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**WELCOME**

Welcome to the fifth issue of the newsletter of the Canisius College Alumni Chapter of Naples. We hope to keep you informed about the latest activities and newsworthy items regarding Canisius alumni.

We welcome your participation in chapter events, as well as, membership on the Alumni Chapter committee.

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**Naples Chapter Website**

To access the website for our Naples chapter go to [www.Canisius.edu/naples-chapter](http://www.Canisius.edu/naples-chapter).

**OR** Go to [www.Canisius.edu](http://www.Canisius.edu). Click "Alumni" in the top yellow area. Then click "How to Get Involved" followed by "Regional Chapters"; click on Naples, FL. Get our latest updates.

**NAPLES ALUMNI 2021 LUNCHEON**

This year the annual Canisius Reception was a luncheon, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thirty attendees came together on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Guests of honor, President John Hurley and his wife, Maureen, and Patrick Greenwald were a delightful addition to the alumni and friends who also were guests at the event.

President John Hurley, in person and on Zoom, brought attendees up to date on the latest news from Canisius.

After a hiatus of two years, the Naples luncheon was a small and more casual affair than in recent years. It was a welcome change from what our "Covid lives" have been in the past 14 months and attendees were happy to socialize with each other in the socially distanced format.

The date has been set for the Naples Reception for next year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2, 2022, for our usual gala.





## **ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

**There will be four or five Florida students enrolling as undergraduate students in the Fall 2021 semester. The Naples Committee has been coordinating with the Office of Financial Aid to award scholarships to four students, the amount to be determined by the Financial Aid administrators.**

**The Naples Chapter hopes to continue raising funds for this scholarship via sponsorships of the 2022 Naples Reception.**

## **COLLEGE ALUMNI RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

No College Fairs were held this past year due to Covid restrictions. However, several members of the Naples Chapter sent personal notes to students who have been accepted into Canisius College for the Fall of 2021. The Office of Enrollment believes that these personal touches will appeal to those students who have expressed an interest in attending Canisius.

The Naples Chapter would like to continue representing Canisius at local College Fairs. If there are any “younger alumni” who are interested in participating, please contact us at [anncelani@gmail.com](mailto:anncelani@gmail.com).

### **Post 1980 Canisius College Alumni: Join the Naples Chapter!**

As Southwest Florida grows, so does the Naples Chapter. To continue this positive trend, Naples residents Andy Hill, '86 and Mark Dines '83 have assisted in the effort to increase chapter participation by reaching out to post-1980 Canisius College graduates who spend time in the Greater Naples region.

Mark and Andy are actively involved in their Florida-based businesses and together with their wives, are engaged in the Naples community. Believing in a strong community and the benefits of forming friendships among alumni, Andy and Mark look forward to welcoming graduates living full, part-time or simply visiting Southwest Florida to the Canisius College Alumni Chapter of Naples. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Andy at [andy@responsibleadvisors.com](mailto:andy@responsibleadvisors.com).

\*\* Congratulations to Andy Hill for being appointed by Gov. DeSantis to the Big Cypress Board. This board oversees the water management within the Big Cypress Basin boundaries. Andy is the president and co-founder of Andrew Hill Investment Advisors. \*\*

## IN MEMORIUM: Tommy DiPasquale

Tommy (Carmelo) DiPasquale was one of the original members of the Naples Chapter of the Canisius Alumni Association. He and his wife, Joanie, resided at The Glades and later at Keystone Place at Naples Preserve. They attended meetings and events for several years until his ill health prevented him from doing so. Tom passed away on June 16, 2020, in Naples, FL. He is survived by his wife, Joanie, one son and two daughters, as well as, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tom lived in Williamsville, NY until his retirement. Tom worked in the food supply business for several companies including Pillsbury, Gioia and U.S. Food Service. In Naples, he was a member of The Glades Country Club and was an avid golfer. He was active in Veterans Affairs and was chosen to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2017.

The family requested that, if desired, contributions may be made to Canisius College of which he was a 1951 graduate.

Tom will be missed by the Canisius community in Naples and Buffalo.

"Tommy" Carmelo DiPasquale - Class of 1951





THE OFFICERS OF THE CANISIUS ALUMNI  
CHAPTER FOR 2020-2022 ARE:

ANN CELANI - PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN  
OF THE NAPLES RECEPTION

PAT CONNELLY - SECRETARY

CHRISTINE LOJACANO MARELLO -  
COMMUNICATIONS.

PLEASE CONTACT ANN IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING OR  
PARTICIPATING IN CANISIUS ALUMNI EVENTS.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CANISIUS COLLEGE GOLDEN GRIFFIN  
FUND STUDENTS AND PROFESSOR RICK WALL FOR THEIR SUCCESS  
AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE CHARTERED FINANCIAL ANALYST (CFA)  
INSTITUTE RESEARCH CHALLENGE. THEY PLACED FIRST NATIONALLY  
IN THE CFA CHALLENGE FOR THE 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AND  
ADVANCED TO THE GLOBAL FINALS.

According to Dr. Wall, professor of economics/finance and faculty  
advisor to the Canisius team, “The CFA Institute Research Challenge  
is a rigorous global competition that tests our students’ knowledge  
and application of investment research, ethics and professional  
standards.” The subject company for this year’s competition was  
National Fuel Gas.

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## **CANISIUS SPORTS UPDATE**

Although there was a truncated season for 2020-2021, the Golden Griffis basketball teams played, to the delight of Canisius sports fans. The men's team finished the season with standings of 7-5 in the MAAC league and 7-6 overall. The women's team had a record of 0-4 in the MAAC and 0-5 overall. We wish them much success in the 2021-2022 season.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Next year's Naples Canisius Alumni Reception will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Please put this on your calendar as it is a wonderful evening on Naples Bay with some of your favorite Canisius friends!

Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. followed by the reception.

More information regarding the event and sponsorship levels will be sent in the fall of 2021. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening and continued growth and participation in our event.

See you on April 2, 2022 at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club!

