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Vibrant in the City . . . Learning to Lead – Preparing to Serve



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School Year Welcomes All to CCC

Community Upbeat About Opportunities

Each new school year brings a flow of positive energy and a unique set of challenges. At Cleveland Central Catholic, we are off to a terrific start to the new year, while gearing up to address the many challenges that will inevitably come our way. Through our faith in God's provident goodness, we – as individuals and as a community – will continue to grow and flourish.

Our school theme for the year is "Learning to Lead – Preparing to Serve." This phrase certainly applies to our students, as they progress academically, socially and spiritually. It relates equally well to the rest of our community, as we grow closer as a family of Christian faith. Together, we are building a caring culture that provides our students with hope, role models and opportunities to put their faith into action.

Let me share with you some of the good things we are celebrating during this first month of school. I am delighted to report that our preliminary enrollment figures for 2011-12 are very solid. We expect to have a nice freshman class of about 165 students. In addition, we had a bumper crop of transfers, especially into the sophomore class. Happily, that means both of those classes are essentially filled. Overall, we are at approximately 550 students. That's about a 2% increase over last year.

Additionally, we received good news over the summer. The state's biennial budget significantly impacts the "voucher" programs (there are two distinct programs). It appears that some changes will favorably impact how both programs affect many of our families. Fortunately, some of the restrictions that formerly applied to the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program have been eased. This should allow more families to be eligible for this type of voucher. The other program, EdChoice, has also been revised and Central Catholic has more than doubled the number of families who use this resource. Both have positive implications for our operating budget.

This summer we launched our new five-year strategic plan, Cleveland Central Catholic 2011-16: A Beacon of Hope. I want to personally thank all those who participated in the process that created this document. It truly was a labor of love – love for our school. The CCC Advisory Board will undertake the execution of this plan, with each of the eight goals being assigned to specific board committees to address. This progress will nicely parallel the work being done by our faculty and staff on our School Improvement Plan (an outcome of CCC's accreditation process – approved earlier this year).

Finally, I want to commend our whole community for starting the school year on such a positive note. We packed Stefanski Stadium for Welcome Back Day, which was sponsored by Third Federal Savings. Our CCC Alumni Association helped coordinate the day's events and held an informal pre-game evening at Sokolowski's Restaurant in Tremont. It was a great way to begin our school year.

I hope to see and meet many of our alumni and supporters at our Cleanup+Clams event in October!



Save the Date! Tuition Assistance Fundraiser Planned for October 29

Please join us for this community building event!

Registration at 8:00 am
8:30 – 11:30 projects
11:45 – 12:45 clambake
1:00 pm football game



This event is designed to dedicate a morning of community service for the CCC students, community and neighborhood. From small landscaping projects to an assortment of hands-on work projects, there is an opportunity for you! This event is appropriate for teenagers interested in gaining service hours. For more information email mscoccola@centralcatholic.org or call Michele at 216-441-4700, ext. 224. See page 12.

Welcome Back!

Welcome Back Day Rocks at CCC!

You could hear the upbeat music a mile away, as the smell of a summertime picnic wafted in the air and people arrived on campus in droves for the first Welcome Back Day at Cleveland Central Catholic.

Sponsored by Third Federal Savings, Welcome Back Day was created to open up our Slavic Village campus to our students, families, alumni and the broader community.

The idea was to welcome EVERYONE in the Central Catholic family back together for the new school year. The weekend began with an informal “drop-in” evening at Sokolowski’s University Inn on Friday night. Great food, friends and conversation primed the pump for our big day on Saturday, August 27.

We wanted to spotlight our new athletic facilities, of course, but there was much more to the day for alumni, faculty and staff members, parents and grandparents – and all members of the CCC faithful.

Under sunny skies and warm temperatures, the Ironmen opened their season against Columbia High School (a playoff team last season). The fans were treated to an action-packed, seesaw contest that had five lead changes – including four in the second half. Coach John Lundy’s troops would not surrender, though! Trailing 23-18 with just minutes to go, the Ironmen drove the length of the field to score the winning touchdown with just 20 seconds remaining.

The crowd went wild in celebration as the final seconds expired. Final score: Central Catholic 24, Columbia 23. What a thrilling way to begin our new school year and football season!

It was truly a community accomplishment for our school. Thanks to all who attended or participated! By all measures, Welcome Back Day was successful – and it appears to be a CCC tradition in the making.

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Wasmer Family Gift Honors Bishop Anthony M. Pilla Endowed Scholarship Benefits CCC Students

Catholic education is, and always has been, about providing a hopeful future for those willing to open their hearts to Christ and their minds to challenge. It is a proven formula for success, and it has been at work on this particular campus for over 130 years. The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has long had a strong commitment to urban Catholic education, and the need for its funding has never been greater.

This past summer, Cleveland Central Catholic received a generous pledge of support to help ensure that our students can access this opportunity. George and Mary Lu (Schwind) Wasmer established an endowed scholarship in honor of Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Cleveland. "This scholarship recognizes Bishop Pilla's unwavering commitment to Catholic urban education in the City of Cleveland. Bishop Pilla was born and raised in Cleveland and has been very involved with Cleveland Central Catholic for many years," Wasmer says.

"There are many things we can do to help young people in our community, but few are as important as providing them with an excellent education," explains Bishop Pilla. "My profound thanks to George and Mary Lu Wasmer for so generously sharing the values and blessings of a Catholic education."

The Wasmer's \$100,000 gift to the Catholic Community Foundation is in the form of a trust to Cleveland Central Catholic High School. The money will endow scholarships for Central Catholic students who cannot afford tuition, but who desire to work hard and prepare themselves for college. Nearly 90% of the CCC Class of 2011 was admitted to college.

Central Catholic president Leo Hyland describes the gift as "powerfully impactful." That's because nearly three in four of CCC's students live at or below the federal poverty rate; more than 98% percent of the students receive scholarships, other tuition assistance, or work off their tuition balance at CCC. "The need for tuition assistance is our greatest challenge financially," admits Hyland. "The Wasmers' gift sets a wonderful and generous example of how our community can keep Catholic education strong in the city. We are most grateful to them."



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The Wasmers became personally involved with Cleveland Central Catholic when their son, Mark, attended the school. Their good friend, Sr. Carol Ann Smith, H.M. (who was the Superintendent and Secretary for the Cleveland Catholic diocese at the time) asked George to lend a hand at the school. Wasmer agreed and was immediately impressed with CCC's support of students with special needs. He continues to serve on the school's advisory board and agreed to co-chair the school's successful \$13 million capital campaign.

"Cleveland Central Catholic is the only Greater Cleveland Catholic high school with a special education program, where 15 percent of the student body is enrolled. At one time, these students were being taught in separate trailers – typical at schools throughout the country. We wanted to get the children out of the trailers and mainstream them into regular classrooms. Thanks to the generosity of many, these students now attend class with everyone else. Our gifted students help tutor our students with learning disabilities. . . and they are helping them succeed. Some of our special education students help provide tours of the school to visitors," Wasmer proudly exclaims. "They are receiving the discipline and values that will guide them and help them achieve to the best of their abilities," the CCC advocate insists.

The Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence



Left to right: Ms. Margaret Lyons, Secretary for Education/Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Cleveland, CCC junior Madison Skerkavich and Bishop Richard G. Lennon.

The Bishops' Scholarship For Excellence Awarded to Madison Skerkavich

Cleveland Central Catholic junior Madison (Maddy) Skerkavich was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship by the Catholic Education Endowment Trust (CEET). Miss Skerkavich earned the award by submitting a winning essay in The Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence program. The award was made to the Skerkavich family at a luncheon hosted by Bishop Richard Lennon on July 29, 2011. Maddy was one of just six winners at the high school level in Cuyahoga County.

In her essay, Maddy related how her faith has been challenged – and how God's presence in her life is revealed in many ways each day. Her family is overcoming a misfortune that has dramatically impacted their lives. But through their faith in God they are moving forward and healing each day.

"Despite my disappointments, I've been rewarded in so many ways in life," her essay reads. "I am thankful for the scholarships that I've received so far to help keep me in school, the many people who leave a lasting impression on our lives from day to day, and the spiritual gifts from God that I receive as well. I now look at the positives in life and I never let myself give up. If I ever fall, then I always have God to pick me up, dust me off, and get me back on my feet."

It is a financial struggle to keep Maddy and her two siblings in Catholic education, but her parents are determined and make many sacrifices. "It's a struggle for everyone to make our Catholic educations work," Maddy says matter-of-factly. And she has done her part by earning a Bishops' Scholarship.

Congratulations, Maddy!

SNAPSHOT



The Wasmer's remain passionate about making an impact in the church and charities throughout the community. "Mary Lu and I enjoy working with people and seeing them become successful," he states matter-of-factly. He adds, "God has been good to us. I believe that if you have a talent, you need to use it. It's one of the steps to salvation."

"But today's story is about Bishop Anthony Pilla," he redirects, with a disarming smile. "This is a way to honor Bishop Pilla and his commitment to Catholic education in the inner city. He loves Central Catholic and its students, and we have always appreciated his support."

Wasmer would like to see others help fund this pressing need at CCC. "I encourage others to contribute to the Bishop Pilla scholarship so more students who are in need of financial assistance can receive an excellent education – or set one up in honor or memory of someone special in their own lives. It is a great tribute and a wonderful way to help others. You can also share in the work – participate by attending events, serving on committees, giving of yourself, and being a role model" he adds modestly.

"If you want a real thrill, attend a graduation ceremony at Cleveland Central Catholic," declares Wasmer. "See the joy in the hearts of the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other family members as they celebrate the first member of their family to graduate from high school or to go on to attend college."

Wasmer then quoted the Dalai Lama: "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

And without the philanthropic support of others, Catholic education could not survive. Gifts can be made to the Bishop Anthony M. Pilla Endowed Scholarship Fund at Cleveland Central Catholic by contacting Leo Hyland at hylandleo@centralcatholic.org or by calling 216.641.2001.

University Hospitals Gives Back

New UH Diversity Executive Connects with CCC Students

As Cleveland Central Catholic's University Circle Inc. Future Connections student interns climbed the stage to proudly give their final presentations this August, they joined the ranks of the many thousands of young people whose lives have been shaped and enriched by University Hospitals' Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Donnie Perkins. Although it has been many years since he was seated at the helm of a classroom, this former public school teacher retains the calm and measured speaking manner of the best educators as he shares his life-long mission of equality in education for our nation's youth. "Education is central in our understanding of how we might advance in life."

As an African-American born in North Carolina before *Brown v. Board of Education*, he and his family were constricted by the injustice of segregation. It left him both inspired and inspiring. He asserts he didn't choose his field, he is his field. "Diversity and inclusion is who I am. It is who my family is. It is who we are as a nation."

Donnie is a strong believer in programs such as Future Connections for broadening horizons to explore career avenues not ordinarily traveled. "Teens get a sense of what that they can do, how they can do it and it gives them the tools through education to build a life and contribute to their world," he explains. "Youth can't strive for careers they don't know exist. It enhances the possibilities for students and their families and their communities."

"Donnie has great insight into the merits of youth enrichment programs," said Michele Fusco Scoccola, Director of Advancement. "He immediately recognized Future Connections' value to Central Catholic's students and without



Mentor

/men' tor/ 1. a wise and trusted counselor or teacher. 2. an influential senior sponsor or supporter. 3. Future Connections. 4. University Hospitals. 5. Donnie Perkins.

hesitation pledged support. We are very grateful for University Hospitals' generosity in this and their history of unrestricted tuition assistance, and look forward to continuing our long, rewarding relationship."

"University Hospitals remains committed to Cleveland Central Catholic and our continuing partnership in motivating students," he offers. "I have great faith in young people, support their aspirations and feel fortunate to be in a position to help."

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Donnie Perkins, UH

2011 Future Connections Mentor Program Interns



Asia Barker

"Many young adults with a bright future ahead of them just need guidance. I learned lifelong skills. Mentoring opens a path to help teens become successful."



Raishaun Bodero

"Internships help a company find future employees and help teens figure out what they want to do. Now that I've seen the options, I'm more open to graduate school."



Chelsea Merced

"I learned that I am a good public speaker and have skills that can help me in the future. And it's fun! It reassured me about going to college and pursuing what I want to do."



JoVan Stoner

"This program was a great experience and taught me a lot. I learned I can give a speech and how to network. Working with great kids helps companies in the future."



Camber Turner

"The experience of a professional mentor is so important to young people to inform them about career choices and help them focus in on career goals."



Aryn Young

"Future Connections was a great opportunity. I decided to further my education beyond a BS in nursing. I am more determined, ready and prepared for my future."

St. Stanislaus '63 Diana Robbins Directs University Circle Inc. Mentor Program

Traveling to archeological digs or observing major surgery is all in a day's work for the student interns in Future Connections.

The 15-year-old 8-week summer program is the brainchild of our own 1963 St. Stanislaus alum, Diana Robbins, Director of Community Education for University Circle Inc. Students emerge transformed, with real life skills to apply to college and the workforce.

Future Connections is a collaboration of non-profit cultural organizations, Cleveland-area businesses, schools and University Circle Inc. to mentor youth in career, skills and personal development. Funding is shared by the school and University Circle Inc.

High school juniors pass a rigorous process for acceptance. After workshops in life and personal skills, students intern for four weeks each at a partnering University Circle non-profit and at a Greater Cleveland business.

"The results are extraordinary," attests Diana, "in promoting responsibility, accountability and self-confidence."

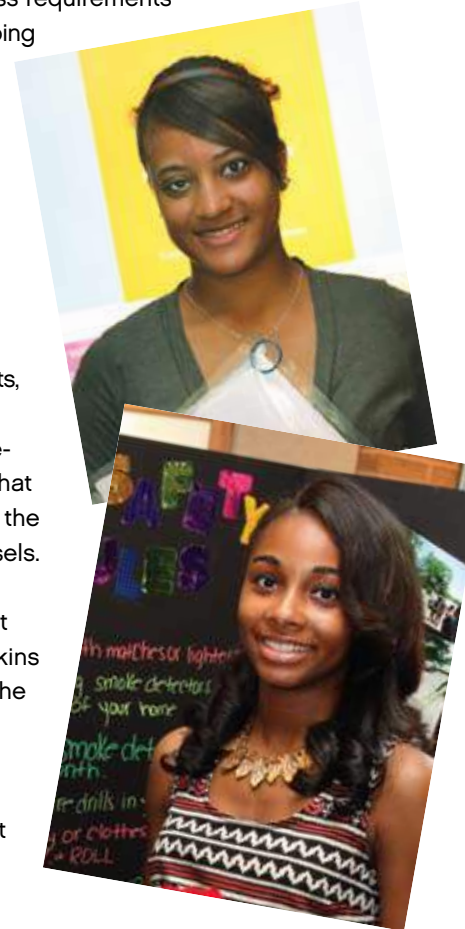


As one of Cleveland's and Ohio's chief employers, UH's overarching goals are on tracking and maintaining a talented, diverse workforce, meeting the unique health and wellness requirements of the surrounding community, and helping fuel economic growth by facilitating the needs of the region.

"Talent drives what we are able to do for the community and the young represent that talent. They hold our future in their hands."

"University Hospitals has a strong investment in encouraging young people and their families, not just as doctors, nurses, lawyers and accountants, but as the mothers and fathers of the next generation." Donnie's eyes-on-the-prize philosophy for teens is to know that if they get off course it isn't the end of the road. "It's what they do next," he counsels. "Always strive for more."

University Hospitals Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Donnie Perkins arrived from Boston this spring where he had been Dean and Director of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity at Northeastern University. He holds an MS in executive management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program, and was a Ford Foundation Fellow, a Millennium Leadership Institute protégé and the recipient of the Mary Jean Cherry Recognition Award for his contributions to diversity.



Giving Back ... Looking Forward. The Central Catholic Fund



Please make a commitment to The Central Catholic Fund and support our young men and women. Our students' count on you to support the goal of Central Catholic in making Catholic education available, affordable, and accessible to all young people. Cleveland Central Catholic High School is collectively building a community of young people, who with the help of Central Catholic educators skilled at motivating youth to do their very best, are learning to lead and preparing to serve in the 21st century.

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90

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Principal's Notes

Sister Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND

Principal



Ivy League Dreams

Sam Mullenax '13 spent seven weeks this summer at Harvard University Secondary School. She took two 4-credit courses with peers, Harvard undergrad and grad students, and extension school students. Guidance counselor Rita Dowd-Mikolajczyk connected her with the Joyce Ivy Scholarship, and Kaneshia Crenshaw secured additional funds.

Upon her return on August 13, Sam described her experience: "My favorite class was Abnormal Psychology. I learned so much from my wonderful professor, Dr. Shelley Carson ... she was always very receptive to answering questions. The teaching fellow (the TA) was such a great help. He would go over case studies with us very thoroughly so we were ready for them on the exams. We even visited a locked mental ward in this class. It was great."

Sam's learning went beyond class content. She found out that not all states tax for food. Plus there were insights from the international kids and how their culture differs from ours. "Like my friend Sera who is from Korea. Did you know that in Korea they count your age from when you were conceived? She is 17 here but about to turn 19 in Korea."

Listing highlights, Sam says, "My favorite part of visiting the Boston/Cambridge area would have to be the Charles River. I remember the last morning I was there, my friend Christian and I got up at 5:00 a.m. and went to the Charles River to watch the sunrise. And on the Fourth of July, I got to hear the Boston Pops while watching the fireworks show. That was pretty cool too."

Because of her experiences, Samantha Mullenax is "less anxious about the college work load than I was before. I was able to ace two college courses at Harvard." The program strengthened her goals to attend an Ivy League school and become a research psychologist. Returning to CCC for her junior year, Sam "can bring back a new appreciation for how much work must be done in college and that the work we do in high school is so important."



2011 Graduates

Achieving Academic Success

Valedictorian of the Class of 2011

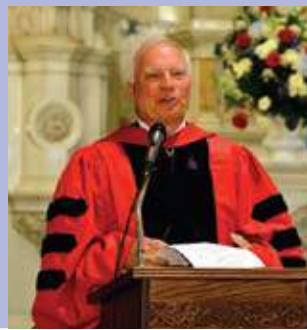
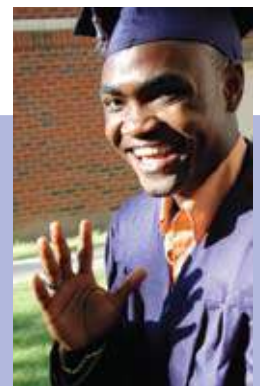
CORTNEY MILCZEWSKI is attending Walsh University

Salutatorian of the Class of 2011

DAVID VAZQUEZ is attending Ohio University

Phi Beta Kappa Award

SHARQUA SMITH is attending Ohio University



Thomas V. Chema, President of Hiram College, gives the commencement address

Congratulations to members of the Class of 2011, who are continuing future educational pursuits at the following premier universities and colleges:

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY
JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
HIRAM COLLEGE

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
MIAMI UNIVERSITY
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
NOTRE DAME COLLEGE
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OHIO UNIVERSITY

REMINGTON COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
WALSH UNIVERSITY
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY



A Tale of Two Continents

The vision statement of CCCHS speaks of school resources helping to fashion a “global view” for vital students. This summer two of Central’s finest faculty visited different continents and share their experiences here. On the following pages, Aaron Eatman recalls Africa. First, Dr. Lanny K. Hollis, associate principal and second language department chairperson, eloquently describes his trip to South America.

What South America Taught Me: Dr. Lanny K. Hollis

The Cuban poet José Martí extols the beauty of the mountains over the sea. Anyone who has been to the mountains of Peru would have to agree. Without a doubt, Peru has the most natural beauty of any place I have seen in the world. The aesthetic beauty of Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley (along the Urubamba River) are a spiritual experience. There is little doubt why the ancient Incas called the area “sacred.” The vistas can take your breath away.

Where did you go this summer? The areas of the capital, Lima (12 days), the Andean regions (9 days) between Cuzco and Machu Picchu, and the coastal Nazca Desert and Chincha allowed me to know personally the culture and history of another Spanish-speaking country. It was country 23 for me.

What part did language play in your travels? Language was an ever-present factor during my trip. Spanish was the language of choice everywhere. Additionally, I had the experience of crossing Romance languages – that is, using my Spanish with fellow travelers from Brazil. I spoke Spanish, they spoke Portuguese, and we let the commonalities carry the meaning between us. It was a linguistic first for me.

Most memorable moments: Masses at the Dominican Convent (The tombs of St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres) and the Nazarenes Church (Shrine of the Lord of the Miracles), sunrise at Machu Picchu, and the vistas of the Sacred Valley.

Biggest surprises: It doesn’t rain in Lima; the existence of 3000 varieties of potatoes; the beauty of the panflute; and the cuddliness of alpacas.

How has this trip changed you? I have a new love: the Peruvian people and culture. Peru is now firmly ensconced in my cultural loves along with Mexico, Spain, and Italy, in no particular order. However, for natural beauty that is spiritually moving, Peru is singular.

How will your experience be shared with CCC students? Those three weeks will be a primer for this year’s class of advanced Spanish (III, IV and AP).



Dr. Hollis with an alpaca herder in native dress



A herd of alpacas and llamas in the Sacred Valley



Delicacies of the sea (Pacific octopus at a fish market in Lima)



Marchers in brilliant colors celebrating Peruvian Independence in Lima (Sept. 28)



Corner of the Lima's Plaza de Armas main square



Corner of the Cuzco's (the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Americas) Plaza de Armas main square



Dr. Hollis being instructed in the intricacies of Peruvian ceviche (a marinated fish dish popular in Latin America but especially good in Peru)

Teacher Impact

A Tale of Two Continents, *continued*

At CCC Aaron Eatman teaches English, assists with Student Senate, and serves as the Sports Booster Club treasurer. He shares the impact of his travels to Africa.

On a Mission to Africa: Aaron Eatman

My travels took me to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique, with the most time in Zimbabwe. I left right after school got out and returned July 9. My mom is a missionary who has traveled all over the world and met wonderful people during her travels, from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Tibetan monks. She wanted me to experience some of the things that she has been able to do and helped find a grant that would allow me to meet and teach children in the Third World.

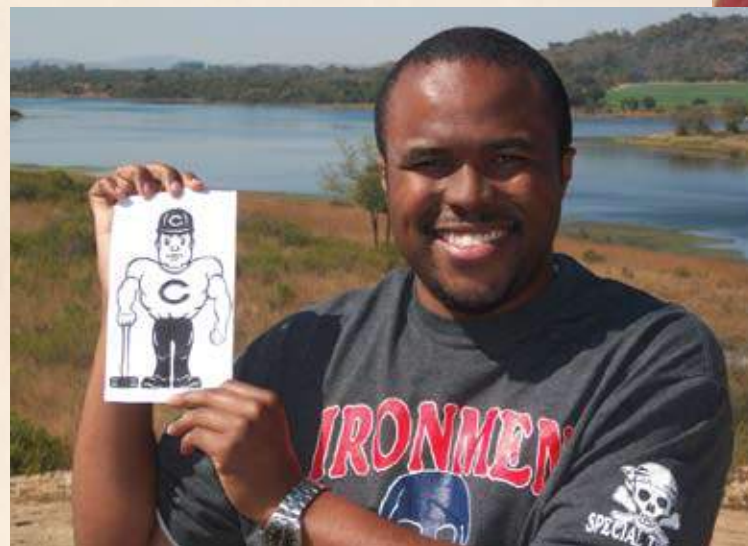
What was the mission's specific purpose? The purpose of this mission trip was to meet and help children in Africa. I worked in an orphanage that housed over 100 kids who lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, taught an English class for a few days and worked on a climate change initiative that would bring water to several villages and aid in farm development. Needless to say, like at Central Catholic, I was a jack-of-all-trades.

What impact was there on the people you visited? I hope that some of the proposals that I helped to write will be successful, allowing these people to get the basic human necessities of food and water. If nothing else, I hope that the people that I encountered got a good impression of Americans, especially African-American males.

What part did language play in your work? Language played a huge role in my work. Besides the fact that in each country a different language was spoken, you also had to take into consideration the cultural nuances. Things that would be considered a joke here in the U.S. could be highly insulting in some of the other countries and vice-versa.

How has this trip changed you? The trip has made me think a lot about the man that I am now and the man that I would like to become. Through it all, it has made me appreciative of the things that I have been given in life as well the gifts that I have to offer others. To see children as young as five literally walk as much as ten miles to go to school because they want to change their lives in some way is something pretty powerful.

How can your experience be shared with CCC students? I tried to take as many pictures as possible of the living conditions of the kids I met. They do not have the luxuries of having a video game system or more importantly running water and electricity on an everyday basis. Our students will see, it can be hoped, how lucky they are to have strong support systems from not only their parents and families, but their teachers as well.



Retiring Teachers

Having served 28 years, math teacher [Maryann Passalacqua](#), a model of devotion to the daily rigors of the classroom routine, retired for health reasons. Images of her helping individual students at her desk, both at the new CCC and the former Scranton Campus, are etched into the collective memory of the Central Catholic Family. May her garden bloom as did her students.

[Ike Hamilton](#) taught science for decades, with the CCC chapter following his term in the Cleveland Municipal School District. Tales of his Forrest Gump life – handing Louis Armstrong a handkerchief, hearing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak and having an audience with the pope – will remain in the CCC annals, while he pursues a new career as a mortician.

[Jane Morgan](#) instructed students in many departments, and was among teachers from the former Erieview High School to join the CCC staff. Jane often volunteered when help was needed, and used her skills as a seamstress to assist with costumes for the spring drama production.

The Big Campus in the Sky now includes three recently deceased faculty members

[Sr. Mary Paula Hughes, CSJ](#) passed away this summer, the first religious woman to serve as principal of CCC in the mid-1970s. The Congregation of St. Joseph (Rocky River) helped staff a young Central Catholic, and continued to supply capable administrators for decades to follow.

[Joe LaBella](#), beloved coach and athletic director, went to the Big Campus in the Sky on August 24. Visible earlier working at St. Stans elementary school, Coach LaBella served at CCC from 1976 to 1987, then went on to Independence High School, University of Wisconsin in Plattville, and Cuyahoga Heights High School, impacting scores of young athletes. Among his honors, “Coach of the Year” for the 1981-1982 season, awarded by the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association.

The same day, [Christine Salisbury](#), a new addition to the art department, got ready for her first day of teaching at CCC and was called by the Lord. Her creative spirit will remain with those privileged to meet her, and young artists will use a generous gift of art supplies donated by her family. R.I.P.



Marisa Foulkrod stars as Jeannie, a modern genie zapped back to medieval Arabia.



Drama Dreams Come True with Genie

Alliance of Poles Hall Becomes Magical Stage

In the second year of CCC's "dramatic" revival, the Drama Club produced a two-act play, *I Dream of Genie*, written by Martin A. Follose. Modern-day Jeannie, a genie, gets zapped to a medieval Arabian marketplace and a new master, Prince Aban. In real life, the cast did not have to travel so far, but it was truly magical to have a real stage, at The Alliance of Poles hall, a block from the school, for two evening performances in May. Student leaders of the vital club helped choose the play and began production in early February, under the leadership of directors Michael Yako and Katherine Swank. Faculty Allen Clark, Steven Winkler and Jane Morgan helped with production, along with crew members Matthew Rodriguez, Will Zender, Devin Danko, Julia Santiago and Gabriel Ortiz. Costumes and props were donated by faculty members.



Upper left: Spellbound Harun the Sultan, [Corey Cregar](#) spins across the stage.

Middle left: [Sam Bieda's](#) Cantara speaks clearly on behalf of the village.

Bottom left: [Jeannie's](#) dancing adds to her appeal.

Wardrobe/makeup consultant [Areege Saleh](#) provides expertise for the queen's costume.



[Grace Fana's](#) portrays Farizah, the Queen's assistant, as a helpful and obedient little minion.





As the awkward yet charming Prince Aban, [Denver Jacobs](#) takes command of life and stage.

[Yasi Arroyo](#) and [Alysha Caraballo](#), as Ms. Mathis and Johnson, scheme to get Jeannie back to modern times.



[Shekinah Smith](#) shines as the overbearing Queen Uzma.



Hands-on Students Compete in Art & Science

Advanced art students in Drawing II-IV classes won awards in the 11th District Congressional Art Competition at a ceremony on May 14 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Prints by six artists gained spots in the regional jury of the Governor's Youth Art Month exhibit, and four student artists were featured in an exhibit at the House of Blues. In late May, physics students catapulted back to medieval times, building trebuchets and stepping onto the athletic field just steps from the atrium to show their prowess.



In a swan song to many performances, multi-talented physics students [David Vazquez](#) and [Josh Herrmann](#) set up the trebuchet finale.



[Emilia Ejsmont](#) utilizes Stefanski Field for a hands-on physics class competition.



Junior [William Zender](#) focuses on his House of Blues art entry during Easter vacation.



Sophomore [Javier Jaramillo](#) takes first place in the collage category at the 11th District art exhibit.



Congresswoman [Marcia L. Fudge](#) congratulates junior [Joe Rydzinski](#) for his honorable mention in printmaking.



Standing beneath her collage, junior [Christal Rodriguez](#) and family celebrate her success in the Congressional Art Competition.

Motown & Gospel Sounds Fill Ironman Center

More and more chairs were needed for an appreciative crowd witnessing the growth of Central Catholic's choral program under the direction of Ms. Traci Jones. As the audience swelled, the third annual concert featuring Motown and gospel sounds filled the Ironman Center. Two choral classes provided soloists and ensemble numbers, with guest musicians adding their talents. Sr. Mary Seton, SND provided support and expertise to the choral program this year.



Top: Junior Maurice Robinson and the men of CCC.

Above: Among fine solos: "I'm Coming Out" performed by freshman Milia Early.

Above: Freshman Marques Medley
Below: Senior Heather Stewart

Freshman Sophia Higginbottom



Ironmen Welcome Crowd with Grid Victory

Young Ironmen Add Promise with Opening Win

Central Catholic's Ironmen played to a crowd of alumni, family and friends for the season opener on August 27 at Stefanski Stadium, treating the sun-bleached fans to a victory over Columbia Station. In the following weeks, the varsity, under Head Coach John Lundy, earned a 3-1 record by press time.

With the convenience of a true home field from season's start, the junior varsity chalked up a huge victory over Warren J.F.K. to verify what Coach Arthur Haynes III '04 called "the most promising group of young Ironmen" in years. With Stefanski Stadium a few steps away, walking out of the school building onto the field for a weekday game would be not a milestone, but a welcome routine.



#1 Running back Khairi Dickson

Right & below: #12 Tavion "Taz" Pauldo



Left: In front on defense, Tevin Davis and Davon Robinson; Right, #50 Ryan Jackson



Coaching Update

Cleveland Central Catholic High School has hired [Jonathan Harris](#) as its new boys basketball coach. As head varsity boys basketball coach from 2006-2009 at Cleveland Rhodes High School, his alma mater, he chalked up a 37-29 record, including 14-9 in his last season.

[Kevin Noch '91](#) resigned after leading the Ironmen for four years to relocate with his wife, [Juanita Rios Noch '91](#), and their six children. Coach Noch led the Ironmen to the Division III state championship in 2009 and a runner-up finish this past season. His teams went 71-31. "What an amazing run we had. I appreciate all the players and staff and I wish Central Catholic success."

[Keith Green](#) will serve CCC as the new girls basketball coach. Green has been head varsity girls basketball coach for one year at Akron North High School, and assisted at Firestone and Akron Buchtel.

Ironmen Compete at State Track

See more sports and school photography by Allen Clark, on:

www.ironmanfilmworks.org

Central's 4 x 400 boys relay team, comprised of students from all four grade levels, landed 11th in the Division II state results. Freshman [Michael King](#), sophomore [Damon Wheat](#), junior [Keith Hemphill](#) and senior [Jeremy Whitlow](#) placed first in the Midview districts, advancing to Ravenna regionals. Three also advanced in other events, among them [Hemphill](#), first in districts and eventually 10th in the state's 400 meter dash. Ironmen placed third overall in Midview. [Len Collins](#) coaches track, aided by [John Lundy](#), [Arthur Haynes '04](#), [Danielle Timko](#) and [Mario Houston](#).

Young Ironmen and Lady Ironmen were visible on baseball and softball teams, validated by North Coast League awards.

Winning spots on the league first baseball team were freshmen [Javier Camargo](#) and [Victor Ramos](#), with classmate [Antonio Vernon](#) and senior [Joey Solis](#) on the second team. [Soph Gio Owensby](#) merited honorable mention. Senior softball players [Dana Barnes](#) and [Dominique Hatchett](#) earned first team NCL status, with junior [Tiera Collins](#) and freshman [Cara Gudaitis](#) on the second team. As the fifth freshman with a league award, [Gianna Branco](#) won honorable mention.



In addition to a leg in the 4 x 400, [Damon Wheat](#), shown here leading classmate [Tyrone Williams](#), contributes by placing in hurdles events.



Before heading to the Big Ten gridiron in Illinois, [Jeremy Whitlow](#) competes in relay at Chanel.



Above: Shown here at Chanel, [Michael King](#) aids 4 x 400 success.

[Keith Hemphill](#) excels in sprints and anchors the 4 x 400.

Golf Outing

Record 111 Scramble on June 11

Alumni Foursomes Go “Fore” CCC Benefit

Ironmen alumni and friends gathered for tee times on Saturday, June 11 at Valleaire Golf Course in Hinckley for a successful golf outing on a beautiful day. Aggressive networking by Tim Myslenski and organization by **Jerry Fasko '65 OLL** and **John Simon '72** created foursomes, hole sponsors, and door prizes for well over 100 participants. **Dan Davies '83** and **Jeff Novak '83** won the 'skins competition, and everyone had fun in the scramble. Lunch at the turnaround and a steak dinner at the finish provided time to foster the “cherished friendships” for which Ironmen are famous.

Moe Brickman and **George Ungvarsky**, both '65 OLL, **Bob Bernhard '75** and **John Solomon '76** helped prepare lunch and dinner food. Other volunteers include: **Rich Coleman**, beer cart; **Lynne Brickman** and **Diane Ginley Thomas '73**, door prizes; **Mary Lou Haas Fasko**, foursome photos; **Elaine** and **Charlie Oreskovic '64 OLL**, **Judy Hronek Valliere, '65 OLL**, registration



Alumni foursome includes **John Malcolm '82**, **Denise Obojski '84**, **Baron Turner '82** and **Keith Obojski '82**.



Cousins with alumni parents: **Allison Lamirand**, **John Rivera, Jr. '91** and **Jeremy Rivera '95**.



Alumni enjoy the steak dinner: **Ken Matt '74**, **Tom Fasko '75**, **Bruce Sebera '74**, **Kevin Holdash '74** and **Barney Sebera '74**.





Loyal faculty and coaches reunite:
Tim Myslenski, John Forristal, Gary Soeder and Darrell Jess.



Ricardo Brown '80 visits with Robert Smith at the turnaround.



Ron Hangauer '79 and Bernard Sokolowski '73 enjoy golf in addition to their day jobs and making music.



President Leo Hyland teams up with alumni connector John Simon '72.



Cindi Sexton and Marcy Mallis (front) join alumnae Cheri Dzuro '83 and Denise Zerucha '82 (back).



Diane Thomas '73 arranges bountiful door prizes.



Former coach Rich Coleman mans the beverage cart.



Cleveland Central Catholic Alumni Golf Outing

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Central Catholic Family

Welcome Back Event



Married before the merger of their schools: Frank Scarci '56 St. Stans and Rosemarie Rusniaczyk Scarci '60 OLL.



A Central Catholic Family icon, Betty Hess Bican '63 OLL greets Sr. Mary Teresita, SND, who helped initiate the merger of four schools into CCC. Betty was Sister's secretary at Lourdes.



1970s



Cast of characters from the 1970s: Michele Stary Sommerfelt '79, Paul Barrosse '76, Rob Sommerfelt '78.

1980s



Hall of Fame athlete Donna Wertz '88, Phil B. Soencksen '85 and Dawn Schippling '88 enjoy the game.

Welcome Back Visitors Fill Stefanski Stadium with CCC Spirit and Tradition Old and New

Welcome Back Day! A start of a brand new tradition at Cleveland Central Catholic where current students, staff, faculty could come together outside of the classroom, alumni could reminisce and relive their high school days, and where the community could show support for a Cleveland favorite. The cheers of "Let's Go Ironmen" echoed through the stadium as the 2011 football season kicked off with a win against Columbia. Many alumni visited the campus for the first time in years, among them

Nancy Speno Arcipowski '76, who was pleased to see the school thriving. "I needed to come to see the school," said Nancy, who toured the building with husband Andrew. One of Central Catholic's founders, OLL Principal Sr. Mary Teresita, SND, was a special guest. Her sister Agnes Dubray, parent of CCC alumni, said that Sister had a wonderful time and really enjoyed herself, seeing the new additions to the building and campus and catching up with old friends. A CCC alumna, nurse Catherine Jones '89, accompanied Sr. Teresita. In his blog, television writer Paul Barrosse '76 gave an insightful view of his visit to Cleveland and CCC. Join him at <http://wp.me/pGf02-1Rr>.



Central Catholic Family

Welcome Back Event





Ironmen

Isaiah White and Carmen Irizarry



Joseph Premo '71 and Mary Premo '11



1971

Joseph Premo congratulates his daughter, Mary Premo, now a 2011 alumna.

1974

Shelley Davis Hardman is a registered nurse/instructor. She has two children, Carla and Joshua.

1976

James J. Olschlager lives in Las Vegas, Nevada where he is employed as a state trooper: a Lieutenant/Swing Shift Watch Commander. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1998 after 22 years' service. Three days after retiring, he reported to the Nevada Highway Patrol Academy in Carson City. After completing the academy he was posted in Beatty, NV. Promoted to Sergeant in March 2003, he worked both traffic and commercial sections. James and wife Lynn have two children, Laurie and James, Jr.

1977

Barbara Ann Thompson Tash lives in Florida where she attends St.

Petersburg College. She hopes to have her A.A. degree this fall, and is working towards a teaching degree. Employed at Bayside High School as an ESE associate, she would like to continue teaching ESE students. Debbie and Jonathan are her children.

1980

Louis Ernest III serves as a System Applications Administrator at University Hospital Case Medical Center here in Cleveland. The job entails operat-



ing/ application system configuration and security access management; also e-commerce and web development. His higher education includes an A.A.S. in Computer Science and a B.S. in Information Technology. Being on student council and working on committees for different school events are special memories of high school days. "I am proud to be a graduate of such a diverse and inclusive high school," says Ernest. He is a member of the UH Diversity and Inclusion committee, working on community and UH diversity events, by coincidence, with some of CCC partners at the hospital. Ernest at-

tended the "Welcome Back Day" event.

1992

Ryan Lopez spotted one of his former teachers from the Scranton Campus leaving the atrium during Easter vacation. He has a wife and family and works for the city water department, busy that day with a crew just steps from the school garden on Forman Avenue. So near to his alma mater, he paused briefly for this photo under its sign.



Ryan Lopez

2000

Lia Marie Martinez currently works as a customer service agent for Sherwin Williams Corporate offices downtown, while completing classes at Tri-C Western Campus for human resources management. She has beautiful fraternal twin daughters Ileyna and Isabella whom she adores. She looks forward to a new life with husband Omar Melendez.

2001

Isaiah White and **Carmen Irizarry**, classmates who met at CCC and became reacquainted recently, visited the school in June and chatted with former teachers.

2003

David Skutnik opened a month-long show at the Brandt Gallery during the Tremont ArtWalk last October. The Year of Skutnik featured photography and an original calendar, with every single day's significance.

2006

India Bruster graduated with honors and a 3.7 G.P.A. from Alcorn State University, earning a master's degree in agriculture and economy. She now works in the research department at that same Mississippi university.



Mrs. Lottig and Emmanuel Kidola

2008

Emmanuel Kidola enjoyed visiting the school in May, making a point to see many teachers. Here Mrs. Chris Lottig greets him on the lower level, outside the weight room.

In Memoriam

Darice Sebera-Ensmen '71 entered into rest on September 3. Brothers **Bruce** and **Barney Sebera '74** recall Darcy as a cheerleader and staunch Dawg pound Browns fan. She is lovingly remembered by husband, mother, and more siblings.

Colleen Gannon Bosak '84 died at Metro in May. After awakening from a two-week coma, she failed rapidly the next day. Active in the Central Clown Co. all four years of high school, Colleen visited the CCC bookstore back in 2009. She leaves a husband and two sons.

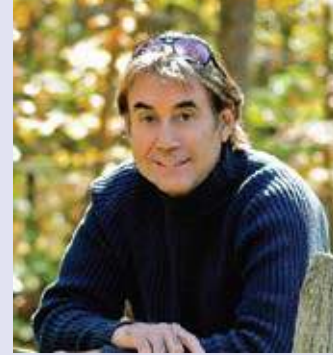
CCC Alum Collaborate on Book

Pairing up their respective talents, writer **David Allan "Dancin'" Wicinski '76** and photographer **Raymond James "Jim" Stracensky '69** OLL collaborated to document the story of a beloved local parish in the book *Sacred Heart of Jesus Church: 1888-2010, A Celebration of One Hundred Twenty-Two Years*.



An award winning professional photographer for over two decades, Jim's work appears in four books, the first being *Healing Images Healing Words*, published in 2005. He is an active advocate for the Slovak community. See more at www.stargazerphotography.com.

Dave's creative outlets began with classmate **Paul Barrosse** and Dancin' Productions in the 1970s. A lifelong resident of the Polish Krakowa neighborhood, Dave creates a lively memoir of the church and "Goosetown" neighborhood, along E. 71st Street, in this book, his first credit as an author. This writing as a third generation parishioner of Sacred Heart has given Dave a springboard to channel his talents through a national editor. Dave can still be found playing softball and competition volleyball. He can be reached at dancinproductions@core.com.



Reunions

HOLD YOUR REUNION AT THE SCHOOL;

Let it coincide with a school event. Your reunions don't have to be expensive extravaganzas.

Let us help you organize and get your group going. Contact the Alumni Office at 216-441-4700, ext. 261.

St. Stanislaus Class of 1961

50th Reunion – July 29-30-31, 2011

A great time was had by all who attended the Class of '61 reunion! 48 classmates and 29 guests attended Saturday's dinner. Many joined in the Sunday activities, which included school tours, Mass, and a combined picnic at Morgan's Hollow with the St. Stanislaus Alumni Group, which brought together almost 200 people. No one wanted the weekend to end.



Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1963 – Lourdes

50th Class reunion may possibly be September 2013. If you would like to be involved in the planning process please call Joan Miano (Zvolensky) at 419-798-4397 jmiano@cros.net or Janice Evans (Sindelar) at 440-338-3264 cevans5420@windstream.net

Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 is looking at September or October 2012 for their 40th reunion. To post an opinion or be involved in the planning process (i.e., join the committee), please contact Marguerite (Timko) Gudat

at (216) 883-2541 or marge_gudat@urscorp.com. ALL members of the committee will meet in October 2011.

Class of 1982

A committee is busy planning the 30th reunion, targeting August 2012. A survey will be sent soon for input and opinions. Be sure to contact Pat Ayers in CCC's development office at ayerspat@centralcatholics.org to update personal information for reunion updates. Please contact Cyndi Carswell at Cyndi.boohotmail.com, Maritza Herrera-Sansom at escruiquia@myself.com, or Mike Tulcewicz at miketulcewicz@yahoo.com for more information. Reach out on Facebook.

Class of 1991

Join classmates in tailgating at the CCC home football game on Saturday, October 22, starting at 10:00 a.m. Game vs. Trinity begins at 1:00 pm. A mixer will kick off at 7:00 pm in the Wasmer Ironman Center on campus, with pot-luck dinner. Meet classmates for a Sunday picnic at Wendy Park/Whiskey Island (next to Edgewater) starting at 1:00 pm – families are welcome. See info on Facebook at Class of 1991 20th Reunion Tailgate, Football Game, and Mixer or contact Danny Vega at vegafoto@sbcglobal.net.

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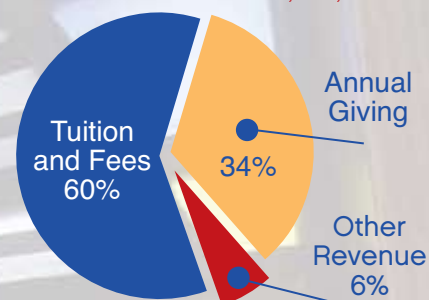
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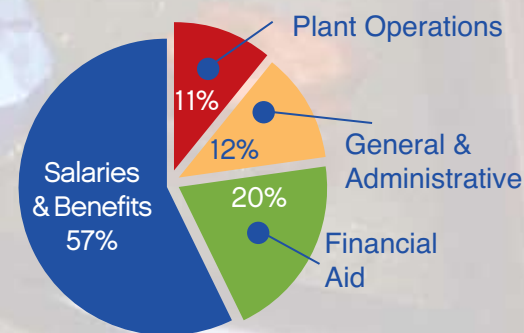


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Homecoming Game – CCC vs. St. Thomas Aquinas High
Saturday, October 15, 2011 1:00 pm

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Saturday, October 1, 2011 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (football game begins at 1:00 pm)
Sunday, November 6, 2011 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 10, 2012 5:50 pm – 8:00 pm (Spring Preview)

Scholarship/Entrance Exams

Parents and Administrators Q&A during test times

Saturday, October 29, 2011 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Scholarship) \$15 fee
Saturday, November 19, 2011 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Scholarship) \$15 fee
Thursday, March 8, 2012 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Placement) \$15

Save the Date

Saturday, October 29, 2011 8:00 am – 12:30 pm CLEANUP+CLAMS See inside page 10



Friday, November 25, 2011 11:30 am – 3:00 pm ANNUAL ALUMNI TURKEY BOWL

CCC Ben Stefanski II Stadium
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Wednesday, March 14, 2012 6:00 pm CALCUTTA 9TH ANNUAL AUCTION

