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**WELCOME**

Welcome to the fourth 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.

**RESULTS OF 2019 NAPLES ALUMNI RECEPTION AND DINNER**

The annual Canisius Reception and Dinner held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club was a solid success. Seventy-seven alumni and friends of Canisius attended this event, including seventeen first time guests.

Mass was offered by Rev. Bob Kantor, pastor of St. Agnes Church in Naples and a former Buffalo resident who studied at Christ the King Seminary. Following Mass, guests renewed old acquaintances over cocktails and dinner. President John Hurley and Mr. Bill Maher, Athletic Director, brought attendees up to date on the latest news from Canisius.

Sponsorships from thirty-seven sponsors totaled \$13,250. With \$550 in contributions and ticket fees of \$2,325, total income was \$16,125. Expenses were \$8,955 resulting in a net scholarship of \$7,170. This is the highest scholarship amount raised since its inception in 2015! We thank all sponsors and donors for your generosity.

The committee has set a goal of 100 attendees and a scholarship of \$10,000 for the 2020 event. We encourage all alumni and friends of the college to seek additional attendees (alumni and friends) and to look for sponsors of the event at all levels of sponsorship.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Next year’s Naples Canisius Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020. 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 cocktail reception and dinner.

For more information regarding the event and sponsorship levels, please contact Tim Blewett '67 at [timblewett@gmail.com](mailto:timblewett@gmail.com) or Patrick Greenwald in the Office of Institutional Advancement at [greenwal@canisius.edu](mailto:greenwal@canisius.edu).

We are looking forward to a banner event and continued growth and participation in our scholarship program.

See you on March 14, 2020 at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club!

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### **ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

The Canisius College Office of Admissions has reported that there are four Florida students who have enrolled as freshman beginning this Fall 2019, one of whom attends a Jesuit high school. In total, there are fourteen undergraduate students and seven graduate students who are Florida residents.

It was announced that the goal for freshman enrollment in the fall 2019 has been surpassed with 530 deposits against the goal of 525. The Office of Admissions is currently more than 70 deposits ahead of the same time last year. We commend the Admissions officers on their diligence and hard work in achieving their goal and better.

**The Florida student who is the recipient of this year’s scholarship funded by the Naples Alumni Reception is Juan Ramirez. We congratulate Juan on this honor.**

## **COLLEGE ALUMNI RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

Admissions Ambassadors, Tim Blewett and Tony Maglione, presented information about Canisius College at the College Day held at St. John Neumann High School in Naples. They met with a number of students who have expressed an interest in our Jesuit Mission, academic excellence and the recent introduction of the College's "Excellence Within Reach" strategy. These recruiting efforts have supplied the Admissions team with names of several Naples students, some of whom have applied to Canisius. Tim and Tony also will participate in the Collier Public Schools College Day in the fall of 2019.

### **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 are assisting 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. A supporter of many local causes, Dr. Susan Liberski [Hill] has served as a board member of the Naples Zoo. Maria LoTempio Dines '84 currently serves on the board of Greater Naples Leadership.

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) or Mark at [mdines@americanchanger.com](mailto:mdines@americanchanger.com).

## IN MEMORIUM: LEO M. LYNETT, JR.

Leo Lynett was one of the original members of the Naples Chapter of the Canisius Alumni Association. He and his wife, Ellinor, resided in Pelican Bay and attended meetings and events for several years until his ill health prevented him from spending the season in Naples. He passed away on March 1, 2019, in Williamsville, NY. He is survived by his wife, Ellinor, two sons and two daughters, as well as, sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Leo practiced law in Buffalo, NY until his retirement. In Naples, he was a member of Imperial Country Club and Pelican Bay. He was a Red Sox fan and enjoyed attending games with Canisius President John Hurley.

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

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

Leo M. Lynett, Jr. - CLASS OF 1951



## **NCAA Hockey Coaches Convention descended on Naples**

The annual hockey NCAA coaches conference has been held in Naples for years. The conference draws coaches and staff from across the country to discuss conference developments and advancements in college hockey. The conference also provides the opportunity for Naples Alumni to catch up with Canisius College Head coach Trevor Large.

This year, Tim Blewett, his wife, Florence, Andy Hill and his wife, Susan, entertained Trevor, as well as, David Smith, the former Canisius coach, at a Florida Everglades playoff game. David Smith is currently the Head Coach at RPI, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. To complete the Canisius College circle from Southwest Florida to Buffalo and back, they witnessed 2015 Canisius Alumnus, Logan Roe, lead the EverBlades to an overtime victory.

This year was a challenging year for the Canisius hockey team, as injuries took a hard toll on the team especially in the position of goaltender. Coach Large shared with Andy the challenges of numerous injuries in this position that led him to search for Canisius students with experience between the “pipes.” Coach Large informed him that there are outstanding recruits entering Canisius in the fall and he is optimistic for the 2019 - 2020 season.

**THE OFFICERS OF THE CANISIUS ALUMNI  
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**PLEASE CONTACT TIM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN ORGANIZING OR PARTICIPATING IN CANISIUS  
ALUMNI EVENTS.**