

# The Stanner

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## No 'shadows' in classrooms

By Erin Ballesty '13

Many Catholic high schools such as Saint Francis Prep allow incoming frosh and possible transfer students to "shadow" a current student by following her or him around to see what an average school day is like.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar can't recall "shadowing" ever happened during her 30 years at Molloy and said it won't happen any time soon because of the negatives involved.

"Our classrooms are full," said Sister Elizabeth. "If we had a couple of kids shadowing, there wouldn't be enough seats for them."

She said a visiting student would be distracting to Stanners in the class and questions why visiting students should miss a day at their own schools to see Molloy.

Sister Elizabeth said Molloy's Open House every October and the Winter

Open House in January do enough to show students what Molloy is all about.

"We tell them everything they need to learn about the school when they come to Open House," said Sister Elizabeth.

Science teacher Mr. Jim Sheldon said he supports shadowing, "in principle, but in practice, I'm a little bit against it" because of overcrowding concerns.

Mr. Sheldon said he wouldn't object to an occasional visitor to his classroom and doubts it would be a distraction.

While the Administration and faculty see shadowing's problems, students think it's a good idea.

Sophomore Steven McGuire said that visitors shadowing a student, "get to see everything they wouldn't normally see at Open House. You see people getting from class to class and what the classes and teachers are actually like. It's a lot different."



For a transfer student, finding folks who will allow you to sit with them in the Cafeteria can be a challenge. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski '11)

Junior Nick Yurisak said he would be willing to host a visiting student and thinks it would be "a great experience for the people coming into the school."

However, he does think it could create a bit of a distraction.

Frosh Reaz Jafri said he was escorted around the school by a faculty member

during a school day as an eighth grader when he was choosing between Molloy and St. Anthony's High School.

Though he didn't get to see the school from a student's point of view, he still saw what a school day was like and therefore felt he was able to make the right decision.

"Unlike Saint Anthony's, this school was more organized and something about [Molloy] seemed really homey and warm," he said.

Prospective students and their parents have asked to shadow a student in the past, but Molloy rarely allowed them to do so. Mr. Sheldon remembers only a few students ever shadowing at Molloy during his time at the school.

Transfer students might benefit the most if Molloy ever allows shadowing because it's hard to be the one new kid in class no one knows.

"I transferred into Molloy just before sophomore year started," said junior Bianca Boller. "At first it was hard for me to adjust to Molloy because it wasn't my first choice. I started to join different clubs at Molloy and it became easier for me to adjust."

### The Stanner Players are 'Playing With Power'

The Stanner Players production "Playing With Power" incorporated scenes from several different shows into one review. Junior Joe Estevez (left) performs a scene from "1776" as Patrick McCarthy, Justin Morales, Julianne Broderick, Niles Uy, and Steven Wody listen. Senior Kim Darbouze inspires her fellow wives, from left, Jillian Spataro, Natalie Kurzyna, Marilena Orfanos, Rodelynn Orange, Joanne Raptis, and Adrienne Zhou from the ancient Greek comedy "Lysistrata."



# Is growing older *really* all that bad?

“Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant thing.”

- Confucius

To most Americans, Confucius’ belief lacks validity or appeal.

Our media constantly shows older celebrities dressing younger, dating younger, and looking younger by getting plastic surgery and botox treatments.

The media seduces the masses by constantly emphasizing the “Forever Young” lifestyle that celebrates youthful, beautiful people enjoying material pleasures in excess.

This gives not only adults but kids the message that growing old is something to be avoided.

Over two million people living in the U.S.A. get botox each year and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery found that the typical patient is “a married, working mother between

41-55 years of age with a household income of under \$100,000.”

Nostalgic adults miss the so-called “glory days” of their youth and today’s teens want to bask in these “glory days” for as long as possible.

There’s trepidation about growing older not just on the part of middle aged adults but teenagers as well.

Junior Brandon Concepcion admits, “I would say that I am scared of growing up. I put a lot of value on looks and as you grow older, they fade. I don’t want that to happen to me or anyone close to me.”

With age also comes responsibility, which in many cases is displeasing to the younger generation.

For most American teens, life is easy.

We don’t have to worry about keeping a job, paying a mortgage, or driving other people around town.

Our parents do the bulk of the work, which allows us to magnify our trivial social and academic stresses into major problems.

Junior Joel Antolijao admits, “I’m not looking forward to the end of high school because I know that when I graduate, I’m going to have to start thinking more seriously about my future. After college, I’m going to have to worry about all the things my parents warned me about: getting a job, getting married, having kids, paying the bills. I can’t really picture it.”

The realization that the clock is ticking causes us to feel an urgency to fulfill our unaccomplished “to-do list” of childhood dreams.

Silly things are done in the hope of preventing the sad regret that is believed will emerge when we’re sitting in our rocking chairs in the distant future

pondering how much we could have experienced if only we had dared.

Compared to Eastern culture, America’s perception of aging is superficial and contemptuous.

In other cultures, elders are treated with the utmost respect and admiration.

In China, for example, it is customary for younger people to stand when older people enter a room, for elders to be served first at meals and to be greeted first at social gatherings.

In Eastern culture, age is not something that is feared because the perception of growing older is that one gains power, wisdom, and admiration.

Surely growing up is not something to rush into, but it also is not something to fear. Everything has a beginning, middle and end, and the end can be just as good as the beginning.

— Karla Hernandez ’12

## Looking back: Fast Times at Stanner High

Editor-in-Chief Natalie Kurzyna, Managing Editor Mary Rooney and News Editor Julianne Broderick, seniors all, sit down together to say their goodbyes to Stanner High..

**Julianne:** Well, there’s no denying it anymore. The end of high school is here.

**Natalie:** Stop it, you’re going to make me cry.

**Mary:** I can’t believe we’re leaving.

**Julianne:** There were some pretty dumb rules along the way, but I’m really going to miss this school.

**Natalie:** Samesies.

**Mary:** Did you ever get pulled over on your way into school for your open collar buttons?

**Natalie:** No, but I did have an illegal shoe violation...

**Mary:** Interesting.

**Julianne:** Do you remember that big cardboard lock Bro. Roy showed us on the first day of school? That really did help me.

**Natalie:** I’ll never forget Mr. Harrison and his Jolly Ranchers.

**Mary:** Or discussing the meaning of life in Mr. Sheehan’s class.

**Natalie:** So did you come up with an answer?

**Julianne:** To learn compassion through suffering. Thank you, Mr. Malamud.

**Mary:** That reminds me of Mr. Gallagher’s puns!

**Natalie:** And Mr. Barbera’s jokes.

**Mary:** Mr. DeSarno, this is protected free speech under the First Amendment, isn’t it?

**Julianne:** You two better hope so!

**Natalie:** Did either of you have Mr. Nadeau? He always gave quizzickles and quizzards and quiznos!

**Julianne:** No, but I did have Mr. Verdi, and all I have to say is... rocks.

**Mary:** And I had Ms. Mallia... I wonder if her homepage still sings “I’m a banana.”

**Natalie:** Remember all those fun art

classes, Mary?

**Mary:** Model magic!!

**Julianne:** I loved art too, tracing butterflies was my specialty!

**Natalie:** Thank goodness I had Ms. Murdocca, she introduced me to Pandora Radio!

**Julianne:** Me too! I’m seriously forever grateful to her for that.

**Mary:** I’m thankful to Mr. Diorio for forcing me to talk more every time he said, “Rooney! Talk!”

**Natalie and Julianne:** We think it helped.

**Mary:** [silence]

**Julianne:** Thank goodness for Mr. Sheehan, too. He let me hang out in his classroom even though I watch Fox News.

**Natalie:** All those Environment Club trips with Doc were awesome.

**Julianne:** They sure were, and they most importantly introduced us to the Shake Shack!

**Mary:** I never went on those, but I’ll always remember the trips to West Point with SciOly. “The Battle of New Orleans” will be forever stuck in my head.

**Julianne:** So is “Unbreak My Heart,” thanks to Mr. Santos.

**Natalie:** I’ll always remember Mr. Power’s sine and cosine dance, and “Wiki Wiki.”

**Mary:** And Mr. Sheldon’s “Dun-da-da-daaaa...ATP!”

**Julianne:** And those endless play rehearsals that lasted until 11 PM. They were so worth it, though.

**Natalie:** Of course we’ll all remember editing the paper in the dungeon with Mr. McKenna.

**Julianne:** Who could forget it? Looking at old yearbooks, flipping out over no stroke for photos, learning what makes this paper tick, the works.

**Mary:** And of course, learning important life lessons.

**Natalie:** I’ll never forget Ms. Safrey’s stylish outfits.

**Julianne:** And how Mr. Lipset always color-coordinated his attire. I nominate them both for Best Dressed at Molloy!

**Mary:** I second the motion.

**Natalie:** Totes Magotes.

**Julianne:** We’ve sure had some great times here at Stanner High.

**Natalie:** Golly, we really have.

**Julianne:** Jimmy Cricket, it seems like just yesterday that we all were clueless little freshmen. Now we’re on our way out the doors for good.

**Natalie:** You know... Mary hasn’t said anything for a while.

**Mary:** That’s nothing new.

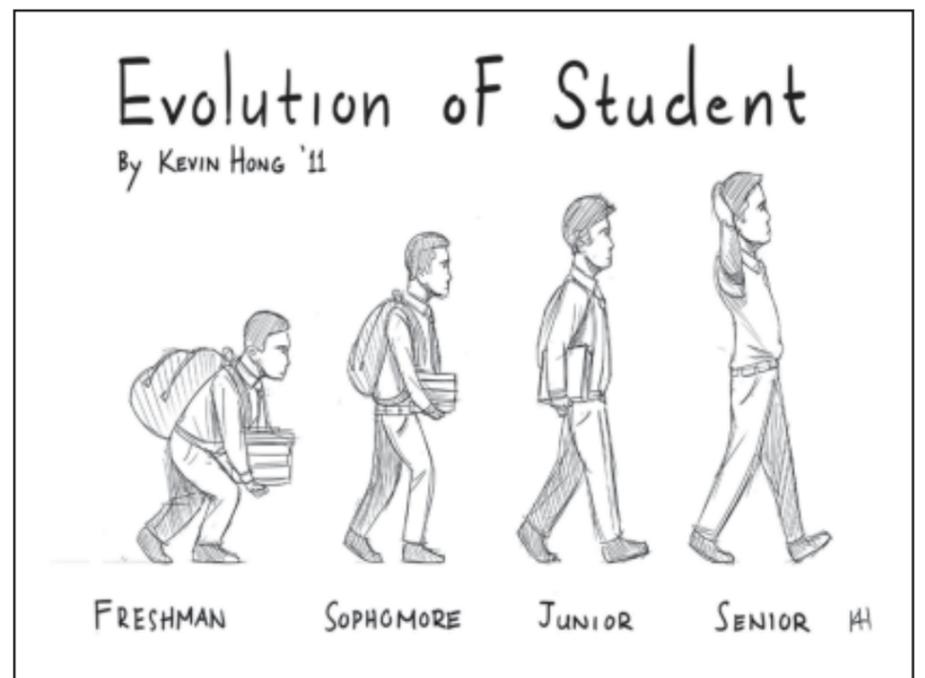
**Julianne:** Anyway, I’m going to miss working on The Stanner with the two of you very much, as well as the rest of our production staff, and of course, Mr. McKenna.

**Mary:** I’m definitely going to miss this whole place.

**Natalie:** It’ll be sad to go, but college will be a great, new experience.

**Julianne:** You’re right, we know we’ll all be teary-eyed and blue at graduation, but at least we can still treasure the memories we made at good old Archbishop Molloy.

Congratulations, Class of 2011-- we did it!



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# Library prepares for renovation

By Camilla Herbin '14

The Molloy Library will begin summer-long renovations during the last week of May by installing at least 50 new computers and acquiring new books, including electronic ones, said Librarian Ms. Dorothy DeNoto.

The renovations, which are being done so Molloy can catch up with the modern ways of technology-based research today, should be finished by the first day of school in September.

So far, about half of books on the Library's shelves have been removed either because they were in poor condition or unused.

Those books were either donated to charity or recycled.

Ms. DeNoto said the books that were kept are unique, or relevant to Molloy classes, or had historical importance, such as the ones from St. Ann's Academy.

When the renovations are finished, more books and research materials will

be available to students.

"I am very excited about the changes and I believe the new Library will be designed to foster easier access to information using current technology and research tools," said Ms. DeNoto.

The Library will look much different than it does now when students return to Molloy in September.

Ms. DeNoto said that one of the Library walls will be completely constructed of windows and the book cases will be refinished.

New furniture will give the Library a traditional look with a modern twist.

Walk-a-thon funds will pay for it all.

Students are excited about the renovations because of the new technology that will be put in place.

Frosh Albert Hasan, who admitted to never checking out a book from the Library, said, "The new changes involving more computers will definitely lead me to visit the Library more often."

There are students who are always in

the Library this year but after the renovations are completed, more students are expected to come.

Frosh Samantha Grech said, "If I were to need a book, I usually buy it instead of going to the Library, but with the changes that are planned, I think

that there will be a greater selection of books to choose from and more information to use."

Students will have the information needed for class projects or simple assignments ready at their fingertips thanks to the new computers.



Bare shelves await new books. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski '11)

# The Stanner is #1 paper again

For the second straight year and the third time in four years, The Stanner won the General Excellence Award for being the best Catholic high school newspaper in Brooklyn and Queens at 2011 The Tablet High School Press Awards.

The Stanner won first place in six of the annual competition's 10 categories and nine awards overall at St. Francis College on May 12.

The Parmentier of St. Joseph's High School was second, The Seraph of St. Francis Prep was third, and Mariel of

The Mary Louis Academy received honorable mention in the nine-school competition.

Editor-in-Chief Natalie Kurzyna and News Editor Julianne Broderick, both seniors, won first place for Best School-Related Editorial for "Molloy Should Stop Sizism."

Kurzyna won another first prize award for Best Community-Related Editorial for "You Need More Sleep and Less Caffeine."

Last year, Kurzyna won first prize for Best News Story and combined with Broderick for third prize in Best School-Related Editorial.

"Natalie and Julianne have been one of the best reporting and editorial writing teams in Molloy history," said Moderator Mr. Charley McKenna.

Junior Adrienne Zhou, a member of the newspaper's production staff, won an award for the second consecutive year, taking third place for Best School-Related Editorial for "Eco Warrior Says: Turn Off the Water."

"Adrienne does it all for The Stanner by writing, taking photos and laying out pages," said Mr. McKenna.

Senior Kevin Hong dominated the Best Editorial Cartoon category, winning first prize for "A Good Day's Work," and third for "Molloy's Logo."

"Kevin is the best editorial cartoonist The Stanner has ever had," said Mr. McKenna. "No one else has come close to having his talent and creativity."

Sophomore Roberto Bertolini won first place for Best News Story for "Students' Grades to Be Online."

"Roberto is a great reporter who can do all kinds of stories," said Mr. McKenna.

Sophomore Kevin Fernandes won Best Sports Story for the second year in a row for "Dorgler's Hard Work Paid Off," while Sore Agbaje won third place for "AM Ping Pong Pretty Popular."

"Everyone who worked on The Stanner this year played a part in helping us win the General Excellence Award," said Mr. McKenna.



Julianne Broderick, Natalie Look, Natalie Kurzyna, Mr. Charley McKenna, Adrienne Zhou, Mary Rooney at The Tablet High School Press Awards at St. Francis College in Brooklyn.

# Model UN team meets world

By Derrick Adam '13, Cara Salvatore '13, and Manpreet Sachdev '13

Twenty-three Stanners attended the Model UN Conference on May 12-14 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and the UN headquarters, playing the roles of delegates from the nations of Cuba and Turkmenistan.

Moderator Mr. Bill Flemen said the conference is "a chance to learn" about the countries the team represented and the way the UN operates as 19 of the 23 students on the team attended the conference for the first time.

Last year, Molloy represented

Norway and Senegal at the conference and Mr. Flemen said the team did "very well and had fun while learning."

Because the UN conference is involved with current events, Mr. Flemen said the events in the Arab world would definitely affect the conference.

Mr. Flemen's goals for his two delegations at this year's conference were just to learn something about the UN and international affairs.

Senior Jannathul Newaz, who represented the People's Republic of China two years ago, is representing Cuba this year and her topic is drug trafficking.

"We do have to write position papers and doing well depends on how prepared you want to be, because there are a lot of competitive people in this conference so the more you know the better," Newaz said. "To be actually able to write our own resolution in the committee is a big thing because it can be nominated along with other committees' papers."

Newaz said the key to doing well at last year's conference was her having been there as a frosh and sophomore.

"I think I did well because I already had two years of experience, so I knew what I was doing," she said.

Newaz said the conference is a place where, "thousands of kids from all over the world come together and discuss topics while representing a country they're assigned."

"I love to debate and to actually be able to hold a conversation with someone on the same intellectual level is great," Newaz said.

Newaz said the best thing about the conference is the people she's met.

"Last year my partner and I met these two Egyptian girls and we've been good friends ever since," Newaz said.

This year, frosh Anna Poulakas said, "I met kids from Spain. It was great."

# Spirit Week shenanigans

By Jaclyn Eng '13 and Stephanie Bonanno '13

The seniors won Molloy's annual Spirit Week Competition for the second year in a row, earning 2,307 points by participating in various activities from April 11-15 to win the prize of a seniors-only dress down day on May 23.

The sophomores finished second with 2,240 points, the frosh were third (1,824) and the juniors were fourth (1,682).

Student Council Moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran said that during this time of year, seniors usually have "Senioritis," so she was surprised that they won.

She expected the sophomores to win, "because they have the most school spirit. The freshmen, since they are still new to the school, don't know that much about Spirit Week. And the juniors are usually too overwhelmed with school work to participate much."

Spirit Week featured many new activities created by Student Council, the National Honor Society, the Student Activities Committee, Ms. Elizabeth Reichert and Mr. Ed Cameron.

"More people were active and got involved," said Ms. Loughran. "In the past, only Student Council would manage the Spirit Week activities."

Ms. Loughran said Principal Bro. Thomas Schady "opened the doorway" this year to new and different activities, such as Crazy Sock Day, Crazy Hat Day, and Slipper/Flip-flop Day.

Some of the other new activities featured in Spirit Week 2011 were The Great Teacher Tape-Up, Minute to Win It, Stanner Feud, Molloy Idol and the Spirit Week Cruise.

Ms. Reichert came up with the idea of The Great Teacher Tape-Up and it was a great success.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of students that showed up," she said. "The students were really into it."

Seniors contributed the most money to charity and so received the most tape with which to attach Mr. Chris DeSarno to the wall of the Jack Curran Gym.



Senior Alex Brown, foreground, and junior Justyna Gawrys balance dice on a stick during one of the Minute to Win It contests in the Cafeteria during Spirit Week. (Photos by the Alumni Office)

Led by Christa Ciuffo, Gina Galizia and Sean Harrison, the seniors won the contest when Mr. DeSarno was the last faculty member to break loose.

Sophomores, who taped up Mr. Keith Hahn, finished second, juniors, who taped up Mr. Mark Sweeney, finished third, and the frosh, who taped up Mr. Brad Lyons, finished fourth.

Sophomore Jen Foley said that the Teacher Tape-Up was the most popular event of Spirit Week and she really enjoyed it.

Ms. Sabina Kobinski came up with the idea for the Minute to Win It contest based on the TV show of the same name and she ran the contest in the Cafeteria.

"I was very pleased with the way it turned out," she said. "I was nervous at the beginning because I was not sure if a lot of people would sign up."

Stanner Feud, run by Mr. Brian

Kelly and the NHS, was also a big success.

The Stanner Feud was won by Team MOE, consisting of juniors Morrell Gaskins, Messay Kassi, Matthew Rosal, Illgner Alain Paul and Rodolph Mesadiou.

However, Team MOE was defeated in a game against the faculty team of Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Lauren Kemmerer, Ms. Liz Murdocca, and Ms. Dorothy DeNoto.

Sophomore Ann Marie Gaglio participated in the Feud and made it to the third round.

"Being in the Feud was really fun and was my best memory of Spirit Week," she said.

Team America, whose captains were seniors Dave Champlin and Patrick Cooney, won the Dodgeball Tournament but later lost to a faculty team of Mr. Kelly, Mr. DeSarno, Mr. Chris

Dougherty and Mr. Ed Shannon.

Senior Brandon Ali won the Candy Count by correctly guessing there were 319 candies in the jar.

Senior Aliyah Muhammed and juniors Karla Hernandez and Isabel Mendez tied for first place in the Faculty Baby Picture Contest, as each identified 37 correctly and got only two wrong.

The Door Decorating Contest was won by Homeroom 4A for its tribute to Mr. John Mecca, while 4E, which created "Mr. Santos' Taco Stand," was second. Homerooms 3G and 3D finished third and fourth.

Ms. Loughran said the best aspect of Spirit Week is the togetherness it creates among students.

"It actually feels like we are a family," she said. "Everyone gets involved, teachers, students, and alumni. It's a great feeling."



Seniors tape Mr. Chris DeSarno to wall during the Teacher Tape Up in the Jack Curran Gym.



Mrs. Anne Lonergan rocks out in a cute hat on Crazy Hat Day.



Meliza Acoba and Herbert Leona, above, see the Brooklyn Bridge's lights. Meanwhile, Nicole Marino, Maverick Alzate, and Maria Palmeri, below, enjoy Flip Flop Slipper Day. (Photos by Alumni Office)



# AM goes cruising

By Roberto Bertolini '13

Archbishop Molloy's Spirit Week concluded on Friday April 15 with 125 Stanners taking part in a cruise around Manhattan which offered them an opportunity to eat, dance and view the picturesque sights of New York City from a boat.

The cruise, which cost only \$35, left from Chelsea Piers and traveled down the Hudson River, around the tip of Manhattan and up the East River under the Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges and then parked for an hour by the Pepsi sign in Long Island City before returning to dock. Along the way Stanners saw the construction that is underway on the Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center site and the Statue of Liberty.

The bus, which had taken the Stanners to and from the pier, arrived back at Molloy at 11 p.m.

Mr. Edward Cameron, Director of Student Activities, said the cruise was a success.

"Everyone had a good time dancing and enjoying time with their friends," said Mr. Cameron.

The cruise was the idea of senior Danielle Catinella, who suggested it early in the school year.

"I wanted a Molloy gathering that was fun, different and never done before in Molloy history," she said.

Catinella reserved the boat for the night and played a big role in promoting the cruise and selling tickets.

Her uncle catered the event and she decorated the boat.

Catinella hopes that the success of the cruise will "open up Molloy to new possibilities and activities" during Spirit Week and throughout the school year.

Sophomore Ann Palathingal enjoyed the cruise.

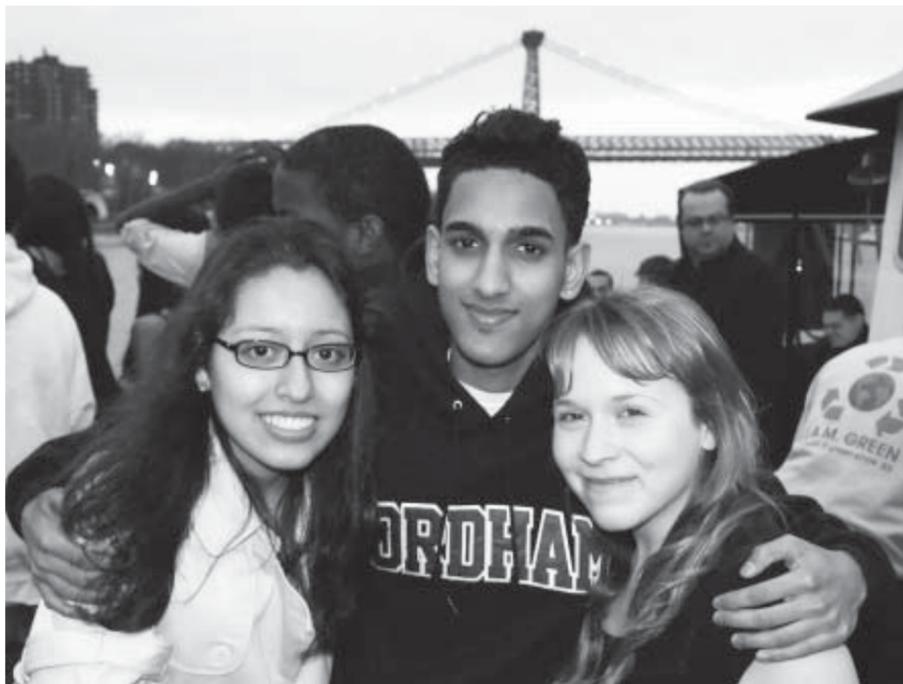
"It was a new activity that Molloy offered and I wanted to try it out," she said. "It was fun!"

Palathingal said the cruise was worth \$35 and she enjoyed the pizza and soda as well as the dance music.

She hopes Molloy will offer this activity again next year.

Mr. Cameron said he hopes the cruise will return again next year.

He is not sure whether it will be during Spirit Week or in late May.



Karen Quintana, Richard Ramsundar, and Kara Nandin, above, enjoy Molloy's first cruise. Mr. Dennis Vellucci shows his true colors on Crazy Hat Day. (Photo by Alumni Office)

## Spirit Week Class Competition Results

Event	Frosh	Sophs	Juniors	Seniors
Crazy Hat Day	145	151	102	162
Crazy Socks Day	241	254	205	210
Flip Flop and Slippers Day	181	217	199	222
Colors Dress Down Day	354	363	283	346
Molloy Dress Down Day	285	396	298	323
Fundraiser	143	274	170	229
Stanner Feud	65	215	130	170
Faculty Tape Up	50	100	50	150
Homeroom Doors	100	100	125	125
Minute to Win It	110	150	50	110
Dodgeball	150	150	70	260
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1824</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,402</b>



# Writers come out of the box

By Anna Poulakas '14

Archbishop Molloy's literary club will be releasing the latest edition of its magazine "Out of the Box" at the end of May.

Club members began writing, workshopping, and editing their work in mid-December but all that work is done now and the magazine is currently at the printers.

"Out of the Box" will contain a variety of work, ranging from poetry and short stories to art.

Moderator Mr. Matt Kilkelly said he is happy with this year's edition and was impressed with all of the students whose work will appear in the magazine.

He singled out the work of junior Anna Oldakowski, who worked on the cover design as well as editing the entire magazine, as being outstanding.

Other editors who did a good job helping to produce the magazine were junior Freddy Francois and senior Max Rief.

Frosh William Riley, who worked on the magazine for five months, will have a poem about striped socks in this year's edition of "Out of the Box."

He said his writing skills really improved this year with the help of the magazine's editors and staff.

He said the magazine looks beautiful and is put together very well.

Mr. Kilkelly said that with new editors and staff every year, the magazine evolves a bit with each new edition by expressing new ideas and opinions and focusing on new themes.

He said that in the past five years, the club has taken its biggest leap forward in improving the magazine.

Junior Anna Oldakowski created this illustration for "Out of the Box."



# 3 win national writing awards

By AnnMarie Gaglio '13 and Rashanna Seymour '13

Three Stanners entered their poems, essays, and short stories online to the Scholastic Art and Writers competition and all won awards.

Senior Carolina Ortiz won the Golden Key award for a short story titled "A Dove, a Necklace, an Ornament."

Senior Maximilian Rief won the Silver Key for his essay "Child and Ball," his short story "The Sloth," and his poems "That was Easy," "Relaxation," and "Can."

Sophomore Sore Agbaje won a Silver Key for her poem "Relax."

The competition, run by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers which was founded in 1923, had 165,000 students enter works of art and writing but only a couple of hundred students were chosen as winners.

The students were judged on technicality, originality, skill, and emergence of voice.

"It is very big achievement" said English teacher Mr. Matt Kilkelly, who wasn't surprised that these three



Max Rief

students did so well.

Mr. Kilkelly read some Rief's work and described it as "excellent."

Rief was surprised that he did so well. "I have never won an award for my writing before," he said.

English teacher Mr. Jim Sheehan described Ortiz's writing as "amazing, moving, and provocative. At times, it sizzles."



Carolina Ortiz

Agbaje said of her winning poem, "It was a really pivotal work for me. My writing has matured and my new poems are even better."

Agbaje started writing early. "My mother did writing exercises with me as a child" Agbaje said. "But I didn't start to enjoy it until sixth grade."

As for the future, "I would like to be a pro, like Maya Angelou and Jill Scott,"

said Agbaje.

Rief said, "I am unsure whether this will become a significant part of my career or not. But whatever the use may be, I will continue to write for my personal pleasure."

Mr. Kilkelly said he would like to see more students enter the competition next year after this year's success.

## *Truong is tops in JV Math League*

Junior Steven Truong scored 85 out of a possible 100 points to win the individual crown and Molloy won the team title of the Junior Varsity Math League Advanced Math Division.

Junior Jeffrey Cheng was second with 84 points and junior Jennifer Hwu was third with 81.

"This team did a great job this year in its division," said Moderator Mrs. Adele Solari. "Steven, Jeffrey and Jennifer have been in the lead for the past few years. I hope they continue to bring their talent to the Varsity Team next year."

# Anime Boston: 'Anime-zing time'

By Kirsten E. Paulson '13

Forty-one members of Archbishop Molloy's Anime Club had a fun and enjoyable time during their annual trip to the Anime Boston from April 21-24.

The trip, which was coordinated by Club Moderator Mr. Chris Dougherty and President T.J. Darcy, cost each member who wished to attend \$305, which covered the cost of hotel rooms and transportation.

The long trip from Manhattan to Boston was made more enjoyable by riding the Bolt Bus, which provides free Wi-Fi.

Mr. Dougherty said Anime Boston is "our Super Bowl, or our Mecca. This was our ninth anime convention and our

seventh Anime Boston."

One of the biggest aspects of attending a convention is a hobby known as "cosplaying," or dressing up as a character from an anime series.

Although only a few Stanners cosplayed, as much as one third of the 19,000 people in attendance came dressed as their favorite characters.

Some of the more popular costumes came from such popular series as Bleach, Dragon Ball-Z, Pokemon, and Axis Powers: Hetalia.

Costumes from the Marvel and Star Wars universes were seen as well.

The opportunity to pose for photos with their favorite anime characters wasn't the only reason Stanners

enjoyed their time at Anime Boston.

Senior Steven Resch, who said he dressed as a hipster on the fly, enjoyed "simply immersing myself in a new subculture and seeing what I thought of it afterward. One of the things I liked most was that you could dress up as whatever you want, and no one would judge you."

For other anime enthusiasts, the Dealer's Room and Artist Alley, where souvenirs and fan art were available for purchase, held a great deal of appeal.

"I mainly went to the Dealer's Room," said sophomore Melanie Teylan, as she held up a necklace that held an ornately stylized, antique key. "I wanted to take home a lot of

souvenirs. It was the first convention I ever went to."

Mr. Dan Charvet, another club moderator, said, "One of the things we would do at the convention is point out something obvious, like 'Oh look, a crowded escalator', and then say 'You just lost The Game.' It got to the point where someone would say, 'Oh look' and we automatically associated it with losing The Game."

Mr. Dougherty enjoyed sight-seeing in Boston with some of the students.

No matter what they ended up doing during the convention or in their free time, the moderator and members agreed the convention was an "epic" experience.

# Scholars receive awards & cookies

By **Monish Pahilajani '13** and **Sameera Kassim '13**

About 400 Stanners were invited to the annual Academic Award Ceremony on Monday April 18 at 7 p.m. and approximately 306 students attended the ceremony in the Jack Curran Gym.

To qualify for an invitation, a student had to have earned an overall 95 or better vertical weighted average for the first three marking periods.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar said the large number of Stanners getting invitations "shows that our students are hard working, our teachers are good, and most definitely our parents are encouraging."

Assistant Principal Mr. Ken Auer was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, where Principal Bro. Thomas Schady congratulated the students for their achievements and Sister Elizabeth presented the awards.

Students who earned a 99 or better vertical weighted average received the Principal's Award medal.

Other award-winners at the Academic Awards Ceremony included:

\* Sophomore Shubin Mathews won The Elizabeth Kroeber Award in Biology.

\* Sophomore Tatiana Requiyo won the David Kraus Award in Biology.

\* Sophomore Daniela Gordillo won the Otto Burgdorf Award in Biology.

\* Junior Samantha Walker won the Bausch & Lomb Award in Science.

\* Junior Alexandra Woods won the University of Rochester F. Douglass & S.B. Anthony Award.

\* Junior Alyssa Dolan won the University of Rochester George Eastman Youth Leaders Award.

\* Junior Christine Georghiou won the Fairfield University Book Award.

\* Junior Olivia Balog won the College of the Holy Cross Book Award.

\* Juniors Victoria Goldbach and John Sideris won the Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Sister Elizabeth said she enjoyed the ceremony.

"The parents seemed very happy," she said. "It's enjoyable to meet with people on such a good occasion rather than at a parent teacher conference or such. We also had very nice refreshments, so that was a success."

Sophomore Ashwini Chawla enjoyed the reception afterward in the Cafeteria.

"I loved the cookies," she said. "It was the first time I had a Molloy cookie because I'm too frugal to buy stuff from our expensive Cafeteria."

Stanners enjoyed the short, simple ceremony but preferred the parallel rows seating arrangement of last year to this year's semi-circle of seats.

Sophomores Elizabeth Governale, Sitara Patel, Dina Mangialino, and Shalini Zachariah all attended for the second consecutive year.

"It's not that hard to keep up my average, but this year was a little tough because I'm taking Advanced Placement World History," said Zachariah.

All four sophomores had the same philosophy for doing well academically at Molloy: don't get sidetracked when doing homework, work hard, study hard and always make a good effort.

Patel said her keys to success were keeping up with homework, not wearing sweatshirts in Mr. Chris DeSamo's class, and going to Mr. Brian Klimas for extra help.

Governale said the great support all the Stanners at the ceremony receive from their parents is an important factor in their success.

"My parents are always proud of me, even if I fail," she said.



Senior Max Rief performs his poetry. (Photo by Manpreet Kaur '12)

## AM poets take the stage to let their emotions rage

By **Noelia Morales '12**

Molloy's Literary Club sponsored its second Poetry Slam of the year in the Theatre on May 18.

Club Moderator Mr. Matt Kilkelly said about 15 poets were scheduled to recite their work.

Mr. Kilkelly credited senior Kate Pangilinan for doing most of the work to make these Poetry Slams happen.

"Kate has left a legacy to Molloy," he said.

Mr. Kilkelly described the Poetry Slam as, "a couple of hours of free verse and unrestricted talent, full of mixtures of many different emotions, which create an entertaining experience."

A Poetry Slam is also a competition with a winner chosen by a three-judge panel which included English teacher Ms. Shannon Winters.

Any student who wanted to perform was able to do so as there was no audition process. However, performers who were in the first slam had to perform new work at this one.

The winner of the first Poetry Slam, senior Marissa Morales, performed again on May 18.

Also returning was second place finisher, senior David Polanco, who began writing poetry in eighth grade but stopped until motivated to start again this year by Mr. Kilkelly's Creative Writing class.

The first slam was the first time Polanco performed one of his poems in front of a large group.

"I think performing in front of a small group is more nerve wracking," he said. "Performing in front of more people makes me more excited and able to get into it."

Frosh Rosemarie Casano, who began writing poetry in the seventh grade, feels nervous before performing but once she gets into the poem, her nerves drift away and everything comes naturally.

She said it can be hard to fully express the emotions in her poems to an audience so she has watched other poets perform on You-tube to learn.

"I like the way they express themselves with their voices, using different rhythms and speeds," said Casano, who is working to express herself that way as well.

Some experienced poets at the second Poetry Slam were seniors Carlos Ortiz, Matthew Hunter and Pangilinan, junior Freddy Francois, and sophomore Breanna Watson.

Mr. Kilkelly said, "I hope the performers and audience have an enjoyable experience from which they can appreciate the power of the spoken word and the talents of their peers."

He said he especially hopes the participants recognized their own gifts.

# 46 Stanners three-peat on List

Forty-six Stanners qualified for the Principal's List for the third consecutive marking period.

Fifteen juniors managed to keep their vertical averages above 99 for a third straight marking period, while 12 frosh, 12 sophomores and eight seniors did so as well.

Juniors and frosh both had 31 names on the List, while sophomores had 25 and seniors had 17.

As has been the case since the inception of the Principal's List, girls dominated, as 73 of the 104 Stanners on the List were female, with the sophomore and senior girls being most dominant.

Senioritis may have finally struck the Class of 2011 in the third marking period, as 267 out of 395 seniors made

the Honor Roll, down from 303 in the second.

Here are the students who qualified for the Principal's List for the third marking period:

**Frosh:** Jessica Beck; Dhanesh Binda\*; Laura Blaszcak; Thomas Brinskelle\*; Alexandra Caruso; Pamela Decolongon\*; Darien Dey; Vincent Femia; Samantha Grech; Georgios Gulino\*; Emily Hanna; Edrean-Neil Kabigting\*; Nicole Korzeniecki; Jessica Kraker\*; Deanna Mayo; Felicia Mendoza; Louiza Molohides; Kristian Mosquito\*; Taylor Moss; Andrew Muscarella; Daniel O'Reilly\*; Cristina Otano; Shannon Pizzella\*; Bernadette Rooney; Samantha Sattler\*; Matthew Spataro\*; Jobin Thottam; Anthony Valenzuela; Tiffany Villacis\*; Rebecca

Wagner; Branden Warders\*.

**Sophomores:** Roberto Bertolini\*; Jacob Borkowski\*; Alejandra Castano; Ashwini Chawla; Odette Colangeli; Graziella Ferrara\*; Jennifer Foley; Calvin Garcia\*; Daniela Gordillo; Joseph Ingrassia; Amandeep Kaur; Annmarie Kosiewska; Shubin Mathews\*; Aislinn Messina\*; Monish Pahilajani\*; Amanda Paljevic; Sitara Patel\*; Toni Ann Petovello; Tatiana Requiyo\*; Jacqueline Rubino; Manpreet Sachdev; Steffi Shilly\*; Jillian Spataro; Christine Stanolevich; Ayana Tan\*.

**Juniors:** Olivia Balog\*; Cara Chow; Jonathan Cortez; Agnieszka Czaja\*; Kristina D'Angelo\*; Katelyn Dial; Jackelyne Diaz\*; Alyssa Dolan\*; Stephen Eng\*; Claudia Fernandes\*; Melissa Fesler\*; Jamie Giuntini; Myrna

Hanna; Melissa Jo Hernandez\*; Christina John; Lauren Kelly; Kathleen Loftus; Simranjit Mangat\*; Leanne Motylenski; Edward Pizzo; Joanne Raptis\*; Sergio Rodriguez; John Sideris; Paulina Stefanowski; Raymond Sukhdeo; Mareena Thottam; Niles Uy\*; Samantha Walker\*; Crystal Wong; Alexandra Woods\*; Adrienne Zhou\*.

**Seniors:** Arleen Aguasvivas\*; Katrina Bartolome; Melissa Evelyn; Kanad Ghosh; Daniel Holowiak\*; Navdep Kaur; Malvina Klusek; Judy Li\*; Carolina Ortiz\*; Steven Paciga; Dhandevi Persand\*; Sarah Prieto; Nancilee Rifenburg; Mary Rooney\*; Robert Thomas; Christopher Vasile\*; Karen Zhou\*.

\* denotes third appearance

# Softball teams aiming for city titles

By Sarah Stiglianese '13

Coach Mr. Luis Santos credits the Molloy Girls Junior Varsity Softball team's hard work, starting with fall workouts, for its 20-12 overall record and 10-2 league mark.

Mr. Santos, who is very proud of his team this year, said that while all his players have done well, his two top pitchers, sophomore Gisselle Garcia and frosh Tiffany Wayte, have really stood out.

Both have 6-2 overall pitching



Frosh Daniela Fazio up at bat.

records and have had amazing seasons.

Mr. Santos said the team also has many good hitters.

Sophomore captain Madeline Casello is a top hitter, in addition to being the best catcher on the team.

Other top hitters include sophomores outfielders Danielle Klein and Theresa Conway and "speed demon" Kristen Candelaria.

Junior Varsity first baseman and pitcher, Catherine Lamberson, said that the key to the team's success is listening to each other and working as a team.

Lamberson said the team is "super close" and "have each other's backs."

Shortstop, Kayla Murray said, "We're always there for each other."

Frosh second basemen Daniela Fazio said all games against Saint Francis Prep and Mary Louis get very intense but the first game of the year against Mary Louis was special.

Trailings 6-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning, the Stanners stepped up their game and ended up winning, 11-6.

"It was a great game," said frosh third baseman Kristen Maurer, who has amazed some of her teammates by how well she's played.

Despite the important contributions made by the frosh, Fazio said the team's leader is captain Casello.

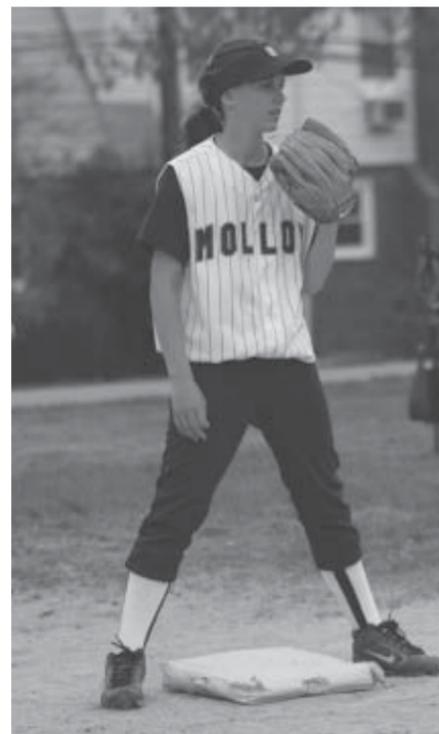
The Junior Varsity went on a trip this year to Massachusetts, where they

played Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, a Marist Brothers school.

Mr. Santos wanted those exhibition games to be a learning experience as everybody got a chance to play. The teams exchanged gifts at the end.

However, that's not all the team did while they were in Massachusetts.

The Stanners went to a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park and also took a land and sea tour of Boston, which helped the team get closer and become great friends.



Frosh Kristen Maurer at third.

Although Mr. Santos is proud of the girls' great season, his goal is to win the Brooklyn-Queens and City titles.

The JV received a first round playoff bye and was set to face Christ the King in the semifinals May 18.

Last year, the JV girls lost to Mary Louis, 2-1, in the championship game, but Mr. Santos hopes to make it all the way to the title this time.

He feels Saint Francis Prep will be Molloy's toughest playoff opponent.

The Junior Varsity is winning despite having three outstanding players moved up this year to play for the Varsity, sophomores Fallon McCarthy and Kate Gribbon and frosh Taylor Moss.

Right fielder and first baseman Moss said, "It's awesome being on Varsity and being able to play with my sister, Dana, and all the other girls on the team."

She loves that she was able to earn a spot in the line up and travel with the Varsity on preseason trips to Virginia and upstate New York, which Moss said really helped the team improve because it faced stiff competition.

The Varsity, which was 16-1 overall and 12-0 in league play under Coach Mrs. Maureen Rosenbaum, received a first round playoff bye and faced Bishop Kearney in the Brooklyn-Queens semifinals on May 19. The team's goal is to win the city title.

# Pizzella wins frosh city hurdles title

Shannon Pizzella became Molloy's lone city champion on April 26 when she won the 100-meter hurdles at the 2011 CHSAA Frosh Girls Intersectional Track and Field Championships at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island.

Pizzella also won a silver medal by finishing second in the 400-meter hurdles.

Allison Terranova won two silver medals in the discus and javelin.

Molloy finished fifth in the city in the team totals.

Meanwhile, in the CHSAA Sophomore Girls Track and Field Intersectional Championships, Rebecca Verrone won a silver medal in the 3,000-meters and Ololade Afolayan won a silver medal in the 200-meters to lead Molloy to a fourth place finish.

Molloy's top five finishers at each meet were:

#### Girls Frosh City Championships

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Shannon Pizzella, 18.79.

**100-meters:** 5. Candice Forrester, 14.55.

**400-meters hurdles:** 2. Shannon Pizzella, 76.1.

**Long jump:** 3. Candice Forrester, 13-8.

**Javelin:** 2. Allison Terranova, 71-10.

**Discus:** 2. Allison Terranova, 57-1.

**1600-meter relay:** 3. Molloy, 5:13.54.

**Team scores:** 1. Kellenberg, 59 points; 2. St John The Baptist, 43; 3. Holy Trinity, 40; 4. St John Villa, 39; 5. Molloy, 25; 6. St Joseph by the Sea, 14; 7. St Joseph Hill, 5; 8. (tie) The Mary Louis Academy and St. Francis Prep, 4; 10. St John's Prep, 3; 11. Catherine McAuley, 1.

#### Girls Soph City Championships

**100-meter hurdles:** 4. Kelly Whelan, 20.42.

**200-meters:** 2. Ololade Afolayan, 28.3.

**400-meter hurdles:** 3. Kelly Whelan, 82.

**3,000 meters:** 2. Rebecca Verrone, 12:30.78.

**1600-meter relay:** 4. Molloy, 5:02.35.

**Discus:** 3. Tori Taibe, 80-11; 5. Elizabeth Governale, 69-6.

**Long Jump:** 5. Chrysalis Terrado, 13-5.25.

**Javelin:** 4. Barbara Goger, 65-8; 5. Elizabeth Governale, 56-9.

**Shot Put:** 3. Tori Taibe, 33-3; 5. Chelsea Corinaldi, 25-1.

**Team scores:** 1. Kellenberg, 57 points; 2. St John the Baptist, 42; 3. Mary Louis Academy 30; 4. Molloy, 26; 5. St John Villa, 25; 6. St Joseph Hill, 18; 7. Holy Trinity, 15; 8. St Joseph by the Sea, 8; 9. Cardinal Spellman, 4.

#### Foster wins 2 B-Q titles

Sophomore Dylan Foster was a double winner at the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Frosh/Soph Track and Field Championships May 2 at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island.

Foster finished first in the high hurdles in the time of 17.2 seconds and first in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 66.2.

Other individual winners for Molloy were: sophomore Steve Neocleos in the pole vault; sophomore Darren James in high jump; sophomore Christian Hadijigeorgiou in the triple jump; sophomore Sean Sanchez in the discus; sophomore Ryan Karsten in the javelin; and sophomore Dillon Scibelli in the 3,200-meters.

Hadijigeorgiou and James also won silver medals in the long jump and 400-meters, respectively.

Here are Molloy's individual results from that meet:

**100-meters:** 5. Chris Lee, 12.0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Dylan Foster, 17.2; 3. Dylan Powers, 21.7.

**400-meters:** 2. Darren James, 51.7.

**400-meter hurdles:** 1. Dylan Foster, 66.2; 5. Dylan Powers, 72.6.

**800-meters:** 5. Jon Toneatto, 2:24.2.

**1,600-meters:** 3. Jacob Lascano, 5:21.5.

**3,200-meters:** 1. Dillon Scibelli, 11:01.6.

**Sprint medley relay:** 3. Molloy, 4:19.1.

**Steeplechase:** 2. Vinny Caggiano, 14:42.3.

**Pole vault:** 1. Steve Neocleos, 9-6; 2. Nick Koulouris, 8-0.

**High jump:** 1. Darren James, 5-8.

**Long jump:** 2. Chris Hadijigeorgiou, 18-9.5; 4. Matthew Merckling, 15-2.5.

**Triple jump:** 1. Chris Hadijigeorgiou, 41-9; 5. Chris Lee, 34-9.

**Shot put:** 3. Sean Sanchez, 31-7.5.

**Discus:** 1. Sean Sanchez, 87-4; 3. Mike Szymeczek, 84-1; 5. Ryan Karsten, 75-9.

**Javelin:** 1. Ryan Karsten, 112-6.

# Cooney's #1 in CHSAA

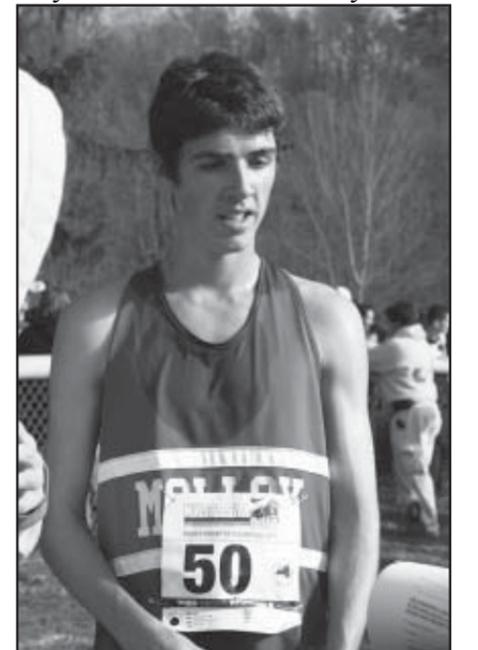
Senior Pat Cooney was ranked as the top boys 800-meters runner in the CHSAA and the fifth best in the state going into the Brooklyn-Queens and City Championship Meets this month.

Cooney, who finished the indoor season ranked second in the CHSAA and 20th all time in league history, had two good outdoor 800-meter performances this month.

He finished second in a time of 1 minutes, 54.69 seconds at the St. Anthony's Invitational May 7 and fourth in 1:54.93 at the Glenn D. Loucks Games at White Plains High School on May 14.

Senior Sabrina Spataro set a Molloy Varsity Girls high jump record of 5-feet and junior Kathleen Woods set a Molloy Varsity Girls steeplechase record of 7 minutes, 38.29 seconds at the Loucks meet.

The Brooklyn-Queens meet was held May 18 at Icahn Stadium and the City meet will be held on May 28.



Senior Pat Cooney