

The Times They Are A-Changin’

by Jeffrey Twusami ‘17

Since 2014, Molloy has seen changes including updates to the cafeteria, The Lion’s Den, and the chapel. According to Mr. Penikas, there are three major changes slated for next year. First, each period will be forty five minutes long (including transition time). Also, Seniors will be required to take 5 full credits, and Juniors will have the option to take seven full credits.

“In terms of schedule, this would result in the day starting at 8:00 am (instead of 8:05) and ending at 2:10 pm (instead of 2:00). All classes will be the same length. This will provide more consistency especially when it comes to lab time and assessment time,” said Mr. Penikas. “This year, some teachers may not be able to give a test on a specific day because they meet for only 30 minutes with that class that day. This will no longer be an issue next year. Also, the longer day will ensure that all lab periods get an even amount of time and are not shortchanged by the 30 minute period.”

There has been some a debate around school about whether or not Molloy should keep the half-hour/hour periods. Mr. Penikas replied, “The feedback we received was that the current schedule restricted the options that classes had with things



Mr. Laible, Mr. Dolan, and Ms. Pastore waiting to usher in the new school year.
(Photo by Maria Gulino ‘16)

such as labs, tests, and the types of lessons taught. Doing away with this format will provide greater consistency across the board. Under the current system a teacher may, due to student feedback, spend more than the allotted amount of time on a specific concept in a class. If the next day is a half hour then this would put additional pressure on the class to

‘catch up’ with limited time. For these reasons we felt that the move to equal periods was beneficial from both a learning and teaching perspective.” The new schedule will benefit both the teachers and students as the teachers will have more time to teach and the students will have more time to learn.

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Welcome Back, International Day!

by Stacy Kanellopoulos ‘16

Archbishop Molloy, located in the most ethnically diverse county in the United States, celebrates its many different colors. This year, International Day is making a comeback, and it will be hosted in the Jack Curran Gym on Sunday, April 10th. “I’m very excited for International Day to be back this year. I had such a good time when I went in 2014, and not having it last year was a real bummer”, says Senior Chris Autera. But, alongside the positive energy, comes a lot of planning and hard work from faculty members and students alike.

Last year, International Day was not held, as it was extremely difficult to find a moderator for it; there are so many parts involved in the process. This year, however, President Karsten and Principal Penikas will spearhead our International Day. Mr. Penikas has never experienced an “International Day”, and is very excited to see the turnout. “One of the great things about Molloy is that it is so diverse. International Day is a great way to celebrate our diversity”, he says.

There will be a few changes to International Day this year. It will be held from 10:30am to 1:00pm; an earlier start time and an earlier end time will allow attendees to enjoy the rest of their Sunday. In addition, the performances will run first, and the food will come second. This will eliminate people having to wait around for the show to start after they eat. Because the food service comes after the show, there will be take out containers



Molloy’s most recent International Day, seen above, was in 2014.

available. This way, people can stay and eat, or grab their food to go. Student Activity Director Ms. Murdocca has been instrumental to the planning

of International Day, as she is constantly tying together loose ends. She is pleased with the new addition of having take out boxes. “The take out boxes will help with the waste, and we can have more people take more food home. Every year there are about 50 bags of wasted food, and because the food is “open” we can’t donate it anywhere.” To further help eliminate waste, there will be no extra credit given in foreign language classes if a student were to bring in food, as was done in previous years.

Students, as well as faculty, are also putting a lot of effort into International Day. The school boasts quite a few ethnic clubs: Greek Club, Eastern European Club, Spanish Club, Indian Club, French Club, and Asian Club - just to name a few. One of the eye-catching parts of International Day are the many performances, consisting of traditional dances or cultural representations of each country the respective ethnic clubs represent. Seniors Harshani Luknauth and Stacy Zachariah are both performing with the Indian Club, and both are planning on performing a dance. It hasn’t been easy though, as a lot of time has been going into their choreography and rehearsals. “I hope this International Day goes well, especially with it being our last. I love the excitement that happens on International Day and only hope that everything goes on without a hitch,” exclaims Harshani Luknauth.

What Happened to our Dress Down Days?

by Peter Maisano '16

As frosh finally settle in and seniors embark on their final semester, one question still floats around in many Stanners' heads: where are our dress down days?

One teacher we can immediately turn our questions to is Ms. Murdocca. "Last year we had at least three or four dress down days plus all five days of Spirit Week," Ms. Murdocca tells students, but she also wants to remind students that, "Dress down days are not initiated by the administration – they are initiated by the student body." This means if students want dress down days, they must advocate for them. Senior Christina Constantine seems to agree. "I agree that dress down days should be student body initiated, since they are student events," Constantine says. Sophomore Juliana Hybner is also in agreement, however she feels, "Dress down days are really just rewards for donating, which isn't really what service and charity is all about." For this reason, Ms. Murdocca says Molloy has tried, "to move away from fundraising dress down days in the past couple of years. It doesn't speak to the true meaning of service, charity, and helping others if you are only doing it for a reward. Stanners should sometimes give just to give." Freshman Billy Kanellopoulos understands what Ms. Murdocca and some of his peers are saying but, "Sometimes the only way to get donations from students is to give some type of incentive, in order to entice the student body."

As the 2015-2016 school year approaches closure,



many students, including Senior Kathleen Kelly, don't appreciate that. "There has only been one dress down day, while by this time last year, there had already been at least 3 or 4 plus Spirit Week." She also states as her senior year comes to a close, she hopes there will be more student-initiated dress



down days, "because it is a nice break from wearing the uniform everyday." Ms. Murdocca adds that she is open to having more dress down days for school spirit or for club awareness, as long as these initiatives makes sense and serve some type of purpose.

Luckily for students, Ms. Murdocca says all days of Spirit Week will be dress down days. Any students with theme-ideas for Spirit Week, or who want to ask any questions about dress down days for their club, should see Ms. Murdocca in the Student Activities Office.



Pictured: Dress down days, including Spirit Week, from previous school years.

Principal's List Sees Growth

by Enzo Persic '17

So far this year, frosh have doubled their total on the Principal's List from the first to the second marking periods with 14, up from seven. They still, however, lag behind other grades in the number of students earning an overall academic average of 99 or higher. Seniors, Molloy's largest grade, led the way with 43 students, which is eighteen more than the first marking period. Juniors had 32, which is five more than last time, while sophomores had ten more for a total of 27. The second marking period saw an increase in the total number of students on the Principal's List from 76 in the first marking period to 98.

Below are the students who earned a place on the Principal's List:

Frosh: Sydney Bryant*; Geraldine Ciaccio*; Faith Figetakis; William Kanellopoulos; Patrick Kelly; Kimberly Loyer; Vanessa Marku; Elena Morales; Sarah Quispe*; Mahema Somdat*; Isis Soto; Stephanie Szpylka*; Andrew Visceglia*; Jewel Yuzon*;

Sophomores: Mykah Absuelo; Gabriella Ali; Diana Alvarado*; Jessica Antal*; Daniel Babat; Olenka Ballena; Maeve Boyle*; Josephine Bullaro; Megan Devereux*; Carl Ferreri; Angelica Foronda; Linet Jacome*; Aaliyah Josey*; Dionie Kuprel*; Gianna LaVacca; Kristen Mardenborough; Fiona McCaul*; Leah Messina*; Colin Meyers*; Julie Moran; Vassilia Plakas*; Andrew Soltész*; Amanda Stachnik; Nicole Swiatkowski; Rosario Troia; Michael Urbano*; Lilliana Zakrzewski*.

Juniors: Carla Chan; Vivian Chen*; Nicole Chresomales; Vincent Ciulla; Maria DePalma; Jenellyn Gorospe*; Clarissa Gosine*; Margaret Grigg*; Steven Honovic; Kyle Hoosein*; Jillian Hubert*; Caroline Jaipaul*; Emily Johnson*; Donna Kim*; Francesca LaPinta*; Stephanie Lechki*; Esmeralda Montas*; Matthew Murawski; Freddy Murgida*; Andria Padilla*; Zinal Patel; Enzo Persic*; Jenna Piller*; Calista Requijo*; Anne Marie Romain; Kelly Santiago*; Christopher Triana; Angelo Tsoulos*; James Tsoulos*; Katherine Van Riper; Jenna Ventura; Betty Wong.

Seniors: Maria Aliberti*; Frank Cerillo*; Yves Chen; Shania Chua*; Tiffany Daniel*; Stephen Deely; Daniel Del Pozo*; Alexandria Dominguez; Jordan

Fierek*; Andrew Garabito; Laura Geoghegan; Luke Geraci; Michael Gillooley; Maria Goetz; Maria Gulino*; Daniel Jimenez; Caroline Kelly; Lucia Lin*; Harshani Luknauth; Oliver Mai*; Peter Maisano*; Rose Maisano; Jack Mangin*; Megan McLoughlin*; Jane McNoble*; Isabella Mercado*; Harris Mohsin; Matthew Motylenski; James Moutafis; Nicole Pagnotta; Emily Peckham*; Samantha Racan*; Alessandra Ricciardi; Mikayla Roberts*; Julia Rukaj; Audrey Sabatino*; Shibangi Saha*; Raffaele Scarpitti; Eleni Sgantzios; Laksumi Sivanandan*; Petra Stiglmayer; Sylvie Williams; Brendan Woods*

* Denotes second appearance on the Principal's List as of the second marking period.

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Molloy Joins in Celebration of Fourvière Year

by Andrew Wenzler '17 and Harry Singh '16

On July 23, 1816, the day after their ordination, a group of young priests traveled to the shrine of Fourvière in Lyon, France. At the feet of a statue of the Virgin Mary, they promised to establish the Society of Mary. In 2016, we celebrate the pledge made in that chapel 200 years ago. The icon of Fourvière, therefore, guides us from July 2015 to July 2016.

Marcellin and eleven of his followers traveled to the Lyon, France, where they came across a shrine of the Black Madonna, a symbol of ubiquity. The first Marists portrayed the Society of Mary as a large tree with different branches: priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people. Today, thousands of lay men and women around the world are called to live as the first Marists did, according to the tradition of Father Champagnat and the first brothers.

Many men have made their pledge to become a Marist Brothers over the past 200 years. Many of these brothers, who dedicate their lives to following Champagnat's footsteps each day, are here at Molloy to spread the message.

Bro. James Norton knew he wanted to become a Marist Brother early in his life.

"I had many sisters who taught in my grammar school," Bro. Norton said. "When they found out I was going to Molloy, they told me to look into becoming a Marist Brother."

Bro. Mike Fisher knew he wanted to become a Marist Brother while working in his school's campus ministry program.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do at first." Bro.



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Fisher said. "When I told the brothers, they told me that I should think about becoming a brother, and here I am today."

Many of Molloy's students live out their Marist lives each day, and that hasn't gone unnoticed by our Brothers.

Bro. James Vagan says he sees students pledging to be Marist each day.

"From Briarwood Shelter, to Peer Tutoring, to going on service trips, its great to see what the students can do," Bro. Vagan said.

Bro. Patrick Hogan said that "from helping someone with their homework, to just saying 'hello' in the hallways, to putting a smile on someone else's face, the actions of Stanners make me happy, and it is what Champagnat would have wanted."

Students around the world are all called to be Marist, and they continue the work of the earliest Marist Brothers from almost 200 years ago.



Top Left: Fourvière logo. Top: Stanners who participate in the Briarwood Shelter program. Bottom: The Fourvière Cathedral in Lyon, France. (Photos by Harry Singh '16 and courtesy of the Alumni Center)

Stanner Performers Show Their Stuff

by Alejandro Montoya '16

Three times a year Open Mic is hosted by Mr. Gambino in the Molloy theater. Open Mic gives students the chance to perform on stage.

The second time Open Mic took place this year was on January 13th. Performers included freshmen Sara Quispe and Stephen Chung, sophomores Enrico Cecchi and Elisha Paul, junior Kiah Moe, and Mr. Gambino himself. Sara, Elisha, and Kiah all sang for their performances. Stephen Chung did a dual performance by singing and playing the piano, while Enrico Cecchi performed a standup comedy act that focused around the awkwardness of high school. Mr. Gambino sang and played guitar for a song he wrote himself called *Old Man Bars*.



Junior Kiah Moe (left) and Mr. Frank Gambino perform at Molloy's Open Mic. (Photos by Alejandro Montoya '16)

The last time Open Mic took place was on March 1st. It had a greater turn out. This Open Mic featured 13 performers including Taylor Garcia-Lawson, Austin Budhram, Jeffrey Twumasi, Bailey Rama, Samantha Madray, Donovan Walker, Sarah Quispe, Steven Palacios, Anesia Whitfield, Enrico Cecchi, Connor Kaufman, David Delgado, and Elisha Paul. There was stand up by Connor Kaufman and Enrico

Cecchi, live music from David Delgado, and singing from performers Jeffrey and Taylor. Mr. Gambino also went back on stage with a song called *If Men are Pigs*. "This one is for the boys," he said as he brought the males together going "wee wee wee all the way home."

"Most performers only perform once," said Mr. Gambino, "but a few go on stage multiple times throughout their stanner career." One such performer is sophomore Enrico Cecchi, who has performed a total of 4 times as a stand up comedian. He described his experience at Open Mic as, "Fun to do." He added, "I love seeing how people react to my comedy routine and I hope to be an inspiration for others to come out and perform too. I think it's a great experience and I want others to feel it."

Mr. Gambino puts specific emphasis on allowing anyone to perform at Open Mic. His goal with Open Mic is to ultimately make young performers feel comfortable enough to perform on a stage while an audience is watching them. For this reason, he gives preference to new performers over those who performed in previous Open Mics.

Open Mic is usually made up of a maximum of 10 performers per event. Performances can be anything that can be performed on a stage and is not limited to any dancers, comedians, musicians, or singers. To make it more professional he has rules that the audience have to follow including a no cell phone policy while performers are on stage.

The Talent Show, the last Open Mic event of the year, will take place on Tuesday April 26th and feature the best talent shown at the Open Mics.



Chorus Performs at Lands' End Holiday Store in Manhattan

by Sargam Mehra '16

The Archbishop Molloy Chorus continues to make us proud, as they gave a public performance at the Lands' End holiday store in Manhattan following the success of their Christmas concert.

Mr. Sheehan is in charge of the Junior/Senior chorus and has been moderating it since 1984. He says that his favorite part about being the chorus instructor is being able to “work with exciting and cooperative kids. It’s a lot of fun!” The chorus had been practicing for the concert from September 30th until mid-December. They sang 29 songs during the Christmas concert on December 14th and approximately a dozen at the Lands' End store.

There were some new aspects that went into hosting the concert. “There were new decorations, banners, and some new lighting set up by the maintenance crew.” For next year, Mr. Sheehan

wishes that the chorus could “get into the gym in order to rehearse. It gets difficult for that to happen because of the basketball season.”

Lands' End had called up several schools and asked if they had a chorus. Three of the schools were chosen to go on different days. Lands' End donated \$1,000 to Mollot as well as gifted the chorus members with festive scarves.

The chorus used to sing at nursing homes many years ago. “...but now that the chorus is so large, it’s kind of impractical considering the amount of people in the chorus and the size of the elevators at the nursing homes,” explained Mr. Sheehan.

Stanners will again enjoy the chorus during Holy Week. There is also an Arts and Music Festival on April 24th where the chorus is expected to perform mid to late afternoon until about 4:00pm.



Pictured: The Junior-Senior Chorus performing during the Christmas Concert in December. (Photos by Ms. Sawyer)



Toy Drive a Success for Christmas 2015

by Rose Maisano '16

This past December, Campus Ministry held Molloy’s annual toy drive. During the Christmas season, students are asked to bring in toys for children who are less fortunate and donate money to purchase toys in bulk to be donated as well. This year, the Molloy community raised over \$2,500 and donated over 1,000 toys. When asked how these numbers compared to those of last year, Mr. Germano said, “The amount of money raised and the number of toys donated were just about the same last year. The numbers each year really depend on the student body.”

All the toys are donated to several charities including Briarwood Shelter, Catholic Charities, Make a Difference Christmas, and Heart Share. The previous year, any student who donated at least one dollar received a dress down on an assigned day, but this year no dress down was given. Mr. Germano believes “the Molloy community is always willing to help those in need, and isn’t driven by a reward.” He continued to say, “The toys donated are not cheap toys; we aren’t talking about just a ball. People donate board games, Barbies, action figures, and other childhood favorites.”

Sophomore Dakota Racan participated in the toy drive, and when asked why she said, “Christmas isn’t just a time of receiving, but also giving. I



Stanners help collect toys to give to the Briarwood Shelter, among other charities. (Photo by Ms. Sawyer)

wanted kids who may not have had a lot of presents under the tree to feel the joy of getting just what they wanted from Santa.”

Senior Cely Soto agreed that Christmas is a time of giving, and she “wanted other kids to have the same Christmas memories she had growing up.”

With the year quickly passing by, Mr. Germano was asked about any other fundraisers happening this year. The Fast-A-Thon takes place in March, while other fundraisers will be determined. Information will be given as soon as all details are prepared.

Cast Your Vote!

by Maria Gulino '16

It's scary. The past is blurry, the present is clearer, and the future is unknown. The future of the country, for the seniors' next four years in college, for the freshmen's next few years at Molloy, and for everyone in between, will be determined by 538 people's opinions in December. The Electoral College ultimately decides if we'll "Make America Great Again", or if we'll "Feel the Bern", but you still have a voice.

As simple as it sounds, this decision must not be made lightly. Don't give up if you're born after 1998! Tune in to the news on whichever news channel you prefer, see the views of both sides, and educate yourself. School teaches the fundamentals (plus) required to prepare students for college applications and sometimes the meaning or non-meaning of life. It's up to you to form an opinion on the information not provided on your own because everyone has a bias. Four years from now the president of the United States will be up for replacement and ignorance will lead to a reciprocating leader. Cultivate ideas and discuss solutions for problems other than "the derivative of x" or "Where's Waldo?" If you know you won't do as suggested, try spending one hour after school on a Tuesday at Political Science Club in Mr. Flemen's room where even just listening benefits you once you leave school afterward.

As for the seniors, they should be one step ahead. Voting is first a privilege, then a right. The



candidates for president on both sides prowl for votes and it's easy to be sucked in. Other times ridiculous accusations such as Ted Cruz actually being the Zodiac Killer or scandals such as Hillary's emails surface to distract voters. Here are the facts.

Halfway through March, two candidates remain for the democratic nomination. Lincoln Chafee, Lawrence Lessig, and Jim Webb dropped out early. Finally after receiving poor results at the Iowa caucuses, Martin O'Malley, former governor and mayor of Baltimore, dropped out of the race, leaving the spotlight on the clash between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. Bernie, a Senator from Vermont, calls himself a "Democratic Socialist" and plans on causing a political revolution if elected with his progressively left views. On the other hand, Hillary, former Secretary of State and Senator in New York, represents the more traditional democratic model, and this shows in the recent primaries and caucuses in which party members vote for their preferred candidates to appear on the ticket in each state.

A total of 2,383 delegates are needed to win the

nomination and Hillary is over 200 up on Bernie with a total of 766 to his 551 (as of March 12). Hillary won in Iowa, Nevada, South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Louisiana, American Samoa, Mississippi, and Northern Mariana Islands so far. She also has 465 superdelegates that can support any candidate at the national convention so they aren't set in stone. Her total adds up to 1,231 including the superdelegates. Bernie continues to push for his revolution with wins in New Hampshire, Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Vermont (home state), Kansas, Nebraska, Maine, and Michigan. His 25 superdelegates bring his total sum up to 576. The next democratic presidential debate for these two where they'll reiterate their views takes place in April.

The republican party's candidates are more spread out with eight dropping out after the primaries started, including Ben Carson, Jeb Bush, Jim Gilmore, Carly Fiorina, Chris Christie, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, and Rick Santorum. After dropping out, Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey, publically endorsed Donald Trump. The four competing for the Republican nomination are businessman Donald Trump, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, Texas Senator Ted Cruz, and Ohio Governor John Kasich. Donald Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again" and tendency to speak his mind has rallied people behind him. The non-politician angle has been working for the businessman worth 4 billion dollars. *Marco Rubio seemed to be a close second to Trump until his upsets at recent primaries where Ted Cruz was able to swoop in. His conservative ideals go along with his increased support from Christian voters and his "Christian first" vision. Last place Kasich has a long career in politics as a conservative but doesn't go as far as Trump with his views.

With 1,237 delegates the goal for the nomination, Donald Trump leads with 460, while Cruz has 370, Rubio 153, and Kasich 54. Trump surprised people with wins in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Hawaii, Michigan and Mississippi. Cruz gathered wins in Iowa, Alaska, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas,

Maine, Wyoming and Idaho adding up to 370(1 superdelegate). Rubio has 153 with wins in only Minnesota and Puerto Rico while Kasich has no wins and 54 delegates. There's still time, and the next republican debate after March 21st will also be decided for some time in April.



To vote you must be 18 and registered by October 14th of this year. Don't vote blindly and solely on a nice face or gender or in common nationality. Our future is at stake and it's up to the United States' citizens. In November we vote for the electors of a candidate to vote in December for our new president. Every republican, democrat, and other party just wants the same thing: to do what's best for the country. This surfaces through different ideals, but we all want the same thing so instead of fighting we should discuss and vote. I look forward to future discussions and actions that will better the US, its citizens, and everyone else.

***Editor's note: Just before The Stanner went to press, Marco Rubio dropped out after losing his home state, Florida, to Trump. John Kasich earned delegates after winning the primary in his home state of Ohio. Also, Ben Carson has publically endorsed Donald Trump as well.**

Photos courtesy of the Associated Press
Top to bottom:

- Marco Rubio, Donald Trump, and Ted Cruz during the 6th Republican debate in Charleston, South Carolina on Jan. 14th, 2016.
- Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton during the Democratic debate in Las Vegas on October 15th, 2015.
- Donald Trump and Chris Christie shortly after Christie's endorsement on Feb. 26th, 2016.



Molloy Welcomes Class of 2020

by Maria Goetz '16

Every student at Molloy knows the feeling of opening an acceptance letter. The seniors are currently going through a similar admittance process with colleges, and now, so are the incoming freshmen of the Class of 2020.

Archbishop Molloy received over 2,000 applicants this year, which is approximately 100 more applicants than last year. Students are coming from all over New York. Although Queens remains the biggest contributor to the applicant pool, potential Stanners are coming from Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau County, and even Suffolk County. Some of the schools Molloy received the biggest wave of applications from are Our Lady of Hope, William Spyropoulos, Middle Village Prep, and Our Lady of Mercy.

"Alumni are moving back to New York from places like Georgia, Arizona, Mount Sinai, and even Italy just to send their children to Molloy," said Mrs. Poole Petit, the Director of Admissions at Molloy.

So what is admissions looking for in a Molloy applicant? Grades, standardized tests, state exams, and teacher recommendations (which should explain the applicant's character and any extracurricular activities) are important to being accepted. Family Forms are also a relevant, and students should submit them if they have a family connection to Molloy.

In terms of scholarships, the system has changed. Instead of having to take a scholarship exam, students

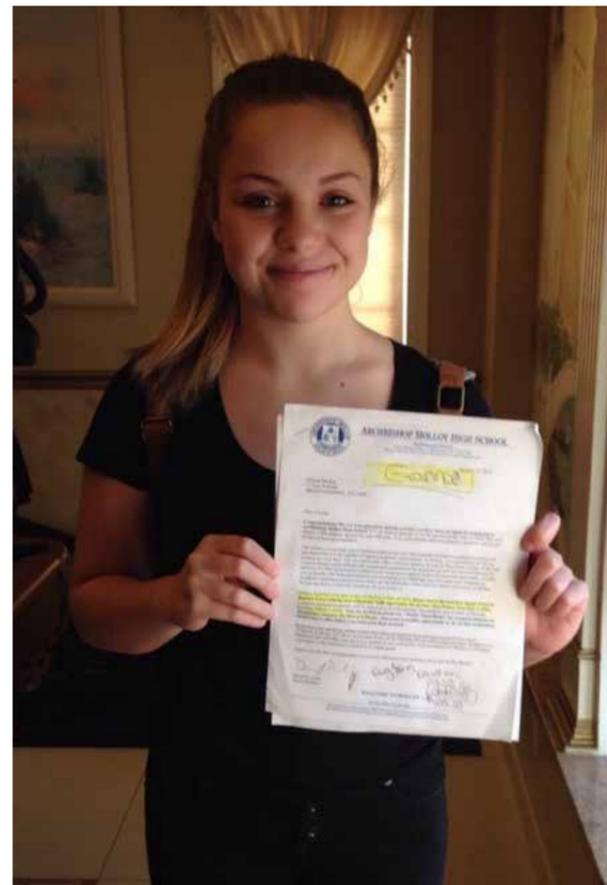
in the top 3-4% may receive a merit scholarship. "We didn't want to overtest our students, and those who score highly on the scholarship exam tend to also be in the top 3-4% anyway," said Mr. Hahn, Molloy's admissions coordinator. Need-based scholarships are those provided by AMHS alumni.

So why Molloy? This is surely a question that all students have considered at a point in their lives. "Molloy's academic program seems like it's very good, and it has a friendly environment," said Gianna Modica, an incoming member of the Molloy Class of 2020. She also mentioned that her brother and sister both went to Molloy and enjoyed it.

Representatives from Molloy visit schools all year long. This year, they have visited 50 to 60 schools. Open Houses also do play an important role in recruiting students, providing potential applicants with a more personal experience. "We couldn't do it without the students' help," said Mrs. Poole Petit, talking about the role students play at Open Houses. The admissions office would like to thank the Stanners who participated this year.

Needless to say, Molloy does carry a sense of community, and it provides a great educational environment full of motivated students who strive for success daily. I'm sure that many others would agree with me when I say that these four years at Molloy have been incredibly worth it.

Welcome Class of 2020!



Gianna Modica shows off her acceptance letter to Molloy. She will graduate in the year 2020.

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There are also rumors that the juniors are losing all of their free periods. Mr. Penikas noted, "Taking the 7th credit is optional. No junior has to do it. I would, however, encourage students to really consider it. A full list can be found on the rising junior year course request sheet. Some new elective choices for next year include Geology, Environmental Science, Government, Economics, and A.P. Computer Science Principles. I would especially encourage students to consider A.P. Computer Science Principles. The course covers many essential topics that will really be helpful to students in any major they pursue in college."

Molloy will also be going through even more physical changes. The main doors on Manton Street will be replaced. "We will be working on both lighting and the main entrance to make it more inviting and modern," says Mr. Penikas. A reception desk will be added to the landing near the Manton Street entrance. According to Mr. Penikas, "in the fall this change should be very visible." Also, changes will be made to the freight elevator in the Jack Curran gym. "Nobody will see this, but it is a big job that needs to get done," says Mr. Penikas.

The school will also be adding some new clubs and activities. "We are really going to make an effort to get a Speech and Debate team up and running. We have made multiple phone calls to people who are knowledgeable in this arena and will make a strong push to have a fully functioning club next year. In addition, we may expand our Science Olympiad program."

STAFF NEEDED!



Looking for a fun way to get more involved in student life at Molloy? The Stanner newspaper is seeking writers, reporters, artists, photographers, and production staff to join the team! Many current members of the staff are graduating this year, and we must fill all positions. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Mr. Sommo (co-moderator) in room 124.



Congratulations to the Seniors who have committed to an early action/early decision school! For those who have not made a decision or have yet to hear back from colleges, good luck! From left to right: Rebecca Markunas (Lehigh University), Stacy Kanellopoulos (Barnard College), Jack Mangin (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Matthew Motylenski (Yale University), Peter Maisano (University of Pennsylvania), Laksumi Sivanandan (University of Notre Dame).

Photo by Mr. Sommo

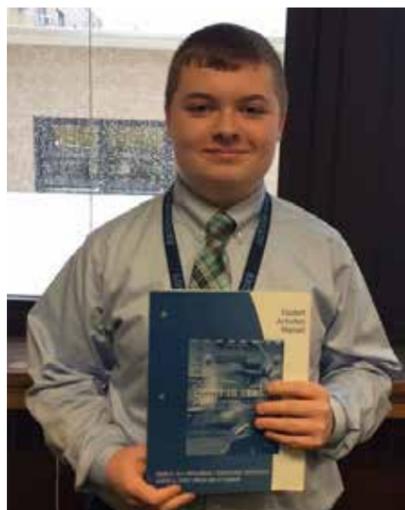
Humans^{of} Stanner High

What is your favorite class at Molloy?

Story & photos by
Samantha Racan '16

"My favorite class at Molloy would probably have to be Italian with Mrs. Dionisi. I like the class mainly because she makes it so much fun."

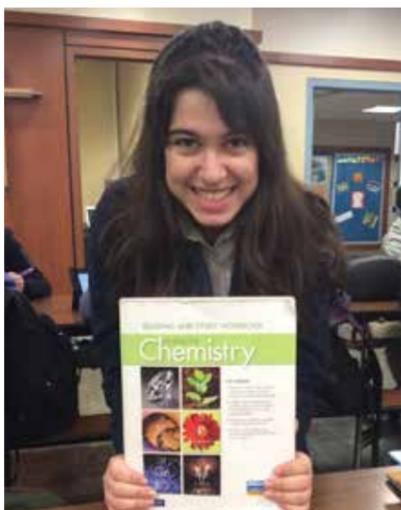
Anthony Autera, Freshman ▼



Anthony Autera

"My favorite subject is chemistry because the labs are so exciting. The hands-on experience in every lab makes chemistry even more interesting. The mathematical aspect of the class brings together science and math, my two favorite subjects."

Vassilia Plakas, Sophomore ▼



Vassilia Plakas

"Throughout my time at Molloy, I have never taken a course as engaging or as thought-provoking as AP Macroeconomics. Every chapter, every lesson, and every concept covered piqued my intellectual interests and drove me to independently seek more knowledge than that which was presented in class. The character of the course is shaped heavily by the subject matter itself. The economy is the framework on which all other facets of our society are based. As such, a class dedicated to analyzing macroeconomic principles presents a plethora of opportunities to connect subject material to real world occurrences. Ultimately, AP Macroeconomics separates itself from the rest of our courses in that understanding can be reached through intuition rather than memorization. No concept is inaccessible so long as you are able to step back and employ commonsense and reasoning. Through this fostering of critical thinking, AP Macro has allowed me to enhance my analytical skills and remember the real world implications of course concepts."

Harris Mohsin, Senior ►



Colin Williams

"My favorite subject at Molloy is Pre-Calculus because it is challenging and new. This class will help me become a better student that thinks critically. Pre-calculus also makes me ponder my future."

Colin Williams, Junior ▲



Harris Mohsin (right)

Class of 2016 Performs Best Senior Show Yet

by Samantha Racan '16 and Rose Maisano '16

On Friday, February 26th, the Stanner Players debuted their third annual Senior Show, a performance completely written, directed, and acted by seniors. The Senior Show, created in 2013, intended to give seniors who had never participated in theater one last chance to give it a try without the pressure of participating in a very big show. This year's show was inspired by hit 90's television, and was performed by both theater and non-theater Stanners alike.

Regardless of the number of seniors Stanner

Players in this year's show, the senior show was very successful. Both Friday afternoon and Saturday evening were nearly full houses, which added excitement and a little anxiety for the performers. Matthew Frenzel, who also starred in last year's *Seussical* among other performances, was "very proud of how the show turned out because we actually wrote everything. I was stressed the whole week leading up to the show, but it went very well," Frenzel continued to say.

Senior Klay Plakas felt apprehensive about joining the show, but was certainly glad he did. "It was really out of my comfort zone, but it is my last year at Molloy, and I wanted to do something I never considered before." Klay wrote two of the skits performed in the play and also acted in the show. He continued to say, "I'm not an actor by any means, and even with minor parts, it was pretty exhilarating and fun to be on stage." When asked about his

overall experience in the senior show, Klay wished he had signed up to be apart of more skits.

Senior Anastasia Bizios felt attending the show "would be entertaining, and a great way to support my fellow seniors." Having grown up watching many of the hit 90's shows featured in the Senior Show, Anastasia continued to say, "It was a lot of fun to see skits of some of my favorite childhood shows!"

Whether the favorite was "Disney Jeopardy" or the "Lip Sync Battle," Anastasia agrees that, "It was great to see peers on stage instead of a classroom; they all did a great job!"

With the success of the Senior Show, the Stanner Players look forward to their spring performance of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, which will be performed from April 14-April 17.

Pictured left: "Mean Girls" play Flag in Esopus.

Pictured bottom L-R: Michelle Tanner of "Full House" has a bad dream. Contestants compete to win Legends of the Hidden Temple, and "Hey" Arnold and Olga in detention.

Photos by Ms. Sawyer



Girls Varsity Swim Team Goes Undefeated for 2015-16 Season

by Harry Singh '16

Archbishop Molloy's Girls Swim Team had its last dual meet on January 10th, and attended the Queens and Staten Island Championships on January 30th and 31st. The team finished as dual meet champions and placed second overall in the diocese.

Senior Jillian Foley said that the past four years have been "bittersweet." Although practices were strenuous, these past years on the swim team have given Jillian memories that will last a lifetime. In addition, Jillian cherishes all the support her fellow teammates have shown during meets and practices.

When asked if she thought the swim team was under appreciated, Jillian commented, "extremely." "Other sports teams that win once in a while are the only sports discussed regularly in homeroom. For our undefeated seasons, we get one announcement in homeroom and few students come to support us." Foley summed up the past four years as a series of early mornings in Brooklyn, working alongside some of the most dedicated athletes in the school. She added that having a separate bus for the team would be more convenient.

Senior Shania Chua agreed that the season was, "One of those things you don't really appreciate until it's over." Chua then mentioned that other teams, including the track team breaking records and winning meets, were talked about more than the girls' swim team. "Given they have gotten better this year, track is always cheered for breaking records, but what about the swim team," added Chua.

When asked to sum up the past four years, Chua added that she made amazing friends, but dreaded everyday of practice. In addition, Senior Annabelle Anich agreed that she had thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Molloy swimming team. "I'd like to thank our great coaching staff of Heather Wresch, Dennis Wresch, Donald Green, and Keith Green, to whom we owe all our success," said Anich.



Photos courtesy of the girls Varsity swim team.

Molloy Basketball Firing on all Cylinders

by Peter Paolo '19

So far this season, Molloy basketball teams have proven to be a juggernaut. As The Stanner went to press, the boys' Varsity team owns a 15-2 record, Varsity B is 20-2, and JV is 9-2 overall. On the girls' side, the results are also admirable. Girls' Varsity is 5-1, and JV is 4-5 overall this season. In an interview with Mr. Mike McCleary, the boys' Varsity Head Coach and the Director of Athletics, he attributes overall success in Molloy's basketball program to "a lot of talent on all of our levels," and "very strong coaching on the lower levels." With regard to the higher levels he says "the seniors in general all do a great job of setting a tone of how hard you have to work and practice on a daily basis, and how you have to carry yourself as an athlete here at Molloy." He also acknowledges the teams "do a good job working as a unit, working as a group to be successful." At Molloy games, ball movement is quick and fluid, with the teams utilizing the whole court to their advantage. There is star quality, and spreading the ball around only gets the basketball into more talented players' hands, compared to one player running the show.

Looking forward, Mr. McCleary says "it's important for us to continue to get talented young players to

come to Molloy" and that "the young players we have in the program now have to continue to grow and mature and get better at the game and get stronger." This season has been strong, as we have seen a core group of talented freshmen join the team. However, after discussing all these technical details, it is important to focus on what makes watching Molloy basketball so enjoyable. Stanner basketball games are nothing without its fans. Mr. McCleary said he "loves the enthusiasm they bring to the games."

On Friday triple headers, you can treat yourself to a performance at halftime with either the boys' or girls' step teams. If you want to stay for the Varsity games, watching them practicing slam dunks



Boys Varsity Basketball photo courtesy of the Yearbook staff.

during warm-ups is truly a treat you wouldn't want to miss. But at the end of the day, watching Molloy basketball games is about the driven young men and women who make it all happen. When asked about the best moment of this season, Mr. McCleary said "it's hard to pick any one" and "let's hope we haven't seen the best thing yet."