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Dear Friends, Faculty, Alumni, and Staff,

My name is Dr. Sean P. Killion '94 and as of June 30, 2015 I officially became your President of the Friends of Archbishop Ryan High School (FARHS) Alumni Association. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide some insights into activities over the past few weeks and outline our plans for the future of FARHS.

I charged and promised the FARHS Executive Board members and the school administration that we would work together and support the President, Denise LePera. Denise will be celebrating her first year at Archbishop Ryan High School and I'd like to ensure that moving forward we provide her greater support and advice as Alumni. Our goal is to see Archbishop Ryan continue its image as one of the best catholic high schools in the region.

Mrs. Denise LePera, the staff at Archbishop Ryan High School, and our Alumni leaders have ideas and thoughts on ways we can improve our Alumni participation rates but more broadly our Alumni Engagement Programs. Denise and I agree in perfect harmony that to accomplish great things for the future, we need to work together to increase Alumni involvement. We plan on releasing plans and details of our vision in the coming weeks and invite you to be part of this effort. Leading change in organizations is never easy but when you start by establishing a sense of urgency and building a coalition of people guided by a common vision and purpose, success occurs more frequently.

To this end, there are a few things you can do now to get involved. First, we are hosting our annual Ryan Shore Reunion on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 5PM – 10PM at Westy's in North Wildwood. This is an event supported by both the school and the FARHS Alumni Association. Alumni volunteers are working alongside the school to plan another great summer reunion for our Alumni. I hope you will join us in celebrating our affiliation with Archbishop Ryan High School. As always, funds from this event will go directly to tuition assistance, so your attendance is vitally important to the success of our current students. Last year FARHS was able to provide over \$50,000 in tuition assistance as a result of these types of Alumni events.

On Thursday, September 10, 2015, the FARHS Alumni Association will host its first Executive Board meeting of the year. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the FARHS Executive Board and any one of the new committees that will be forming to support the efforts and initiatives of the Alumni and school, please feel free to contact me by e-mail about opportunities to get involved at RyanAlumniPres@gmail.com.



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In the coming weeks, you will learn more about new programs we are planning to launch this year such as the Class Ambassador Program where representatives from each class year will be asked to help support and build Alumni engagement programs and our annual events like Fall Coach Bingo and Future Pursuits Day (Career Day). I hope you will consider helping us plan and organize these efforts along with helping us encourage participation from your friends and family members. We will need these efforts in order to reach our goals.

In closing, I am excited to begin my journey as your President for the FARHS Alumni Association and look forward to engaging our new and seasoned Alumni leaders. We will shortly begin a strategic planning process so your thoughts and ideas are very important to us. If you have anything you would like to share with me, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Best wishes,

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