

# Tradition

St. Michael's College School  
Quarterly Alumni E-Newsletter

## WELCOME

The Alumni Association would like to welcome back the following alumnus to our community:  
Jim McDade '67

## LOST ALUMNI

Please help us find alumni who have lost touch with the school.  
[Click here](#) to view the list.

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Mark your calendar:

[Big Blue Benefit & Lottery](#)  
November 20, 2019

[Turkey Roll & Reunion](#)  
November 29, 2019

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2019-20 MEETING DATES

November 5, 2019  
February 18, 2020  
April 21, 2020  
June 16, 2020

## When Old Friends Meet



It all started back in 1981 when Gene Cucchia, OSM '52, nurtured by nostalgia and friendship, decided to get together with teachers, classmates, and teammates. To the surprise of both Gene and his wife, June, over 80 people showed up at their home. That get together has moved from Gene's house to the Streetsville Golf Club and now to its current location Bloomingdon Downs Golf Club in Aurora. On September 11, 2019, some 40 alumni enjoyed a game of golf followed by dinner at Le Parc Dining & Banquet. It was through the generosity of the late Leo McArthur '55 and now his son, Blair, owner of the course, that the tradition continues. When you send your son to St. Mike's - you have friends for life.

## Congratulations



Matthew Borinsky '19 spent last summer working for the Canada Protection Plan (provider of no medical and simplified issue life insurance) in administration support. Currently, Matthew is a member of the Western University Scholars Honors Society and is completing a dual degree in Computer Science and AEO (Advance Entry Opportunity) Ivy Honors Business Administration.

Anthony Norkus '19, currently completing a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering programme at University of Waterloo. He received the Spirit Award, officially dubbed 'Hype Hero'. This is awarded to one member per orientation team who exemplifies high energy, enthusiasm, creativity, encouragement of other, and sportsmanship.



On August 15, 2019, Alex De Castis '11 launched his first book, a memoir, entitled, *The Art of Unbecoming: An Unexpected Journey from Brokenness to Healing*. After earning a BA in Psychology from Wilfrid Laurier University, Alex has taken the initiative to advocate for the mental health of students through the sharing of wisdom, empathy, and personal experience - his memoir is the latest contribution.

In August, Andy Culligan '65 was inducted into the St. Francis Xavier (SFX) University Sports Hall of Fame. Andy was the 1971 SFX lookie of the year and the most valuable player in 1972.

## Alumni Giving Back

In the early 1990s, Fr. Ed Ronan, CSB had a group of laymen including John Farrugia '53, Stan MacLellan '55, and Delio Di Giovanni '52, renew their friendship. The group began to meet monthly on Saturday mornings at Henry Carr Farm. On one occasion, the gentleman agreed to send all of the old shop equipment from the high school to St. Lucia. They knew that the Basilians were working in Cicerone (Castries, St. Lucia) and so their charitable activities began. The programme assists to indigent families in the St. Benedict's Parish in the Cicerone district of Castries and in the Anse La Raye area. The St. Lucia Project is currently seeking new members. If you are interested please contact Delio at deliodg5@gmail.com.

Every week, Don Bannan '68 volunteers his time at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre and on October 1, Don had the opportunity to assist the veterans to attend the renaming of their Veterans Centre pub to the 'Johnny Bower Arms Pub'. Dick Duff '55 attended the unveiling.

2003 classmates Nick D'Amico, Giancarlo Irwin, and Patrick Kavanagh are working with [The Anne Marie D'Amico Foundation](#) (created in honour of Nick's sister, a victim of the 2018 Toronto van attack). The Foundation focuses on humanitarian causes to effect positive change within our society. On December 3, The Anne Marie D'Amico Foundation will host the first Turtle Project, which will benefit the North York Women's Shelter.

## Mark your calendar - Turkey Roll

Join us on Friday, November 29 for the annual Turkey Roll & Reunion. This year, the classes of 1969, 1970, 1984, 1985, 1994, 1995, 2009, and 2010 will be honoured throughout the evening. The Alumni Office is looking for volunteers from these honoured years to assist with inviting classmates to the evening. If interested, please contact alumni@smcsmail.com or [click here](#) for additional information.

## Livingworks safeTALK

St. Michael's College School would like to offer LivingWorks safeTALK to the alumni community. LivingWorks safeTALK is a face-to-face, where participants learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support. Training sessions would be offered after school or in the evening and there is no cost to participants. If you are interested, please email alumni@smcsmail.com.

## Moving?

To ensure you continue to receive alumni and SMCS Community news, please update your [MySMCS](#) profile.

## Our stories

[Homecoming](#)

[Our New Viewbook](#)

[Class of 2019: By the Numbers](#)

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## Incentive programme

Giancarlo Irwin '03 would like to offer the St. Michael's College School alumni community 5% off a new furnace or AC installations and 10% off service calls (excluding emergency/after hours calls). For more information, please [click here](#).

## Alumni at SMCS



Joe Younder '56, stops by after a meeting with the [Blue Banner](#) editors



John Pollard '51 came to visit over the summer after not being back since his graduation.

## Archives

The newest edition to the St. Michael's College School archives was donated by the Simerson family. The late Greg Simerson was the GM/Coach for the St. Michael's Buzzers in the early 90s.



We want to hear from you! Please email your alumni stories and photos to [alumni@smcsmail.com](mailto:alumni@smcsmail.com).

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