



Golf tournament honors Adopt-a-Student supporter

Elizabeth J. “Bette” Iandoli, who has served on the Adopt-a-Student steering committee since it was founded in 1989, was recently honored for her tireless work for the program. At the 18th annual Adopt-a-Student Golf Tournament, Iandoli was saluted and a scholarship fund in her name was established by Ed Boulay.

Iandoli also served on the Adopt-a-Student selection committee and was stalwart in her efforts on the golf tournament committee.

Corporate sponsorship of the 2007 Adopt-a-Student Golf Tournament included the following Tournament Hole Sponsors: **Platinum Sponsors:** Ken-Weld Co., Inc., Washburn-Garfield Corporation; **Gold Sponsors:** Austin Liquor Company, Inc., FACTS Management Company, Honey Farms, Inc., J.J. Bafaro, Inc., Kittredge Insurance Agency, Inc.; **Silver Sponsors:** American Printing & Envelope Company, Columbia Tech, The Guild of St. Agnes, St. Vincent Hospital; **Bronze Sponsors:** Coogan Associates, Inc., Fallon Community Health Plan, KomTek, Hon. Francis J. and Virginia A. Larkin, Bill Lane – Superior Plumbing, Marie T. Maher, Rev. James B. O’Shea. First time participant F.W. Webb CEO Jack Hester arrived with two very generous donations, one from his company and another from his family foundation. He also offered Red Sox/Yankees tickets which were a big hit in the event auction.

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Giving Back Through Medicine—and Camping



Erin Sullivan

Erin Sullivan, an Adopt-a-Student recipient who graduated from St. Peter Marian Junior Senior High School, has been giving back through her work with seriously ill children.

For the past six year, Erin has spent all or part of her summers at several of the Hole in the Wall Gang camps in the U.S. and abroad. Founded by actor Paul Newman, the camps provide a recreational and therapeutic experience for children facing serious illnesses and life-threatening conditions.

Erin taught canoeing to campers in Barretstown, Ireland, worked with young swimmers at the original Hole in the Wall gang Camp in New Haven, Ct. and counseled children at The Painted Turtle Camp in Malibu, CA.

After graduating from St. Peter Marian, Erin attended Princeton University on a scholarship. For her senior thesis, Erin wrote about the camps' effects on the self-esteem and coping strategies of children with a chronic illness.

Erin attended Georgetown Medical School and is now in the pediatric residency program at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University. She plans to practice as a pediatric oncologist for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp organization.

She described her residency as "an amazing experience—not like Grey's Anatomy—we actually do work!"

Erin says it's rewarding to care for children. "As an intern you have a lot of responsibility but always feel supported by the upper residents and attending physicians," she said.

As an Adopt-a-Student, Erin says, she learned a lot from her teachers at St. Peter Marian that she still refers to them often.

They "taught me how to work hard and problem solve," Erin said. "When a child comes in with three different symptoms you have to put together a differential diagnosis of what ten different disease processes it could be...And when a child gets critically ill quickly (like in a CODE Blue situation), you have to take control, be a team

leader and think on your feet on how to stabilize the patient."

Erin adds that she is grateful for the support she received from her parents, teachers and the Adopt-a-Student program.

"You can't get anywhere without people helping you and believing in you," she said.

Current Scholarship Recipient Interested in Musical Theatre



Tom Brennan

Holy Name Senior, Tom Brennan has been a scholarship recipient for his four years at the school. He enjoys Holy Name for many reasons but pointed out that most students can succeed there because of the "many opportunities they offer you."

Tom is strong academically with a 3.8 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has spent service time volunteering for Camp Sunshine. Most of his involvement at

school and his true passion is in musical theatre. This is obvious in the colleges he mentioned being among his top choices. He hopes to attend either Emerson College, Hartford University or the Boston Conservatory.

Tom has been involved in the Holy Name Spring Musical in many capacities

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including being a member of the set crew and chorus as well as individual acting roles. Last year Tom was proud to be the first junior in 10 years elected a Chorus President.

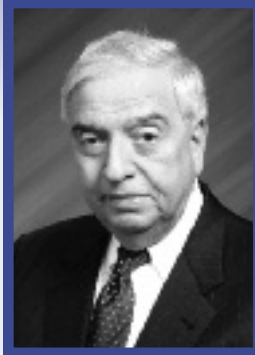
The new Social Awareness Club at school has also captured Tom's interest. He thinks it is a very important club as members examine relevant things happening in world affairs. "It gets people involved" Tom said. "They learn that they really can make a difference," he added.

Tom took karate lessons for 10 years which helped with balance, movement and confidence on stage. Tom juggles many after school hours spent on extra-curricular activities with voice lessons and a job at Udderly Delicious, an ice cream shop in his home town of Oxford. He lives with his mother Lucille and brother Peter, who is a student at Worcester State.

Tom expressed a great appreciation for the Adopt-a-Student Program and the people who support it. "I don't know how else I could otherwise be at Holy Name. It also provides another incentive to do well," Tom stated.

He then added, "The school and people offer enough challenges and leadership opportunities." Tom said emphatically, "I know I'm ready for college."

New Leaders



Robert Pape



Robert Kenney

The Adopt-a-Student program has new leadership and a renewed focus on increasing the number of scholarships for students seeking a Catholic education.

Adopt-a-Student awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships each year "and we can't meet the needs of all those who are eligible," said Robert Pape, newly elected chairman of the Adopt-a-Student program. Pape, formerly executive vice president of Neles-Jamesbury is now semi-retired and a consultant to manufacturers and distributors on strategy and market development.

"There are hundreds of families in our community who cannot afford the benefits of a Catholic school education," Pape said recently in an interview in *The Catholic Free Press*. "The need is great and we must increase our ability to serve even more of these students."

Currently, Adopt-a-Student provides tuition for 52 students. The program is available to qualified students who attend diocesan schools in Worcester: St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Holy Name Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School and St. Bernard Central Catholic High School in Fitchburg.

Students must be academically qualified, show that they want an education in the tradition and environment of Catholic schools and be willing to take

part in school life with activities such as sports, music, drama and school clubs.

In addition, parents are expected to be involved in the school and contribute to school projects, according to Charles E. McManus, former diocesan superintendent of schools and a member of the Adopt-a-Student steering committee.

Students are eligible to receive Adopt-a-Student grants annually as long as they attend a Central Catholic school and meet the requirements of the scholarship. A liaison committee meets quarterly with students to review their records and determine continued eligibility.

Funds for Adopt-a-Student come from individual contributions and fundraising activities. The 18th annual golf tournament, the largest fundraising event, this year raised more than \$86,000. Since Adopt-a-Student was founded in 1989, more than 900 scholarships totaling more than \$2 million have been awarded.

"People who contribute to Adopt-a-Student help to change a life," said Pape, who has been involved with the program since its inception.

Robert Kenney, president of KenWeld Company, is vice chairman of Adopt-a-Student. He began his professional career as a teacher in Catholic schools.

Kenney noted that he has been very impressed in his tours of diocesan Catholic schools, "seeing the pride and enthusiasm of the students and principals. I could not help but want to strengthen my involvement in this worthy effort," he said.

"We're building a foundation for the future," Pape added.

For more information about Adopt-a-Student or the application process, please phone 508-929-4323 or write: Adopt-a-Student, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

\$30,000 donation is legacy of Adopt-a-Student leader



On behalf of the William J. O'Brien Distinguished Lecture Series, Bill Marshall, right, presented contributions to the Adopt-a-Student Program recently at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School. Meg Kursonis, center, is principal of the school; Robert Pape, right, is chairman of the Adopt-a-Student program.

The William J. O'Brien Distinguished Lecture Series recently contributed \$30,000 to the Adopt-a-Student program in a demonstration of support for the values inherent in Catholic education.

The late Bill O'Brien, the first chairman of the

Adopt-a-Student program, was a pioneer in institutionalizing vision and values in the workplace. He was the former ceo of Hanover Insurance Company and a consultant and author of *Character and the Corporation*. A graduate of Fordham University, Bill credited his Jesuit educa-

tion as a key ingredient in shaping his business thinking and practices.

Representing the lecture series, Bill Marshall presented \$25,000 for an endowed scholarship and \$5,000 in unrestricted funding to the Adopt-a-Student program.

"Bill O'Brien was convinced of the importance of making a Catholic education available to all who want it," Marshall said. "These contributions are a way of recognizing his vision and keeping his spirit alive. We believe in the important work you're doing in the Adopt-a-Student program and support it."

Seton Legacy provides endowment to fund scholarships

Seeking to establish financial security for the Adopt-a-Student program, the Seton Legacy program recently was developed to add some of the best features of an endowment to the fund raising efforts in support of our Catholic school children.

The Seton Legacy program "allows donors to examine their commitment to Catholic education, often in light of the great good that they themselves have been benefactors of, and then to step forward and make a lasting commitment to our Catholic school children," said Tim Griffin, chair of the Seton Legacy committee.

Those who make a minimum commitment of \$50,000 with a gift of \$10,000 for five years become



members of the Seton Legacy Society. Each year, 80% of a Seton Legacy gift is deposited into an interest bearing account and the income is directed to a student scholarship award. The remaining 20% is placed in a growth account to insure the future growth of the endowment.

Contributions to the Seton Legacy program allow donors to establish a lasting legacy to Catholic education. So far, the program has received \$300,000 in commitments.

"I hope that many families consider a commitment to Seton Legacy as they review their wills and estate issues,"

Griffin said. "What a truly wonderful act it would be to leave a lasting commitment to the mission of the church through an estate gift."

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