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Madonna High School Inducts 11 New Members Into the Hall of Fame

On Saturday, December 1st, Madonna High School inducted eleven new members into their Hall of Fame during the Induction Ceremony held at Williams Golf & Country Club. Weirton lawyer, Madonna alumni, and member of the Madonna Hall of Fame class of 2012, Dan McCune '80, was the Master of Ceremonies and took time to mention the connections he had with all of the inductees. The designated pastor of Madonna High School, Fr. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr. added the Invocation and Benediction with touches of reverence and humor.

The following honorees were inducted:

Stewardship:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace - among the first teachers when Madonna High School opened in 1955 and continued to teach until 1980.

Lifetime Achievement:

Timothy Castelli '85 - Valedictorian, has held numerous management positions at Ziff Davis Media, Rolling Stones Magazine, and AOL. Currently he is the President of National Sales, Marketing & Partnerships at iHeartMedia.

Norman D. Ferrari, III '75 - Valedictorian, graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia University Eberly College of Arts and Sciences and received a doctorate in medicine from West Virginia University School of Medicine. Currently the Vice Dean of Education and Academic Affairs, Professor of Medical Education, Pediatrics & Internal Medicine, and is the Founding Chair of the Department of Medical Education at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

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Back Left to Right: John Harcharic, Rich Mahoney, Paul Paolisso, Ed Fusiek, Tim Castelli, Rich Matijevich, Dr. Norman D. Ferrari III

Front Left to Right: Sr. Gail DeMaria, Sr. Josephine Pate, Helen Ferrari

Not pictured: Peter Horoszko and Maureen Lafferty



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(Hall of Fame Induction continued)Philanthropy:

Norman D. Ferrari, Jr. (Posthumously) - Founded the Ferrari Family School Fund that provides funding to keep art programs flourishing in Madonna High and St. Joseph the Worker Schools.

Service to Catholic Education:

Edward Fusiek '67 - over 40 years as a teacher and athletic trainer with the last 10 years spent at Holy Family High School in Colorado.

Richard Mahoney '64 - returned to Madonna High School after college in 1970 where he was a teacher, the first development director, football coach, and started the wrestling program.

Academic Excellence:

Maureen Lafferty '77 - National Merit Scholar finalist, has a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from West Virginia University and currently works at Notre Dame University as a licensed psychologist.

Athletic Excellence:

John Harcharic '66 - multisport athlete, placed first in the State Catholic track meet in the 100 and 400 yard dashes for track and was named to the WV All-State team, Honorable All-American and All-Ohio Valley Conference in football.

Peter Horoszko '68 - multisport athlete at Madonna, starting left tackle at Virginia Tech and played a season with the Philadelphia Bells of the World Football League.

Richard Martijevich '70 - multisport athlete, member of the 1967 OVAC AA Championship football team, scored 100 points in a season, set a school record in the 100 yard dash.

Paul Paolisso '66 - multisport athlete, member of the 1965 State Championship team, quarterback at Syracuse University for 21 games

The inductees are the fourth class to join the Madonna High School Hall of Fame. They joined the following past three classes:

2016: Joyce Kaczynski-McCarthy, Harold Miller, Jr., Dr. Edward Neely, Ron Sekersky, George Vargo, Robert Valenti, Bill Zanieski

2014: John Backel, Robert Canei, Melvin Coleman, Donald and Betty Gianni, John Greco, Jayne Andochick Kline, Babe Lesho, and Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

2012: Bill Barrett, Joanna Bernabei-McNamee, John Capito, Romie Castelli, Don Donell, James White Construction, Joe Krivak, Dan McCune, Msgr. Daniel Patrick Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starvaggi, Gene Trosch, Walter Wieloh

The Madonna High School Hall of Fame exists to recognize outstanding Alumni and school supporters for their significant achievements and contributions.

Mr. Chip Minton, a member of the USA Olympic Bobsled Team in 1964 and 1998, and professional wrestler for WCW, spoke to the Madonna High School students, as well as the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from St. Paul and St. Joseph the Worker Schools. His message to the students was that even with a lot of success in the sports world and fulfillment of his dreams, he did not find true peace in his life until he asked Jesus Christ to come into his life. He is now a speaker with Sports World, Inc., and shares his story with schools throughout the country. The senior class is shown with Mr. Minton below.



Madonna students helped the St. Joseph the Worker and St. Paul's School students celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. They made crafts and read to the students.



The Madonna Art Club and Jr. Art Club assembled together to celebrate El Dia de los Muertos by attending a Painting and a Movie night.



Eighth grade students from St. Joseph the Worker and St. Paul Schools visited the Chemistry Lab and worked with Madonna Students to create two Chemistry experiments.



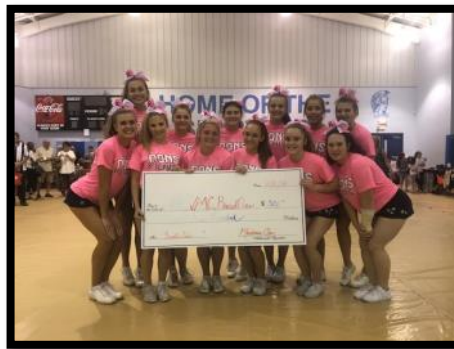
The Madonna Class of 2020 celebrated Junior Ring Ceremony.

Madonna High School Gives Back

The students and staff of Madonna High School have always been generous with their time and treasures and this year has been no exception. These photos are from Madonna giving back to our wonderful community this school year.



Madonna faculty, staff, and students supported the Weirton United Way by sponsoring a Fee Dress Denim Day.



Madonna cheerleaders collected money for a Cheer-a-thon that took place at Oktoberfest. \$500 was raised for the Weirton Medical Center BreastCare Center.



Kelsey's Christmas toy collection



Senior Day of Service. Groups of students went to the Community Bread Basket, Weirton Christian Center, and the Table of Hope



Boys Basketball Team volunteers at the Table of Hope



Interact Club's "Stuff a Bus" food drive for the Feed for Success Backpack program. Over 100 Macaroni & Cheese Cups were collected

Madonna Gives Back (Continued)



Madonna Baseball volunteered at the 2018 Weirton United Way Fall Golf Tournament by working the golf bag drop off.



Local students visited with Madonna Students Jordan Schubert and Lonni Riggs to kick off the school's fundraising event for Make-a-Wish. Madonna is an annual sponsor of the Make-A-Wish Gala as well as the sponsor for a fund raising event. Both of the visiting students were granted their wishes back in 2011.



Lady Dons Basketball volunteered as a team serving those in need at the Table of Hope.

Members of Interact Club spent Thanksgiving Day serving food at the Weirton Senior Center. This is a yearly tradition for the club.



The Senior Class sold t-shirts to support Breast Cancer Awareness. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the Weirton Medical BreastCare Center.



A joint effort canned food drive was held by all three Weirton Catholic Schools to help the Community Bread Basket



The Art Club enjoyed a visit with their friends at Wyngate Senior Living Community and decorated pumpkins for Halloween.

November 5 - 9 was College Information and Exploration Week in the state of WV, sponsored and supported by the College Foundation of WV.

Madonna has hosted numerous events this year including a college planning night, a financial aid informational session and on-site visits from 9 colleges and universities.

The on-site visits allow students to apply with no fees, no charge for the delivery of SAT/ACT scores, and discuss merit based scholarships with a school representative.

To date, 29 of the 37 members of the senior class have been accepted to college to continue the fine education they have begun here at Madonna!



Chad Durante was honored by the Weirton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2716 and the VFW Auxiliary as the recipient of the Voice of Democracy competition.



Seniors Chad Durante and Abigail Nickerson were the 2018 selections from Madonna for the Wendy's High School Heisman. Chad moved on to be a State Finalist along with 19 other students from West Virginia. In order to apply, students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better and be proven leaders and role models in their school and community while competing in one of the 47 school sponsored sports.



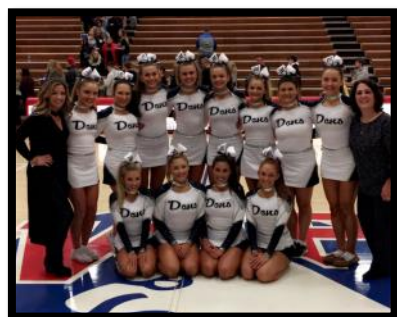
Homecoming Court for 2018. Andrea Alimario and Alec Cook were this year's Queen and King.

Angelo Quattrochi placed 1st overall in the single A division at the OVAC Cross Country Championship and placed 7th overall in A-AA.



The Madonna Football team had 6 Madonna players selected to the Herald-Star/Daily Times All-Area Team :

Thomas Sessi - Receiver - First Team
Garrett Cook - Offensive Linemen - First Team
Gavin Dietrich - All Athlete for excelling in more than one position offensively
Jakob McCombs - Defensive Line - Second Team
Alec Cook - Linebacker - Honorable Mention
Ty Ingram - Cornerback/Safety - Honorable Mention



The Madonna Cheerleaders placed 3rd in the State Competition. It was their first trip back since 2009.

Congratulations to wrestler Garrett Cook on his 100th career victory.



Lady Dons soccer players Kali Krynicki and MaKayla Virden were named 1st Team OVAC All-Conference, Honorable All-State, and 1st Team All-Region. Kennedy Martin was named 2nd Team All-Region. Kennedy and Angelina Spickard were also Honorable Mentions for the OVAC All-Conference Team



Senior Gavin Dietrich was named the River 106.3 Athlete of the Week in November.



Andy Alimario and Rachel Boniti were named OVAC All-Conference and to the OVAC All-Star Team roster in volleyball.



Congratulations to seniors and brothers, Alec and Garrett Cook signed their letters of intent to wrestle in college. Alec will be attending Clarion University and Garrett will be attending West Liberty University in the Fall of 2019.



Congratulations to James P. Mazzone on his appointment as U. S. Magistrate Judge.

Pictured L-R are:

Jimmy Mazzone ('17), Judge Mazzone ('81), Roxanne Mazzone, Gabby Mazzone ('20), Maria Mazzone ('15)



Madonna Boys Basketball Annual Turkey Shoot. Players, Coaches, Alumni and helpers gather to have some basketball fun and more importantly Give Thanks!

Mia Antinone ('15) selected as West Virginia University 2018 Ms. Mountaineer and Mia has been accepted to the WVU School of Medicine for the fall of 2019.

Adam Davis ('16) voted as West Liberty University 2018 Homecoming King. Adam is an Education major .



Weirton Mayor Harold (Bubba) Miller ('64) visited the Civics and Political Science classes. He spoke to the Seniors about upcoming and ongoing projects in Weirton.



Are you on LinkedIn? You can now add Madonna High School to your Education portion of your profile. Make sure to add us so we can see all the wonderful things our alumni are doing!



Madonna Alumni

Have reunion pictures to share? Do you have a new job? Did you get married or have a baby? Share your news with your fellow alumni! Send any information and pictures you would like to share to info@weirtonmadonna.org.

IN MEMORIAM

We ask that you please pray for the repose of souls of our dearly beloved Madonna family members who have also passed away in the last few months.

Sandra Ralich Pyle '59

Cecilia Viola Barnhart '72

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Alumni Update

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Title or Description _____

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Birthday _____ Year of Graduation _____

College _____ Year _____

Degree _____ Major _____

Other Degrees _____

Spouse's Name _____

Alumni of Madonna? _____ Year _____ Maiden Name _____

Children _____

Alumni of Madonna? _____ Year(s) _____

Updates for the next issue

Please send any pictures you would like to include to info@weirtonmadonna.org.

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For more information please contact
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Upcoming Events:

**Catholic Schools Week: January 27-
February 2, 2019**

Day of Giving: January 29, 2019

Night at the Races: February 9, 2019

Graduation: May 25, 2019

65th Year Celebration: November 30, 2019

**A schedule for all our athletic events are
available on our website:**

weirtonmadonna.org/athletic-events/