And the Winner is...Spellman!

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from Baychester Avenue! Spring is coming and the Bronx is getting ready to burst forth with new life. Soon, ice and snow will melt, days will become longer, and trees will be in bloom. New life will break out all around us as we celebrate Easter. What a beautiful way for nature to remind us of the Resurrection!

New initiatives and new opportunities are also blooming at Spellman. The Girls’ Lacrosse Program will expand to include a JV team for the first time in Spellman’s history. We have started an E-Sports League, in which our students will compete in electronic gaming both on an intramural level and an interscholastic level. We will hold a President’s Dinner to exclusively support financial aid for families in need. Our seniors will finalize their commitments to various colleges and universities. The Long Range Strategic Plan will be finalized, and 15 Spellman students will receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the Mercedes and Rafael Collado Memorial Chapel.

All of these initiatives would not be possible without the efforts of the entire Spellman community. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, benefactors, and friends work together to promote excellence in education, a commitment to extracurricular activities, and faithfulness to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I have said this countless times, but it bears repeating: something amazing happens to the young men and women who spend their high school years at Spellman. They graduate knowing how to learn, how to lead, and how to pray. Our recruitment literature that is sent to prospective students reiterates this with the motto: “Where boys and girls with dreams become men and women of vision.” This is not just a tag line. It is who we are and what we do, every day.

As you read through this issue, reflect upon all of the wonderful opportunities that Spellman offers. None of this would be possible without the support of our benefactors. Thank you to all who share their time, talent, and treasures with Spellman.

You truly make a difference.

God bless,

Dan O’Keefe
President and Principal
BOARD MEMBERS STEP DOWN
THANK YOU TO THREE INCREDIBLE MEN FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cardinal Spellman High School became an independent high school, no longer administrated by the Archdiocese of New York since 10 years ago. Upon becoming independent, a Board of Trustees was formed to guide the school in all matters of finance and leadership. Three outstanding members of the Spellman Family have served on that Board and have recently stepped down. We thank these men for their 10 years of service to the Cardinal Spellman High School Board of Trustees.

WE RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING TRUSTEES FOR THEIR EFFORTS:

MR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, ESQ. ’69
for his many contributions to Cardinal Spellman High School in the field of law, as a distinguished professional, a generous philanthropist and for consistently demonstrating his faith in the school by generously contributing to the Annual Fund and other resources to benefit all of the school’s students.

MR. JOHN FUNIVIO ’74
for his many contributions to Cardinal Spellman High School in the fields of business and accounting. John’s tireless efforts as one of the founding board members of the school are appreciated. John’s generous spirit was evident not just in his work with the board of trustees but also as a faithful and consistent donor to Cardinal Spellman High School.

BROTHER TYRONE DAVIS, CFC
for his many contributions in the field of theology and consistently contributing to the S.O.S. Scholarship Fund. He exemplifies the high quality of a Catholic education through his wide-ranging professional achievements, including his success as a fundraiser, community service leader, and particularly for his leadership of the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship.

These men spent countless hours sharing their expertise in everything from accounting to legal proceedings to theology. Their wisdom, energy, and enthusiasm were a blessing to our Board.

The Cardinal Spellman community has embarked on a journey of discovery as we come together to plan for the future of the school. Beginning in the summer of 2019, a Long Range Strategic Planning Committee was established to look into the long-term needs and goals of the school community.

A diverse field of volunteers with varying areas of expertise are working on reviewing several key areas of school life: Academics, Athletics, Faculty, Physical Plant, Catholic Identity, Student Life, Advancement, Governance, Technology, Finance, Enrollment, and Marketing.

The process continues this spring when the committees will come together with their reports for a two day retreat. This retreat will offer us the opportunity to draft action plans. The action plans will serve as a template for Spellman’s future, guiding our steps as we make our way into the next decade.

That project will go hand-in-hand with our financial planning. The future for Spellman is bright. There are endless opportunities for school improvement.

The team working on the Long Range Strategic Plan is a combination of various stakeholders, including alumni, parents, teachers, administrators, administrative staff, and maintenance.
MARY ANN TIGHE HONORED AT THE 74TH ANNUAL ALFRED E. SMITH DINNER

The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, commonly known as the Al Smith Dinner, is an annual white tie dinner in New York City. This event helps to raise funds for Catholic Charities supporting children of various needs in the Archdiocese of New York. Each year the Foundation carries on the tradition of the “Happy Warrior” Award by recognizing an individual who exemplifies the character and values of Alfred E. Smith, who was known as “The Happy Warrior” for his ability to maintain a positive disposition even as he tackled the most pressing social issues of his day. This year, the Happy Warrior Award was presented to Mary Ann Tighe ’66. Mary Ann receiving this honor is historic; she is the first woman ever to be honored. Congratulations Mary Ann Tighe ’66!

J2 SCHOLARSHIP

This past fall, John Ambroseo ’79 and his wife Jeanette met with over 90 Spellman students who received scholarships from the J2 Foundation. The J2 Foundation was established by the Ambroseos because they are passionate about making education accessible to all students. This fund helps pay tuition for top students who might not have been able to continue their Spellman education due to finances.

J2 Scholars are some of Spellman’s best and brightest students. They are involved in our sports teams, after school activities, and community service. They are wonderful representatives of the Spellman spirit. John and Jeanette’s generosity has made a difference in their lives. The Ambroseos are hopeful that each J2 Scholar will make the same commitment to helping others as they achieve success in their own careers.

A key component of this program is that the Ambroseos would like to see a pledge match for each J2 Scholar. The challenge goes out to the entire Spellman community to support this program, making a difference, one student at a time.

All donations to the J2 Foundation can be made out to Cardinal Spellman High School and sent to the Alumni/Advancement Office.

23RD ANNUAL ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS & BRUNCH

Continuing one of our most beautiful traditions, this past fall Spellman organized its 23rd Annual Alumni Memorial Mass and Brunch. Members of the Spellman community returned to the school to celebrate the lives of our fellow Spellmanites and family members who have gone before us into eternal rest. Father Peter Fulmer celebrated the Mass in the Mercedes & Rafael Collado Memorial Chapel. The angelic Gospel Sensations, under the direction of Mila Bello ’00, provided marvelous music. Immediately following the Mass, the Cardinal Spellman High School Alumni Office hosted a brunch in the cafeteria for all attendees. Thank you all who attended this event.

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Thanks to months of hard work by the reunion committee, the class of 1969 had a great turnout when over 100 alumni returned to Cardinal Spellman High School to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. The event began with an evening Mass in the Mercedes and Rafael Collado Memorial Chapel. Following the Mass, Nick Mancini '10 and Posto 22 provided cocktails and appetizers, as well as a fabulous atmosphere in the beautifully transformed cafeteria. Ken Conicelli '69 provided music that brought back fond memories of everyone’s time at Spellman, while guests reminisced and took the time to browse at a memorabilia table and a special memorial display of class members that are no longer with us. The combined reunion committee worked effortlessly to make sure everything went smoothly, and by the looks of it and all the positive feedback, everyone had an impressive time!

This past November, a few alumni from the Cardinal Spellman High School's class of 1964 returned to celebrate their 55th Anniversary reunion. The alums gathered in the Cardinal's Room for a late lunch. Terry McCormack '63, affectionately known as “Mr. Spellman”, joined the alums and all enjoyed telling stories of their years at Spellman. The afternoon included a tour of the school given by a student and concluded with Mass in the chapel. Everyone enjoyed their visit!

This past fall, the class of 1974 held their 45th Anniversary Reunion at Fairways at Dunwoodie in Yonkers. More than 60 guests enjoyed a night of dining, dancing and reminiscing of their good times at Spellman. A beautiful memorial table was created for 30 deceased classmates as well as a wonderful table filled with mementos from the class during their years at the school. The party continued after at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Yonkers. Ever since their 35th reunion, this class tries to get together every year since they feel that waiting 5 years to reunite was too long, and they want to enjoy spending time with each other as much as they can. More of them have become friends throughout the years, even though they might have not been friends back in high school.

In a night that they will never forget, the class of 1979 gathered at the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle to celebrate their 40th Anniversary Reunion. Over 100 classmates were in attendance thanks to the hard work of Phyllis Bucci, Jeannie Connolly and other reunion planning committee members who worked effortlessly to make their reunion a great success. Everyone had an amazing time!

REUNITED AND IT FELT SO GOOD!

Classes joyfully returned to Spellman to celebrate their anniversary. The classes of 1984, 1989, 2004, 2009 and 2014 returned on Saturday, November 16th and met up on both sides of the cafeteria which was converted into a disco/lounge. Each class enjoyed amazing food catered by Gemelli’s and Posto 22, and took advantage of the photo booth and school tours given by current students. They danced to great music provided by two separate D.J.s, one of which is our alum, Stephen Sanchez ’10. Everyone had a great time!

CLASS OF 1994 CELEBRATES 25TH REUNION

This past October, the class of 1994 held their 25th reunion at Cardinal Spellman High School. Reunion representatives, Jackie Blandon-Zinser and Dacia Wyatt, worked non-stop on their reunion to make it a successful one. It was a great turnout and many got the chance to look back on their time at Spellman. From seeing friends that are like family, dancing and reminiscing, taking pictures, and touring the school, it was as if time had never passed. They are looking forward to making their 30th reunion even bigger and better.

CLASS OF 1999 CELEBRATES 20TH REUNION

The class of 1999 celebrated their 20th reunion this past fall at the Katra Lounge in NYC. Twenty years of memories were shared with friends. Several classmates made the trip from out of town to join their local counterparts. Class of ’99s own Fatou “DJ NYLA” Sampson was on the turntables and spun 90’s classics while the class danced the night away. Amazing food, cocktails and music set the tone for creating an evening full of new memories. The event was organized by Zekeena Belton ’99 and Jenna Herche ’99 who look forward to planning another one in five years.
You are Cordially Invited to Attend

ALUMNI CAREER DAY
Thursday, April 23, 2020

All alumni are invited to participate in Alumni Career Day. Meet with sophomore and junior students who are eager to hear your advice on career opportunities, choosing a college or university, and job satisfaction. Your comments can open the minds of our students and create a vision that will encourage Cardinal Spellman students to achieve academically and professionally.

Sign up today at
www.cardinalspellman.org/careerday

Career Day Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Alumni arrive and set up in the gymnasium. A table is provided for each participant. Complimentary breakfast is served in the cafeteria.
9:00 a.m. Student assembly and keynote addresses in the Mary Ann Payne Robertson Auditorium
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Career Fair in Gymnasium
11:30 a.m. Students are dismissed
11:45 a.m. Alumni are invited to join the faculty for complimentary lunch in the cafeteria

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020
Leewood Golf Club | Eastchester, New York
Cost Per Person $375 | Dinner Only Price $150
Tickets & Sponsorship Packages available online:
www.cardinalspellman.org/golfouting

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ANNUAL ALUMNI GATHERING IN FLORIDA!
THREE SPECIAL EVENTS: GOLF NEAR TAMPA, YANKEE SPRING TRAINING, AND DINNER IN NAPLES

Cheval Golf Club
in Lutz, FL
Thursday, February 27, 2020
12 Noon
$30 – includes 18 holes of golf and cart

Spring Training Game:
New York Yankees vs.
Detroit Tigers
George Steinbrenner Field
in Tampa, FL
Saturday, February 29, 2020
1:00 PM
$75 – includes reserved seating in the Club Section, unlimited buffet of ballpark snacks, water, unlimited tap beer and soft drinks.

Dinner in Naples
Shula’s Steakhouse
Monday, March 2, 2020
6:00 PM
$40

Registration available on line at www.cardinalspellman.org/florida
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Dine-Out Night!!!
Three delicious options to help raise money & show your school pride!

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 | 4:00PM – 10:00PM
Come Join Us At

Posto 22
Restaurant
22 Division Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Gemelli
Pizzeria
752 North Ave
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Westchester
Taco Grill
712 North Ave
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Make sure to mention Cardinal Spellman to your server and the school will receive a portion from all orders!* 

Cardinal Spellman High School’s Alumni Association Presents
TASTE
of the Bronx/Westchester
FOOD...FUN...FAMILY...FUNDRAISING!

Tuesday, April 21, 2020
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Spellman’s Chirico Dining Hall
Parking available in the Spellman Int/Baychester Avenue; enter building through the Bronze Doors.

Experience cuisine from local restaurants and caterers, as well as raffles to benefit the Sal Schiazza Scholarship Fund.

TICKETS: Tickets include food samples and water; cash bar available.
ADULTS: $20 STUDENTS/CHILDREN: $10

Purchase at door or online: www.cardinals Spellman.org/taste

*This promotion cannot be combined with a gift card or any other discount.
Cardinal Spellman High School is pleased to announce the recipients of the John F. Ward ’66 Vietnam Veteran Patriot Award for 2020. The $5,000 annual scholarship, based on an essay competition, Duty: God, Honor and Country, has been awarded to John Berenguer and Ciara Felix. The scholarship has been made possible from a generous donor in memory of his friend, P.F.C. John F. Ward. After graduating from Cardinal Spellman in 1966, John Francis Ward attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and was designated ‘1 Bravo 40’ light weapons infantry. He then completed Advanced Individual Training in infantry tactics and advanced weaponry, and arrived in Vietnam in early July 1969. P.F.C. Ward was killed during nighttime combat operations in Vietnam on October 6, 2020, 25 days before his 21st birthday.

John Berenguer graduated from St. Joseph Elementary School in the Bronx. At Spellman, he is a member of the Gospel Choir and has received First Honors and the Diamond S Award for maintaining a 90 average for three years. Last year, John helped bring in over one million dollars to Spellman through the Spellman Annual Fund.

Ciara Felix attended the Bronx New School, and is a member of the Photography Club, Film Club, Service Society, Robotics Club and Hellenic Cultural Society. She has also participated in the Drama Monologue and Shakespeare Monologue Competitions. Ciara has received both first and second honors, and hopes to attend Penn State and major in Physics. Her grandfather served in the military.

Cardinal Spellman High School recognized over 400 students for their academic achievements from the 2018-2019 school year at Honors Night on October 3, 2019 and an honors assembly the following morning. The evening program began with a prayer offered by Fr. Peter Pilsner, Director of Spiritual Activities. Mr. Daniel O’Keefe, President and Principal of Spellman then addressed those in attendance, telling the students that they are role models for the entire school, saying, “We are proud of you, and you make us proud of Spellman” and that “This is a giant step on the way to fulfilling your vision.”

The school also presented twenty-four members of the Class of 2020 with the Diamond “S” Award. They join the 1,024 other Diamond S Recipients. The highest ranked students in each class were also recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements during the 2018-2019 academic year. The top three students of the Class of 2020 were Ethan Butler, Soraya Morales and Tiffany Cruz, Katelyn Castillo. Not Pictured: Gabrielle Rosales.


Cardinal Spellman High School earned the distinction of being a WISE Blue Star School for our students’ outstanding performance on the 2018-2019 WISE Financial Literacy Certification Test. Congratulations to Mr. John Schoenborn who also earned honors as being named a WISE Gold Star Teacher for his work preparing our students to become financially literate!
CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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For more information about the program and how to apply, please visit www.cardinalspellmanpep.com.

STUDENT STORIES

CS1 MAKES ITS DEBUT

The Video Club has been a mainstay of Cardinal Spellman for many years. This past summer, the studio space where the club meets and develops much of its media was renovated and is now a functional broadcasting space able to transmit to various social media platforms including YouTube. With this ability, Spellman will be able to live cast varsity games, special events, and more. In addition, the newly renovated CS1 (Cardinal's Studio One) will offer a live news program starting September 7, 2020 on YouTube. The program will feature news and interviews with Pilots present and past. Please take a moment to subscribe on YouTube - Cardinal Spellman Bronx.

Get a SS CS1 mug while supplies last. Contact jdrew@cardinalspellman.org

SPELLMAN’S YOUNG ALUMNI PANEL SHARES WISDOM WITH THE CLASS OF 2020

For the past couple of years, alumni that are currently in college have visited to address the current senior class. Ms. Anne-Marie Norberto ’82, Assistant Director of Guidance, has been the driving force behind this effort joining seven great alums that shared advice and tips on how to flourish at the next level. Panel speakers included Samantha Justiniano ’18, Nicholas Kirrane ’18, Christa Matta ’15, Madison Reyes ’19, Margaret Sanchez ’18, Arianna Soriano ’16, and Isaac Yearwood ’18. The panel spoke openly with the Spellman Class of 2020 with truth and understanding about adjusting to the academic rigor of college, maintaining a moral compass in a new social setting and even how one’s spiritually plays a major role. The seniors were engaged and asked really good questions. These young alumni were received very well.

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Left to Right: Student Government Executive Committee with Spellman Administrators: Maria Piri ’82 and Kyle O’Donnell (Assistant Principals), Cristina Rosado (Student Government Moderator) Yelenis Torres, Raven Garcia, Bianca Binns, Obiora Okeke (President), Rosaly Gutierrez (Vice-President), Talia White, Renae Kyereme, Shakirah Silverberg, Mr. Daniel O’Keefe (School President and Principal), and Collin Smith ’94 (Assistant Principal)
STUDENT STORIES

SALT

The Cardinal Spellman Senior Class once again had the opportunity to participate in an adventure training: the third annual SALT (Spellman Adventure Leadership Training) experience took place in October of 2019. Twenty senior men and women spent three days at Princeton-Blairstown Center in Warren County, N.J.

Adventure training included several different ropes course that helped our young leaders to overcome their fears and learn to work as a team. The students also experienced a climbing wall, ridges, night hiking, and a campfire. The journey ended with a backpacking trip which included an overnight stay in tents in the wilderness.

The Class of 2020 is putting these lessons to good use as they bring back to Spellman the lessons of leadership they learned from Princeton.

BATMAN AT 80 PANEL

Members of the Comic Book Club and CS1 (Cardinal’s Studio One) recently traveled to the Sheen Center to watch a panel discussion on the 80th anniversary of Batman. The discussion focused on Batman’s faith in God as he struggles to fight crime in a world with characters that may make one question his or her faith. A Q&A session followed and two of our current students, Christopher Frater and Gianna Capriglione participated.

OUR PILOTS TAKE THE POLAR PLUNGE

Some of our brave Spellman students took a dip in the Long Island Sound on a chilly 40 degree day to support the athletes of the Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge was held this past November at Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle to raise money for New York athletes in the Special Olympics. Spellmanites were challenged and rose to the occasion! Students, along with the contributions of teachers, staff and parents raised $1,700.

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT:

MR. JOHN DIPELERO, ’74

Mr. John DiPalermo, ’74, has been teaching at Cardinal Spellman High School since the fall of 1980. For 40 years, his wisdom, his gentle smile, and his brilliant sense of humor have been a blessing to the English Department.

Mr. DiPalermo graduated from Iona College with a degree in Communications in 1978. As a member of the English Department, Mr. Di (as he is affectionately known) has taught at every level. He is an expert at bringing to life every type of literature, especially Hamlet for his students. In addition, he has taught elective courses, such as Media Studies and Television Production and moderated the award-winning Spellman news program for the Archdiocesan Television Network. Notably, he was the pitcher of the faculty softball team that almost went undefeated in every match up against the seniors.

Perhaps Mr. D is best remembered for all that he does to make the annual Senior Prom a success. Almost every graduate fondly remembers their prom, but few realize just how much effort goes into planning such an event. Each year, Mr. D has worked on setting up the catering hall, menu, music, photography, and seating for over 400 people.

Cardinal Spellman High School offers a special thank you to Mr. DiPalermo and wishes him many more happy years at Spellman.

John DiPalermo with his late mother, Phyllis DiPalermo and father, John DiPalermo, Sr. at the 2017 CSHS Homecoming where he was honored.

HYDROPONICS

The 4G Club is continuing to have a profound impact on the Cardinal Spellman community by using innovative methods to grow a variety of lettuces (Swiss chard, rainbow lettuce) and tomatoes via hydroponic and aquaponic gardening, in addition to maintaining the traditional garden that resides in the school’s courtyard. Each week the club meets to:

- Maintain the water PH levels of hydroponic and aquaponic tanks
- Clean tanks and add pebbles and seashells for filtration
- Feed fish and frogs and check settings on automatic feeder
- Use fish and frog secretions to make compost
- Trim plants and clean algae
- Add UVB light to tanks growing carnations and marigolds
- Set-up and/or reuse rockwool (stonewool) cubes to germinate seeds and root cuttings

These methods ensure that the efforts of the 4G Club become fully integrated within the Spellman curricula, as well as guarantee the overall mission of the club itself, which is to promote sustainable gardening and healthier eating throughout the Bronx.
THANKSGIVING YOUNG ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS & BRUNCH

Thanksgiving kick starts the festive holiday season, where spending time with family and friends are of utmost priority. Each year, Spellman invites alumni from the past five years to celebrate the Annual Thanksgiving Mass with their former classmates and teachers. Immediately following Mass, alumni and faculty have the opportunity to reconnect with one another over light refreshments served in the cafeteria. It is a beautiful event, enabling the Spellman community to continue to flourish.

NEWS 12 SPIRIT COMPETITION

Mid-October is the season for school spirit and the News 12 Spirit Competition is one of the vehicles that Spellman uses to express the pride and joy that enudes the hallways at this prestigious institution. Spellman was visited by News 12 The Bronx’s anchor, Kurt Semder, and the Class of 2023 had the opportunity to display their Freshman Field Day pride. Students spoke eloquently about why they love the school and how much being a Spellmanite means to them. Spellman earned the Week Three Trophy garnering over 10,000 votes as best high school in New York City!

To watch the video clip, please visit: http://www.news12.com/story/4190669/school-spirit-showdown-cardinal-spellman-high-school.

PEP RALLY

The annual pep rally is a day in which the highest level of school spirit is exemplified. Members of various sports teams were introduced to the crowd of onlookers in the gym as the Band, Cheerleaders, Flag Corps and Twirlers put on some of their best performances. The red and white t-shirts and festively made-up faces were accompanied by the vigorous cheers and screams that echoed throughout the halls all the way down Needham Avenue!
SPELLMAN’S MARCHING BAND RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Representatives from all of the marching units gathered at McNally Amphitheater at Fordham University. At this event, the New York St. Patrick’s Day Parade organizers named the Best in Formation Award winners from the 2019 march up Fifth Avenue. According to the Irish Echo, “there were so many good marching groups the judges had a hard time deciding the winner.” Nevertheless, they managed to name the winners.

The Cardinal Spellman High School Marching Band was presented First Place of all marching schools!

“The winners represent a wonderful cross section of groups that are committed to continuing this tradition that has been going strong since 1762,” said a parade release. The Spellman community is extremely proud of our marching unit which is made up of the band, cheerleaders, twirlers and flag corps. A special congratulations to Mr. John Johnson, our Marching Band Director!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to John P. McCarrick ’71 on being honored as Grand Marshal for the 2020 Throggs Neck St. Patrick’s Day Parade!
ASHLEY BRADLEY ’99 has made quite a name for herself in the entertainment industry. Known more widely as “A.C. Bradley”, she currently is an Executive Producer and Head Writer for Marvel’s What If, which is slated to premier on Disney+ in 2021. Notably, prior to this, Ashley wrote on Guillermo del Toro’s Trollhunters, which she won a Daytime Emmy Award in 2018 for Outstanding Writing in an Animated Program. She also wrote for 3Below. Both shows can be streamed on Netflix. These shows center on lives of high school students and Ashley contributes much of her writing to this, Ashley wrote on Guillermo del Toro’s Trollhunters, which she won a Daytime Emmy Award in 2018 for Outstanding Writing in an Animated Program. She also wrote for 3Below. Both shows can be streamed on Netflix.

IN MEMORIAM

William Anderson, Jr., Class of 2021, passed away on November 18, 2019. He was a wonderful son, brother, nephew, and friend. The entire Spellman community mourns his loss.

William was a junior at Cardinal Spellman, the school he always dreamed of attending, just like his older sister, Leah Anderson, ’17. He was a member of the Cross Country Team, the Track and Field Team, and the Lacrosse team. He touched the lives of all who knew him whether it was in the classroom or on the field.

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Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of William and keep the Anderson Family in your prayers.
CROSS COUNTRY
RECORDS

A special thank you to Mr. William Henry '66 for updating the Cross Country Archives for Cardinal Spellman High School. Mr. Henry saw the all-time record holders list in our last issue and asked to include several runners whose records were not in the archives.

We are proud to add to our all-time Cross Country records the following runners:

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Girls’ TRACK TEAM

The Cardinal Spellman freshmen girls track team kicked off their season on a high note. The Pilots relay of Taylor Rogers, Janelle Cadle, Arianna Soto, and Kyla Warren finished in the top 5 out of 20 schools at the CHSAA Relay Carnival on December 14th, 2019. The girls ran very competitively and strong. The team is looking forward to continuing to score and improve their current performances as the season continues on with meets throughout the winter. Be sure to catch them soaring on a track near you soon!

NEW YORK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Formed in the 1950s, the New York Catholic High School Football League has grown to be one of the best mediums for high school football throughout New York City and Long Island. Cardinal Spellman High School would like to highlight that Anthony Badagliacca won Lineman of the Year for the 2019 “A” Division, and Ethan Ortiz won Defensive Player of the Year 2019 “A” Division. Congratulations to both Anthony and Ethan!

COACH FAULKNER’S
500+ WINS

Jeri Faulkner ’75 has had over 500 wins in volleyball. This is an amazing accomplishment that was achieved over the course of her 40+ years of teaching at Cardinal Spellman High School. To commemorate the occasion, the Volleyball Team, in cahoots with Coach Faulkner’s family, surprised her with a certificate, poster collages and banner, cake, flowers and balloons. President and Principal Dan O’Keefe topped off the festivities with a congratulatory speech. It was a touching moment shared by faculty and students alike. Spellman continues to be blessed by all of Jeri’s contributions.

SPELLMAN ATHLETES NAMED SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK…FIVE TIMES!

Congratulations to seniors Ethan Butler, Bailey O’Donnell, Taylor Saglimbeni, Shakinah Silverberg and Shanice Sinclair on being named News 12 the Bronx Scholar Athletes of the Week! These students were recognized for their achievements as athletes and as honor students. Ethan is currently ranked second in his class with a 99% average. He is part of the National Honor Society and plays football and lacrosse at the school, while also finding time to tutor his peers. Bailey and Taylor are both phenomenal cheerleaders who manage to keep their grades up while not only cheerleading, but being part of other clubs and activities. Shakinah is part of the National Honor Society and plays both volleyball and lacrosse. She doesn’t allow her crowded schedule to take away from achieving high honors. Shanice is a great leader on the court as captain of the girls’ varsity basketball team and off the court as an exemplary honor student. The Spellman community is extremely proud of these students for earning this impressive honor!

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Football Coach Will Cawley and Ethan Ortiz with a representative of the league

A representative of the league with Anthony Badagliacca and Football Coach Will Cawley

Ethan Butler

Bailey O’Donnell

Taylor Saglimbeni

Shanice Sinclair

Shakinah Silverberg
SPELLMAN SENIOR SIGNS TO PLAY FOR PACE UNIVERSITY

One of Spellman’s brightest basketball sensations, Shanice Sinclair, recently signed an early enrollment contract with Pace University in Pleasantville, NY to be on their prestigious Women’s Basketball team upon entering her senior year. She is currently a Spellman Varsity Basketball Team captain, and prior to that was a point guard. She helped lead the Spellman Pilots to the New York State Catholic School Championships under Coach Jane Morris’ leadership. Shanice is an alumnus of Our Lady of Victory Elementary school in Mt. Vernon and soon-to-be graduate and trailblazer of Cardinal Spellman High School. Congratulations Shanice! Way to go!

SPELLMAN SOCCER STARS

It is with esteemed pride that we highlight the accomplishments of two of our students, Freddy Vargas and Sydney Anderson. Freddy has scored more than 40 goals and 20 assists during his tenure on two championship teams in 2016. He was elected to the NYC Mayor’s Cup – Best In The City, with the hopes of continuing his soccer career in college.

Captain Sydney Anderson was voted MVP during her senior year for the Girls’ Soccer Team. She played as a defense starter for two years at Cardinal Spellman High School, while also being a member of the Girls’ Soccer City Championship team in 2017. Sydney finish her soccer career by being elected to the CHSAA Girls’ NYC Mayor’s Cup – Best in the City.

SPELLMAN BOWLING TEAM

David Smalls, affectionately known as “Biggie,” has served as captain of the Spellman Varsity Bowling Team for the past three years. While in this role, the team finished in 5th place of the Class ‘A’ Championship in 2018, and finished in 2nd place of the “A” Bronx/Westchester Division this year. Personally, 2019 proved to be a stellar year for David as he was ranked #1 in the division, and received the Triple Crown award for winning all categories such as Boys’ High Game of 299, Boys’ High Series of 693, and Boys’ High Average of 196. Besides fine-tuning his excellent bowling skills, David serves as an anchor for the CSI Studio Team, is Vice President of the Mock Trial Team and plans on majoring in Political Science during his college career. Please help us in congratulating David on all of his accomplishments and wishing him well in the next chapter of his life.

HOMECOMING 2019

It is with esteemed pride that we highlight the 2019 Hall of Fame recipient, Rockel Simone Brown ’97, who was honored at this year’s Homecoming festivities. Homecoming is a day in which we invite our freshmen and their families, upper classmen and alumni to come out and partake in Spellman’s game-day activities, enjoy ballpark foods, participate in trivia games and have the opportunity to buy Spellman swag – something that the school has become renowned for! Homecoming helps build community and foster the spirit of family nurtured in a Catholic environment.

Saturday, September 21st was a beautifully sunny day. Administrators, teachers, maintenance staff and vendors were up at the crack of dawn setting up for what would be one of the most successful Homecoming events in the history of the school. Everyone worked tirelessly to ensure that the football field was perfectly manicured; the registration tables, merchandise and food tents were set up impeccably, and that our alumni were greeted with smiles and welcome back wishes that created feelings of nostalgia. The positive energy was definitely felt throughout the day. We had a turnout of almost 1,500 people and rose close to $7,000, comprised of proceeds from admissions, concessions, merchandise, flag football and raffle tickets. It was a win-win on all fronts!

A very touching moment was shared as Mrs. Rita Piliero, science teacher, leader of the 4G Club, former CHS Hall of Fame member and former track coach, commemorated Simone, speaking of her time as a budding Spellman student and track star and how she was honored to be her coach, mentor and second mother. As Simone’s three beautiful children, Jaylen, Jordan and Jaxson looked on with immeasurable pride; it was evident that this moment was leaving an indelible mark. It was also a testament of how impactful teachers are on their students and how they will one day pay it forward.

Cheers to Homecoming 2019! We are looking forward to planning another successful event in September 2020.
**SPELLMAN SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboards are vital to any athletic team, but particularly for Spellman, recently upgrading to an "All Sport Scoreboard" marked a commemorative moment in the school’s history since it was the first time in 12 years that this had been done. Scoreboards keep score, measure time and display statistics. Traditional ones used a mechanical clock and numeral cards: when a team scored a point, the scorekeeper would have to manually put the appropriate digits on a book. This latest upgrade has an electronic mechanism for displaying scores. The screen is comprised of incandescent bulbs and a large dot-matrix display, etc. to showcase each team's score throughout any game. This is a huge win for all of Spellman’s athletic teams.

**BLOCK “S” AWARDS CEREMONY**

**HONORING SPELLMAN STUDENT ATHLETES**

**Friday, May 8, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**

Support our Student Athletes with multiple digital options!

- **Bronze Advertisement Package: $100.00**
  - Your ad, logo or announcement on every screen at Cardinal Spellman High School running on loop for 2 weeks. Will be seen on our YouTube channel (Cardinal Spellman Bronx) and in-house information screens.

- **Silver Advertisement Package: $200.00**
  - All items listed in the Bronze Advertisement Package.

- **Gold Advertisement Package: $300.00**
  - All items listed in the Bronze and Silver Advertisement Packages.
  - Your ad, logo or announcement on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook with links and promos available with the possibility of reaching 20,000 constituents.

Digital Options:

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Submissions must be sent via email to blocks@cardinalspellman.org.


**THE CARDINAL’S PLAYERS**

**Proudly Announce the 2020 Production of**

**AIDA**

Directed by Mr. Aramis Soler '06

**PERFORMANCES WILL BE:**

- Friday, March 27th at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28th at 8 p.m. (Alumni Night)
- Sunday, March 29th at 3 p.m.

**ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE PLAY**

Don’t miss an opportunity to reconnect with your former castmates!

On the night of the Saturday production, as is a Spellman tradition, we will host an hour-long wine and cheese reception in the cafeteria prior to the show, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost of this reception is included in the price of your Alumni Show Ticket.

All alums are encouraged to come back and see the play and attend the reception!

Tickets for all three performances will be available online at cardinalsspellman.org.
**SPELLMAN**

**By the Numbers**

Thank you to all alumni, friends, corporations, foundations and Trustees who have contributed to Spellman’s year of fundraising.

99% of Cardinal Spellman’s graduates go to college.

188 FY19 Contributors who have given 10 or more years

90 FY19 Contributors who have given 20 or more years

317 New/First Time Donors

**2018 TOTAL GIVING**

$1,002,803

**2019 TOTAL GIVING**

$1,250,032*

**2018 ANNUAL FUND**

$330,226

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**2019 GOLF OUTING**

$125,310

Total Scholarship Dollars Generated from Spellman’s Golf Outings is over $360,000!

* Preliminary totals for the 2019 fiscal year period ended 1/7/20

**SPELLMAN’S AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDENTS SCORE 120 POINTS HIGHER ON THE SAT EXAM THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.**

Over 600 alumni and loved ones attended their class reunion in 2019.

$38 MILLION in Scholarships for College

120 POINTS

Spellman’s African American and Latino students score 120 points higher on the SAT exam than the National Average.

50%

More than 50% of students receive financial aid.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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FLORIDA GOLF OUTING
Thursday, February 27th at Cheval Golf Club in Lutz, FL

YANKEES VS. TIGERS
Saturday, February 29th at George Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, FL

DINNER IN NAPLES
Monday, March 2nd at Shula’s Steakhouse

DINE OUT NIGHT
Monday, March 9th at Gemelli Pizzeria, Posto 22 and/or Westchester Taco Grill

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE
Saturday, March 21st in Yonkers

CARDINAL’S PLAYERS PRESENTS AIDA
Friday, March 27th at CSHS

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TASTE OF THE BRONX/WESTCHESTER
Tuesday, April 21st at CSHS

CAREER DAY
Thursday, April 23rd at CSHS

OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, April 28th at CSHS

BLOCK S AWARD CEREMONY
Friday, May 8th at CSHS

PRESIDENT’S DINNER
Tuesday, May 12th at Surf Club
On The Sound

GOSPEL FEST
Saturday, May 16th at CSHS

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
Tuesday, May 19th at CSHS

2020 GRADUATION
Saturday, June 6th at Lehman College

GOLF OUTING
Tuesday, June 30th at Leewood Golf Club