

#### **A Newsletter of the**

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#### A Message from our President

Well, here it is our second edition. We hope you enjoy reading this publication, as much as we do concocting it. You'll find a diverse selection of information, which we hope demonstrates the many ways The Millay Club supports our Alumni.

I like to pay special recognition to William J Screnci. Bill is a member of the Bishop Neumann class of '70 and for over twenty-five years he has been Treasurer of The Millay Club. During that time, he has overseen the financial welfare of the organization, ensuring that we will continue to thrive and provide support to our alma mater. Bill has recently decided to retire, to spend more time with his family. We bid him farewell, with our sincere gratitude for his many years of service, both as a Board Member and Keeper of our Nest Egg. Bill, we salute vou!

This brings us to our latest challenge: finding a new Treasurer! We are looking

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#### Into Neumann and Beyond ... an Unbelievable Journey

#### By Rev. Richard Antonucci, O. Praem. '63

"You know, Richard, you should really consider going to St. Joe's Prep," my eighth-grade teacher said to me. I remember thinking, "Why would I want to do that? All my friends are going to (the then) Bishop Neumann." The pressure was really on as both my teacher and my family wanted me to consider going to St. Joe's. In a very rare—I mean very RARE—moment of standing up to my parents and family, I insisted that I wanted to go to Bishop Neumann and that was it.

Little did I know what a life-changing decision that was for a young, newly

turned fourteen-year-old.

The year was 1959. The Neumann building was way across South Philly from where I lived – on the other side of

Broad Street. Taking the Tasker/Morris Street bus every day, my friends and I began our four-year experience of what I never thought would be such a life-giving and formative experience.

Over the four years, I had some very good teachers. I learned some things which, believe it or not, I still recall today (e.g., the difference between using the prepositions "among" and "between"). But, in addition to the education which I was to learn later in college was a topnotch one, I have to say that there were two very foundational and beautiful experiences which my time at Neumann afforded me.

The first was making and finding such good friends. I never knew it at the time but years and years later (I mean like sixty

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#### Earn a Chance to Win \$1,000 by Becoming an Active Member

#### By Dominic Ricciuti '75 Membership Chair

The Millay Club plays an important role in sustaining our alma mater, Neumann-Goretti High School. We promote the Annual Communion Breakfast and All Class Reunion; and assist with the planning of class reunions. The Millay Club also sponsors several additional events including: underwriting the annual 8th grade and high school Academic Scholarship Awards/Alumni Achievement Awards and Dinner, the annual N-G Athletic Awards/Alumni Hall of Fame Awards and Dinner, and the Yearbook/ Cap & Gown Breakfast for graduating Seniors. We also bequeath a substantial endowment to the school each year to provide tuition for need based students.

The active membership fee is \$25.00. Alumni who become Active Members

## by June 1, 2022 will be entered into a drawing to win \$1,000.

Your Active Membership Fee can be paid in three ways:

- By Mail: Send your check made payable to The Millay Club with your name, graduation year, address, phone number, and email address to The Millay Club, Neumann-Goretti HS, Room 112, 1736 S 10th St., Philadelphia PA 19148.
- By Phone: Call the Alumni office at 215-389-0925 to pay with a credit or debit card.
- Online: Visit www.themillayclub.org and select Pay Membership Fee on the Home page. Payment may be made using PayPal, Venmo, or a credit/debit card.

We thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

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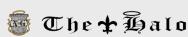
for an Alumnus with some accounting/ financial experience to join our Board and help carry on where Bill left off. In fact, if any of our Alums would like to become a Member of the Board they should contact us at: millayclub@gmail,com or 215-389-0925.

I hope you enjoy this edition and wish you a Healthy and Happy Holiday season.

Ralph Grasso '71 President

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#### A New Look for Saints' Athletic Department

#### By Joseph Messina '85

As the 2021-2022 school year begins, the Neumann Goretti Athletic Department is gaining a new leader with recent hire Pat Devenney, who will take over what

Charlie Szydlik has built and maintained over the last decade. Devenney begins his role leading a program that once was labeled as the "best sports program in the state of PA" by Sports Illustrated. In speaking with many of the coaches for our



Pat Devenne

Neumann Goretti sports teams, they are excited to have Devenney leading the ship, as he brings enthusiastic energy and an impressive resume in his short time in this arena.

Devenney graduated from Immaculata University in 2018 where he was a member of the baseball team, playing for former NG baseball coach, Kevin Schneider. The road to South Philly goes back even further, as he started in Holmdel, New Jersey, where he graduated from St. John Vianney High School in 2014 with a state championship in baseball. After four years at Immaculata University he had the unique experience of playing for the Irish National Baseball Team, winning the country's first gold medal in the sport during the European Championships in 2018.

Devenney knew he wanted to give back to the game he loves and started his coaching career at Rowan College at Burlington County. He began teaching Physical Education/Health and Kinesiology at Neumann-Goretti during the 2020-2021 school year and quickly became a favorite among the students due to his enthusiasm and energy. The baseball team was looking for someone to coach the JV team and a few phone calls were made recommending Devenney, which turned out to be another win for the program. He was quickly indoctrinated into the South Philly culture on and off the field.

In speaking with Devenney, he talked about what made NG attractive to him personally: "What attracted me to Neumann-Goretti was the hard-working mentality that I have always heard about through the years. Being from Central Jersey, Monmouth County specifically,

you don't hear much about schools from Philadelphia, but Neumann-Goretti was one of the few that had people from my neck of the woods talking. The rich history in academics, athletics, and pride was the motive behind why the talk of Neumann-Goretti made its way closer to my hometown. The alumni that have set the stage for the students in the building today are the reason why Neumann-Goretti still has a legacy of excellence. The hard-working mentality is evident in the building. Between our wonderful main office staff, our determined administration, and our relentless teachers, we have the best team in place to bring the best of the best to our students' day in and day out."

As for his plans to keep the tradition of excellence going, while also to build on the momentum of increased student enrollment, he was already hard at work since his first day in July. Devenney said, "There are a few things I have in mind to better our programs here at Neumann-Goretti. Among those are including a few more programs that will compete in the PCL and PIAA, as well as developing an intramural program that will include the

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The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Meeting and Fr. George Feider, O. Praem. Communion Mass Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 11:00 AM

Livestreamed from Ss.
Neumann-Goretti Chapel.

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Just click on the above link to join us as we celebrate God's blessings in unity with our fellow alumni.

With precaution for everyone's good health, this event will take place virtually.

#### Rethinking the past: Life without Social Media and High Technology

#### By Dana Giovinetti Devine '84

St. Maria Goretti High School, Senior Year 1984: How is it possible this was thirty-seven years ago? I'm still young; in my head, my knees however...

Memory can be a remarkable editor; images and nostalgia from senior year seem to have nothing missing from them.

We had it all, didn't we?

We had Madonna, Michael Jackson, and even Wham!

We saw the debut of "Purple Rain" and the drop of the first block of Tetris. Our Saint Maria Goretti uniforms finally sported the "yellow" in locker key ribbons and the trim around our last worn uniform patch.

We had hairspray - wow did we ever! We may be responsible for climate change with Aqua Net alone. We had gowns made of yards of taffeta and shoulder pads; we had Cavaricchi and Jordache jeans. Our proms could have been a movie set from a John Hughes movie - Molly Ringwald could have actually been there! What we didn't have was the internet, social media, or digital photos. Computers

social media, or digital photos. Computers were alien things on the horizon. We learned to type on manual keyboards, enviously viewing the electric IBM typewriters which were coming, but not yet. We never dreamed of mobile phones, laptops, iPads, or reading a book on a tablet. We didn't need Facebook - we had scrapbooks!

We had the Encyclopedia Britannica or Funk & Wagnalls. No Google for us. How did we find our answers? The library and study hall most likely. At the time it felt fast enough, but now it would be like watching a tortoise race.

Where was Amazon when we were

seniors? We had Five & Dimes and the stores which lined Passyunk Avenue.

We had the cafeteria table for lunch or late arrival. There was no Google Meet or Zoom.

We had phonebooths, and picture buttons pinned onto our uniforms. We passed paper notes in Study Hall, before Twitter was in the lexicon. We used white out, not auto correct.

Can you imagine not waiting for the prom pictures to be developed from the tiny Fotomat in the parking lot of the A&P?

Air pods? We could stretch the phone cord from our parents' kitchens, three rooms away to talk to our friends or boyfriends. We had party lines, not FaceTime.

We didn't have GPS or Snap Chat. We managed to survive without hashtags.

I never wanted to sound like my parents when I grew up. "You kids' and your loud music," they would grumble.

We had Journey and Bon Jovi, who inspired you to raise the volume on their anthem rock. Those songs were all purchased in vinyl or cassette tape. What was an iTunes?

What would our senior year have been like with the fittings of this new generation?

Would we have Snapchatted daily student life? Could whispered, delicious chatter and gossip gone viral? Instead of prom poses, might we have tweeted and "flexed" on Instagram?

Numerous detentions might be issued on the uploaded photo evidence of sneakers and gum chewing swaggering the halls of 10th & Moore.

We would have made the vendor who refilled the cafeteria ice cream machine a

# IN APPRECIATION WALTER J. BELOWITZ 1952-2021

An affable and gregarious individual. Walter was a 1970 graduate of Bishop Neumann High School, where he went on to lead the school's Music Department. For many years he heralded the "Big Band" sound as leader of The Walter Jay Orchestra. As moderator of The Millay Club, he was instrumental in developing many of the activities of the alumni association. May he rest in peace in God's loving arms.

virtual star. That poor guy endured applause and cat calls of hundreds of girls each time he arrived. Now we would probably be sequestered in Saturday breakfast club for that act alone. But the YouTube likes and followers would have made us legends from the videos.

Would we have created the personal, lifelong friends we made back then? Would it have been possible if we were strolling around like zombies staring at our phones, instead of greeting each other in class and walking home together in clusters?

St. Maria Goretti High School turned out strong, beautiful, brilliant women; women currently in the summer of our lives, passing the torches to our daughters and granddaughters. True only they can help us with our phone upgrades, but imagine the history we have already taught them with our memories alone.

#### Class of 2021 Scholarships Received Despite Difficulties Because of the Pandemic

## By Ciarra Bianculli '13 The Halo, Editor

The Neumann Goretti High School's Class of 2021, despite a tumultuous school year filled with COVID-19 restrictions and hybrid schedules, made strides in the amount of money received in scholarships for their college endeavors, while also venturing out to renowned colleges and universities to take what

they've learned at Neumann Goretti and apply it to the real world. Below are the most notable accolades and accomplishments achieved by the Class of 2021.

The total amount in scholarships offered to the graduating class was over \$28,501,913. There were over 492 scholarships offered to 87 students.

There were three full tuition scholarships

offered for 3 Ivy League Schools, including Columbia University, Dartmouth College, and University of Pennsylvania. Over 15 students were admitted into schools that are listed in the Top 50 National Universities of 2021 ranked by Princeton Review. There was also 25+ full-tuition and partial-tuition athletic scholarships offered total for

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#### **Neumann-Goretti Alumni Play in The Basketball Tournament**

# By Micah Coen Assistant Coach for Men's Basketball Pat Sorrentino '88 Assistant Coach for Men's

Basketball

This past summer, ten of the best players to ever play for Neumann-Goretti Basketball proudly took on NBA talent on ESPN3 as the first ever high-school alumni group in The Basketball Tournament (TBT) hosted on ESPN.

#### **How It Started**

Under the leadership of Carl Arrigale, Neumann-Goretti's Men's Basketball team has been celebrated as one of the top high school basketball programs in the country.

During the pandemic, current Men's Basketball assistant coaches, Micah Coen and Andrew Bowman, were working on ideas to keep the program moving forward in such challenging times. One idea focused on the alumni: pulling together some of the best past players to compete in 'The Basketball Tournament' (TBT) on ESPN; a tournament that awards the winner \$1 million.

Pulling the team together was the easy part. With only 64 spots and over 150 applicants, getting in the tournament would be more difficult.

In true NG fashion, our team was successfully awarded a spot into the TBT. The NG Saints would be the #16 seed in the Wichita bracket, taking on #1 seed Eberlein Drive.

#### The Matchup

We would have 9 of the best NG players of all-time and coached by a 10<sup>th</sup> – all but one with professional experience. This included:

included:
Robert 'Beattie' Taylor '01 (Coach)
Derrick 'DJ' Rivera '06
Earl Pettis '06
Antonio 'Scoop' Jardine '07
Rick Jackson '07
Wali Hepburn '07
Tyreek Duren '10

Ja'Quan Newton '13

Troy Harper '15

Zane Martin '16

Our opponent's roster was made up of all current overseas professionals, including five with NBA experience.

#### NG in the Tournament

After flight delays in Dallas, we arrived in



Wichita the night before our game, where we would get a shootaround upon arrival, and another the following morning. Afterwards, we sat in the stands of the tournament's arena and soaked up this experience while they set up for the day's event.

We came back to the arena an hour and a half before game time (6pm EST). We were given our gear, including our jerseys with Neumann-Goretti on the front. While many guys wore different numbers in college, most chose to wear their NG number for the game.

With great anticipation, we took the floor ready to compete.

We led for much of the first half, by as much as 8. Our defense was great - forcing 11 turnovers, but we would go into the half down 2. We came out in the 3rd quarter reenergized, going up by as much as 5 in the quarter, but we would be down once again heading into the 4th.

With a little less than 8 minutes to go, the game got away from us. Their lead ballooned from 6 to 11 and we never got closer than 8 afterwards.

How good was the team we played? They beat Oklahoma State's alumni team by 52 in the next round.

#### The Experience

While the end result was a loss on the scoreboard, the experience was a win for Neumann-Goretti.

We were able to bring back many alumni who gave so much to our program.

We set a new bar for high school programs as the first one to get into the tournament's field of 64.

We were able to create exposure for the school and program. We appeared in articles in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Athletic*, *ESPN.com*, *Syracuse University*, and *City of Basketball Love*, as well as Podcast interviews on *InsidetheTBT* and *ZoomtheTBT*. The game itself can still be watched on ESPN3.

The exposure for NG wasn't limited to our NG Saints team. Kamiah Smalls ('16) was the only female player in this year's tournament, and the first to compete in 3 years. She played for the JMU alumni team.

#### **Looking Forward**

The TBT was such a great experience for our players, alumni, fans, program, and the community. We were very appreciative of the donations from the alumni and community that helped make it possible. Our hope is to compete in the tournament again next year with our eyes set on being the first high school to win.

Thank you for your support.

#### **Class Reunions**

45th - Bishop Neumann '75 / St. Maria Goretti '75 April 22, 2022

50th - St. Maria Goretti '70 April 24, 2022

More information, including who to contact can be found on the Reunions page of The Millay Club website, www.themillayclub.org

Don't miss out on information about your reunion, update your contact information on the Stay Connected page of The Millay Club website.

#### **Neumann-Goretti Senior Athletes Receive Awards**

Every year, the Millay Club proudly sponsors Neumann Goretti's Senior Varsity Letter and Awards Event to honor the graduating class and their athletic participation and achievements by donating special awards and recognition to the students.

The following are the 2021 special senior awards donated by various alumni members.

#### **Baseball Team**

Led by head coach Mike Zolk

#### **Most Valuable Player**

Awarded to Kevin Opanel Donated by Mr. Al Saukaitis

#### Coaches' Award

Awarded to Devon Koger Donated by Joseph Messina '85

#### John Marzano Memorial Award

Awarded to Nick Micciche

Donated by the Riverso Family

#### Boys' Basketball Team

Led by head coach Carl Arrigale

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Hysier Miller Donated by Mr. Terence Casey '68, Mr. Gayton Bongiorno, '64, and Mr. Vincent Carpenter '68

## The Hank Clinton '44 Memorial Basketball Award

Awarded to Christopher Evans Donated by the Clinton Family

#### Girls' Basketball Team

Led by head coach Andrea Peterson

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Mihjae Hayes Donated by Ms. Linda Crusco '71

#### Coaches' Award

Awarded to Sierra Bermudez Donated by the Clinton Family in memory of their father Hank Clinton '44

#### **Cheerleading Team**

Led by head coach Nikki Badessa

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Mia Messina and Natalia Brocco

Donated by Mrs. Eileen Kelly Kazelskis '67 and Mrs. Maryann Varalli '61

#### **Football Team**

Led by head coach Albie Crosby

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Anthony Johnson Donated by Michael Gargano '95 and Ralph Digneo, '68

#### Joseph Boylan Memorial Award

Awarded to Jon Fagley

Donated by the Boylan Family

#### Volleyball Team

Led by head coach Ashley Joyner

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Christa Ricks Donated by Mr. Steven Ruffenach '77, in memory of his father Joseph '48 and his uncles Victor '43 and Charles '47,

#### Coaches' Award.

Awarded to Lea Procopio Donated by Mr. Joseph Pooler '55, in memory of his nephew Colonel Paul K. Schreiber, USMC (Dec)

#### **Outdoor Track Team**

Led by head coach Lincoln Townsend Jr.

#### **Most Valuable Player - Girls**

Awarded to Sherisse Peterson Donated by Ms. Cathy Gandolfo '67

#### **Cross-country Team**

Led by head coach Larry Wright

#### Most Valuable Player

Awarded to Kimberly Johnson Donated by Mr. Pat DiPilla '65 and Jim Eastwood '63 in memory of Lou Screnci '66

The Millay Club donates an award bestowed on a student who has contributed in a significant and unique way to the athletic program of the school, not necessarily as an athlete.

Awarded to Devon Koger and Ava Miller.

# The **Outstanding Athlete Award** is presented to those who have excelled in two or more sports and is deserving of the designation.

#### Women's Award

Awarded to Christa Ricks

Donated by the United Savings Bank

## The Men's Scholar-Athlete Award, also known as the Paul J. Bartolomeo

**Award**, is presented to an athlete who has complimented his prowess in sports with excellence in academics.

Awarded to Franco Cima Donated by Councilman Mark Squilla '80.

## The Women's Scholar-Athlete, also known as the June Olkowiski '78

**Award**, is presented to the athlete who has complimented her prowess in sports with excellence in academics.

Awarded to Mia Messina Donated by Mr. Joseph Jacovini, Esq. '58.

The following are 2021 Senior Varsity Letter Recipients

#### Football

Naseem Bailey, Solomanie Bambara, Jon

Fagley, Sincere Hall, Ani Jones, Kabbi Kanu, Christian Lott, Jonan Nnanemere, Brandon Sneh, Tyre Towles, and Talib Wright

#### Cheerleading

Natalia Brocco, Ava Capone, Bobbi Cassidy, Mia Messina, Ava Miller, Jhoannie Plegaria, Lea Procopio, Nadia Rescigno, and Samantha Santosusso

#### Baseball

Jan Hernandez, Devon Koger, Aron McGettigan, Nicholas Micciche, Kevin Opanel, and Gavin Verbitski

#### Men's Basketball

Solomanie Bambara, Christopher Evans, Hysier Miller, Blaise Vespe, and Zaakir Williamson

#### Women's Basketball

Sierra Bermudez, Omoiye Jordan, Jonelle Price, and Christa Risks

#### Volleyball

Emily Bizik, Kayla Hillian, Lea Procopio, Christa Ricks, and Alyssa Seas

#### Men's Soccer

Franco Cima, William Kerrigan, Nicholas Mercadante, Joseph Troilo, Louis Troll

#### **Cross country**

Jayla Bernard, Zahir Farlow, Kimberly Johnson, and Sherisse Peterson

#### **Frack**

Jayla Bernard, Kimberly Johnson, and Sherisse Peterson



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-two years later!), I am still very good friends with some of the boys I met while in high school. These are the men who organized all our class reunions, from our tenth all the way up to our fifty-fifth, held just three years ago. Besides our gatherings, these are such good friends who have invited me into their families' lives as a priest to perform the weddings of their children, the baptisms of their grandchildren and, unfortunately, the funerals of some of them and their family members. Still, what a gift I received, even though I was unable to realize it at the time.

The second foundational and beautiful experience was the discovery and refining of my vocation to become a priest. I never heard of the Norbertine Fathers until I went to Bishop Neumann. I had a lot of the Norbertines in class and became friends with some of them. One was Father George Feider, my German teacher who would counsel me and guide me through the discernment of vocation to become a Norbertine priest. Again, what a gift!

All throughout my seminary training, all I was hoping to be for the rest of my life was a math teacher at Neumann. I was privileged to do that for almost twenty-five years but in between, I was 'called' or 'invited' to assume various administrative positions. When my Abbot told me I was to be Principal in 1987, I remember going into the principal's office and thinking, "What am I doing here? This is Father Koob's, Father Neitzel's, Father Cox's office!" My five years as principal were probably the most challenging in my whole priestly life because of various

conditions which existed at that time at Neumann. But, again, with the help of my Norbertine brothers, the lay faculty and, of course, my Class of 1963 classmates, I think all was OK.

When I came to live at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli in 2000, I thought my involvement with the school was over. But, again, to my astonishment, I was "invited" to be a member of the board of Neumann-Goretti in 2016. Before my first year on the board was over, I was again "invited" to be the Chair of the Board which position I hold until December of this year.

Our merged school is in such a different position as the Neumann I was used to. The opportunities and the challenges are different, but the sincerity of the students, staff and parents are still the same. Neumann-Goretti is in the heartbeat of South Philadelphia. Our president, Joe McColgan, and principal, Hugh Quigley (whom I taught in Calculus, by the way!), and staff are all so dedicated and devoted to bringing Gospel values and educational excellence into every aspect of our school.

When I think back to my eighth-grade teacher asking me to consider going to St. Joe's Prep, I would think that none of the above would have happened. So, how lucky and blessed am I?

In closing, I want to say a sincere word of thanks to all our Neumann-Goretti alumnae/alumni for your dedication and support of our school. May God bless you for it. The United States Marines may have coined this phrase, but I also think it pertains to all of us South Philly "kids" who were blessed by our high school experience: Semper fi ... always faithful. May God bless us all for it!

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use of our weight room for personal health. This is just the beginning of things I see coming to our community. I look to have events lined up as well for our alumni which will start with our Thanksgiving game against South Philadelphia High School on November 25th."

It's not easy starting a job during these pandemic-related, challenging times, but Devenney has put things in perspective and is ready for the challenge no matter how long these challenging times last. "I wish everyone good health and safety as we still navigate getting back to normal",

Devenney says. "With that being said, I take it as another lesson to be learned in how to adjust to situations. Nothing is ever perfect and being able to be flexible and adjust in a moment's notice is something we have all had to do. There are a few quotes that I like to read when times get tough with one of them being the iconic message from coach Jim Valvano, "Don't give up." don't ever give up. These are words to live by today, tomorrow and the future. Saints don't give up; they find a way no matter the odds!" It's a safe bet that the Athletic Department is in good hands for the foreseeable future with Pat Devenney leading the NG athletic family.

#### **Calling on all CPA Alums**

The Neumann Goretti Board's Development Committee is seeking CPA alums whose main object of work is tax accounting to volunteer for the EITC Subcommittee. EITC is a state tax deduction program whereby our school gets 90% of a client's PA tax liability. If interested, please contact NG Board Chair, Fr. Richard Antonucci, at richard.antonucci@snc.edu Thank you.

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sports including Men's Football, Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, and Women's Track and Field.

When speaking with Ms. Elyse Hennewinkel, School Counselor and Catapult Learning Specialist, she described how proud and impressed she was with the graduating class, despite the many difficulties they endured because of the pandemic:

"Most students spend junior year preparing for their senior year application process; these students were quarantining during a global pandemic. They preserved throughout the application process this year and were undeniably successful. As a collective group, all the students who were driven to go to college set goals for themselves, sought out help and guidance when needed, and let absolutely nothing get in the way of their goals to pursue a higher-level of education in the fall of 2021. They overcame more challenges than any typical group of high school graduates would have to experience."

Ms. Hennewinkel offered advice she always gives to students when they are considering their options after graduation:

"One piece of advice that I always try to stress to students as they're making a decision is whatever choice they make is not permanent. You cannot grow as an individual without taking risks. Even if you decide that the choice you made is not the best fit for you after your first year, then you learned something about yourself and you can always transfer to a school that you feel would suit you better. Just make sure you keep your grades up and you will always have opportunities ahead of you."

On behalf of the Millay Club Board, we wish the Neumann-Goretti, Class of 2021 the best of luck in the future.