?

Swimsuits will be required for practice, but outside of that, all costs associated with the program will be assumed by the school. This includes pool rentals, coaching salary, equipment, league entry fees and USA water polo memberships (required of each player – will be organized in the early part of the season).



# SPORTS NEWS

## Lancer Athletics 2016-2017 Year in Review

### Results



**One** regular-season champion (girls tennis)



**13** programs qualified for **State-level** competition



**91%** of teams participated in **District-level** competition

**25** individuals competed at **State-level**



#### Strength of League

state champs in boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, wrestling, girls track, and boys soccer.

### Academics

**20** of 22 programs had a **team GPA over 3.0**



**3.32**

average cumulative GPA of Class of 2017 student athletes (3.26 avg. GPA of all athletes)

**12** seniors participating in three Signing Day events, committing to play college athletics

## Honors and Awards

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**78** Student-athletes received **all-league honors**  
(28 named to 1st team all-division)



### State-Wide Recognition

- 4 WIAA Athletes of the Week
- 2 KING/KOMO Players of the Week
- 2 Star Times / TNT All-Area players
- 1 All-State Tournament player

**2** **NPSL Coaches of the Year**  
Michelle Beattie – Girls Soccer  
Dino Josie - Fastpitch



**20** **Lancer Athletes of the Week**  
Voted on over 4,000 times



# Kennedy Catholic Senior Awards



## **Val Kirk Student-Athlete Award**

*Presented by Sam Reed, Athletic Director*

Selected by the faculty and staff and awarded to the one boy and one girl who have maintained a high GPA while excelling in one or more sports.

**Helena D. and Jared T.**



## **Carl J. Velling Award**

*Presented by Sam Reed, Athletic Director*

Selected by the faculty and staff and awarded to the one boy and one girl who have shown dedication and work ethic in the classroom, as well as excelling in one or more sports.

**Trevor H. and Miyu M..**



## **Brian McCluskey Integrity Award**

*Presented by Nick McCluskey, Son, History Teacher, 2005 Alumnus*

In honor of Brian McCluskey, a respected and popular religion teacher, this award is selected by the senior class and presented to the boy and girl who consistently make ethical choices, are good role models, who make a positive difference in other's lives and who strive to always do their best.

**Amir M. and Madeline K.**





### **Service Above Self Award**

*Presented by Jenny Farrell, Director of Campus Ministry*

Selected by the faculty and staff and awarded by the Burien Rotary Club to the student who has gone above and beyond in service to Kennedy Catholic and the greater community.

**Sophie S.**



### **Lanigan-Kelley Award**

*Presented by Myrna Moffat '77, Spanish Department Chair*

In honor of Jim Lanigan and Dave Kelley, two members of the Kennedy Catholic Class of 1977, selected by the faculty and awarded to the student who has a positive outlook on life, has been thoughtful and giving, has consistently shown support of classmates through friendly actions, has not been presumptuous towards impressing others, and has participated in extracurricular activities.

**Kyra T.**



### **Fr. Batterberry Solidarity Award**

*Presented by David Vinson, English Teacher*

In honor of the long-time Kennedy Catholic chaplain, this award is voted on by the senior class and awarded to the two students who most actively celebrated the various cultures, races, ethnicities, talents, gifts and abilities present within the Kennedy Catholic community.

**Anton R.**



### **John Goodwin Loyalty Award**

*Presented by Nancy Bradish, Principal*

In honor of long-time Kennedy Catholic principal, this award is voted on by faculty and staff and awarded to the boy and girl who have done the most for Kennedy Catholic during their four years.

**Danielle P. and Robert T.**

# Congratulations!



## Kennedy Catholic Class of 2017 Department Awards

<b>JoAnne Lawrence Award:</b>	Aubrey A.	<b>Science Dept:</b>	Neusha H.
<b>Fine Arts Dept:</b>	Nicole P.	<b>WL Dept French:</b>	Nicole P.
<b>Aquinas Dept:</b>	Allison Z.	<b>WL Dept Spanish:</b>	Allison Z.
<b>English Dept:</b>	Kaitlyn V.	<b>WL Dept Latin:</b>	Luke C.
<b>Social Studies Dept:</b>	Alena F.	<b>WL Dept ASL:</b>	Helena D.
<b>Theology Dept:</b>	Jack M.	<b>International Dept:</b>	(New) Soravis P.
<b>Math Dept:</b>	Kristina S.		(Maria) Phuc Hong Lee N.
<b>Health/PE Dept:</b>	Aubrey A.		

## 2017 Baccalaureate Mass

On Friday, June 2, we celebrated the 2017 Baccalaureate Mass with Father Bryan Dolejsi presiding. Jack M. was chosen by his peers to address the class. He was the recipient of the Theology Department award and will be attending the University of Washington in the fall. Below is an excerpt from his speech.

*"I wish I had more time, because each and every one of you have contributed to the growth and formation of us as a class, and also as individuals. Every experience you've had with someone in this building has helped shape both your life and their life forever. You guys have taught me how to get out of my comfort zone by taking my hand and leading me out of it. You've taught me the value of acceptance by your personal example. You've humbled me with your maturity and wisdom that outweighs my own. And you've helped grow my faith, because only God could put this remarkable group of people together. I firmly believe that things as good as this don't happen by chance. I know I'm not the only one who's experienced this. I know we've all gained valuable lessons from each other, and I know we all have some memories that we will remember forever.*



*All of this is beautiful. Life is beautiful. I've listed some of the many blessings I've found in our class. And now, we've got about 24 hours to enjoy them together. To appreciate. And to express our gratitude. From now until tomorrow morning might be the last time some of us ever see each other. It's a bittersweet exit, as we must say goodbye to one another while also embarking on brand new journeys that will have much more beauty in store. I don't think I will have time to approach all of you individually between now and Saturday morning, so I want to thank all of you right now. Thank you for the laughs, for the life lessons, for the relationships, and for the love. Thank you for sharing in my life and allowing me to share in yours. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for making this possible. And above all else, thanks be to God."*

## 2017 Campus Ministry by the Numbers



**144** Searchers who experienced community, growth, and Christ

**16** Agencies and organizations served by our freshman and sophomore classes on retreats

**1493** Burritos and baked potatoes made by our sophomores to feed the homeless

**85** Seniors went to Camp Sambica to reflect on and celebrate their four years together

**179** Student leaders on 4 of our retreats

**10359** Hours served by the class of 2017 through the ISLE Program, Community Service Class, and Honors Social Justice

**\$6000** Raised by 140 students walking over 2000 laps at Lancers Against Cancer (Relay for Life)

**9600** Pancakes flipped at Nativity House through KOOCS (Kids Offering Others Care and Support)

**3770** Hours of service dedicated to "Nelson" through the Sparrow Project

**800** Hours served with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans by 21 students and 5 chaperones

**49** Hours of Eucharistic Adoration during First Friday Adoration

**33** Songs led by Praise Band, a student run club

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Alumni Profile: Paul Danforth '02

Nothing says time to read more than summer. At least not according to Paul Danforth '02, Kennedy Catholic alumnus and English teacher. He hopes to make it through about 15 books this summer, when he's not looking for ways to improve his lessons for next year.

Paul was drawn into teaching from his parents. His mother taught special education, and his father taught English and Technology Tools at Kennedy Catholic for 40 years. Teachers like his father, Mr. Josie and Mrs. Burns (McCurdy) continually inspired him as a student with their passion and commitment, and made Kennedy Catholic feel like home.

After graduating from Western Washington University with a degree in English Literature, he went on to earn his teaching certificate. He was hired shortly after at Burlington-Edison High School, where he taught for seven years, served as English Department Chair for three years, and coached volleyball, basketball and track. Paul was selected as Rotary Teacher of the Year, an honor given by the Rotary Seniors, parents and fellow teachers.



Looking ahead to next year, his fourth year teaching English, Paul is excited. It will be the first year that he will see students that he first had as Freshmen again in his class as Seniors. He's looking forward to seeing how they've changed, and what service projects they've been involved with. Through his involvement teaching them, and their foundation of a Kennedy Catholic education, he hopes to send them on to their next step prepared for anything.



## Derek R. Orozco Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30

12:30pm - Silent Auction Preview and Social Hour

1:30PM - Shotgun Start

Derek R. Orozco graduated from Kennedy Catholic in 1987. Not only was Derek a talented athlete, but he excelled in academics. He was a gentle soul, humble and kind with an incredible attention for detail. After Derek unexpectedly passed away in the winter of 2016, his devoted friends and family established The Derek R. Orozco Foundation, a charitable organization, with the mission of supporting athletics, academics, and music: three things that Derek loved. In addition, Derek loved his alma mater.

The DRO Foundation, in partnership with Kennedy Catholic, invite friends, family and community members to come together to honor Derek with this annual memorial golf tournament. Proceeds from the tournament support the Derek R. Orozco Scholarship Fund at Kennedy Catholic High School.

[Click here to register!](#)

## Attention Classes of 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007!

Class reunions are a great time to reconnect with classmates, and we hope to see you all there! Thank you to all of those who have joined planning committees and are working to make these events a success. For additional details, please check your Alumni Class Page or contact [nufferr@kennedyhs.org](mailto:nufferr@kennedyhs.org).

**Class of 1977: July 22, 2017**

**Class of 1987: July 29, 2017**

**Class of 1997: September 23 & 24, 2017**

**Class of 2007: October 13, 2017**

## Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to our June Alumni! We wish you a wonderful year ahead. To make sure your name makes it into this section, head over to our [Alumni page](#) and fill in the form under "Help Us Update Our Records".

*Click on the cake to see the June birthdays.*

## Rotary Students of the Month

Each month the Burien White Center Rotary recognizes students who:

- Continuously provide service to the local community and/or in the community outside the school
- Maintain a positive attitude toward others and toward learning
- Act respectful to peers and teachers
- Work to improve and/or maintain good grades
- Practice good citizenship
- Actively participate in classroom discussions and activities



**Congratulations to Diego C. and Shenghan (Nancy) Q.!**

# FINE ARTS NEWS



## Elementary Band Program

The 33rd year of the Elementary Band Program finished on a high note at the Band Festival, held on May 17. We were blessed to have now Deacon Louie Cunningham '10 leading us in prayer, along with recently ordained, Fr. Jeff Moore '06, giving insight into his many years of playing in band. What a joy to have them both present for the big night!

Congratulations to Erika T. and Logan F.! Both were winners of the Arnold Scott R. Memorial Scholarship! Next to the winners in the photo, were last year's recipients, Miriam F. and Gracie S.

**Band Camp is next: July 10-14**

**Fun times await!**

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's choir awards- Grace C. (Outstanding Vocalist) and Allison Z. (Director's Award) and to all of our seniors! Thank you for all of the music.

Thank you to all of the parents, bus drivers, teachers, and especially BSHARP for their support of the choral program this year! From retreats to operas, contests to tours, we have relied on your presence to guide our young musicians and appreciate you!

## Washington State Fair

Kennedy Catholic submitted over 100 art entries into the Washington State Fair Junior/Senior Art show. Be sure to visit the Exhibition Hall during the month of September at the Puyallup Fairgrounds to see the amazing entries.



For more fine arts news, see the [BSHARP newsletter](#) or like our [Facebook page!](#)

## Burien Art Walk

Thank you to Glass Expressions for hosting us at the Burien Art Walk in April!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

*Whatever that may be keep your eyes on the horizon as you will make this a better world because of who you are, what you stand for and what you learned within these walls from your teachers and each other.*

*Go forward and shine and don't forget from time to time look back on what you experienced here at Kennedy Catholic.*

*Bless you all, may God be always at your side and live within your heart in all you do.*

*-Anonymous Alumni*

