



## *Assumption College Catholic High School*

***Grapevine... This edition reflects over a year and a half of news due to Covid 19. Please know that the Assumption Alumni Association continues to keep each and every one of you in our thoughts and prayers. Stay Well. Stay Safe. Keep the Faith.***

### President's Message—Hunt Hool '79

How do you begin to write an article when it has been an unprecedented terrible year due to the Coronavirus? Lives lost, illness, economy, unemployment, isolation, virtual work meetings and school classes, churches closed, etc., etc. These are all very negative words. It is hard to find any positive in this past year.

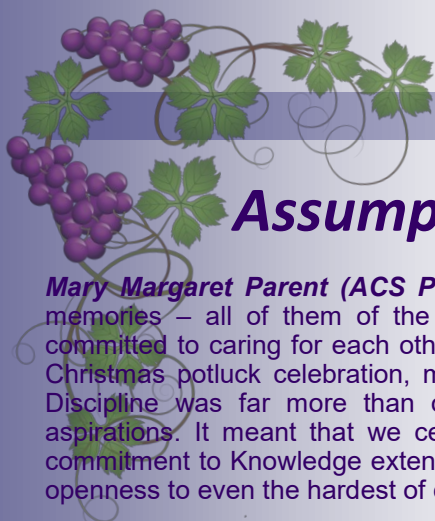
Many lives have been lost; whether it was due to Covid-19 or not, we have lost family, friends and some alumni. Three of my closest friends, Rob Biasutto '79 lost his mother, Theresa, Ross Sisco lost his father, Sam '52, and Wren Dosant '81, his mother, Yvonne. Losing a parent has left a mark in their lives forever. Whether these losses were by Covid or another reason, being able to be present at their death bed or not, limitations on visitations, funerals, and burials, it's a loss that lasts forever. Maybe some will have a celebration in the future when this pandemic is over and done and we are back to "normal". I have attended the funeral home 5 times, observed 3 online services, and 3 burials (from a distance), in the past year.

As far as Assumption Alumni activities, cancelling the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was a huge blow, after all of the preparations and organizing by so many people. It is postponed until Caesar's can accommodate large gatherings safely, which might be 2025, if we're lucky. The Alumni golf is cancelled for this year, again! The Newsletter was unable to be produced last year for both the Spring and Fall issues.

The committee continues to meet, virtually, and continues supporting ACH (Chapel sound system), its students, bursaries, and activities (robotics, etc). At least there are a few positives still.

Please continue your donations to the ACH Century Club, or start to donate if you can, as your money is definitely helpful to many, and is very appreciated.

I hope and pray that everyone, including alumni and their families, relatives, and friends, have all found ways to survive physically, mentally, and emotionally, throughout this very difficult time. Faith is the key. I believe that everyone will change for the better in the aftermath, through togetherness, love, kindness and appreciation of life like we've never known.



## ***Assumption Alumni—Where are they now?***

**Mary Margaret Parent (ACS Principal 2001– 2005)** Thinking about my time at Assumption brings a flood of memories – all of them of the staff and students who blessed my days. The community was strong and committed to caring for each other. The tradition of Goodness was evidenced in the annual canned food drive, Christmas potluck celebration, morning breakfast club, and food cupboard for students and families in need. Discipline was far more than obedience to rules. It demanded that we honour each other's hopes and aspirations. It meant that we celebrate our victories, learn from our failures and grow wiser together. Our commitment to Knowledge extended beyond the academic to include awareness of the broader community and openness to even the hardest of challenges.

Since retiring, I have been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. I have had the opportunity to travel to parts of the world very different from here and worked with many wonderful people. Whether in Ghana, Haiti, Iqaluit, Leamington or Windsor, I have seen that we are all the same. We want a safe place to live, people around us who care, and the opportunity to make a difference in the world.

As Assumption marks this important anniversary, I am grateful to be part of its history. I pray that we will remain faithful to the values upon which it was established.

**Sandro Ferranti '68** - Taught at Assumption College Catholic High School from 1973-1987. Sandro has two children, Candice and Eric (St. Joseph's Grads) and three beautiful grandchildren, Ryan, Olivia and Scarlett. Sandro enjoys squash, golf, biking and volunteering.

**Ray Renaud '63** - Taught at Assumption College Catholic High School from 1971-1987 and retired out of St. Joseph's High School. Ray and his wife Barb (deceased 2017) had one son James (Brennan Grad) and has two grandchild, Rayden and Kenzie. ***"I have many memories of life at Assumption when it was the place to be in terms of academics, athletics, and staff and student camaraderie. It was a truly unique experience returning to my alma mater and meeting former teachers that became true friends. (e.g. Jack Hool and Bob St. Germaine). Many fond memories of Friday nights in the stands at Windsor Stadium, Pizza at the Italia and nights at the Air Force Club. The community that we had will never be recreated but, it was a great pleasure to be associated with such great staff and the dedication to our students, to our motto "Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge."*** Ray enjoys golf, reading, sports and travel (especially cruising).

**Andy Auch**—Mr. Auch began teaching at Assumption in the fall of 1970, hired by Fr. Sheedy. He taught sciences for his entire career, particularly Physics with his partner, Sandro Ferranti. Between the two of them, they formed a great partnership in teaching students the laws of physics. Do you remember E & M (Electricity and Magnetism)? They put in countless hours before and after school assisting students with their studies and labs. Mr. Auch taught at ACH until 1995, when he was transferred to St. Joseph's, until his retirement in 2006. He was a Lancer Basketball Alumnus, which provided a perfect background for coaching the Jr. basketball teams at Assumption for many years, with tremendous success. He also taught basketball to youth, 5-10 year olds for several years, laying the foundation for the successful current Riverside Sports Program. He moved to Kitchener 4 years ago to be closer to his son, Nathan and 2 grandchildren. His other son Adam lives in Halifax with his 3 children. Mr. Auch's wife Liz, passed way in December 2019 after 40 + years of marriage.



## ***Assumption Alumni—Where are they now?***

***Kevin Masterson '51—Many fond memories of Assumption. My musical training with the Assumption Band has carried me a long way. Currently playing trumpet in five bands! Many thanks for the Newsletter. Enclosed is a Cheque for \$100 for The Alumni Century Club. I am a 1951 Grad of ACHS. Many fond memories of ACHS and the music program. Congratulations to Brian Zanier and his success at Assumption.***

*A letter to Fr. Q Johnson, from Richard Donald '52...*

Well, it was about 65 years ago that I arrived in Windsor in the “Little Walk” and was shown to the room on the ‘third flat’ that I was share with my roommate from Chatham, and I was ready to start my Grade 12 studies. I didn’t have particularly good study habits when I arrived, but my parents had advised the Principal, Fr. Brown of that, and he and Fr. Cullen and others took that situation in hand and changes were quickly made. It was in June of 1954 that I graduated from Grade 12.

In September of 1952 I started at Assumption College, which was not a University at the time, but rather a College affiliated with Western in London, Graduation with a BA in June of 1956. At the start of my University year another student arrived in Windsor to start University at Assumption and she was Margaret Ceresia. She already had her Grade 13 so she was heading for a 3 year BA and accordingly graduated in 1955.

Margaret taught grade school at Holy Name that year and we both moved to Toronto as I was entering Osgood Hall Law School in September of 1956, and was called to the bar of Ontario in June of 1960. A couple of other things happened during those law school days. Margaret became a High School Teacher in French and Latin, and during Christmas Vacation of 1957 we returned to Windsor to be married and we were fortunate enough to prevail upon our friend Father Nelligan, who was living and teaching at Assumption in those days, to perform the ceremony at Assumption Parish Church. (Needless to say, we are pleased that this historic Church is being repaired and will be allowed to continue to stand.)

So we are both continuing to hang in there after these many years and are very proud of our four children, and 9 grandchildren, and so appreciative of the influence of the Basilian Fathers in our lives. Over these many years we have been pleased to regularly send along a contribution to help support the publishing of the Newsletter which we enjoy each time it arrives.

Thank you again Fr. Johnson (you and the others you work with have made “GOODNESS, DISCIPLINE AND KNOWLEDGE” really mean something.

Richard Donald '52

***In Thanksgiving for all that  
we have and all that we are.  
In gratitude for the  
Assumption Alumni and their  
families. We pray for our  
Canadian and American  
Alumni as we celebrate***



**Assumption High School Foyer**



**ACS Chatter continued...**

**Lois Comartin:** Enclosed find a check for \$100.00 for the Century Club. I hope to attend some of the festivities for the 150 Years of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge...It was an honour to be part of Assumption High School. We were well represented. My brother D'Arcy Schnedkenberger, my husband Don, my children; Diane (Bergoine) Comartin '72 and Leigh Comartin '73, all were educated there. I worked for 10 years at ACS. Thanks for the memories.

**Special thank you to Gus Revenburg '66 or the donation of 1000 license plate covers for our 150th Celebration.**

**Edward Adamic '47** writes: "Thank you for the Newsletter--beautifully done! I graduated in 1947, and I look forward to attending the 150th celebration! I often recall my wonderful years spent at Assumption--the best education I could have ever received! I send best regards, and grateful thanks to the Alumni Committee and to all others involved in the alumni efforts."

**Frank Montolio '49** : "I continue to enjoy the newsletter after 70 years of graduation from ACHS. Recently heard from Fred Smith, a fellow graduate, who just celebrated his 90th birthday and doing well in London, Ont. He is coming to Florida (Naples) in January and I winter in Sebring so plan on getting together with him for a visit."

I have just become a great grandfather for the second time and consider myself a lucky man to have the good health that enables me to enjoy my expanding family. On a sadder note I lost my wife, Gloria, in 2016 after 60 years of marriage.

I encourage all ACHS graduates to attend the reunion this November. I am planning on doing so and am looking forward to reuniting with those who are still with us from the class of 1949.

**Diane Bergoine '72** (nee Comartin): "Hello Fellow Alumni: I am Mrs. R. Bergoine, in fact, I am Diane Comartin, sister to Leigh Comartin class of 73 and my mom is Lois Comartin who worked in the library at Assumption High School. I am doing quite well for the last twenty years up in Whitehorse, Yukon. I retired from Yukon Government Motor Vehicles in 2017. Two years ago in Oct 2018, I was able to take my dream trip for one month in Ireland checking out the areas where my great grandparents, etc lived before they came to the Ontario farming area near London, Ontario. I did enjoy my one year 1972 at Assumption making new friends, and being in the first co-ed class of the school to graduate. Being in the north suits me quite well, this is my home and where I belong, in the Land of the Midnight Sun."

**Lisa Ann Marie Azzopardi '81**— Hello Alumni: I moved west of the Rockies residing in the West Kootenays of BC. I obtained my Diploma in Nursing 1983-86 and in 1989-1993 my BSc. Afterwards I furthered my studies to receive a Doctorate of Naturopathic, Medicine, from Bastyr University 1999-2000 and finally a MSc Epidemiology & Biostatistics, from Dartmouth College School of Medicine, Lyme, NH. I am happily the parent of a 17 year old daughter who attends a Jesuit Catholic High School, Gonzaga Preparatory and will currently graduate in 2022. I am excited to hear about any reunion gatherings or zoom participation.

Special thank you to the WECD SB carpenter team of Mark Calleja and Dave Adkin for the beautiful work of their hands putting the finishing touches on the wood working in the ACS Chapel. Also thank you to the Alumni Association, WECD SB and ACS for their contributions towards a brand new sound system and keyboard. We look forward to the day we can gather in the ACS Chapel once again.

## Century Club Contributions

*The Century Club is composed of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni Activities including the Newsletter. The following are individuals who have generously made a contribution. Thank you for your continued support.*

### Contributions can be sent to:

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1100 Huron Church Rd., Windsor Ontario, N9C 2K7

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I feel very blessed and fortunate to have been awarded this scholarship **Fr. Fogarty Catholic Student Award**, and I would like to express my gratitude towards the Alumni Association for making it possible. I was part of Assumption's graduating class of 2021 and I am now attending the University of Windsor to begin my undergraduate degree in General Science. After my undergrad, I plan to apply to medical school to pursue a job in the medical field. With many years of undergrad and post-graduate schooling ahead of me comes a substantial financial commitment. For this reason, I greatly appreciate the generous contribution of the alumni association towards my education.

It has been my greatest blessing to have been born into a family that values and prioritizes our Catholic faith above all things. At a very young age, I was immersed in our church community where I was able to participate in various youth groups and church events. Within my school community, I have been a part of many organizations and Campus Ministry events. In the summer of 2018, Thanks to the wonderful support of **Sr. Connie Harrington '91, SNJM**, I was fortunate enough to be chosen as one of the 4 girls who attended the SNJM (Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary) mission trip to San Francisco, California, with our Campus Minister, **Mrs. Linda Presello '81**. I strive every day to present myself with a positive and compassionate attitude, and be a prevalent example of God's love to everyone that I encounter. Along with Campus Ministry, I have been involved in various school activities, clubs, and teams throughout my time at Assumption.

After 4 enriching years of attending Assumption High School, I can confidently say that it truly is my second family. Assumption is a place that I can call home and somewhere where I feel safe and respected by all staff and students. At this school, I was able to be challenged and expand my perspective in new, dynamic ways. I feel prepared to begin this new chapter in my life and I am forever thankful to be able to call myself a Purple Raider.

Kindest Regards,  
**Helena Ibrahim**, Class of 2021



*For all the lives  
lost since our  
last newsletter.  
We keep their  
families in our  
prayers as God  
welcomed  
them with  
outstretched  
hands,  
in His glory.*



**Anderson**, Ed – father of Kathryn '75, Colleen '78  
**Auch**, Elizabeth – wife of retired staff member Andy Auch 1971-1998  
**Belanger**, Joe Jumbo '51  
**Bertoia**, Louis '77  
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**Bugeja**, Vince—Retired ACS Custodian, 1970-1994 - Father of Janet '75, Mike '77, Carmen '80, Josephine '85. Married to Doris 63 years.  
**Burns**, Jack '57  
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**Curran**, John – father of Brad '77, Jane '78, Paul '80, Maryanne '83, Peter '85, Jeff '88  
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**Matz**, Joe '54  
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**Pajot**, Ron '57  
**Pitre**, Linda (Brandoline) '76  
**Panontin**, John Angelo '49  
**Paolatto**, Louis '45—father of Paul '79, Lisa '81, and David '83  
**Quaggiotto**, Rosa (Macchione) '80  
**Racine**, Wayne – retired staff member 1979-1989  
**Rivait**, Brian '66  
**Robillard**, George '53  
**Sampson**, Michael G. '77  
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**Scarfone**, Frank – father of Frank '73, David '75, Peter '76, Maureen '78, Mary '84, James '80  
**Sinnott**, Sister Margaret (Sr. Mary Emmanuel) – retired staff 1983-88  
**Sisco**, Sam – '52  
**Sobocan**, Martin 'Joe' – father of Tom '80, Martin '83, David '85  
**Talpas**, Sr. Mary CSJ – retired staff 1979-89  
**Upham**, Heather – daughter of retired staff member John Upham 1970-1989  
**Valente**, Michael '87  
**Zadorian**, Sr. Jean – retired staff 1974-78, 1981-87  
**Zakoor**, Alfred – father of Marc '75  
**Zakoor**, Phil Sr. '54—father of Terri '76, Virginia '78, Phil '78 and Paul '83.

## ***Courageous Windsor teen dies after battle with bone cancer***



Alyssa Fader-Tsiamagas wanted to plan her own funeral after she learned the leg amputation and open-heart surgery she endured with a positive and “spicy” attitude earlier this year would not save her life.

The 14-year-old Windsor girl who died following an eight-month battle with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, chose a purple casket covered in designs she created. Visitors to the funeral home heard music from her favourite bands — 21 Pilots, Waterparks and Backstreet Boys — in the playlist she put together for the occasion.

“To me, she was the most beautiful thing in the world from the day she was born, right to the day she passed,” Kevin Fader, Alyssa’s grandfather, told the Star Friday. “She was always bright. If I talked to her, she made me feel good.”

Alyssa, a graduate of Assumption College Catholic Middle School, started chemotherapy immediately after her cancer diagnosis in April. In June, she travelled to Toronto SickKids. Alyssa was a Grade 9 student at Assumption College Catholic High School, unfortunately was too ill to attend classes.

“She was very courageous,” said Lisa Marentette, Alyssa’s mom. “She wasn’t one to complain. She would even smile for a picture — so everyone would think everything was OK.” “That’s the kind of girl she was. She was selfless. She cared about other people.”

Alyssa passed away peacefully, after a courageous battle with cancer, in the loving arms of her mumma, on December 18, 2019 in Windsor, ON at the age of 14 years. Loving daughter of Lisa Marentette and Pano Tsiamagas, and stepdaughter to Marco Marentette. Stepsister to Alex and Matt Marentette. Cherished granddaughter of Kevin and Brenda Fader and Elias and Alike Tsiamagas. Alyssa passed December 20, 2019

## ***The Windsor Police Service has its first female Chaplain***



Linda and Rev. Chuck Congram

Linda Presello `81 was sworn in as a new member of the force’s Chaplaincy Program during the Windsor Police Service’s board meeting. Her father, Norman Lesperance, retired from the local police force in 1988 after 30 years on the job. My father had wonderful support from my mom, Lorraine. It wasn’t always easy, especially with 5 children. Not a lot of people can say they have been retired longer than they were employed. Norm, passed away October 1, 2020 at the age of 90.

“It’s really a privilege to be a part of this Chaplaincy Team,” Presello said. She said she sees her role as “a support for all members of the Windsor Police Service, assist the Chaplaincy Team, and just to do what I can to be present with the families in need.”

Presello worked for the Diocese of London for 14 years, before joining the WECSDB, where she continues to work as a Chaplain for Assumption College Catholic High School and St. Michael’s Adult Campus for over 20 years. She specializes in Grief and Bereavement Counselling, Conflict Mediation, Peer Mentoring, Health and Wellness as well as Suicide Prevention.

She acknowledged the role as Chaplain with the Police Service has the potential to be emotionally trying. To prepare for difficulty, she prays and listens, she said.

“I love my Catholic faith, I love what I do and to be in that position to help others, is a blessing.” “My Catholic Faith is very important to me.” “I want to be able to reach out to others in service and need, that is what our faith teaches us.”

Presello joins the force as a Chaplain December 2019, just over two months after Pam Mizuno was officially named Windsor Police Service’s first female chief.



## Breaking down the barriers in a Man's World

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At five years old, Elizabeth Moses '16 became a refugee. Her family, fearing the ever-growing war in Sudan, fled to the safety of Canada. "The war wasn't ending: my parents had to leave because of it," explains Moses. "Coming from that area and watching my parents struggle has always taught me to be appreciative of life and to pursue education. I know a lot of children who are not fortunate enough to live in Canada and instead struggle to survive every day." Moses learned to fight for survival from her parents and, at 22, still carries those lessons with her.

In July, she was laid off from Windsor Mold, a place where she had earned her stripes for three and a half years as a general machinist apprentice. The COVID-19 pandemic had forced a slowdown in production, but she is looking at the bright side—she has her hours in and is looking to receive one of the top credentials a tradesperson can earn. "I'm hoping this year to have the red seal, finally, after all of these years of working in the trades," she beams. "The trades are hard to work in. It's a challenging workplace, but, hey, we get through it and we do it because it is for our lives and to better ourselves—so, why not?"

Moses is a mentor, a motivator, and an inspirer of other women who enter the trades. "When I'm not being a machinist, I do several things, actually," she states. "I do work with Build a Dream and for the past three years, I've been speaking on their panels in different cities across Ontario. I work with other organizations, such as WIST. I tutor their students in the Women in Skilled Trades program at St. Clair College. I've been doing that since last year."

Moses is also an ambassador of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) of Windsor-Essex County. "CMHA is working on a few projects and one is removing the stigma surrounding mental illness in the workplace," says Moses. "There is no shame in seeking professional help when you are in need. Mental illness impacts our entire community." She says that since the beginning of the pandemic, the CMHA has seen a spike in anxiety and depression among Windsor-Essex residents and she wants people to remember that the CMHA has a lot of tools and resources that can assist you.





Michael Costello

As a teenager, Moses attended Assumption College Catholic High School in Windsor. She initially had zero interest in the trades but was motivated by a teacher. In Grade 9, she was placed in the school's woodworking class. She says she was shy at first and even tried to switch classes. "Why would you want a woman to be in this class or even do this job?" she had asked. "It's not something I wanted to do. I didn't want to be a part of this at all." She wasn't comfortable being in a room full of unruly boys, but her teacher, **Michael Costello**, changed her perspective. "He really encouraged me and when I started off in the trades, he supported me in that as well," explains Moses. "I did the class—I did the best that I could—and the teacher invited me to join First Robotics. I went home to think about it and I decided to give it an opportunity. I wanted to see what it was about." She tried it and its influence stuck with her. For her final three years of high school, she was a First Robotics whiz. The experience inspired her to take up the trades. "I know I have some knowledge of how machines work, I love working with my hands, I might as well do this."

As a general machinist apprentice, Moses says she is constantly having to prove herself again and again to her male coworkers in order to earn their respect. "That's what the trades have taught me—you have to keep trying," she explains. "If you're not good at something, keep trying—you're going to get there one day. It takes time, it takes skill, it takes a lot of knowledge to get [a concept] and build something too."

Where men can simply take on trades and work their way up, Moses realized women need to work harder, and she knew that everything she did—or didn't do—would come to represent all women. "I wanted to show the guys that I can do the job as much as they could," says Moses. "I'm one of the only women who work there. If I don't do well, it gives [the men] a negative perspective of women, but if I do a great job, they realize that women can do the same jobs as [as the men] and they deserve that respect as well."

As she continues in the trades, she sees many avenues to follow. She has an interest in continuing as a women's advocate for the trades, working on panels to inspire other women, leading a program as a teacher or mentor, or even picking up another red seal or two.

"Encouraging other women, showing that women can do the job—I want to prove my point, I want to get my red seal, I want to complete the journey."



## Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board NEW DIRECTOR



*Emelda Byrne, Director*

***“Building  
Communities  
of  
Faith,  
Hope  
and  
Service.”***



The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has named their new Director of Education.

Emelda Byrne will assume the position from current Director Terry Lyons beginning August 1st, 2021. Lyons recently announced that he would be retiring after a 32-year career.

Byrne will be the first female Director in the board’s 23-year history.

“I’m humbled and honoured that our trustees have the confidence in me to assume this position,” Byrne said. “We have an excellent team that has managed the past year’s uncertainties exceptionally well. We’ll continue to guide our way through this in the best interests of our students, their families and our staff and will look forward to the day when things start returning to normal. We have so many reasons to celebrate in our schools. I look forward to sharing in our continued success and supporting our students as they move along in their academic and faith journeys together.”

Byrne began her teaching career in 1987 with the Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board but joined the WECDSD a year later. She has taught in every division and has served as a curriculum consultant, a Vice-Principal at the former St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School, and Principal at St. Maria Goretti, St. Pius X and St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary Schools.

For the past 14 years, she has occupied various administrative positions, including Supervising Principal, Superintendent, Executive Superintendent and Associate Director.

“Emelda has a tremendous wealth of experience and is going to be a wonderful leader for this board,” said Terry Lyons. “Besides being a beacon of inspiration to girls and young women who aspire to positions of leadership, she has incredible credentials and an extraordinary history with our schools and our people. I couldn’t be happier about the Trustees’ decision to entrust her with the leadership of our school board.”

On behalf of the Assumption Alumni Association, we welcome Emelda Bryne. May God bless and guide you in your new role. We wish you all the best.

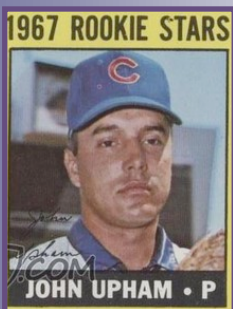


***We would like to recognize and thank all Doctors, nurses, first responders, hospital personnel, and essential service employees, teachers and support staff.***

***Your dedication, sacrifice and service is a blessing! We are grateful for everything you have done and continue to do to protect our family, extended family and friends.***

For two months, I volunteered to relocate four hours away to Mississauga in order to help another home owned by the company I work for that had been heavily affected by COVID-19. I spent my birthday — and all of May and June — living in a hotel and working alongside an amazing group of dedicated people to care for those who call that facility home. It was a humbling experience and one I will never forget. Seeing the pandemic firsthand was a jarring experience. There have been many challenges throughout this time for me. Having to cancel my club's signature project, our residential summer camp at Kiwanis Sunshine Point, was absolutely devastating, but the right thing to do. We will open our doors again when it is safe. This was the first time since 1947 that camp didn't run, but now more than ever we are committed to continuing to support the children of our community. Another tremendously difficult thing has been having to step away from my work as a personal support worker in order to attend my clinical placement for school, as healthcare workers are barred from being in two healthcare facilities in Ontario at this time. My extremely dedicated colleagues at the long-term care facility where I am employed have been working to the bone to support our amazing residents. The pandemic has taught me so many things. Wash your hands. Cover your sneeze. Be patient in line. Perhaps most important though, the pandemic has taught me that a little kindness can go a very long way. At a time where so much is unknown and so much is unfolding, there is still so much to do for the children of our communities. And even though that may look very different from what we are used to, it is so vitally important now more than ever. *"It was a humbling experience and one I will never forget. Seeing the pandemic firsthand was a jarring experience."*

### ***Congratulations John Upham on your induction into Baseball Ontario Hall of Fame***



The 80-year-old Upham was both an outfielder and pitcher in Major League Baseball before returning home to coach several amateur teams over the years.

A member of the Windsor and Essex County Sports Hall of Fame, Upham was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1960 and joined the Chicago Cubs' organization in 1966.

A left-hander, Upham made his Major League debut in 1967 as a relief pitcher in a game started by fellow Canadian Fergie Jenkins.

His first Major League at bat was as a pinch hitter for the Cubs and he singled off Hall of Famer Don Drysdale. Upham would leave the game after the 1968 season after nine pro seasons.

Upham managed with the Riverside baseball organization for several years and guided the bantam team to a national bronze medal in 2000 and a silver medal in 2001. He served as the pitching coach for Canada at three-straight world junior championships, coached third base for Canada at the 1988 Olympics, managed Canada's world junior team in 1989 and 1990, served as the country's pitching coach at the Pan-Am Games in 2011 and managed the Canadian senior team in 1992.



## High School Student launches successful haircare business

Efe Eghujovbo, a Grade 12 student at Assumption College Catholic High School, holds some of her haircare products she's now been selling since March 15, 2021.

Efe Eghujovbo wasn't looking to launch a business venture while still in high school, she just really wanted to find a hair-care product that worked for her. "Everything I was buying at the store was directed at one type of hair," she said.

"My hair is very coarse and difficult to maintain. None of those products was really working with my hair so I started mixing things together."

Through trial and error in her basement lab, she came up with a couple of styling and moisturizing products that she shared with family and friends last summer. "Then I just started to put it out there," said Eghujovbo of her Simply Haircare line.

Now the 17-year-old has a website and orders coming in from Calgary, Montreal, Winnipeg and the GTA.

She's really going to inspire a lot of girls because she's around their age

"The first time I got an outside order I started screaming," she said. "It was definitely inspiring because there were some nights when I just wanted to give up." The Grade 12 student at Assumption learned about start-up grants from the Windsor-Essex Small Business Centre from her teacher Jeremy Bracken. The \$3,000 she received helped with inventory, marketing and support with a business plan.

## The Three Amigos

Leon "Diggs" Durocher, Joe Matz, and Nick Mascarin, all 1954 graduates of Assumption College High, passed away in 2020. All three amigos were incredible gentlemen, and dedicated graduates of ACH, always golfing in the annual Alumni tournament with their classmates.

All of these guys epitomized the true Purple Raider spirit of ACH. Known for always organizing their foursome, travelling long distances from Florida, B.C., Arizona and California, golfing, then sharing memories and stories of the glory days. Their presence was infectious to the entire tournament of graduate golfers. A great time was a guarantee with their attendance.

They will be missed dearly, their kindness and gratitude. True gentlemen and proud fantastic Raiders. Purple and White!



## **George McMahon '52**

George passed away on January 13, 2021 at the age of 87. Husband to Dorothy (Awad). Adored by his 11 children, Deb, Dan, Georgie, Chris, Nancy, Ian, Stephen, Thomas, Joe, Mary and Douglas, as well as 29 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his loving wife of 39 years, Elaine.

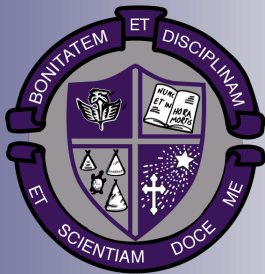
Originally a history teacher at ACH in 1958, he met his great friend, Jack Hool. Their incredible friendship lasted to the very last day, November 15, 2013, when Jack passed. George was at his side in his reserved chair, on the last weekend, watching basketball together. Elaine and Jane Hool were also the best of friends since 1958. Add 11 kids, and this was truly an incredible family and great friends to the Hool family. George was like a second father, and even though he had plenty, he treated me like one of his sons.

In 1963, George became an assistant professor in the History Department at the University of Windsor (to help reduce tuition costs for his family). In 1967, he was appointed Dean of Students, with his corner office looking out at the Hool house, somehow watching out for us, helping me and my sister, Kim, with any issues. What a great, genuine, kind man. George was also involved in the creation of the U of W Sports Hall of Fame, immediately inducting Jack Hool. George achieved National Board of Governors status from cadet in 1947. George authored four books on the history of the U of W, and had many other interesting accomplishments.

George and his family will always be in our thoughts and prayers, knowing that he and Jack are watching March Madness, while Elaine and Jane are out on historical house walks. God Bless!

Written by: Hunt Hool '79

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## Windsor criminal lawyer Dube appointed Superior Court justice



Brian Dube ('82) has been appointed to the Superior Court of Ontario and will sit on the bench in Windsor.

David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, announced the appointment Friday. Dube is one of six new Superior Court justices.

He expects to be sworn in to his new position in about three weeks once he winds down his practice. He replaces Justice Christopher Bondy who elected to become a supernumerary, or semi-retired, justice last February.

Dube has practised criminal law for 27 years, beginning his career working with the late Donald H. Tait, before starting a solo practice in close association with colleague and mentor Andrew Bradie, who recently retired. "As you move through criminal law, it's a grind," Dube said. "Some of us look towards transitioning into something that's a little bit more manageable as we get older and kind of a higher calling."

Dube, 56, was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1994 after graduating from the University of Windsor's faculty of law in 1992. He also holds a public administration degree from Windsor (1989). Windsor lawyer Brian Dube, shown Nov. 12, 2009, during a murder case, has been appointed a Superior Court justice. His father, Edward J. Dube, was a founding partner at what is now Mousseau DeLuca McPherson Prince LLP. Dube said his goal as a justice is simply to do a good job.

"Whatever comes before me, comes before me. I really have no control over that," he said. "But I'll just try to do as good of a job as I possibly can. "I'll try to listen intently and just hopefully do the right thing, right. At the end of the day, that's what you want to do."

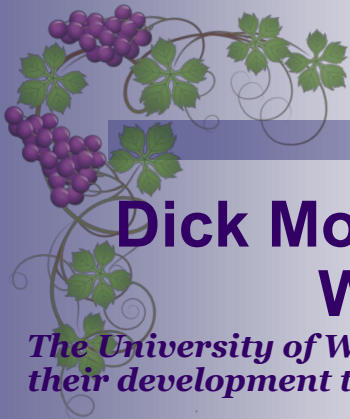
Dube said there have been highlights during his career but he prefers to focus on the overall objective of criminal defence work — helping people at the lowest points in their lives get through those difficult times and the judicial system. "People who've made poor choices," Dube said. "Otherwise decent people, you know, who may be struggling with mental health issues or drug issues or alcoholism. "And you just try to assist them to get through that difficult point in their life and to hopefully better themselves as a result of that."

Dube has served on the board of Children First since 2008 and is a past president. He's been involved in the research, counselling and treatment of people with mental health issues and especially children and adolescents struggling with autism. (*The Windsor Star July 7, 2021*)

A special thank you to Mr. Brad Vollmer '81 CEO of Vollmer, for the donation of \$1000 for a laser burner for our Tech Department. This donation was made to assist with the 150th Alumni Celebration. It will be put to good use.



A special thank you to Mr. Michael Duchene '76 for the donation of tools, they will be used in our Tech Department. Thank you for thinking of our students.



## Dick Moriarty (1933-2021), University of Windsor athletics director

*The University of Windsor Lancers and Faculty of Human Kinetics owe much of their development to Dick Moriarty, who passed away June 23 at the age of 88.*

Richard (Dick) Moriarty, who served as the university's athletic director for 29 years, died on June 23 at the age of 88.

"I think it was about great relations with people," said Sean Moriarty, one of Dick's sons, about his father's passion for the Lancers. "When I think of my dad, I think of a very kind, caring, and compassionate person. He really was an encouraging type of person." Born in Rochester, New York, in 1933, Moriarty came to Windsor in 1953 to study at Assumption College — and stayed for the rest of his life.

When he began his time as athletic director in 1956, the University of Windsor's sports competitors consisted of only three men's teams and two women's teams. Over the course of three decades, Moriarty would expand the program to a dozen men's teams and 10 women's teams.

"Dick Moriarty's handprints are all over the history of the Windsor Lancers and the **Assumption Purple Raiders**," said Mike Havey, current Director of Athletics at the university. Richard (Dick) Moriarty at his work at the University of Windsor. Havey noted that Moriarty was a regular attendee of Lancer home games even in his retirement years. "He loved the Lancers, and we loved him back."

Sean said showing up to watch Lancers compete was a family tradition. "I remember going to Lancer games practically from the day I was born. It's what we did as a family: A basketball game on Saturday night, then a hockey game. Or football — always a major event."

While Moriarty's first administrative work in university athletics was managing the basketball team, Sean said his father didn't have a particular favourite sport. "The coaches and the people involved were my dad's favourite," Sean said. "Not just in achieving what they did athletically. They were great friends off the court."

Moriarty was involved in the Ontario University Athletic Union and the founding of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union. He also founded the University of Windsor Christmas Boys Basketball high school tournament — the longest-standing tournament in Canada. He was inducted into the University of Windsor hall of fame in 1986, and the Windsor-Essex Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.

Along with directing athletics, Moriarty worked as an educator: He started in the university's business and English departments in 1960, then moved into sessional instruction in the kinesiology department from 1965 to 1998. Jess Dixon, acting dean of the Faculty of Human Kinetics, said Moriarty's impact on the faculty and the broader community has been profound. "Despite retiring more than two decades ago, his legacy and principles continue to guide much of what we do in the faculty of Human Kinetics today," Dixon said.

Beyond athletics and academics, Moriarty and his wife Mary were leaders in raising awareness of eating disorders, and establishing the **Bulimia Anorexia Nervosa Association (BANA)** in Windsor-Essex.

One of their daughters, Erin, died from anorexia in 1982 at the age of 21. "My parents saw the gap — the lack of information and understanding of the issue," Sean said. "I think BANA might have been among my dad's proudest achievements, even though it was built on a very difficult time in all of our lives." As much as Moriarty meant to the Lancers, Sean said his father always put learning first.

"I think it really speaks to the number of people that he has touched throughout his career," Sean said. "When you look at the awards he has won, they were largely for mentoring and teaching." Margery Holman, a friend and colleague to Moriarty for more than 50 years, said: "I have never known him to waiver from his values — values based on treating people with respect and caring, while working to help others improve their lives."

Moriarty is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

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