

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

"Where character, commitment,  
and community come together in  
a school for all."

May 2021

## Three cheers for Ludden!

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### From the Health Office:

Parents: Please turn in updated physicals to the health office especially for sport participation and working papers. Thank you!

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Photos by Nicky Jack



The girls had a lot to cheer about at the April 9 football game between Ludden and Caz: Ludden won 24-18! The game was held at Jordan-Elbridge High School. Photos by Nicky Jack

ABOVE: Coach Nicky Jack poses with Ludden cheerleaders. Clockwise from left, back row is Achot Aroman (12th), Yisu Park (12th), Anya Collins (12th), Heidi Becken (10th) and Coach Jack.

LEFT: Pictured clockwise from left, back row is Heidi Becken, Achot Aroman, Yisu Park and Anya Collins.

## SCHOOL NEWS

# 21 Ludden students inducted into NHS

Congratulations to the following 21 students who have earned the honor of being inducted into the Lumen Christi Chapter of National Honor Society on April 21, 2021:

Amelia Adams	Ava Dirubbo	Ashley Kochanek
Heidi Biernacki	Peter Dunham	James Mack
Sarah Boyea	Reese Evans	Joseph McGarvey
J'Brielle Bullock	Patrick Hammer	Madison Moen
Charles Colella	Kieran Hoerl	John Michael Owens
Mark Collins	Andrew Janowski	Victoria Parsons
Anderson Corriero	Kaitlyn Kibling	Summer Smith

They should be proud of their many accomplishments as they have worked hard for this honor! During this evening, there were also awards presented to four senior members of the Honor Society who represent each of the four cornerstones of the National Honor Society: Scholarship (**Aidan Craner**), Leadership (**Francesca Todeschini**), Character (**Erin Kerwin**) and Service (**Brian Buttner**).

A special thank you goes out to the senior members who helped introduce the new inductees and to **Kathleen Cuddy**, Class of '87, who gave a very inspiring speech on what it means to be a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to all of these students on their incredible accomplishments!

### Counseling News

## Seniors: Important reminders

- Students should continue checking emails regularly. This is where colleges will send valuable information like upcoming orientations, placement testing requirements, scheduling days, housing information, etc.
  - Families should review and accept financial aid packages. If there is an error, students can contact the financial aid office. Families can also meet with the financial aid office at the college to review information if there are questions or changes.
  - Scholarships are consistently being posted and updated through emails to students as well as on the students' Naviance accounts. Many applications are due at the end of May.
  - Students having taken courses through OCC or Le Moyne College should send an official transcript to the college they are attending in the Fall of 2021.
  - AP scores can also be sent to colleges through collegeboard.org. Many colleges will have listed on their websites what scores are accepted for college credit.
  - Students who have not sent official scores for the SAT and ACT (for those colleges it is required for) should also send those to the college which they are attending through the following websites: collegeboard.org or act.org
- Students will receive a Final Transcript Request Google form from Mrs. Buttner beginning of May. Final transcripts are sent by the Counseling Office to the indicated college a student is attending in the Fall of 2021. These transcripts are sent at the end of June once all grades are finalized.

### IN BRIEF

#### **SWEEPSTAKES SOLD OUT**

Spring Sweepstakes are now sold out! The sweepstakes drawing will be held via livestream on Saturday, May 15.

#### **SUMMER DRIVER ED**

Registration for the summer session of DISTANCE LEARNING Driver Education is now open. Class will run from July 1-Aug. 10. Drivers must be 16 years old by July 1, 2021. Space is limited so don't wait to register!

More information is available at [bishopludden.org/summer-2021-driver-education/](https://bishopludden.org/summer-2021-driver-education/).

#### **GALA UPDATE**

The Gala for juniors and seniors will be held on **Friday, May 14**. Tickets will be for sale through May 7 during homeroom from Mrs. Henderson in Room 604. Tickets are \$65.

#### **FAN SHOP**

Bishop Ludden apparel makes a great gift for yourself or for the loved ones in your life. Check out the Fan shop on our website. Just click on Athletics, then Fan Shop, or copy and paste this link: <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/newyork/syracuse/bishop-ludden-high-school>

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& [Twitter](#)!

## STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

### Ludden students share interests, from hobbies to careers

Mark Collins, 11<sup>th</sup> grade



**What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

I love to play soccer and hockey in my spare time. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and collecting sports cards.

**What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

I want to visit family members that I haven't

been able to see for at least a year.

**What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

My favorite subject is IB History of the Americas because the topics covered are very interesting and Mr. Miller is a great teacher. This course is the most in-depth history course I've ever taken and it is very fun.

**What career interests do you currently have?**

I would like to either go into business or forensics.

**What do you love most about Ludden?**

The small class sizes create an intimate atmosphere that is very comfortable to learn in.

Achol Aroman, 10<sup>th</sup> grade



**What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

I like helping animals that are abandoned.

**What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

I want to go to concerts and the State Fair.

**What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

Health because it's interesting to me.

**What career interests do you currently have?**

Psychology interests me so possibly a therapist.

**What do you love most about Ludden?**

I like the size of the school. Classes are smaller so it's easier to learn and get help during class.

Heidi Biernacki, 11<sup>th</sup> grade



**What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

I love to Irish dance, spend time with family and friends, watch TV/movies, and read.

**What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

Once the pandemic is over, I hope to travel and spend more time with friends.

**What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

I enjoy all my subjects, but I'm particularly interested in psychology because I find this subject to be very interesting.

**What career interests do you currently have?**

I'm currently interested in pursuing a career in psychology.

**What do you love most about Ludden?**

I love the teachers as they are all so understanding and passionate about teaching.

Spencer James, 10<sup>th</sup> grade



**What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

I enjoy playing baseball and spending time with friends. Also, playing sports with them.

**What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

Spend time with family and friends. I also would like to go on vacation.

**What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

Math because it comes easy to me and I enjoy solving the problems. It's like solving a puzzle.

**What career interests do you currently have?**

So, the two career interests I have so far is becoming a nurse or an accountant.

**What do you love most about Ludden?**

I love the small classes and community behind Ludden. I also enjoy the friends I have made here.

Bless Isaac, 10<sup>th</sup> grade



**What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

Watching lacrosse and playing basketball.

**What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

Go to North Carolina and visit family.

**What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

English. I feel like it's the only subject you can't

be wrong in as long as you prove it. And I like writing to give my opinion.

**What career interests do you currently have?**

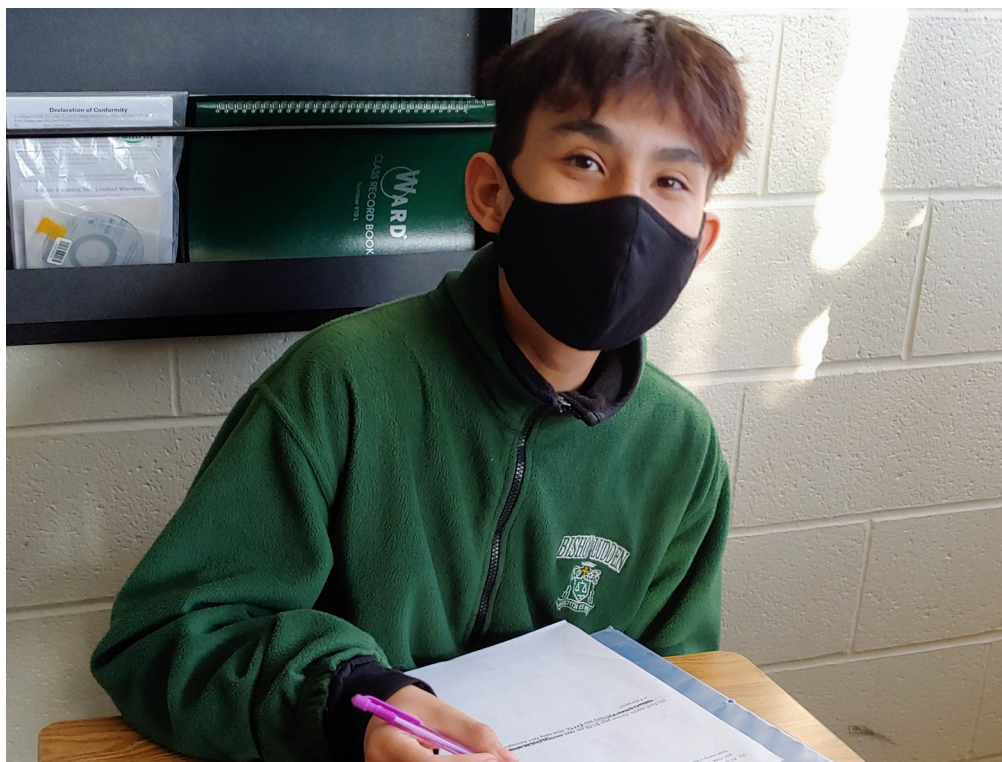
Something in sports or fashion.

**What do you love most about Ludden?**

Small classes and the teachers.



### Behind the mask ... is a smile!



Seventh-grader Santi Scott looks up from schoolwork for a surprise photo by English teacher Mr. Colabufo.

### Ticket info



If you would like to order tickets for Bishop Ludden's "It's a Wonderful Life," please send in your order to the school or email Carol Rojek at [crojek@syrdio.org](mailto:crojek@syrdio.org).

Tickets can be picked up and paid for at the NYS Fairgrounds gate. Lawn seating, please bring chairs and blankets!

### Student Perspectives *Continued from page 3*

#### Meg Cameron, 10<sup>th</sup> grade



##### **What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?**

My favorite hobbies are hanging out with friends, watching crime shows, and most of all, swimming.

##### **What is the first thing you want to do once this pandemic is over?**

Swim laps in a pool. I haven't swum in a pool since the pandemic started.

##### **What is your favorite subject(s) and why?**

My favorite subject is science because no matter how hard the subject gets, it is still interesting.

##### **What career interests do you currently have?**

I am very interested in being a chiropractor. The medical field in general interests me because my mom is a nurse practitioner and my uncle is a paramedic. I like the idea of helping people.

##### **What do you love most about Ludden?**

There are many things I love about Ludden, but the people stand out the most. The staff are always willing to help. Teachers do lots of individualized learning. I've made best friends at Ludden. I never knew how much I would miss a lunch table!

### Ithaca tournament results

The Bishop Ludden MasterMinds Nationals Team finished second in the Ithaca Spring Tournament on April 17 with an 8-2 record (perfect after prelims at 7-0).

The team's only losses occurred against Ridgeway (perfect at 10-0 for the title) and in the round 8 match in the championship bracket. Paul Kolenda scored 850 points and won the second place individual title. Captain Aidan Craner added 70, Dom Chatas scored 225, and George O'Malley logged 50, while Will Anderson notched 10.

The team is coached by Maxine Babcock.

## A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

# Meet the McGarveys, parents of five Ludden sons

*Margaret Murphy McGarvey is a 1986 Ludden alumna and Michael J. McGarvey graduated the same year from Catholic Central High School in Troy, NY.*

### Why did you choose Bishop Ludden for your children?

We chose Bishop Ludden because we believe that as parents, we are to help our boys be happy, healthy, and safe. Bishop Ludden has helped us to attain those goals. We wanted our boys to be in a loving school where they are surrounded by Catholic values and strong academics. Bishop Ludden has been the best environment for them to thrive in.

Daniel — Bishop Ludden 2016; LeMoyne College 2020; Syracuse University Law School 2023

Patrick — Bishop Ludden 2019; LeMoyne College 2023

Jimmy — Bishop Ludden 2020; LeMoyne College 2024

Joseph — Bishop Ludden 2022

Philip — Bishop Ludden 2025

### What's the best feedback you've received from your children about their time at Ludden?

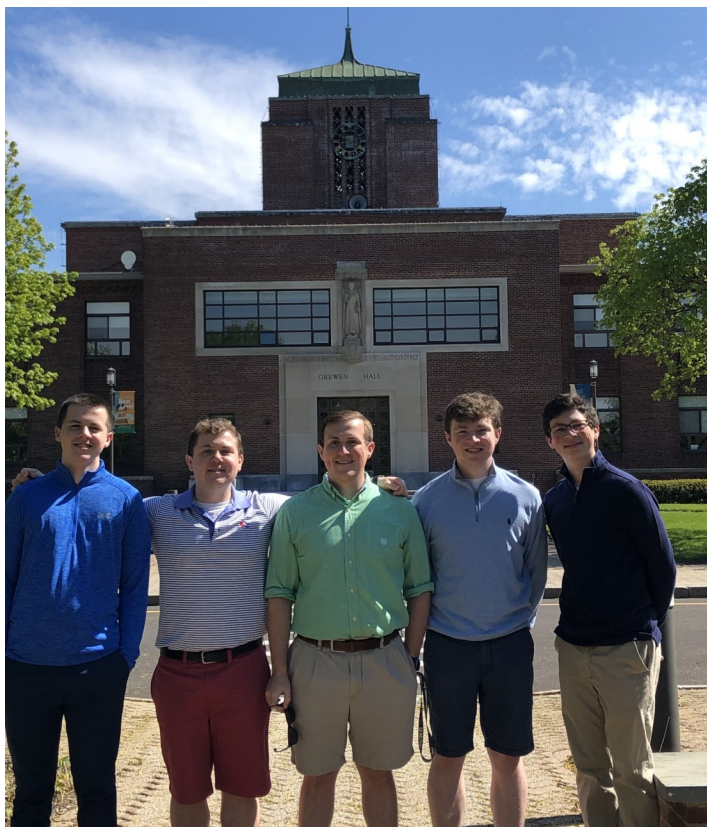
The best feedback that the boys have ever given us regarding their middle school and high school experiences is that they feel comfortable there. Teenage years are full of uncomfortable days and school can be full of pressures from all sides, but the boys have always felt at ease and are proud to attend Bishop Ludden.

### What do you love most about Ludden?

Bishop Ludden has given them the chance to experience all parts of high school. They have been able to participate in numerous activities, whereas in other larger schools, they may not have had the courage to try. They have been involved in: Campus Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry, Student Government, National Honor Society, Student Government, members of the Performing Arts program, members of the band, and played soccer, basketball, baseball, and golf.

### What makes Ludden special?

Bishop Ludden is a very special school. Academically, they have all done very well. The boys have loved all of the opportunities that they have had. They enjoy seeing each other throughout the day and have liked sometimes being in each other's classes. They have enjoyed being on the same sports' teams as each



From left, brothers Joseph, Patrick, Danny, Jimmy, and Philip McGarvey.

other and they enjoy being friends with each other's friends. It is like a huge family and we will always be proud to be a member of the Ludden Family.

### What would you say to families thinking about enrolling their child at Bishop Ludden?

As far as prospective parents, choosing a school can be tough. If you have never been inside of Bishop Ludden, go visit. Go see a baseball game or a volleyball game. Try to attend the plays, go to one of the school masses, or the Christmas concert. You will feel the warmth and greatness.

**“Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.”**

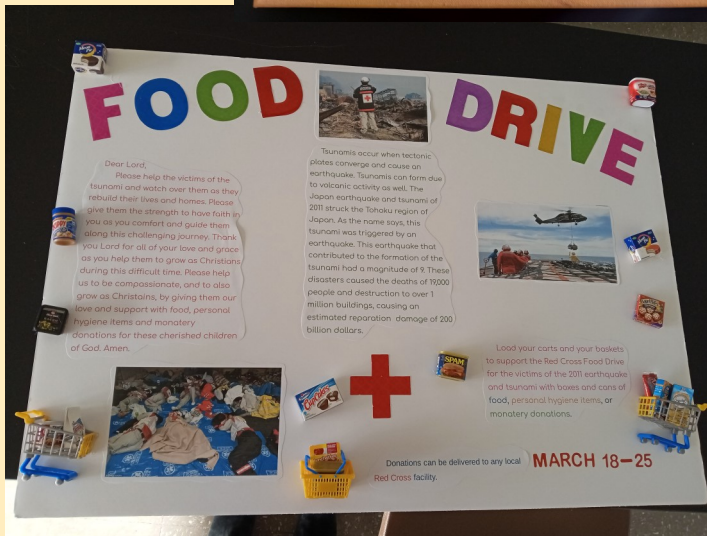
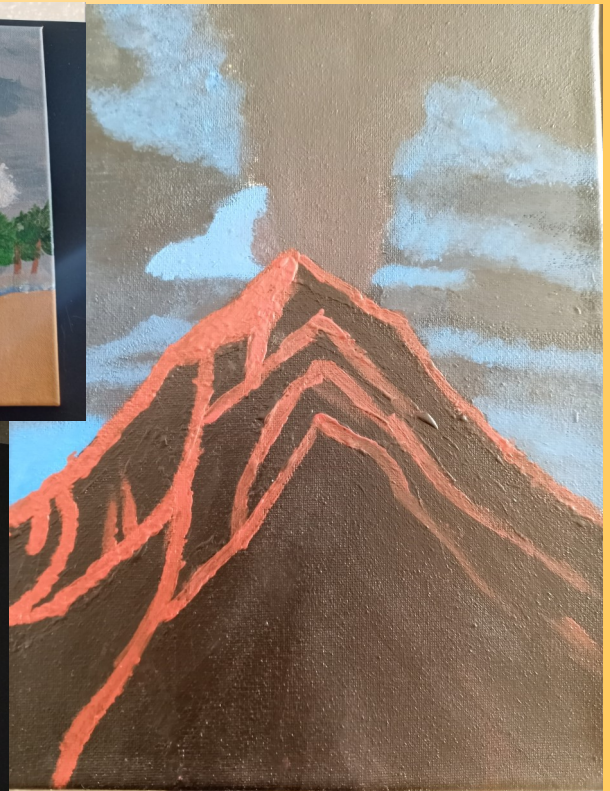
**— Pope John Paul II**



## IN THE CLASSROOM

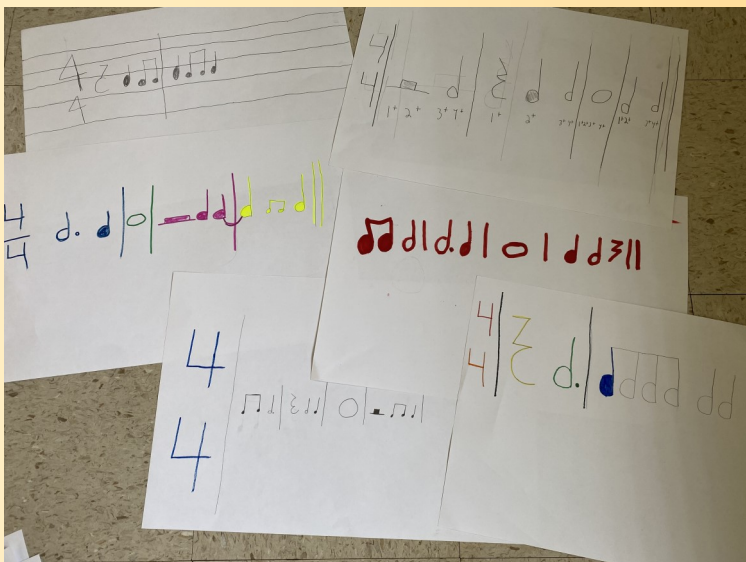
### Earth Science students explore geologic disaster

Ms. Sudol's Earth Science students explored geologic disasters this marking period. The students could either: make a painting, make a poster, create a video, or do a partner presentation on volcanoes, earthquakes, landslides, or tsunamis. Here are a few examples of their work.



***"I'm super proud of the work my students did!" Ms. Sudol said.***

### Chorus students focus on rhythm composition



Students in Ms. Jamison's Junior High Chorus classes recently finished a project on rhythm composition. A silver lining of the pandemic and its effect on music classes has been being able to have more time to focus on rhythm, a key component of music literacy! The students will be able to put their rhythm skills to use when singing returns to Ludden!

## RELIGION

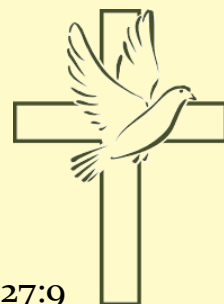
### Fun & friendship



Eighth-grader Chad Cook and Sister Beth Ann during Retreat Day.

“A sweet  
friendship  
refreshes  
the soul.”

- Proverbs 27:9



Senior Brian Buttnr tags a student in fun!

## Ludden alumnus credits Catholic education on journey toward the priesthood

By Renee Gadua

*This article was recently published in the Catholic Sun, but was first published in the Winter 2021 issue of Pillars, a publication of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Syracuse. Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/schools/pillars-magazine/> to read or download.*

**D**uring six years at Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School and five at Le Moyne College, Dennis Walker didn't seriously consider the priesthood. But he clearly remembers reciting the Memorare daily at Bishop Ludden.

“We would do that right before the last period,” he said. “It was a beautiful prayer about the Blessed Mother. Some days you felt you were in a regular high school. But with that prayer, it was certain that we were at a Catholic school.”

The 2006 Bishop Ludden graduate was ordained a transitional

deacon on June 19, 2020, one of three deacons Bishop Douglas J. Lucia ordained last year. Walker expects to be ordained a priest in June 2021.

He is one of six of the Syracuse Diocese's 12 seminarians who attended diocesan Catholic schools.

Walker was among about 120 students who attended the junior-senior high school all six years.

“The biggest class I had was 20 people,” he said. “It helped you be more immersed in the learning.”

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### From the Director of Enrollment

## Accepted Student Night: 'Ludden means family'

Thank you to all of our incoming families for attending Bishop Ludden's Accepted Students Night! We were thrilled to finally be able to have a safe, socially distanced event, and so greatly appreciate families taking the time out of their busy schedules to come visit Bishop Ludden. It was great to see everyone in one place at the same time, and I cannot wait to see all of our new students in the halls next year! We have a great group of current 6th graders that will be joining the Bishop Ludden class of 2027, along with many fantastic students joining our other classes.

It has been a strange year, as instead of hosting traditional events including Open Houses, inviting families to sports events, and inviting our friends from the Catholic elementary schools to Ludden, we have sent each other countless emails and left many voicemails. Although we have not been able to welcome our incoming students into Bishop Ludden as much as we would have liked, know that your child will be fully embraced as part of the Bishop Ludden family.

By continuing a Catholic education, your child will be surrounded by caring, nurturing faculty that will work with you to promote the spiritual values of the Gospel and help guide your students into a faith-filled and responsible young adult. At Bishop Ludden, you'll find that family-friendly atmosphere where your student is encouraged to pursue their passion.

Ludden students take charge and are involved in more than a dozen clubs and organizations as well as a strong athletic program. Ludden means something different to all of our students, but the one thing they agree on is that **Ludden means family!**

If you have not already, please remember to send in your official enrollment paperwork if this is your student's first year at Bishop Ludden. Your student will not be enrolled for next year until this is returned to Bishop Ludden.



**Standing with Bishop Ludden's Gaelic Knight on Accepted Students Night is, from left: Lynn Kibling, Anne Brunger, Christine Prowak, the Knight (Heather Lamendola), Annibell Coolican, Sandy Craner, and Carol Rojek.**

**Go Knights!  
Annibell Coolican**

### **Congratulations to Amarah Streiff, Coach Petrera!**

Congratulations to sophomore Amarah Streiff and Coach Carm Petrera on their basketball accomplishments!

Amarah has been named to the All-CNY girls basketball large school team, and is one of 12 student-athletes to be chosen.

Coach Petrera was named Coach of the Year after leading the Lady Knights to a 9-0 season. Way to go!!

### **Polos available for purchase**

Spring is here, and with it is a new choice for your Ludden apparel/uniform! These new lightweight polo shirts are short-sleeved, come in both green and white as shown, as well as in both men's and women's sizes (women's are also fitted). Price is \$40 each.



To check them out or to purchase, please visit or call the Main Office (315-468-2591 x 2200).



## MASTERMINDS

### Bishop Ludden takes home national trophy and medals!



Pictured clockwise from top left: Paul Kolenda, Will Anderson, George O'Malley, Matt Brunger, Aidan Craner and Dom Chatas.

The Bishop Ludden MasterMinds Nationals team took home the seventh-place trophy and medals in the Small School National Championship Tournament (SSNCT), Open Division. The team was 7-2 in the qualifying rounds on April 24 with a six-game winning streak. The team made it to the 14th round of the two-day tournament before being defeated by former SSNCT champions Miami Valley.

The senior squad scored 4185 points with a final record of 9-4 against the nation's finest magnet, private, and parochial schools. Bishop Ludden was only one of 30 teams in the 50 team field to qualify during tournament play and was the only New York team in the field. The NAQT banned live tournaments, so all tournaments were online. This meant that qualifiers were packed with the best large and small schools in the world. The team competed against the most prestigious schools in the country.

"Playing against schools like Andover, Exeter, TAG Magnet, Hunter, High Tech, and Ithaca early in the season gave us a taste of the level we would need to win at SSNCT," Coach Maxine

Babcock said. "The entire team committed to daily practice and practiced every day through Christmas, winter, and spring breaks."

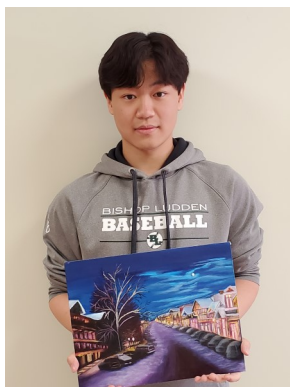
Paul Kolenda earned an individual medal for his seventh-place finish in preliminary rounds among the 256 competitors. He ended up in fifth place overall in the tournament. Paul competed in the 2021 High School Individual Player National Championship Tournament on April 11 in preparation for nationals. He averaged 24.38 points per 20 questions at IPNCT and scored 82.69 per 20 questions at SSNCT.

Seniors Matt Brunger, George O'Malley, Dom Chatas, Will Anderson, and Captain Aidan Craner all played during both prelims and championship rounds. Aidan scored 175 points, Dom added 165, Matt's 20 points won a game for the squad during the championship rounds, and Will scored 50 points.

Bishop Ludden heads to the MasterMinds State Championship this spring after dominating all competitions with an 11-0 record.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Three students to participate in art show, competition



From left: Tim Jiang, Kate Ruddy, and Brian Buttner are participating in the CNY Art Guild 2021 Annual High School Senior Art Show & Competition at Edgewood Gallery.

**Tim Jiang— acrylic painting titled “Memories”**

**Kate Ruddy—acrylic painting titled “Evening Waltz”**

**Brian Buttner - graphite and colored pencil titled “The Reason Why I Don't Have Cats”**

### Seniors accepted into impressive list of schools

The following is the list of schools to which students from the class of 2021 have been accepted:

The University of Akron Main Campus  
Alfred University  
American University  
Bard College  
Binghamton University  
Bridgewater State University  
University of California-Irvine  
Canisius College  
Catholic University of America  
Cazenovia College  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Connecticut College  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
DePaul University  
Dominican University of California  
Eastern Michigan University  
Elmira College  
Endicott College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Franklin Pierce University  
Gettysburg College  
Hamilton College  
Hartwick College  
Hobart William Smith Colleges

Holy Family University  
Ithaca College  
Kent State University at Kent  
Keuka College  
Le Moyne College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
University of Maryland-College Park  
Marywood University  
University of Massachusetts Boston  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Nazareth College  
Niagara University  
Northeastern University  
Onondaga Community College  
Pace University-New York  
Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science  
Pennsylvania State University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Rochester  
Saint Michael's College  
Santa Monica College  
University of Scranton  
Siena College  
Southern New Hampshire University

St. Bonaventure University  
St. John Fisher College  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
Stony Brook University, State University of New York  
University at Albany, SUNY  
SUNY Buffalo State  
SUNY College at Brockport  
SUNY Cortland  
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
SUNY College at Geneseo  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY at Fredonia  
SUNY College at Oswego  
SUNY College at Plattsburgh  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
Union College (NY)  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
University of Notre Dame  
Utica College  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
Wells College



# SCRIP PROGRAM: GIVE A GIFT CARD *AND* EARN MONEY TOWARD TUITION!



Do you shop at Target? Walmart? Amazon? JCPenney? Marshalls? Kohls? Barnes & Noble? Do you eat at Applebees? Olive Garden? Panera Bread? Cheesecake Factory? Subway? Dunkin' Donuts? Are you planning a big home improvement project with Lowe's or Home Depot? How about making vacation plans with Airbnb? American Airlines? Hilton Hotels? Carnival Cruise Lines? Disney?

SCRIP gives you the opportunity to earn credit towards your student's tuition when you make your normal purchases from hundreds of retailers

## **So, how does it work?**

Think of it as substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP, you're purchasing a normal gift card to use just like cash. But with every card you purchase, you're earning money back towards the cost of tuition at Ludden. SCRIP cards can be used for groceries, clothing, gifts, gasoline, vacations and more! Extended family and friends can also order through your student, earning your family even more credit toward tuition!

## **How does buying a SCRIP generate revenue?**

You order your SCRIP gift cards through the school and pay full face value for them. Bishop Ludden is able to buy SCRIP from hundreds of local and nationwide retailers through the Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. The discount, which varies from 1.5% to 25%, is returned to you as tuition credit for the following school year.

For example, if you purchase a \$50 gift card from a retailer that is offering a 10% discount, you have already saved \$5 on next year's tuition bill.

If you're planning a shopping trip to Target or a dinner at Cheesecake Factory, plan ahead and shop with SCRIP! Earn money back in the process — it really adds up. Families have earned hundreds of dollars towards their tuition bills.

Drop off	Pick up
May 11	May 15

## **How do I order SCRIP?**

Download and complete an order form. There is a one time \$20 set-up fee paid annually, which covers shipping costs. Send the order to school with your student on the due date (always on a Monday) and the rest is up to our SCRIP coordinator. Your SCRIP order is returned to you or your student at school the Friday of the same week.

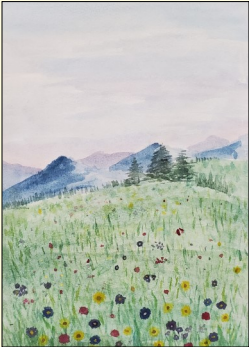
If you will not have a student enrolled at Bishop Ludden next year, the rebate amount will be donated to the Ludden Fund at Bishop Ludden. Our SCRIP coordinator is Heather Chemotti.

Please feel free to contact Heather at [hchemotti9@gmail.com](mailto:hchemotti9@gmail.com) with any questions. For more information, including order forms and a full list of participating retailers, visit [www.bishopludden.org](http://www.bishopludden.org).

# ART

## 600-Wing gallery artwork on display

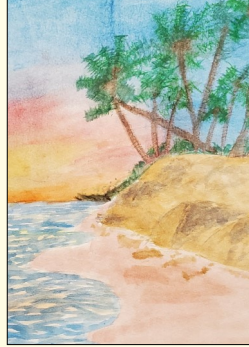
Bishop Ludden has talented students in every area. Take a look at some of their artwork!



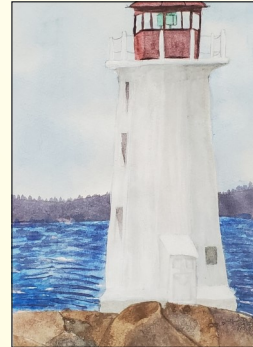
Allison Bradley



Grace Fink



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Michael Masterpole



Peter Smith



Sarah Prowak



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# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## Meet Sheila Gaffney McGann, class of 1980

### College Education:

Niagara University, BSN 1984

### Current Occupation:

I have the best job!! I am a registered nurse working at an ambulatory surgical center for the University of Rochester and I love what I do! I have the privilege of caring for patients as they come in for their surgery, and recovering them so they can safely return home. It's a very satisfying job as people come to us with a need that is corrected through surgery, and they leave with an improved outlook. I've also worked on inpatient units in the hospital, in ICUs, as a school nurse, in hospice and doing quality assurance for insurance companies. Being a nurse has allowed me the flexibility to raise a family and work around those responsibilities, while continuing to do the work I so enjoy!

### Professional Achievements:

Professionally I've certified in critical care nursing, as well as peri-anesthesia nursing. Both certifications have allowed me to be hired and to work in some amazing hospitals like Mass General in Boston, and right here at the University of Rochester. My proudest achievement however, is the family my husband Kevin and I have created. We have three wonderful children, and we feel blessed beyond words for them!

### What is the best advice you'd like to give current Ludden students?

Study hard, try your very best! Good things come from good effort, and most things worth having or achieving do take effort. Also, get involved in extracurricular activities! Run for student

government, play a sport, participate in the school play etc. You'll meet new friends and might discover a talent or passion!

### What is your favorite Ludden memory?

There are so many great Ludden memories. I loved the Friday night football games, and walking to McDonald's after. The homecoming bonfires, the pep rallies during basketball season, the "Green Machine," and all the incredible school spirit. I absolutely loved being a member of the gymnastics team, and enjoyed playing soccer (terribly), running track and being a cheerleader. But my friends!! Simply the best people I have EVER met to this day.

### What makes you most proud of your BL heritage?

I'm proud, but mostly thankful for the education Ludden gave me. I think the faith filled values, along with the academics prepared me well for college and into adulthood. Again, my friends made at Ludden are truly wonderful people who continue to inspire me, pray for me and amaze me. They are just such good people! I had no idea when I was 14 years old how lucky I was to find them, but I am so blessed that I did. I'm very grateful for my Ludden experience.



Sheila Gaffney McGann

## Dc. Fangio to receive honorary degree

Ludden alumnus Dr. Robert Fangio is among seven people who will receive Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degrees from Le Moyne College this year. Due to the pandemic, recipients will receive their degrees prior to graduation ceremonies.

As a volunteer dentist at Amaus Dental Services in Syracuse, Dr. Fangio plays a pivotal role in helping Amaus meet its goal of providing quality dental care to those who are uninsured, homeless, or without dental insurance. He joined the clinic after retiring from more than 30 years in private practice. In 2014, he was ordained a deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and was recently named the director of deacon personnel for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

*Congratulations, Dr. Fangio!*

## RELIGION

Planning a reunion?  
Bishop Ludden would love to help!  
For more information,

visit <https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/reunion-events/>.

**Fr. Walker** *Continued from page 7*



**Bishop Douglas J. Lucia places his hands on Dennis Walker's head and offers the Prayer of Ordination during Walker's ordination to the transitional diaconate, celebrated June 19, 2020, at Our Lady of Hope Church in Syracuse. (Sun photos | Chuck Wainwright)**

He played soccer and ran track — not terribly well. “They wanted everyone to play,” he said. “That’s kind of formative, being part of a team, building your interpersonal skills, and being part of an organization bigger than yourself.”

In soccer, “There wasn’t really a star on the team,” he said. “There were guys who were the best on the team, but we believed, ‘We’re a team and we all have strengths’ and we built on that.”

The school “had a home-town feel,” he said. “It was like you were part of the community. Not only did you know everyone, everyone knew you.”

Walker grew up in Syracuse’s Valley neighborhood, where his family belonged to Our Lady of Hope (previously St. James). He attended Syracuse’s Danforth Magnet School from kindergarten through sixth grade before his parents decided to enroll him at Bishop Ludden. His younger sister, Diane, also graduated from

Ludden.

“When we were younger, we didn’t have the money,” he recalled. “We went to an open house, and [my parents] were impressed with the education in general. They liked that there was care for students. The class size seemed like students had the attention they needed.”

At Le Moyne College, he studied accounting and earned a bachelor’s degree in 2010 and an MBA in 2011.

He remembers Father Joe O’Connor, a 1995 Bishop Ludden graduate and later the director of the diocesan Office of Vocation Promotion, sharing his vocation story at the school.

“They were always encouraging us to think about the call, but it wasn’t anything I had put a lot of thought to,” Walker said. “I see the importance of sending the young priests out there to anyone who is thinking about the priesthood,” he said. “They need to hear that it’s a possibility, and it can be a beautiful and fruitful life.”

His path turned toward the priesthood after college, when he learned about Theology on Tap, a young adult program. “I went there and met some people,” he said. “That gave me kind of a place where I had a shared faith with those my own age.” Walker acknowledges his ordination will come amid numerous challenges for the church and society.

“I see this as a calling,” he said. “That’s made it easier to see that, despite all the challenges, I have a role I can fulfill as an ordained priest. I’m called to be a conduit to God.”

While that won’t always be easy, “You have to tell them what a beautiful life it is,” he said. “Despite all the difficulties, this is a good life. It’s a fun life. It’s one where every day is an adventure. Whatever vocation you are called to do, the Lord gives you the strength and grace to do it.”

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# Inaugural Sports Hall of Fame Date Changed to Sunday, August 1, 2021

- Tickets and updated COVID guidelines will be available in mid- June.
- Attendance and determining event happening may be dictated by NYS Covid guidelines.
- Inductees' tickets will be distributed foremost.
- Public tickets will be available first come first served.
- Future communications through Facebook , emails, and <https://www.bishopludden.org/athletics/hall-of-fame/>.

## Save the dates!

**Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, Aug. 2**

Tournament proceeds, still in Pat's name, will be used to fund hardship scholarships for current students in need.

These scholarships make it possible for students, who otherwise would be unable to attend Bishop Ludden, to realize their desire to be a part of our great community.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2021 tournament, scheduled for Aug. 2.

## Coach Didio to receive posthumous award at Inaugural HOF

Coach David "Dave" Didio, who passed away on Sept. 4, 2014, was an outstanding teacher, coach, and mentor to all students at BLHS from 1966 -1986. He was involved in several roles to develop great programs in the following areas at Ludden and the community throughout NY State.

- Teacher, Coach (sports below), Athletic Director, and Moderator for NHS
- Varsity Football, Track and Field, Assistant Coach Boys Basketball
- Expanded Sports Program at Bishop Ludden with addition of Hockey and Swimming
- Syracuse Dioceses Representative to NY State Public Health Association
- Assistant Tournament Director of NY State Basketball Tournament
- Organizational Member of Inaugural Ludden Boosters Club
- Organizer for Annual Ludden Sports Banquets
- Started the Athlete of the Week (televised) with sportscaster Jack Morris
- Fundraiser at Bishop Ludden for:
  - 1) Stadium Scoreboard
  - 2) Lights and Fencing for the Stadium Field
  - 3) Annual Sports Banquet
- Placed more than 100 student-athletes at various colleges on scholarships
- Outstanding contributions to all sport development in the central NY area
- Leadership and mentoring for 20 years of students at Bishop Ludden
- Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus involved with Fundraising for the Community
- Three-sport star as a youth.
- Coach Didio and wife Phyllis raised seven children (all BLHS attendees)



**Coach David "Dave" Didio**

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## Bishop Ludden High School

### 2021 Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame

Athlete	Sport	Years
Mark Wadach	Basketball, Football, Baseball, Faculty	1966-69
Phil Harlow	Basketball, Track & Field	1966-69
Chet DeLucia	Football, Track & Field	1969-73
Joan Thornton	Basketball, Softball, Field Hockey	1973-76
Martha Mogish Rowe	Basketball	1974-77
Jim Roy	Golf	1974-77
Gretchen Byrne Burns	Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Speed Skating	1974-78
Mike Naton	Golf, Football	1974-78
Tom Whelan	Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse	1975-79
Pat Driscoll	Basketball	1982-85
John Johnstone	Baseball, Basketball	1984-87
Len Rauch	Basketball, Baseball	1984-87

#### Coach

Terry Quigley	Basketball, Faculty	1963-73
Dave Didio	Football, Track & Field, AD, Faculty	1966-86
Jerry Wilcox	Basketball, Faculty	1974-87
Pat Donnelly	Basketball	1988-2018

#### Special Recognition

Carol "Stash" Stanley	Softball—STAN MILL MITT	1963-67
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#### Team

Green Machine	Basketball	1968-69
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#### Green Machine Team

<b>Bob Bachman</b>	<b>Gary Krohl</b>	<b><u>In Memoriam</u></b>
<b>Joe Charles</b>	<b>Ralph Petta</b>	<b>Clark Cavanaugh</b>
<b>Dan Craver</b>	<b>Thomas Savage</b>	<b>Kenneth McKinley</b>
<b>Robert Ganley</b>	<b>Mark Seredowych</b>	<b>John O'Hearn</b>
<b>Thomas Halligan</b>	<b>Peter Tartaro</b>	<b>Mark Pisegna</b>
<b>Terry Iannello</b>	<b>Mark Wadach</b>	<b>Coach Terry Quigley</b>
<b>Phil Harlow</b>	<b>Patrick Wrobel</b>	<b>Coach David Didio</b>
<b>Brad Kane</b>		

## Whelan inductee



A renaissance man of sorts in the Bishop Ludden class of 1979, Tom Whelan left his mark in the halls and gym-

nasium of the school as well as on the field and courses that surround it. An exceptional 3 sport athlete, Tom was a three-year starter, at center for the basketball team and all league performer during that time: (Honorable Mention '77, First Team '78,'79). In addition to his all league recognitions, Tom was named to the All Area All Star team in '79 and consistently was a leader in rebounding and scoring during his tenure. Though not the biggest or the strongest to play the center position Tom consistently used his quickness, agility, and basketball IQ to support the efforts of some very good Gaelic Knight teams. To prepare for the grind of a basketball season Tom was also a three-year varsity performer for Chuck Gardner's cross-country team. As a novice long distance runner his drive and leadership became an asset in helping the team through a long grueling season. Tom was also a member of the varsity lacrosse team as he was a 2-year starter and all league performer at the defensive position. Upon graduation Tom chose to attend Alfred University in pursuit of an accounting degree. During his time at AU he continued to flourish as a student athlete as he earned letters, all four years, as a basketball and lacrosse player. Tom's impact at Bishop Ludden was certainly reflected in his accomplishments as an athlete and were complemented through his solid academic standing and support of the

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### Burns, Harlow, and Wilcox also among inaugural inductees

#### Gretchen Byrne Burns



Speed Skating & Golf  
Enshrined 1992

While some athletes only excel at one sport, Gretchen Burns was a champion in two — speedskating and golf. Burns, one of 11 children,

was a multi-sport standout at Bishop Ludden. But she also grew up competing in speedskating like her father and former champion Jack Byrne.

At the age of five, Burns won her first speedskating race. Later in her first national competition at age 11, she set a national record in the 440-yard race in 1972. She won the 1979 Women's National Outdoor Championships and was selected for the U.S. Speedskating Team.

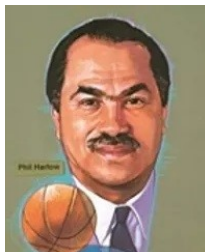
As her skating career began to wind down, Burns' golf career was beginning to take off. In 1989, she won two local majors: the Syracuse Women's District Golf Championship and the Babe Zaharias Tournament. Burns, who also coached speedskating, was the youngest hall of fame inductee at age 32.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1964: Won the 5-and-under speedskating championship in Ohio.
- 1967: Victories in US Open Outdoor and International Silver Skating competition
- 1968-1979: Member of Syracuse Speedskating Club
- 1972: Set national record in Midget girls 440 (44.3 seconds)
- 1975: Set the Junior Girls 880 record at Lake Placid
- 1976-1978: Played basketball, golf and soccer at Bishop Ludden
- 1977: Syracuse Chamber of Commerce Female Athlete of the Year
- 1978: Italian America Athletic Club Athlete of the Year

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#### Phil Harlow



Basketball  
Enshrined 2004

If ever there was a true hometown hero in the game of basketball, it was Phil Harlow. As a talented young player,

Harlow made a major decision to break from a family tradition and attend Bishop Ludden instead of Blodgett Vocational/Corcoran High. He became a star at Bishop Ludden in basketball and track, setting records in each sport.

During his basketball career playing for coach Terry Quigley, Harlow was a three-year varsity member. In his memorable 1968-69 season, Harlow led the Gaelic Knights Green Machine to an undefeated 21-0 season and No. 1 ranking in New York State. Harlow was the scoring champion that year with 23.6 ppg. He earned first team All-City, All-State and All-American honors. He also took home MVP honors at Ludden for his play in the Liverpool Holiday, Annual Boys Club and Blessed Sacrament tournaments. He was the 1969 recipient of the Grand Street Boys Ormond Spencer Award.

Harlow surprised many when he decided to bypass scholarship offers from more prominent programs to play at Le Moyne College. While at Le Moyne, he put together four stellar seasons for hall of fame coach Tom Niland. Harlow started as guard for all four years, scoring 1,823 points (second in school history). He averaged 21 ppg for his career (highest in school history) including his 23.6 average in 1971-72, which is a Dolphin record that still stands today. He also shares the record for the most points scored in a single game (41). He was named to several All-American teams and was nominated for the Naismith Hall of Fame award for the game's outstanding player under 6-feet tall.

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#### Jerry Wilcox



Basketball  
Enshrined  
1997

One of 12 children, Jerry Wilcox grew up playing basketball at

Cathedral High School before becoming one of the top varsity coaches in Onondaga League history.

Wilcox, an intense competitor who stresses the fundamentals of the game, has won more than 450 games coaching boys basketball at Bishop Ludden, West Genesee and Liverpool high schools. His teams have compiled eight Section III titles, 23 league championships and three state final appearances.

Wilcox started his coaching career at Bishop Ludden in 1973 and won three sectionals crowns with the Gaelic Knights. At West Genesee from 1992-2001, Wilcox guided the Wildcats to a pair of Section III Class A titles in 1993, the school's first since 1959, and 1994. He took over at Liverpool in 2002 and won his 400th career game in 2004.

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## TEAM HONOR: Ludden 1968-69 "GREEN MACHINE" Basketball Team

The 1968-69 Bishop Ludden High School Boys' Basketball team that came to be known as "The Green Machine" put together an amazing 21-0 record – a feat never accomplished in the 44 year history of the Syracuse City League (and later the Central New York Cities League).

Ludden Coach Terry Quigley who started the boys' basketball program from its infancy in 1963 and brought the team to the Number 1 NYS ranked team a mere five years later. Mark Wadach and Phil Harlow (both Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Famers and All-State performers for the team) were on the team, along with Danny Craver, who was a starting forward on the team. The special 18 player team also included Terry Ianniello, Pete Tartaro, John O'Hearn, Bob Bachman, and Ken McKinley. The team won games by an average of 21 points and defeated four-time defending NYS Diocesan champ Utica Notre Dame by 30 points in the playoffs on its way to a truly remarkable undefeated season.

### Reunion News

## Attention Class of 1970

In the hopes that we can have as an enjoyable time as possible, we have decided to wait Covid 19 out another year. **Please save the date for the weekend of July 15, 2022.** Meanwhile, we have been busy tracking down our fellow classmates and building a new Class Contact list for your use. We just sent this out to all the people we have emails for, but we are still missing quite a few.

We ask that you send your current email to either of us listed.

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robinto55@gmail.com  
Bduffy427@gmail.com

Have fun reaching out to each other before the reunion. Many of us are still in the Syracuse area and are generally available to get together. We will keep in touch thru email and the Bishop Ludden website.

Stay safe and see you again next year!

## Share your good news

New Job? Big promotion? New house?  
Getting married? The birth of a new baby?  
Whatever it may be, we want to celebrate your successes! Congratulations and thank you for being an incredible representative of Bishop Ludden.

Most stories will be shared in the Bishop Ludden newsletter, on the website, social media and other outlets with links allowing you to share the news as well. Visit <https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/good-news/>.



### In Memoriam

## David M. Bowen, class of '71

David M. Bowen, 66, of Syracuse, passed away unexpectedly at home on Feb. 20. A lifetime resident of the Syracuse area, he was a 1971 graduate of Bishop Ludden High School. David was a 33-year member of the Valley Men's Club, where he was named President and Man of the Year. He also enjoyed the open road while riding his Harley Davison accompanied by his fellow Valley Desperados. David is predeceased by his father, Robert W. Bowen, 1995, his beloved wife, Margaret Bowen, 2007, his brother-in-law, Dennis Bossi, 2014, and his sister-in-law, Deborah Bowen, 2017.



Surviving is his daughter, Elizabeth (Kevin) Demperio; mother, Dorrine Bowen; his siblings, Cathy (John) Quattrone, Mary Bossi, Robert W. Jr., Timothy (Rhea), Carol Miner, and William; granddaughters, Nora Mallaro and Charla Nash; companion, Kathy Sidou and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 24 at Holy Family Church. Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to The Valley Men's Club, 110 Academy St., Syracuse, NY 13207.



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school and fellow athlete's through activities, like the student government and the OOO pep club, during his four years. His dedication and commitment to the mission of Bishop Ludden remains as strong as ever to this day. Giving of time and treasure to assure that this special place continues to thrive.

Tom and his wife Ruth and two son's Ross and Connor live in Westport, Ct. He is a CPA and has a firm in Darien, Ct. He

remains an integral part of athletics in his community and has served as coach and mentor in basketball and lacrosse at every level. In addition, he has served many years as coach and board member for the Westport Youth baseball organization and was on the 2013 staff that lead a group to the little league world series in Williamsport, PA.

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- 1978: Won the NYS Amateur Women's Golf Championship
  - 1978-1980: Member of USA National Skating team, tried out for spot on Olympic team
  - 1979: U.S. National speedskating champion in the senior women division (18 and over)
  - 1980: Medalist in Syracuse District Golf Championship
  - 1981: Co-medalist in State Women's Championships
  - 1981: Herald Journal's Woman Golfer of the Year; Member of Oswego State's Men's Golf team
  - 1982-1983: Coached soccer, basketball at Bishop Ludden.
  - 1982: Member of American Cancer Society's National Championship team, four-time winner (1982, '96, '98, '00).
  - 1983: Won Syracuse District 2-ball with Pat McCarthy
  - 1986: Won District 2-ball with Julie Peck
  - 1989: Won Babe Zaharias Tournament and SWDGA Championship
  - 1992: Chairman of Babe Zaharias Cancer Golf Tournament
  - 1994: President of the Northern New York Speedskating Association (also in 2001)
  - 2002: Selected as U.S. Speedskating Development Coach of the Year
  - Coaching accomplishments: Coached 12 skaters, including three National Champions, earning over 30 medals at the Short Track Nationals.
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Harlow serves as a Vice President at Xerox Corporation in Rochester and is the co-founder of Bridge Builders Ministries.

#### Career Highlights:

- 1968-69: Led Bishop Ludden to a 21-0 season and No. 1 state ranking
- 1969: Recipient of the Grand Street Boys Ormond Spencer Award
- 1971-72: Set Le Moyne College record for scoring average (23.6 ppg)
- Member of the Le Moyne Gold Wave Hall of Fame and the Syracuse Urban Hall of Fame

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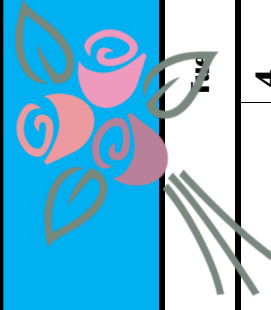
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Wilcox, who served as Syracuse Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for seven years, was inducted into the NYS Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

#### Career Highlights:

- 1972: Coached baseball at Bishop Ludden, where he won the Section III championship
- 1973 -1987: Coached basketball at Bishop Ludden, winning 291 games and three sectional championships
- 1987-1994: Named Syracuse Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.
- 1992-2001: Coached at West Genesee High School, led the Wildcats to Section III Class A Championships in 1993 and 1994
- January 7, 1997: Won his 300th game vs. Liverpool High School.
- 1997: Received the Blind Men and Criers annual "John Arcaro Coaches Award" given to the high school coach who have been recognized for outstanding success in their sport
- 2002: Became head coach Liverpool High School
- January 20, 2004: Won his 400 basketball game
- 2006-Inducted into the New York State Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- \*Board member the Blind Men and Criers Association and past President of the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame

# May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Chicken Patty, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	4 Pasta with Meat Sauce, Vegeta- ble, Fruit, Milk	5 French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Milk	6 Chicken Nug- gets, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	7 Fish Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk	8
9	10 Hot Dog on a Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	11 Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12 Burrito, Corn, Fruit, Milk	13 Quesadilla, Veg- etable, Fruit, Milk	14 Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	15
16	17 Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	18 Pasta with Meat Sauce, Vegeta- ble, Fruit, Milk	19 Spicy Chicken Wrap, Beans, Fruit, Milk	20 Tuna Melt, Corn, Fruit, Milk	21 Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	22
23	24 Chicken Patty, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	25 Chicken & Gravy over Rice, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	26 Simple Beef Stroganoff, Vege- table, Fruit, Milk	27 Burrito, Corn, Fruit, Milk	28 No School, Memorial Day Weekend	29
30	31 No School, Memorial Day Weekend					