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Bishop Ireton Alumni, family and friends,



Bishop Paul S. Loverde announced that Mr. Timothy Hamer will be the principal of Bishop Ireton High School. Mr. Hamer has served as an interim principal since last year when Father Matthew Hillyard, O.S.F.S. was reassigned as the Rector of the Cathedral Parish in Camden, New Jersey. This follows a nationwide search to fill the position.

This is Mr. Hamer's 16th year at the school, where he has served as the director of advancement, the director of finance, and the vice principal for academics prior to being named interim principal. Mr. Hamer was also a student at Bishop Ireton in the Class of 1978.

Bishop Loverde said in announcing Mr. Hamer's appointment in the [Arlington Catholic Herald](#) that he was grateful for his years of service and expressed his confidence in his leadership. "Your experience as an administrator, coupled with your understanding of Salesian spirituality, certainly equips you in building upon the strong foundation laid by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales."

"I am humbled and gratified by Bishop Loverde's appointment of me as Bishop Ireton High School's next principal," Mr. Hamer said. "I look forward to serving the students, parents, teachers, administrators and alumni as we begin the next chapter in this wonderfully rich community of learning guided, as ever, by the example of our patron St. Francis De Sales."

Mr. Hamer is a graduate of the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education, where he earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration, and DeSales University with a degree in Politics. In addition to his 16 year service as a teacher and administrator at Bishop Ireton, Mr. Hamer spent four years as a counselor at The Wiley House, a residential program for troubled youth in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hamer's professional experience includes serving as CEO of the national non-profit, Support Our Aging Religious, and as president of his own fundraising and development consulting firm with clients across the nation. His experience also includes staff positions as director of corporate relations at George Mason University and director of business development at United Network for Organ Sharing. Mr. Hamer lives in Manassas with his wife Sherry, who is a teacher at Holy Spirit School. They have three sons, all of whom are graduates of Bishop Ireton High School: Chris '98, Daniel '06, and Francis '08.

Alumni Golf Tournament

Join us for a day of great golf on Monday, April 27 at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Click [here](#) to register or sign up to be a sponsor! There will be a Shotgun Start at 11:00 am with a Captain's Choice/Scramble Format. Cocktails and Dinner begin at 5:00 pm. The evening features a Silent Auction, Raffle, and Awards Ceremony. The registration fee of \$300 includes lunch, dinner, special gifts, green fees, cart, and beverages. The Tournament is limited to 144 players, so sign up early!

Proceeds from the Golf Classic are divided three ways: to provide support for the retired and infirm Oblates who have served the school, financial aid for students, and for other academic and athletic programs at Bishop Ireton. Last year we were able to raise over \$50,000 through the Golf Classic to support these goals. Help us reach our goal! Other ways to support the 2009 Bishop Ireton Golf Classic:

- **Be a Sponsor!** There are many levels to choose from, all which include an ad in the Program. All sponsors will be thanked in the *Arlington Catholic Herald* as well. Levels start with a Tournament Friend at \$100 to a hole sponsor at \$350 and up to a De Sales Sponsor for \$4,000. To see all the available levels, click [here](#). Contact [Ken Baskette](#) or call 703-212-5199 for more information!
- **Donate an item or event tickets to the Golf Auction!** Donation ideas include gift certificates for lunch, a round of golf at your Club, sports memorabilia, your unused tickets to a major league sporting event, golf equipment or golf apparel. To donate an item for the Silent Auction, please contact [Terry Rainey](#) or call 703-212-5182.

Magi-Whirl Magic Show

Wrap up a good Easter Break by coming to the Magi-Whirl Magic Show on Saturday, April 18th. The Gala Public Show begins at 7:30 pm. Arrive early (6:30 pm) to enjoy strolling magicians in the lobby. Doors to Whaley Auditorium open at 7 pm. Tickets are all general admission. Advance tickets are \$12 (or \$45 for a family of four) or \$15 each at the door. Great show for the kids! Click here for [more info and online tickets purchases](#).

Swim Team Reunion

The Bishop Ireton/St. Mary's Swimming Team will host a team reunion on Saturday, June 6th, starting at 3pm at 828 Emerald Dr, Alexandria. It will be a BBQ cook-out. The event will be hosted by Paul Skelly '72, Captain of the team in the 1971-1972 season. In attendance will be the dynamic duo of Fr. Al Smith, assistant coach and moderator 1969-1979, and Harry Sober, coach 1971-1980. Please contact Harry Sober for more information soberhk@verizon.net.

Corporate Matching Grants

Corporate Matching grants are a wonderful way to increase your donation to Bishop Ireton. Please check with your company to see if they offer a Matching Grant program.

Memory Bricks

Can't think of a special gift for that special someone? How about a personalized brick with his/her name and graduation year or special memory? Order your brick today to be placed in the courtyard between the Atrium and the Resource Center. You can also remember a parent, teacher or friend with a personalized brick. The 4"x 8" bricks are \$150.00 and can be engraved with two lines of 18 characters/spaces each. Call the Advancement Office for information on larger brick pricing, 703-212-5184 or OlivaK@BishopIreton.org.



March Trivia Question: What are the Latin words on the St. Mary's Academy uniform patch, also on class rings? What does it mean? **"Spes Unica" Means 'our only hope' and refers to Christ's death on the cross. This is the official motto of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.** Sent in by Sue Nelson Sargeant '72. And the winner is James Therry '79. Congratulations!

April Trivia Question: What was the mascot name voted on before the name "Cardinals" was picked? Sent in by Kevin Tracy '68.

Send me your answer and the first person to email me with the correct answer will have their name published next month in the "Eye on BI". Send me your trivia question (and answer) and it may be

used in the future.

Alumni News

Pamela Kaupinen '01, is currently training to compete in the Nautica NYC Triathlon as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. On July 26th, she will be racing through New York City as she swims 0.9 miles, bikes 25 miles, and runs 6.2 miles. Greater than finishing the cross line of this event, is the fact that she is doing it as a member of a team which will raise over \$1 million to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and its mission to find a cure for blood cancer. "As an athlete that began much of my athletic career at Bishop Ireton, I am hoping you can share my story with the Bishop Ireton community. Not only is this great inspiration for other young athletes and BI alum, but it's an easy way to spread the word on how to be part of a great and worthy cause." You can see her homepage at:

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/nyc/nyctri09/pkaupinen>

Kelley Satterthwaite '01 is also training for a half marathon as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team In Training. She will be training for this event and raising money over the next few months. She is also committed to raising money for LLS, where 75% of every dollar goes directly to helping LLS to find a cure. Kelley's web page:

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/md/rnr09/ksat2009>

Fran Canon Slayton '85 is publishing her first book, through a division of Penguin, in June. There will be a book signing at Hooray for Books on King Street, June 20th, 2009.

Keep in Touch!

Married? Moved? Growing family? Graduated? New Job/Career? Share your news with friends and classmates in the Grad Glimpses column in the next issue of the Cardinal Connection! Email [Linda Loffredo](mailto:Linda.Loffredo) with any updates. Make sure you let the Alumni office know when you have an addition to your family so that we can send you a "BI Bib" with the class of 20?? printed on it.

Great opportunities to serve God rarely present themselves, but minor ones are very often put before us. Now, "Whoever is faithful in small things," says the Savior, "will be put in charge of greater things." Do everything in the name of God, and all you do will be done well. Whether you eat or drink, sleep or rest, you will profit greatly before God by doing all these things because God wishes you to do them.

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