

## Fall 2021 Alumni News Saint Raphael Academy



The 2021-2022 school year is off and running, with the theme "**We Rise.. by lifting others.**" Students and faculty are back to campus full-time, in person. Masks are required in all school buildings at all times, but students can take mask breaks as they walk between buildings and outside.

### New faculty for the 21-22 school year

Ms. Anissa Amarillas (mathematics), Ms. Ariana Barbosa '12 (Benilde Director), Ms. Olena Bolila (technology), Ms. Diana Doorley (social studies), Ms. Viola Lohsen (theology), Mr. James Moran (mathematics), Sr. Lisa Palazzo SSD (theology), Ms. Emily Spinello (science)

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## The Mills Family Student Center gives new life to former library

A bright new addition to the St. Raphael Academy buildings



This month Saint Raphael Academy unveiled a complete renovation of the former media center in the White Building, the Academy's original school building when Saints first opened its doors in 1924.

The renovations were made possible with a generous donation from **Richard and Demi Mills**, both former students in the 1980s. Read the full story [HERE...](#)

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**Capital Campaign near goal as it goes public**

SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY

# 100 THE NEXT Years

BUILDING ON FAITH, SERVICE AND  
COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY



On Friday, September 24, St. Raphael Academy celebrated the official public launch of its centennial Capital Campaign.

The evening began with a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception under a tent outside the White Building, followed by a speaking program in the Coutu Theater. At the kickoff event, the Academy revealed that the silent phase of this campaign has nearly met its goal of \$5 million, with donors committing to more than \$4.66 million.

**Read More [HERE:](#)**

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**20 years later we  
remember and honor  
Shawn Nassaney '94**



September 11 marked the 20th anniversary of the tragic attacks on our country and the loss of an amazing alum and a friend to so many, Shawn Nassaney '94.

Many members of our school community participated in the Shawn Nassaney run/walk, including Principal Dan Richard, other faculty members and the SRA cross country teams.

This year marked the 21st run/walk that has been hosted at Bryant University by the Shawn M. Nassaney Foundation.

For more information about the foundation and Shawn's story please visit: <http://www.shawnmnassaney.org/>



## Reunions

**THE CLASS of 1971** is planning a 50+1 reunion. The event will take place **May 2022**. If you or someone you know is a part of the Class of 1971 encourage them to stay in touch for all details.

If you would like to plan a reunion, or even a casual class gathering, please contact: [Aimee Tortolano](#).

## Alumni Hall of Fame Date Set



Next Hall of Fame Ceremony is on April 2, 2022; nominations sought for the next class

**FOR FULL DETAILS, follow this [LINK](#).**

## First Athletic Hall of Fame off and running

Saints is excited to announce its first Athletic Hall of Fame. Please stay tuned for more details of the event, including the date. If you would like to read more about the Athletic Hall of Fame, click the link below.

If you would like to nominate a coach, athlete or supporter of Saints athletics, check out the link:



## 31st Annual SRA Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

Honoring Tracey Gear and The Tracey Family

**May 9, 2022**

**Pawtucket Country Club  
900 Armistice Blvd.  
Pawtucket, RI 02860**



## Meet the Alumni Board

The Alumni Board meets once a month to discuss fundraising events and other activities for the betterment of SRA. If you would like more information about the alumni board or the sponsored events, please contact [alumniboard@saintrays.org](mailto:alumniboard@saintrays.org).

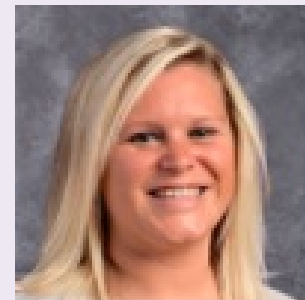
In each of our newsletters we highlight a few members of our Alumni Board.

**Keri Kozlowski '01**  
(alumni board secretary)

Graduated from Providence College with a BA in psychology and Rhode Island College '08 with C.A.G.S in psychology. She is currently employed as a school psychologist at Seekonk High School as well as a volleyball and softball coach.

When asked "Why do you serve on the alumni board?" Keri states, " I enjoyed my 4 years at Saints and wanted to help others remain connected, as well as help current students."

Keri says the best things about being a Saints alum are the memories, relationships and connections she has with other alumni.



**Josean Vega '01**  
(alumni board treasurer)

Josean graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in economics and he later received his MBA from Suffolk University.

He has worked in the wealth management space and is currently employed as a Portfolio Manager at Bank of America Private Wealth Management. Josean is also a Division I college basketball referee.

When asked why he serves on the alumni board he says, "I want to make sure each student has the same opportunity I had. And networking with others that have the same ambitions that I have."

What is the best thing about being a Saints alumnus? "Being part of something special. Being able to wear purple and gold proudly."



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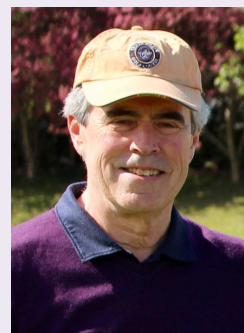
## The Ray Gannon '69 Memorial Scholarship

Raymond M. Gannon, Jr. '69 was a faithful alum and a participant in the SRA Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. Mr. Gannon unexpectedly passed in January 2020.

The Ray Gannon '69 Memorial Scholarship was established by Ray's widow Susan, along with SRA classmate and lifelong friend Ray Gorman '69, to offer young men and women help in reaching their potential through a Saints education.

To donate, please follow [this link](#) and add a note that it is for the Ray Gannon '69 Scholarship. Checks may be mailed to the Advancement Office, ATTN: Ray Gannon Scholarship, 123 Walcott St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

If you have any questions, contact Mary Alexandre at 401-723-8100, x120



We remember those that have gone before us and live in our hearts forever. Let us pray.

**Rev. Ronald Brassard '64**  
**Mr. John Burns '79**  
**Mr. Francis Dietz '57**  
**Br. William J. Kemmerer, F.S.C**  
**Mr. Denis Lefebvre '64**  
**Mr. Charles Miller '65**  
**Mr. Robert Phaneuf '48**  
**Dr. Jeffrey Rizzolo Jr.**  
**Mr. Michael Rogers '50**  
**Mr. John St. Jacques '81**  
**Mr. Stephen Wallace '66**



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