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St. Mary's High School head baseball coach Derek Dana celebrates the Spartans' Division 2 state title with his wife, Christen Dana, daughter Madison Dana, his mother, Becky Dana, sister, Stephanie Bowden, and daughter Rachel Dana, after the 5-2 victory over Hopkinton on July 1.

Congressman Moulton endorses Jared Nicholson for Mayor of Lynn

Special to the Journal

Congressman Seth Moulton announced Saturday that he is endorsing Jared Nicholson for Mayor of Lynn.

Congressman Moulton called this a "critical time in the city of Lynn's history" and said that Nicholson "represents the type of next-generation leadership and forward thinking that's needed to keep Lynn on a positive trajectory" and someone whose vision for Lynn "leaves no one behind."

Congressman Moulton described Nicholson as "someone who chooses to lead, chooses to serve. Someone for whom throughout his life public service has been important."

In accepting the endorsement, Nicholson said, "Congressman Seth Moulton has a tremendous record of leadership and is fighting in Washington for priorities that matter to us in Lynn, like better infrastructure, public transit, and access to good jobs."

"Progress on these issues will require continued collaboration



Congressman Seth Moulton is pictured with Lynn mayoral candidate Jared Nicholson last Saturday in Lynn.

with our state and federal partners and City Hall is an important part of driving that forward. That kind of collaboration will be a hallmark my leadership as Mayor.

"I've admired Representative Moulton's leadership on these issues and more, and am thrilled in his confidence in the grassroots campaign we're running and am so excited about the opportunity to work with him on behalf of the Lynn community."

The Standard For Skippers

St. Mary's baseball coach Derek Dana rises to the top with a third state title

By Cary Shuman

Which player backs up the pitcher when he is covering home plate with the runner on third base trying to score on a passed ball or a wild pitch?

St. Mary's High School head baseball coach Derek Dana answered immediately, "The first baseman."

As it turns out, that was one of the key plays of St. Mary's 5-2 victory over Hopkinton in the Division 2 state championship game. St. Mary's players Tad Giardina and Dante D'Ambrosio both scored on the play, with

D'Ambrosio never hesitating as he raced around third base to score the fourth run of the game.

There was also a force-eliminated 3-6 double play (from first baseman Ryan Fraher to shortstop Terence Moynihan), and a key tag-up from second to third by All-Scholastic pitcher Aiven Cabral. As Hopkinton Coach Steve Simoes said after the game, "St. Mary's made the key plays and we didn't."

What St. Mary's fans saw throughout its run to a state championship was fundamentally sound baseball. That's Derek Dana baseball. That's St. Mary's

baseball, Division 1 UMass Amherst baseball, and San Francisco Giants baseball.

St. Mary's has now won three state titles in six seasons, the best run of any school in Massachusetts. And many observers believe St. Mary's might have been celebrating a three-peat if not for the pandemic that canceled the entire 2020 season.

Local TV broadcaster John Hoffman remembers Derek Dana, the high school star, when he and current St. Mary's pitching coach Tim Fila formed

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EDITORIAL

SORRY FOLKS -- BUT THE PANDEMIC IS FAR FROM OVER

We in Massachusetts are living in a bit of a pandemic bubble right now, both literally and figuratively.

The high vaccination rate in our state, as well as in neighboring states throughout New England, has contributed to a dramatic drop in the number of COVID-19 infections, deaths, and hospitalizations in our part of the country.

The successful reopening of our economy serves as a testament to the value of having a highly-vaccinated -- and highly-educated -- population.

It's as if our region of the U.S. is equivalent to an island nation such as New Zealand, where COVID-19 has not made a dent in economic or other activity since the beginning of the pandemic because its prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, sealed off its borders to foreigners from the very beginning of the pandemic.

However, New England is not an island. Millions of our own citizens are traveling to other places and returning, and millions of non-residents are coming here to visit this summer.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus both in this country and throughout the world. The troubling aspects of Delta are that it is much more highly-transmissible than the original, it is more lethal, and the vaccines are slightly less-effective against it compared to the original strain of the virus for which the vaccines specifically were developed.

In Australia (where vaccination rates are very low), the Delta variant has shown itself to be a whole new ballgame, so to speak, in terms of how contagious it is. The virus has been transmitted among people who simply came fleetingly into contact with each other and shared the same airspace in an indoor mall.

"It is the most hyper-transmissible, contagious version of the virus we've seen to date, for sure -- it's a superspreader strain if there ever was one," said Eric Topol, a professor of molecular medicine and an executive vice president at the Scripps Research Institution, in a recent interview in Scientific American.

The Delta variant is being blamed for the huge increases in infections and deaths throughout the world, particularly in places where vaccination rates are in the low single digits.

There also are many areas in the U.S., such as parts of Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, where vaccination rates are low, that predictably now are seeing large increases in COVID-19 cases caused by Delta.

The Delta variant is concerning enough on its own, but the real problem is this: The more people who become infected with COVID-19, the more likely that the virus will mutate into additional variants, with the possibility that vaccination efficacy could begin to drop significantly if one of these strains develops an ability to evade the vaccines' protective effects.

It is nothing less than tragic -- and despicable, really -- that there are some in public life who are urging Americans NOT to get vaccinated. That mindset was on display this past weekend at the Republican-dominated CPAC conference, where some clown on a panel who spoke out against the nation's vaccination program was actually applauded by those in attendance.

There is a strong and vocal minority in this country who strive to create chaos -- that's what makes them tick.

Whether we as a nation can overcome the combination of venality and stupidity that was on display at CPAC this past weekend will determine whether we can beat the pandemic in the short term and whether our democracy and our way of life can survive in the long term.

GUEST OP-ED

Financial suicide is not necessary

Dr. Glenn Mollette

There is some risk to all of life. A friend and his wife had a house paid for and a substantial savings account. At the age of 65 he was retired and bored and bemoaned he had never been a business owner. He was aware of a family who had recently closed a business so he offered to buy it from them and even employed a family member to run it. He knew nothing about the business but was confident all would be well. The cost of the investment, his lack of understanding the business and the monthly outgo spelled disaster. Within two years he had lost his house and his entire retirement savings trying to make his dream business endeavor sustainable.

Another acquaintance had worked hard at an auto plant for twelve years but retired and took his \$150,000 retirement savings and sunk it into a restaurant endeavor. He had never run a restaurant before and within one year the restaurant had failed. His money was gone and he had a sizable debt.

Another acquaintance retired and wanted something to do. He got into a cookie business

that lasted three months. He spent \$30,000 a month for three months in a cookie franchise before he was able to get out of the venture.

Neither of the prior persons had any prior business ownership experience.

Life is filled with lessons. Education is often very expensive. You must decide if you are still young enough or too old to take on such a business venture. This is especially true if you could end up losing all your investment and further financially obligating yourself.

If you want or need something to do, then get into something that you can afford and know something about. Being informed and applying as much research to any endeavor is crucial. If you can afford a large franchise fee, other investment costs and you can make the business successful, then by all means enjoy your endeavor. If you are risking being homeless then you should probably reconsider.

Years ago, an old friend was almost financially broke at 50. He had worked in various restaurants with others but had little to show for his efforts. He rented an old hamburger restaurant that

had been closed and his rent and overhead were cheap. He went to work making the best hamburger in town. For 16 years his burger business netted him an annual salary of over \$300,000. He retired well.

Sometimes we simply need to be content with what we have. If you need to work, consider what you know, what you have and how you can make it work for you. It could require a minimal amount of advertising. Or, it might simply require letting acquaintances know what kind of work you are doing and building your business by word of mouth. You may be able to use space or land that is sitting dormant and can be rented or bought reasonably.

Life's pursuits can be, and should be, approached with reasonable caution. Financial suicide is not necessary.

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Legislature passes balanced FY22 budget with targeted investments in education

The Legislature passed the final version of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. This budget combines aspects of the House and Senate budget proposals previously passed in each chamber, as agreed upon in Conference Committee. Senator Brendan P. Crighton, along with Representatives Dan Cahill, Peter Capano, Lori Ehrlich, Donald Wong, Bradley Jones, and Jessica Giannino voted in favor of the \$48.07 billion state budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Passed with bipartisan support, the balanced budget maintains fiscal responsibility and recommends targeted investments to address emerging needs, safeguard the health and wellness of the most vulnerable populations, prioritize education, and fund local priorities across the district.

“I was proud to vote for this budget which provides critical funding and support for those who were hit especially hard by the pandemic,” said Senator Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). “This budget makes major investments in housing, mental health, education, and workforce training among many other crucial areas.”

“This budget will bring historic funding levels to the City of Lynn in the areas of public education, housing, and social services,” said Representative Daniel Cahill (D-Lynn). “As we emerge from the impacts of COVID-19, it is imperative we provide the residents and businesses of Lynn with the necessary tools to get back on their feet, which this budget sup-

ports.”
 “I am very pleased the legislature came together to pass a budget that will make investments into healthcare, education, and infrastructure while continuing to support working families and vulnerable populations across the Commonwealth,” said Representative Capano (D-Lynn).

“I’m proud to announce that several of the amendments I filed to the FY2022 budget were adopted,” said Representative Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead). “In Swampscott, I have been happy to support local leaders with \$100,000 for a Racial Equity Municipal Action Plan to begin a dialog on ensuring that best practices, tools, and resources are utilized to help build and sustain a community of inclusiveness. For Marblehead, the budget includes \$50,000 for renovations to the State Street public restrooms for functionality and accessibility for residents and tourists.

The budget will also provide \$50,000 for the removal and disposal of noxious *Pilayella* algae from King’s Beach, as well as \$55,000 for maintenance of Red Rock Park. The budget also includes essential funding of \$175,000 for Self Esteem Boston, a nonprofit that helps women in Lynn facing homelessness, domestic violence, and addiction successfully move forward with their lives.

I’m proud to join my colleagues in the legislature today in voting for this budget that includes fund-

ing for the many pressing issues we face as a Commonwealth.”

“I am proud that the House and Senate came to an agreement on a balanced and fiscally prudent budget that invests in many critical areas,” said Representative Jessica A. Giannino (D-Revere). “I am especially thrilled that the final state budget for FY-2022 includes programs and investments that will directly benefit the people of Saugus.”

“This is a good balanced budget for our present day needs and future obligations. It also puts money in our reserves without raising taxes,” said Representative Wong (R- Saugus). “It was great working with everyone on this.”

“The FY22 budget funds two important local initiatives for Lynnfield, including a new war memorial honoring all of the town’s veterans and improvements to the Town Common,” said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). “Senator Crighton and I had advocated for these two projects on Lynnfield’s behalf, and I’m pleased we were able to work together to ensure that they were both retained in the final spending bill.”

Taking into consideration strong tax revenue performance in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021), the final FY22 conference report increases revenue assumptions by \$4.2 billion over the December consensus revenue projection for a new tax revenue projection of \$34.35 billion. The FY22 bud-

get does not make a withdrawal and instead transfers funds into the Stabilization Fund, projecting an estimated balance of approximately \$5.8 billion for this crucial ‘rainy day’ fund at the end of the fiscal year.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the final budget prioritizes spending for both health care services and infrastructure. The budget supports the state’s safety net by funding MassHealth at \$18.98 billion, thus providing over 2 million of the Commonwealth’s children, seniors, and low-income residents access to comprehensive health care coverage. Understanding that the pandemic has damaged the mental health and well-being of many Massachusetts residents, the budget also invests in vital mental and behavioral health initiatives while ensuring support for children and families across all provided services. The budget takes into consideration the health care needs of veterans, children, and adolescents. It also provides funding for mental health services for all populations, as well as domestic violence and violence prevention and intervention services. Additionally, it invests \$15 million to support local and regional boards of health as they continue to work on the front lines against the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the budget addresses the protections of students, families, educators, and in-

stitutions while ensuring access to educational opportunity. The budget maintains the Legislature’s commitment to implementing the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) by FY 2027 by investing \$350 million in a new Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund. The conference report proposal fully funds the first year of the SOA consistent with the \$5.503 billion local aid agreement reached in March, amounting to an increase of \$220 million over FY21. The budget invests in higher education allocating \$571 million for the University of Massachusetts system, \$315 million for community colleges, and \$291 million for state universities. The budget also includes \$130 million in scholarship funding and funds the community colleges SUCCESS Fund at \$10.5 million and the STEM Starter Academy at \$4.75 million.

The budget now goes to the Governor’s desk to await his signature.

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an incomparable battery for St. Mary’s back-to-back state titles in 1987 and 1988.

“Obviously Derek was a superb talent and a great team leader - he was drafted by the Major Leagues and he played Division 1 college baseball,” said Hoffman. “He and Timmy [Fila] worked well together back then as teammates and they’re working well together now.”

As for Dana’s sterling record as a Lynn baseball coach, Hoffman said that he merits recognition among the best of all time, a list that includes Frank Carey (North Reading), Jim Tgettis (St. Mary’s and Lynn Classical), and Ron Bennett (Lynn English).

“When you win back-to-back and three titles in six years, it puts you in that elite category,” said Hoffman. “Derek’s teams always play fundamentally sound baseball. They don’t beat themselves. What he did with this group was unbelievable after

going 6-5 in the first 11 games. They did a great coaching job not only developing Aiven Cabral as a pitcher, but also the younger pitchers, Eric Bridges, John Nowicki, and Tommy Falasca.”

St. Mary’s Director of Athletics Jeff Newhall, who has led the girls basketball program to similarly dazzling heights, said that Dana’s work is appreciated by all at the high school.

“Derek has worked hard to give his players the total baseball and student-athlete experience, not only the outstanding instruction that comes from Derek’s own years as a Division 1 college player and professional baseball player, but from the overall respect and enjoyment of the game of baseball that his players will carry with them forever,” lauded Newhall. “To attend that St. Mary’s-Hopkinton game in Hopkinton and have hundreds of their fans lining the field, and for Derek’s players to execute all

the little things you need to do – that’s how state championships are won.”

While Dana said he’s very proud of how his players worked hard and united to become a state champion, the former catcher is particularly proud of Colby Magliozzi’s development as the St. Mary’s backstop this season.

“You can’t say enough about that kid,” said Dana. “He gives you everything that he has. He had an excellent season in his first year behind the plate.”

What’s next for Derek Dana and the state champion St. Mary’s Spartans?

There will be an awards banquet, state championship rings, another banner on the wall at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium – and then next spring the returning St. Mary’s players – including Division 1 college prospect Aiven Cabral - will try to make it three titles in a row.

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NICOLE MCCLAIN'S CAMPAIGN KICKOFF EVENT

A diverse crowd of supporters came to Nicole McClain's announcement for election as Councilor-at-Large held at the Lynn Arts Gallery on Exchange Street.

Opening up the evening festivities was Emcee Michelle LaPoetica Richardson as she began, "It is not easy to get up in front of people and bring change. The world has a lack of light and that is why Nicole McClain is running for office. We are here tonight to spread the message. There is a whole new force out there for change and leadership; we are here to support Nicole McClain for Councilor at Large."

Guest speaker Tia Cole explained how dear Nicole is to her heart as she said, "During the pandemic, support was needed to serve hundreds of people and Nicole stepped up. She is unselfish and worked everyday making food deliveries to the people and helping children. As Tia continued, "Nicole put herself out there at risk to serve people who she did not know. This is the kind of leadership we need in our city. Now is the time to ap-

preciate someone new, someone different with various experiences, and unafraid to reach over barriers and to make a change."

Nicole McClain is a National Guard Veteran and a Lynn business owner of Shop Syn and Rising Star Child Care. She feels excited about her campaign and is very happy and proud to be the first Black America woman to run for Councilor-at-Large. Nicole said, "I'm reaching out to people who usually do not vote and hardly show an interest in the democratic process. People are becoming interested as they learn more about my campaign."

Nicole's platform is about Affordable Housing and helping displaced residents, developing a plan for a Senior Center and advocating for seniors. Being a business owner herself in Lynn, she said, "I want to help small business owners to better run their businesses, promote them, and support them with resources that the city provides."

Nicole has developed her leadership skills while serving her country and has an experienced background on budgeting and running a business.



Guest speaker Tia Cole and Emcee Michelle LaPoetica Richardson with Nicole McClain.



Councilor-at-Large candidate Nicole McClain for the children of Lynn.



McClain Family - Dariace Lane-Miranda, Jaeqhan McClain, Nicole McClain, James McClain, Kysheym Newson, Seanita Lane, and Nuari Lane-Benjamin,



Angel Green and Bob Naftal attending McClain Fundraiser



Juan and Dulce Gonzalez with James and Nicole McClain.



Greg Coles Dance and Drum Performers entertained supporters - Maria Perez, Nicole McClain, Greg Coles, and Angelica Martinez.



Candidate Councilor-at-Large Nicole McClain greet Lauren Pelusi and Edie Saranteas



Candidates for Elected Office: Brian Castellanos, Coco Alinsug, Joselyne Reynoso for Darren Cyr, Lenny Pena, Natasha Megie-Maddrey, PoSan Ung, Nicole McClain, Michael Satterwhite, Tiffany Magnolia, Jared Nicholson, and Donna Coppola.



Lynn Tech students Ronnette Wongus, Nicole McClain, Tonya Nash, and Ticona Suggs with teacher Charlotte Breckenridge.

RICK STARBARD'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard kicked off his re-election campaign at Rolly's Tavern on the Square.

Getting the supporters warmed up was Rick's neighbor and former Ward 2 Councilor Bill Trahan who served for 18 years on the council. He greeted the group saying, "Rick is the best neighbor to live next door to; he has always helped me when I needed assistance; and he brings these same qualities to the Lynn City Council."

The city of Lynn needs a person like Rick on the Council according to Bill. He continued say, "Rick is a business man; he gets it, understands it, and works closely with the Council President and his colleagues to get things done."

After introducing his family members, Rick discussed his successes as Ward 2 Councilor. When Rick came into office he reached out to all his constituents by publishing a monthly news letter and maintaining an open dialogue.

Rick was assigned important committee chairmanships – Public Properties and the Cannabis Committee. The Public Properties agenda was to eliminate vacant and abandoned properties. Lynn was able to receive millions of dollars back into the city. He also chaired a rigorous review of the new Cannabis businesses to set up shop in Lynn.

Rick asked for everyone to support his re-election bid.



The Starbard Family – Stephanie, Lois, Rick, and Jennifer.



Friends of Rick Starbard – Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr, Patrick McGrath, Former Ward 2 Councilor William Trahan, Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh, Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, and Community Leader Stephen Babbit.



Veteran Roger Comeau, Lynn Contractor Jim Connors of McGrath Enterprises, and LYSOA Exec. Director Teresa DiGregorio meet Rick Starbard.



Lynn Business owner Peter and Stella Mikedis and Rick Starbard.



Lynn Residents Paul O'Leary, Donald Castle, and Tim Thomas meet Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard at his campaign social.



Lynn Tech Graduates with Mr. Malagrifra - Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoutis, William Trahan, Ward 3 & Council President Darren Cyr, Former LVTI Director Al Malagrifra, Patrick McGrath, and Joselyn Reynoso.



School Committee members, Councilors and Candidates attend Ward 2 Rick Starbard Re-elect campaign kick-off.



Lynn Developer Rob Nakashian, Lynn Businessman Richard Aswad with Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard and Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr.

MICHELE BREWSTER HOSTS WARD 1 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

When Michele Brewster heard that this year's neighborhood Fourth of July parade and celebration at Gowdy Park was going to be canceled due to the pandemic, the lifelong Lynn resident sprung into action.

"I took it upon myself to invite the people from Gowdy Park to come to our parade and celebration," said Brewster Sunday morning at Lynn Woods Park. "We've had an awesome turnout and the rain has held up."

The holiday morning began with children and their families assembling at Pond Lodge on Lynnfield Street for a parade to Lynn Woods Park.

At the park, Brewster began the festivities by leading the gathering in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

Children, many attired in red, white, and blue, were awarded prizes in various decorative apparel contests before competing in 50-yard dash and wheelbarrow races and other events.

Several members of Michele's family including her parents, Reggie Pothier and Rosemary Pothier, were in attendance at the celebration. Michele said her father was born and raised in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and is fluent in the French language.

As a result of Michele's initiative and hard work, the children of Ward 1 enjoyed a very special 245th birthday of the United States of America.

Michele acknowledged the generosity of the following event sponsors: Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi, Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre, Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, City Council President and mayoral candidate Darren Cyr, School Committee member and mayoral candidate Michael Satterwhite, School Committee member and mayoral candidate Jared Nicholson, School Committee member Lorraine Gately, School Committee candidate Eric Dugan, The Gowdy Park Association, Lynnfield Street Mini-Mart, and Wyoma Little League (who donated the use of the field).

Michele also thanked the Lynn Police Department and the Lynn Fire Department, who safely escorted the participants in the parade down Lynnfield Street and into Lynn Woods Park.



Arturo Hernandez and Francisca Hernandez, and their granddaughter Isabella Hernandez.



Event chair Michele Brewster presented prizes to the first, second, and third place finishers (pictured above) in the best decorative costume, scooters, bikes, and floats contests, and the most original, best in parade, and most patriotic categories.



Mary Ellen Doyle, with her grandchildren, Cooper Hetherington, Rory Hetherington, and Violet Hetherington.



Front row, from left, Connor Seely, Leila Hickey (who was selected Most Patriotic as the Statue of Liberty), and Maya Seely. Back row are Katie Seely and Renee Hickey.



School Committee member and mayoral candidate Jared Nicholson and his wife, Katherine Rushfirth, and their son, Henry, arrive at the Fourth of July celebration.



School Committee member Lorraine Gately with her niece, Cynthia Werner, and great nieces, Destynee Werner and Harley Werner, who came all the way from San Antonio, Texas, to Lynn visit their aunt and enjoy the Fourth of July celebration.



Former basketball stars Tony Gallo (Lynn Tech, Coppin State) and Stephanie Vasquez (St. Mary's, UMass/Boston) and family, children Tahlia Gallo, Talise Gallo, Taelin Gallo, Tazlie Gallo, and Stephanie's mother, Sharon Saunders.

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MassDOT submits federal discretionary funding applications

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced today the submission of three federal grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to seek funding from a federal discretionary grant program to improve travel and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, rail and public transportation customers across the Commonwealth.

Three separate project applications have been submitted for the USDOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, which if awarded, would be used to create a pedestrian and bicycle connection over the Mystic River between Somerville and Everett; install center-running bus lanes on the Lynnway; and improve the safety and security of passenger rail in the Knowledge Corridor, (a corridor encompassing 49.5 miles between Northfield and Springfield.)

"This federal discretionary grant program gives us an opportunity to take on multi-modal projects that will increase and improve safer public travel options across the Commonwealth," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "RAISE Grants have the potential to open doors to safer, more efficient, and more secure travel where we have seen a demand from the public for improved connections and we appreciate the support of community members and advocates who have worked closely with members of the MassDOT team to put forth these comprehensive project applications."

The three MassDOT RAISE Grant applications, outlined in detail below, are subject to selec-

tion by the USDOT and specific RAISE Grant Program criteria which includes investments in transportation projects with local and regional impacts that also achieve national objectives. Previously, the program has awarded over \$8.9 billion to projects throughout the nation. For this round of grant applications, USDOT has appropriated \$1 billion total in RAISE grants prioritizing projects that can improve racial equity, reduce the effects of climate change, and create jobs, with a maximum grant of \$25 million for one project proposal and a total for each state of \$100 million. This round of RAISE grants is scheduled to be awarded by November 22, 2021.

Somerville-Everett Pedestrian & Bicycle Connection (\$25 Million)

This application seeks \$25 million in federal RAISE Grant funding for the Mystic River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge connecting the Harborwalk Connector and Northern Strand Community Trail on the Everett side of the Mystic River to the Draw Seven Park on the Somerville side. The project would provide important pedestrian and bicycle access from the Lower Broadway neighborhood of Everett, including the recently opened Encore Boston Harbor resort, to the MBTA Orange Line Assembly Station.

Lynnway Center-Running Bus Lanes (\$11 Million)

This application seeks approximately \$11 million in funding for center-running bus lanes, pedestrian safety, and bicycle connectivity along the Lynnway (Route 1A), which provides a critical link from downtown Lynn through Revere to the MBTA Blue Line at

Wonderland Station. The MBTA serves about 7,600 passengers on weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. along this corridor with MBTA Bus Routes 439, 441 and 442 and the Blue Line at Wonderland Station. There is a commuter rail station in Lynn, but many commuters choose the less expensive option of taking a bus to Wonderland Station. Center-running bus lanes, increased pedestrian safety, and a bicycle lane will improve bus travel & commute times, allow for more frequent bus trips, create a reliable connection to the Blue Line, as well as further benefits.

Knowledge Corridor Passenger Rail Safety & Security Improvements (\$18 Million)

This application seeks approximately \$18 million for the Knowledge Corridor Safety and Security Improvements Project to improve safety along the Knowledge Corridor, an area which represents a disproportionate amount of Amtrak reported incidents and arrests. Four passenger trains serve this corridor with station stops in Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, and Greenfield. The project involves the construction and installation of various safety and security measures, including security fencing to minimize trespassing, Blue Light Emergency Call Box Stations and CCTV cameras at stations, expanded Amtrak police radio coverage, buried fiber optic cable throughout the corridor, innovative surveillance equipment such as an aerial drone and Polaris Ranger Utility Task Vehicle, and T-20 hand-thrown switch machines along the line.



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Baker proclaims "Hurricane Preparedness Week"

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed July 11 - 17, 2021, to be Hurricane Preparedness Week to emphasize both the Commonwealth's vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes and the importance of preparing for their impacts.

"As we saw during our recent experience with Tropical Storm Elsa, planning and preparing in advance for a tropical storm or hurricane can help protect individuals and families and limit damage to property," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We encourage residents in every part of the Commonwealth to develop an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies and stay informed throughout hurricane season." While hurricane season in Massachusetts runs from June 1 to

November 30, historically, most tropical storms and hurricanes have hit New England during August and September.

"Our administration continues to work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to enhance their preparedness before the next hurricane or tropical storm," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "As shown during Tropical Storm Elsa, that collaboration and coordination is key to keeping our residents and communities safe. We join MEMA in encouraging all residents to take the time to prepare this hurricane season."

"Tropical storms and hurricanes don't often happen in New England, but it only takes one storm to cause major damage," said Public Safety and Security

Secretary Thomas Turco, "Every corner of the state is at risk and we remember especially Tropical Storm Irene, which caused significant flooding damage in Western Massachusetts ten years ago. As first responders prepare for these events, we're asking everyone to take time make a household safety plan."

Earlier this month, MEMA updated its annual Massachusetts Tropical Cyclone Profile, which includes information about tropical storms and hurricanes, associated hazards, and a seasonal outlook for what is expected to be an above-normal hurricane season.

"MEMA and more than 70 Emergency Support Function organizations continue to prepare

2021 AGGANIS ALL-STAR GAMES A BIG SUCCESS

The 2021 Agganis All-Star Games, under the leadership of Executive Director Paul Halloran, were an outstanding success.

The Games allowed the top senior athletes in the area one more opportunity to represent their high schools in competition after a challenging year due to the pandemic.

The 59th Annual All-Star Football Game wrapped up an exciting week as the City of Lynn honored the legendary Lynn Classical standout Harry Agganis.

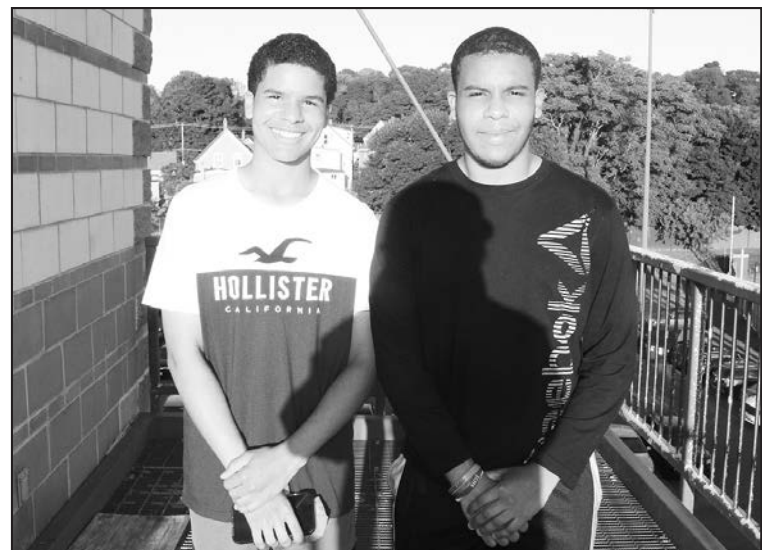
Congratulations to Paul Halloran, his wife, Basketball and Lacrosse Director Julie Halloran, Agganis President Andrew Demakes, Agganis Chairman Gregory J. Agganis, and the other Agganis Game Directors, Jeff Newhall, Matt Durgin, and Jim Foley, for a job well done.



Nico Galeazzi of Lynn Classical High School had the high honor of wearing the great Harry Agganis' jersey No. 33 in the Agganis All-Star Football Classic that was played June 23 at Manning Field.



Agganis Baseball All-Stars, from left, Lucas Fritz of St. Mary's High School, Andrew Luciano of St. Mary's High School, Colby Magliozzi of St. Mary's High School, Ethaniel Almendarez of Lynn Classical High School, Terence Moynihan of St. Mary's High School, and Nico Galeazzi of Lynn Classical High School.



Lynn Classical students Misael Beato and Jael Baeto, who helped broadcast the Agganis Football Game on Lynn TV-15.



Agganis Softball MVPs, Lily Eldridge of Danvers High (North Team) and Leah Ventre of Saugus High (South Team).



Agganis Softball All-Stars, Brooke Warren and Kylie Poisson of Lynn Classical High School and Alyssa Grossi and Marina DiBiasio of St. Mary's High School.



Four Lynn Classical High School students were the recipients of Agganis Scholarships. From left, are Kathleen Mannion (Univ. of Vermont), Jessica Page (Western New England), Mary Collins (UMass/Amherst), and Brooke Warren (Emmanuel).



Agganis All-Star basketball player Maiya Bergdorf of St. Mary's High School, pictured with her parents, Darnell and Sheridan. Maiya will be attending Sacred Heart University.



Agganis Football Game Director Matt Durgin presented the Game MVP Awards to Paul Hammond of Arlington Catholic High School (North Team) and Ryan Hovermale of Winthrop High School (South Team).

2021 AGGANIS ALL-STAR GAMES A BIG SUCCESS



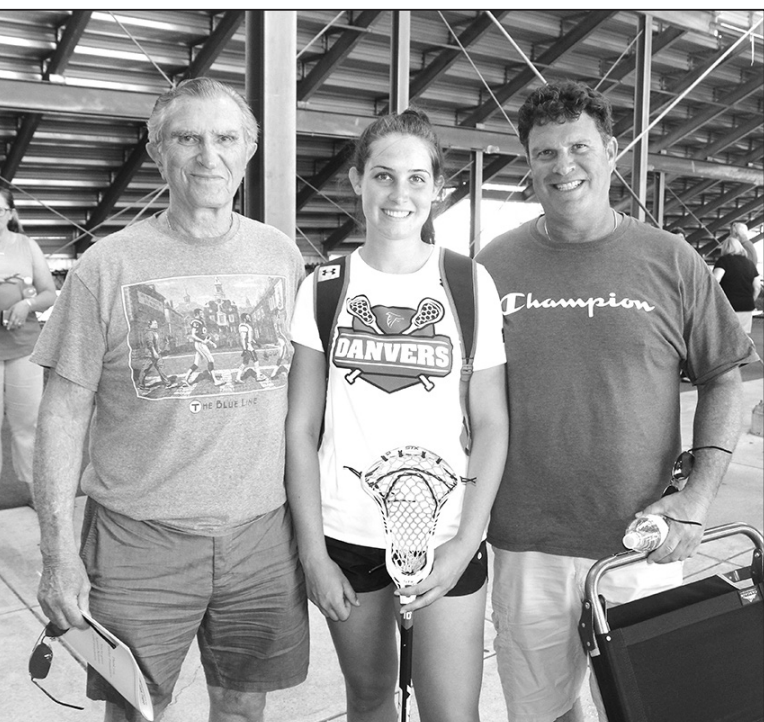
Agganis Football Game Director Matt Durgin, Agganis Foundation Chairman Gregory Agganis, Agganis Foundation President Andrew Demakes, and Agganis Games Committee Executive Director Paul Halloran.



Greg Agganis, Agganis Football referee Tyrone Brown, and IAABO basketball official Bob Mullins.



Christine McCarriston stopped by the pressbox at Fraser Field to see her father, legendary TV broadcaster John Hoffman.



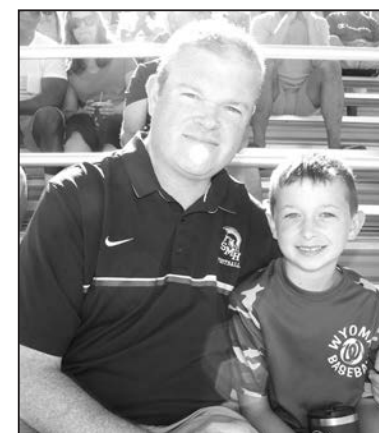
Three generations of Agganis All-Stars, Lacrosse All-Star Ashley Curcuru of Danvers High, with her father, Dave Curcuru (right), who played in the 1985 Agganis Football Game, and her grandfather, Bob Curcuru, who played in the 1955 Agganis Football Game. Ashley will be attending Purdue University.



Sports photographer Rose Raymond (center) was the recipient of the David C. Weidner Media Award. Making the award presentation are Agganis Foundation President Andrew Demakes and Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee.



St. Mary's High School boys basketball coach David Brown is pictured with his children, David Brown Jr. and Agganis Soccer All-Star Eliza Brown.



St. Mary's Director of Athletics Jeff Newhall and his son, Alex Newhall, at the Agganis Awards Program.



Agganis All-Stars Alyssa Grossi, Maiya Bergdorf, and Nicolette D'Itria, representing St. Mary's High School.



North All-Star Team girls soccer coach Samantha Charest of Beverly High, South All-Star Team coach Mike Schena of Lynn Classical, Agganis Soccer Director Jim Foley, and Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM CENTRE COLLEGE

Local students graduated from Centre College during the College's Commencement ceremony held on Saturday, May 22. Cynthia De Leon graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology. A graduate of Lynn English High School, De Leon's parent is Mayra Jimenez of Lynn.

Founded in 1819, Centre College is a U.S. News top-50 national liberal arts college, and named one of Forbes top-15 college/university in the South seven years in a row.

MERIDA LOPEZ GRADUATES FROM UNION COLLEGE

Damaris Merida Lopez, of Lynn, graduated from Union College.

Merida Lopez, a member of the Class of 2021 majoring in Electrical Engineering, graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Electrical Engineering).

Union College, founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers programs in the liberal arts and engineering to 2,100 undergraduates of high academic promise and strong personal motivation. Union, with its long history of blending disciplines, is a leader in educating students to be engaged, innovative and ethical contributors to an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2021 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

Victoria Adebajji, Interior Architecture, daughter of Ruth Omotosho

Brittany Barrows, Nursing, daughter of Stacy Barrows

Christopher Cole, Business Management, son of Geralyn Cole and Frank Cole

Taylor Darcy, Nursing, daughter of Gerry-Lynn Darcy and Brian Darcy

Alexis Ferraro, Nursing, daughter of Kimberly Ferraro and Michael Ferraro

Evelyn Figueroa, Business Management

Olga Hernandez, Biology/Biotechnology, daughter of Olga Garcia

Ryan Kelley, Computer Science, son of Heather Kelley and John Kelley

Michael Lam, Marketing, son of Ngo Lam and Hai Lam

Lindsey Lannon, Nursing, daughter of Kristin Lannon and Gary Lannon

Katherin Melenciano Lara, Business Management

Mollie Messina, Criminal Justice, daughter of Keri Messina and Gino Messina

Ricardo Pinto, Sport Management, son of Fernanda Pinto and Carlos Pinto

Rianon Prushinski, English, daughter of Marielen Prushinski and John Prushinski

Karlye Slepoy, Interior Architecture, daughter of Valerie Slepoy and Mark Slepoy

Julia Steriti, Libl Studies/Education, daughter of Kristen Steriti and John Steriti

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES DEGREE FROM QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The following student received a degree from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May:

Pedro Cesa, Bachelor of Science in Finance

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,715 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 386 Colleges." For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

LOCAL STUDENT MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Karen Barahona, Class of 2021, has been named to Dean's High Honors at Connecticut College for the 2021 spring semester. Karen is studying Sociology and History.

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2021 LOCAL GRADUATES

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, held its 81st annual Commencement exercises on May 22. Endicott's undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students participated in the ceremony at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly, Mass. The commencement speaker was Dana Bash, CNN's Chief Political Correspondent and Co-Anchor of State of the Union with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, who provided a virtual address. Bash received an honorary Doctor of Journalism, which was accepted on her behalf by Melissa Hempstead '69, Chair of the Endicott College Board of Trustees.

Graduating were:

Brittany Barrows, Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Graduated Cum Laude, daughter of Stacy Barrows

Daniel Calnan, Bachelor of Arts, English, Graduated Summa Cum Laude, son of Michelle Calnan and Joseph Calnan

Christopher Cole, Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Graduated Summa Cum Laude, son of Geralyn Cole and Frank Cole

Shawna Dickinson, Bachelor of Arts, English, daughter of Alicia Dickinson

Shawn Gates, Bachelor of Science, Business Management,

Haleigh King, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, daughter of Kimberley King and Christopher King

Lindsey Lannon, Bachelor of Science, Nursing, daughter of Kristin Lannon and Gary Lannon

Ricardo Pinto, Bachelor of Science, Sport Management, son of Fernanda Pinto and Carlos Pinto

Rianon Prushinski, Bachelor of Arts, English, Graduated Summa Cum Laude, daughter of Marielen Prushinski and John Prushinski

Jillian Yamartino, Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science, Graduated Cum Laude, daughter of Maureen Yamartino and John Yamartino

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND NAMES LOCAL STUDENTS TO DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean's List. More than 7,000 students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list:

Hieu Bui of Lynn
Kiki Kostolias of Lynn
Olivia Langlois of Lynn
Gabrielle Soares of Lynn

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects. The following undergraduates were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List:

Dianjenis Abreu of Lynn, MA class of 22 majoring in Electrical & Computer Engineering

Grace Gately of Lynn class of 22 majoring in Industrial Engi-

neering

Kyle Lopez of Lynn class of 23 majoring in Robotics Engineering

Eusebio Quintana of Lynn class of 24 majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Stephanie Steriti of Lynn class of 24 majoring in Mechanical Engineering

RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Pedro Cesa was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES AT CLARK UNIVERSITY

Clark University awarded 490 bachelor's degrees, 501 master's degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the University's 117th Commencement ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble. Among the graduates were:

Diana Wathika, of Lynn, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Veronica Isabel Sanchez, of Lynn, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

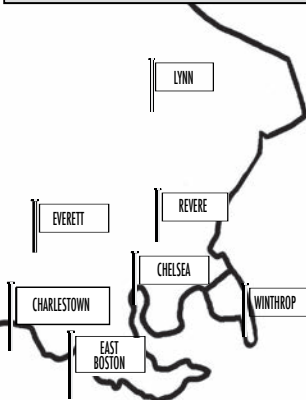
WALKER EARNS A SPOT ON THE DEAN'S LIST

More than 2,100 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester, including Susan Walker, a Public Health major from Lynn.

Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the semester.

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for disasters such as tropical storms and hurricanes,” said MEMA Deputy Director Pat Carnevale. “Hurricane Preparedness Week is a reminder for residents to prepare by learning if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed before, during, and after the storm.”

•Know Your Evacuation Zone - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone:www.mass.gov/knowyourzone

•Make an Emergency Plan – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs, and pets. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>

•Build an Emergency Kit - Build or customize an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.

•Stay Informed - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, 2-1-1 hotline, and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>

For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, a social media toolkit, flyers, and more, visit MEMA's Hurricane Preparedness Week webpage.

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(ECSB) Olga Vasquez-Garcia. The new Camp Rotary dining facility was financed by the ECSB. Congratulations to Kathryn and Olga accepting membership into the Lynn Rotary International Club.



President William Reilly congratulated Olga Vasquez-Garcia becoming a new Lynn Rotarian.



Kathryn Burns received her membership Rotary Club package from President William Reilly

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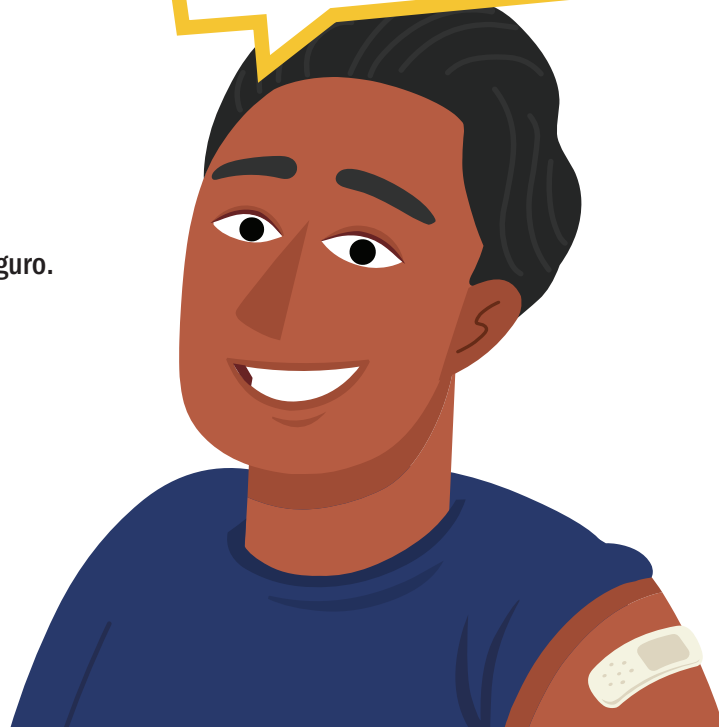
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