

Countdown to the Hall of Fame & Reunion Luncheon – November 8th at Antun's

The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association is proud to invite you to our **Hall of Fame & Reunion Luncheon** on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, from **12:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at **Antun's of Queens Village**. This annual tradition has become one of the most cherished events on our calendar, uniting alumni, families, and friends to celebrate the proud legacy of PMA — a school that closed its doors in 1984, but whose spirit continues to shine in **purple and gold**.

This year's luncheon promises an afternoon filled with **reunion, remembrance, and recognition**. Our Hall of Fame inductees will be honored, and each will have the opportunity to share reflections on their Power experience. For many, this day is not only about honoring achievement but also about rekindling friendships and paying tribute to the bond that has kept Power men connected for decades.

Tickets & Tables

Tickets will be **\$150 per person** or **\$1,250 for a table of 10**. We encourage you to **reserve a table with your classmates** — nothing captures the spirit of PMA quite like celebrating side by side with those who shared the journey.



Commemorative Journal

Our **commemorative journal** is a time-honored tradition, offering alumni the chance to **congratulate honorees, remember teammates, or share words of fellowship**. Rates are as follows:

- Full page: **\$200**
- Half page: **\$100**
- Inside front or back cover: **\$500**

Preserving the Legacy

Though the school closed more than 40 years ago, our mission remains to **keep the legacy alive** — honoring the achievements of our classmates, remembering those who came before us, and ensuring that the name Power Memorial Academy will always hold a place of honor.

For tickets, please contact **Steve Lazarus** at smlazarus@aol.com or **201-851-2445**. For journal ads, please contact **Joe DeFazio** at jcdefazio@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you on November 8th for an unforgettable afternoon of celebration, fellowship, and pride in wearing the **purple and gold**.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight: Norm Jardine Honors Through Song and Service

In addition to helping organize the Class of 1965 reunion, **Norm Jardine '65** continues to share his voice and spirit at community events, keeping the legacy of Power alive through music, remembrance, and service.

This past September 11th, Norm sang the **National Anthem** at both the **Town of North Hempstead's morning remembrance ceremony** and the **Village of Williston Park's evening memorial service**. His heartfelt performances served as a moving tribute to those we lost, and a reminder of the unity and resilience that define both our nation and the Power brotherhood.

Norm's devotion extends well beyond the stage. He recently completed his **Memorial Day activities**, visiting **seven cemeteries** to honor the deceased members of his **American Legion post**, neighborhood friends, and family members of his Power classmates who have since moved away. He also visited the graves of two Power alumni: **Roy Koenig '65**, his classmate who was killed in Vietnam in **August 1968**, and **Pat Gallagher '62**, former student council president and captain of the track team, who after graduating from Providence College in 1966 became a Marine Lieutenant and was killed in Vietnam in **September 1967**. These solemn visits highlight Norm's deep respect for the sacrifices of his classmates and fellow alumni.

This past summer, on **July 13, 2025**, Norm performed the **National Anthem** to open a concert by the **Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra** at **Mineola Memorial Park**. The Pops are led by **Power Hall of Fame member Maestro Lou Panacciulli**, whose musical style reflects the influence of the late Mr. Gene Morra, beloved band director at Power. Norm described the evening as both a privilege and a joy: "*The*



music of the Pops under Lou's baton is very influenced by Mr. Morra. It felt like bringing Power's spirit full circle."

Beyond the spotlight, Norm has also spent the summer working closely with **Monsignor Scanlan High School**, helping them **train staff to manage their finances more effectively**. His dedication to Scanlan strengthens the partnership between our alumni association and the school that now serves as a home for the Power legacy, including the growing **Memorabilia Room**.

For Norm, singing the National Anthem is more than performance — it is an act of pride and remembrance. He has sung for his **American Legion** on **Memorial Day** and the **Fourth of July**, and plans to do so again on **Patriotic Day, 9/11, and Veterans Day**. He has sung at **Power reunions**, and has been invited to perform for **Monsignor Scanlan High School** at their reunion. Norm is also awaiting word on an invitation to sing at **New York State Assemblyman Edward Ra's annual Salute to Veterans**, an event Ra hosts each year to honor service members.

Even when his schedule is packed, Norm finds time to share his gift. After the Nassau Pops concert, he left early to join a **Summer Sing in Garden City** — a true testament to his passion for music and his dedication to honoring through song and service.

FORMER PMAAA VICE PRESIDENT, MICHAEL KELLY, PASSES

Michael Kelly, who graduated from Power in 1955, passed away on August 17, 2025 at home. He was 88.

Michael was born and raised in the Inwood section of New York City to Irish immigrants on March 12, 1937, to the late Michael and Celia (Connolly) Kelly. He married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Mary Jane Ekins, on October 24, 1959 in New York City. They spent their years raising their family and traveling the world together. Michael was preceded in death by his wife who passed on May 3, 2011.



Michael Kelly

Aside from being a graduate of Power Memorial Academy, Michael received an engineering degree from Manhattan College, in New York City. After graduating from college, he enjoyed a long career with IBM, retiring as a Senior Engineer.

Michael was actively involved in his community, including interest in local science fairs. He was a longtime member and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Wappingers Council #1646, as well as past president of the Dutchess County Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was a founder and past Grand Marshall of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade and involved in the New York City St. Patrick's Parade; they were both important to him and his deep connection to his Irish heritage. In his spare time, Michael was an avid New York Yankees fan. He was also a longtime volunteer and parishioner at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls.

Michael joined the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association in 2005 and eventually was elected Vice President of the Association. During his tenure on PMAAA Board, Mike was instrumental in expanding the Association. He was very proud of being a graduate of PMA and strove to continue the PMA values and traditions through the PMAAA scholarship program. Mike's dedication and hard work that he exhibited while on the Board served as an inspiration to all his fellow Board

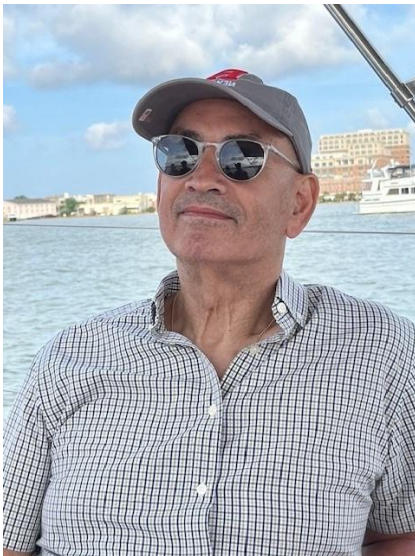
members. He will truly be missed.



Former PMAAA Board Member Joe Maffia, Passes

On Friday, August 15, we lost Joseph Maffia, who died at home in New York City at the age of 66. By any and all measures Joseph Maffia was an extraordinary human being, a greatly devoted and deeply adored husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. A successful businessman, a wonderful and beloved teacher - socially engaged and politically active, a private man but a public figure who was blessed with a first class intellect and a rare wit and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Joey was complex, surprising, and rich with contradictions - ebullient on the one hand, shy on the other; charming as well as serious; a devout Catholic known for his irreverent sense of humor; admired for his easy going manner but also for his gravity. He was a street corner kid as a young boy, a renowned graffiti artist, a charming rascal, city wise and New York quick, and he carried the street with him all his life even as he forged a distinguished career as an entrepreneur, business leader, neighborhood activist, political candidate and gifted teacher. Joey was generous, gentle and kind, a fine photographer, a former athlete and college track star, a lifelong lover of music and sports, a figure of surpassing dignity and grace.



His sudden and unexpected death came as a terrible shock - this man was always so alive! - He made us laugh so often - and his passing has unleashed a great wave of grief. Those of us who love Joe also love his wife MJ and will do what we can to keep her close and carry her through this heartbreaking time.

MJ is a successful businesswoman who added her financial and business acumen to his and sweetened her husband's very busy life by virtue of her consistent grace, her lively sense of pleasure, her gift for giving and receiving love, and her unfailing kindness.

Joe Maffia was a great man - truly great - and he will be truly and greatly missed. He leaves behind too many mourners to count, but you can't honor Joseph Maffia's memory without celebrating his wife

MJ, his extraordinary daughters, Jessie and Michelle, his grandson Liam, his sister Roma, his brother Maurice, and the long line of family and friends who hold him in their hearts and in their fondest recollections, where he will no doubt continue to live, as mischievous as ever, unpredictable, reliable, handsome, lively and free. He was always so busy. Now he can rest, and we can know that we were blessed to share the world with him.

We invite you to join us in honoring the life of **Joe Maffia '77**.

Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 4, 2025 • 9:00 AM

St. Patrick's Cathedral (Fifth Avenue, between 50th & 51st Streets), New York, NY.

Celebration of Life (following the Mass)

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola — 980 Park Avenue (at E 84th Street), New York, NY.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Joe's life and legacy.



Preserving the Legacy: The Power Memorial Memorabilia Room at Monsignor Scanlan

One of the most exciting initiatives for the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association is the creation of a **Memorabilia Room** at Monsignor Scanlan High School. This dedicated space will serve as a permanent home for our school's rich history — a place where alumni and friends can connect with the enduring spirit and tradition of Power Memorial.

The room will feature a collection of treasured items: **jerseys, trophies, photographs, championship banners, Hall of Fame plaques, and yearbooks**. Each piece tells part of the story of Power Memorial, and together they preserve the pride of generations of men who wore the **purple and gold**.

While the vision is clear, we need the help of our alumni and friends to bring it fully to life. We are seeking **volunteers with expertise in cabinet making, carpeting, painting, and general construction** who can lend their skills to this project. In addition, **financial contributions are welcomed** to help cover materials and finishing touches.

We are also hoping to purchase **replica championship plaques**. Alumni or families who would like to **sponsor a plaque** will play a special role in ensuring that the legacy of our championship teams continues to inspire for generations to come.

Together, we can make this Memorabilia Room a true home for the Power legacy — a space that honors the past and celebrates the brotherhood that lives on well beyond 1984.



Alumni Outing: St. John's vs. Ole Miss – December 6th

We're putting together a **group of Power alumni** to attend the **St. John's vs. Ole Miss basketball game** on **Friday, December 6, 2025**, and we'd love for you to join us!

We've secured a block of seats in **Section 227**, and tickets are **\$69.46 each**. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates, enjoy a top-tier college basketball matchup, and represent the **purple and gold** in the stands.

Purchase your tickets directly here: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Powermemorial25>

Family and friends are welcome — the more, the merrier! Let's make it a great night of basketball and fellowship.



Power Scholars Spotlight

Investing in the Future — Honoring the Past

For many years, the **Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association (PMAAA)** has supported deserving students through scholarships at schools that share Power's values and spirit. Over the years, PMAAA has sponsored students at **Rice High School** and **All Hallows High School**. With both of those institutions now closed, we are proud to continue this legacy by **sponsoring students at Monsignor Scanlan High School** — a strong partner in preserving and extending the Power tradition.

The **Power Scholars Program** reflects the values that defined Power Memorial Academy — faith, sacrifice, opportunity, and legacy. Through the generosity of alumni and friends, deserving students at **Monsignor Scanlan** are given the chance to thrive academically and athletically, carrying forward the spirit of the **purple and gold**.

This month, we proudly introduce two remarkable students whose journeys are being shaped by the generosity of Power alumni.

Jeiron Ortiz — Senior

Sponsored by Richard McCartney in honor of his father, John E. McCartney

Monsignor Scanlan High School | Transfer from All Hallows

Jeiron Ortiz is a talented and driven senior who **transferred to Monsignor Scanlan High School following the closing of All Hallows**, where he previously attended. At Scanlan, he will continue his education and play **baseball**, contributing both in the classroom and on the field.

His opportunity is made possible by **Richard McCartney**, who is sponsoring Jeiron in honor of his father, **John E. McCartney** — a man who worked **three jobs** to give Richard the opportunity to attend **Power Memorial Academy**.

By supporting Jeiron, Richard is carrying forward his father's legacy of sacrifice and opportunity. Jeiron's story is a powerful reminder that the legacy of Power is not only about honoring the past, but also **investing in the future** — giving deserving young people the same chance that so many Power families once gave their own children.

Heaven Hart '27

Monsignor Scanlan High School


Heaven Hart is more than an outstanding athlete — she's an exceptional young woman. On the basketball court, she plays with toughness and determination, earning a reputation as a "bully" in the best sense: relentless, fearless, and unafraid of a challenge. Off the court, she's a sweetheart whose kindness and warmth leave a lasting impression on everyone she meets.



Raised by a single mother in a large family that includes a newborn sibling, Heaven has learned the values of care, responsibility, and resilience. She brings that same energy to her team, making her not only a competitor but also a leader and a positive force in her community.

Heaven is a **Division I prospect** with ambitious academic and athletic goals. Monsignor Scanlan provides the environment she deserves to thrive on both fronts.

Her sponsorship comes from **Dennis Mooney**, in honor of his parents, who took a chance and moved from **Glasgow, Scotland** to New York to build a better life. Though they struggled to make ends meet, they found a way to send Dennis to **Power Memorial Academy**, a sacrifice that shaped his future. Dennis now proudly **pays that forward** by supporting Heaven's journey.

 **The Power Scholars Program** is sustained entirely through the generosity of alumni and friends. If you'd like to learn more about sponsoring a student, please contact **PMAAA** to help change a life and carry the Power legacy forward.