



PALLOTTI BULLETIN

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WELCOME!

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so thankful for all the educators in our lives.

Congratulations to Pallotti's first ever Co-Valedictorians, twins Matthew Merritt & Michael Merritt!

Share your news and upcoming events in the twice-monthly Pallotti Bulletin by sending all important info to advancement@pallottihs.org

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Pallotti Calendar

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS
Friday, May 8

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY
Monday, May 18
Details to follow

TENTATIVE GRADUATION
Wednesday, July 22

From Administration

Please Consider Supporting Pallotti during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Emergency Tuition Assistance Campaign

Despite the current coronavirus pandemic and school closings, St. Vincent Pallotti continues its mission of educating young men and women. Unfortunately, many of our current families are experiencing job loss, furloughs, and related financial hardships, and we are receiving numerous requests for financial assistance.

We thank those who have already made a donation to our Emergency Tuition Assistance Campaign and are grateful for your generosity. If you are able, we ask that you consider a gift to support our [Emergency Tuition Assistance Campaign](#). These funds will have an immediate impact and will allow our young men and women to continue their education in the nurturing environment to which they are accustomed, with dedicated teachers who know them as individuals, monitor their progress and ensure their success. In turn, the continuity of their education, especially in these uncertain times, will prove to be beneficial to our students, our teachers, our parents, and our entire Pallotti community.

Each gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Share your Panther Pride and join us by making a donation to our [Emergency Tuition Assistance Campaign](#) today.

Giving to the CFC during the COVID-19 Pandemic

A few days ago, a member of the Federal Government emailed Pallotti to let us know that CFC has approved a special solicitation period due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you may know, every year, Federal employees are encouraged to give to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and support various charities, and we are grateful to those who support St. Vincent Pallotti High School (#99624) through their workplace giving campaigns. The email shared the following:

*The COVID-19 global pandemic is putting a strain on resources everywhere. Families all over have lost income, jobs, businesses, and most devastatingly, loved ones. Recently **OPM has approved a special solicitation period and will open the CFC online pledge portal and new mobile giving app from April 20 through June 30, 2020.** During this time, CFC-participating charities can accept monthly donations via payroll deductions, credit card, debit card, or bank transfer. Also unique to this situation, charities will receive 100 percent of all contributions without any distribution fees. Attached is a CFC Special Solicitation FAQ.*

If you are able, please consider a pledge to assist the needs of our Pallotti Community. Our CFC Number is 99624. On behalf of the young men and women of Pallotti, thank you for your support.

We pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy, St. Vincent Pallotti, pray for us

School News

Join us in prayer during school days on Pallotti's [Facebook page](#) as Ms. Haning live streams prayer of the examen. The examen is a method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola in which we reflect on our day, noticing moments of consolation and desolation, with the goal of coming to recognize the ways that God is working in our lives. Join us at 12:00pm every weekday where distance learning is in session.

Pallotti music instructors **Mrs. Beth Davis** and **Ms. Kelli Young** were part of a Virtual Musical Ensemble recently. [Video](#)

View Ms. Long's Outstanding Artwork of the Week: [slideshow](#)

Happy birthday to freshman **Jace Wiggins** who celebrated his big day with a Pallotti themed cake! [Photos](#)

Senior **Donovan Thomas** has been awarded the Laurel Art Guild Scholarship which includes a monetary award and a feature in this month's LAG newsletter. Congratulations to Donovan!

Senior **Nathaniel Olsen** was awarded an Excellence in Education scholarship by the City of Bowie. These competitive scholarships are selected from graduating high school seniors that live in the City of Bowie. The criteria evaluated include an essay, academic record, recommendations, and extracurricular service and activities. Congratulations to Nate!

Senior **Bella Lourenco** has used her time away from school to learn the ukulele. [Video](#)

Mr. Rheam and **Andy Rheam** celebrated [May the Fourth](#) and [Revenge of the Fifth](#) with a special message to their students.

Pallotti's Model UN held their final meeting for the school year virtually this week. Graduating senior **Marie Sesay**, this year's Secretary General turned over her office to new SG, **Landamun Kaspa**. Awards were handed out as well:

Honorable Mention - **Jace Wiggins** and **Emma Pietrykowski**

Outstanding Delegate - **Ariel Wise**

Best Delegate and an engraved gavel - **Gabrielle Hendricks**

Senior **Janae King** has been collecting canned food to send to Laurel's Elizabeth House with a goal of 2,020 items collected in honor of her graduating class. [Photo](#)

Mr. Mike Tenney shares his creative ways of reaching his students through distance learning, as well as Pallotti's unique technical resources, on the Kyle Heimann show. [Link](#)

National Honor Society Induction

On May 5, 2020, St. Vincent Pallotti High School held a virtual ceremony to induct our newest **National Honor Society** members. Even though we could not all be physically present, our faculty, students and families all joined to celebrate while each student was inducted. These students were chosen for their achievements of the four pillars of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. Congratulations to our newest NHS members on a job well done.



Lola Adeyemo



Ademide Adeyemo



Lily Allepot



Diego Avalos



Zoe Babb



Stella Barrie



Malea
Burroughs



Mia Gonzales-
Jackson



Alexandria
Horne



Anika
Kumwembe



Anna Page
Lancaster



Jialei (Lisa) Lu



Alexis Norwood



Chiso Obichere



Tommy Olagoke-
Bello



Precious
Onyenwe



Angel
Oparaocha



Josiah Pautrat



Logan Skovron



Michael Trigiani



Makenna White



Ariel Wise



Skylia Day



Nick Murray



Anna Pham



Dallas Sherod



Jasmine Tickle

2020 French Honor Society Inductees



Alicia Debra

Kaila Ruffin

Stella Barrie

Christy Desormice

Jasmine Tickle

Makayla Waleed

Symone Williams

2020 Spanish Honor Society Inductees



Ademide Adeyemo

Zoe Babb

Anika Kumwembe

Anna Page Lancaster

Delaina Callaway

Cayla Jarvis

Bella Lourenco



Tudor Lungu

Nya Moore

Bobby Whiteside



2020 Latin Honor Society Inductee



Max Bagileo

2020 Chinese Honor Society Inductees



In keeping with tradition, Pallotti held an induction ceremony for students who have excelled in the pursuit of foreign language excellence. From appreciation for different cultures to fluency in speaking, reading and writing, a total of 20 students were inducted into four different **National Honor Societies for Languages**, including for the first time the Pallotti Chapter of the National Chinese Honor Society. Although the induction was held virtually, our faculty, students and families enjoyed an evening of recognition for these 20 students. Congratulations to our inductees.

College Corner

Please email your students' college acceptances and commitment to rduckworth@pallottihs.org to be featured in our College Corner

Join us in a virtual celebration of Pallotti's Class of 2020 on our [Facebook page](#) as we share our seniors, their college commitments and their declared majors.

Toyin Ajayi | Psychology/Dance
Christopher Beasley | Old Dominion University | Business IT
Anthony Blunt | University of Massachusetts | Architecture
Drake Bravo | Frostburg State University | Computer Science
Jasmine Dean | Towson University | Biology
Osei Dixon | University of Massachusetts
Paige Dixon | Prairie View A&M University | Finance
Dominic Gambogi | UMBC | Computer Science
Christian Glast | Bowie State University
Tayler Faison | Hampton University | 5-Year MBA Program
Janina Hall | Monmouth University | Sports Management
Kaylen Hurst | AACC | Music Therapy
Kayla Lee | Hood College | Bio/Pre-Med
Tudor Lungu | College of Wooster | Neuroscience and Art
Christian Mackey | Bio/Pre-Med
Matthew Merritt | Quinnipiac University | Computer Science
Michael Merritt | Quinnipiac University | Computer Science
Madison Miller | Bowie State University | Sociology and Psychology
Sage Mocko | Mary Baldwin University | Theatre
Mason Moses | Chowan University | Sports Psychology
Ugo Okoro | Towson University | Psychology/Pre-Med
Nate Olsen | Coastal Carolina University | Marie Science
Elijah Oshinnaiye | NYU Tisch | Acting/Journalism
Kamylin Padgham | University of Delaware | Fashion Merchandising
Marie Sesay | Temple University | Bio Chem/Pre-Med
Larri Sydnor | Norfolk State University | Fine Arts and Graphic Design
Donovan Thomas | Full Sail University | Video Game Design
Jasmine Valentine | Drexel University | Electrical Engineering
Laura Van Pate | Community College of Baltimore County | Journalism
Shaelyn Yermal | University of Mount Olive | Biology

Panther Athletics

Next week, the Athletic Department will be highlighting each of our spring season senior athletes on the athletics [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. If you haven't already joined our social media, please do!

Senior Day is a long standing tradition that our senior athletes look forward to at the final home game of their season. Unfortunately, we were unable to celebrate in person this season, but we will be recognizing each of them virtually beginning Monday, May 11. So, check out our social media pages and join us in celebrating all our spring sport seniors!" On one of those days, there will be a little something extra included for *all* of our senior athletes. J You won't want to miss it.

We want to thank Pallotti alum, **Carolyn Correa '10**, for working with the athletic department to make this special recognition possible.

From the Parent Guild

Dear Pallotti Family,

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. On behalf of the Parent Guild, thank you to all the Pallotti teachers for what you do to support our children every day. Now more than ever, we see the hard work and dedication you have for providing our students with their best high school experience possible.

As we continue distance learning, please continue to share your students' stories, pictures, and videos with us to post on social media. We received wonderful feedback from current families and alumni thanking us for sharing our students' stories and seniors' happy news. For some, these are the uplifting stories they wanted to hear to help boost spirits.

If you would like to participate in our social media, please send **Rachel Podorski** (RPodorski@pallottihs.org) your announcements and she will post a few a day on Pallotti's Official Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Announcements should **include permission to post your child's name as you would like it to appear**.

The Pallotti Parent Guild, 2019-2020

President - Adele Merritt

Vice President - Lisa Luksic

Secretary - Lauren Cummings
Treasurer - Greg Smith

Hospitality Chairperson - Jenny Dobbin
Book Chairperson - Pam Timus
Used Uniforms Chairperson - MJ Bagileo
Mentor Chairperson - Cherri Holland

Alumni News

The **Classes of 1989 and 1990** are holding their 31 & 30 year reunion at the Pallotti Crab Feast this fall, tentatively set for Saturday, September 19, 2020. Email **Michelle Ritchie Mattear '90** (michelle.mattear@gmail.com) or **Kelly Hoff Ruddo '89** (kellyruddo@occinc.com) or look out from communications from Pallotti with ticket prices and more info.

The **Class of 1970** has postponed their reunion, originally set for September 12, 2020, due to health and safety concerns. Look out for emails announcing its new date.

Please pray for Pallotti alumni **Patsy Quinn Hek '70** and **Gary Garland '87** who both tragically passed away this spring.

Kelsey Walker Jordan '06 and husband Matt welcomed baby Macklin in April! Macklin is grandbaby of alumna and former Pallotti teacher **Harrian O'Rourke Walker '71** and former Pallotti Dean of Students and coach, **Steve Walker**. Congratulations to the whole family!

Mary Clare Neisess '18 was one of 10 college students selected to receive the RSM US Foundation's national scholarship of \$10,000 as well as an invitation to RSM's competitive Pathways Summer Leadership Program. Mary Clare is currently pursuing a Business degree at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Gil Otoo '19 has committed to attend Trinity College where he will continue his basketball career. Congratulations to Gil!

[St. Vincent Pallotti High School Alumni Association](#)

In the Community

The City of Laurel is celebrating 150 years as an incorporated city with events all year. Check out their [Facebook](#) for more information.

Resources for attending virtual mass all around the world can be found [here](#).

Information on SAT Prep classes can be found [here](#).

Prince George's County Youth Work [Summer Enrichment Program](#) for students

The Rockville Catholic Summer program is looking for students to hire this summer. [More info](#)