

**St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute  
Alumni Association**

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

*Signum Fidei*  
*Society*

**Induction Banquet**



Honoring:

**Thomas E. Andruschat '59**

**James M. Denzak '80**

**Alan C. Dye '93**

**Matthew J. Hellerer '75**

**Dr. James W. Kosnik '67**

**Ralph J. Salerno '82**

Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Signum Fidei** (sign of faith) is the characteristic spirit of the Christian Brothers, that attitude of faith which expresses itself in love and zeal for the welfare of others. A member of the **Signum Fidei Society** is an alumnus of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute who has distinguished himself in his professional career and community activities, an individual who shares in the Lasallian spirit characterized by "Signum Fidei."

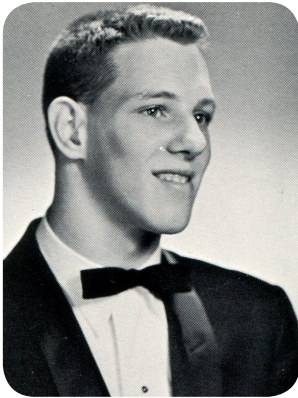


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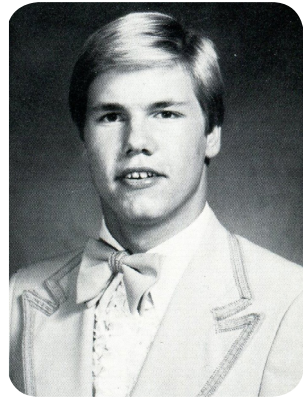
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as distinguished alumni and welcomes them into the  
Signum Fidei Society.

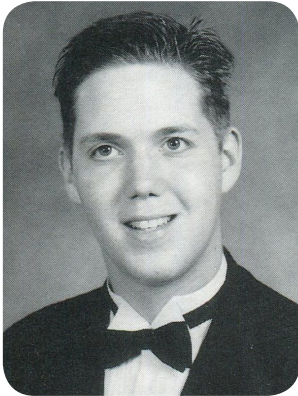
# *Inductees*



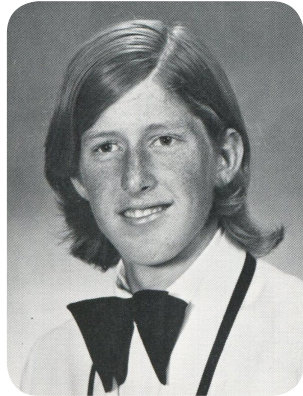
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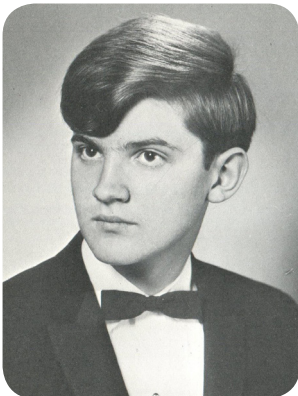
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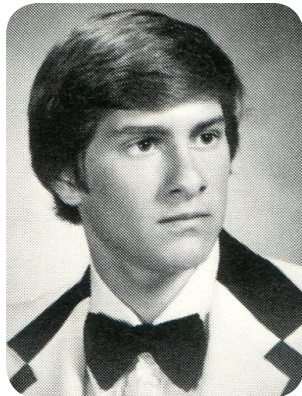
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# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Signum Fidei Society Banquet

Saturday, March 3, 2018

6 p.m.

Reception

7 p.m.

Invocation

Br. Joseph Reed, FSC

Dinner

8 p.m.

Welcome & Remarks

Robert T. Scott, AFSC

President

Mark S. Zirnheld '78

Signum Fidei Inductee 2017

Induction Ceremony

9:30 p.m.

Benediction

Thomas J. "T.J." Daley '03

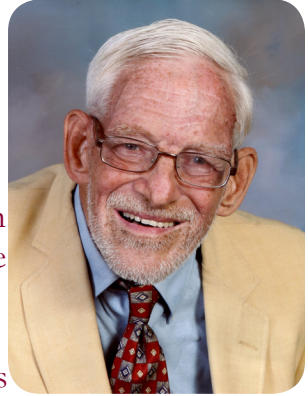
Alumni Association President

Reception



## Thomas E. Andruschat '59

Thomas E. Andruschat '59 graduated from Canisius College Cum Laude in 1963 and from the University at Buffalo Law School in 1966. In 2002, Tom received the Al Felmet Achievement Award from the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York in recognition of an individual who overcame the physical challenges of Cerebral Palsy and whose achievements are an inspiration to all. He served on the Board of Directors for the United Cerebral Palsy Association of WNY including 6 years as President of the Board.



Tom has practiced law for 44 years and has been a member of the Erie County Bar Association since 1966. He served as an acting Judge and Village Attorney for the Village of East Aurora. He is considered a trustworthy, fair, and honest attorney who always represents his clients in the highest and best manner.

He has been active in the East Aurora Community Chamber of Commerce and in his parish, Immaculate Conception. He served on the Immaculata High School Board for six years. He was an active board member for Aspire and was recognized by that organization as an outstanding leader.

While at St. Joe's, Tom served as the manager of the football team for four years and was recognized for this with his selection into the St. Joe's Sports Hall of Fame with the '56-'59 football team. He has been a loyal alumnus and strong participant in events held by the class of '59. His classmates hold such a high regard for him that the St. Joe's Class of '59 scholarship fund is named in his honor.

Tom has three daughters and six grandchildren.

## James M. Denzak '80

James M. Denzak '80 graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the IBM Client Executive program at Harvard University. He currently serves as the Cloud and Cognitive Solutions Sales Leader at IBM.



Previously, Jim was responsible for IBM's Industry Solutions software business results for the Global Electronics Industry. During his 25 years at IBM, he has held positions in business development, sales, marketing, and services delivery. He was a member of the team that developed IBM's first Information Technology outsourcing initiative and closed a global agreement with Eastman Kodak. This initiative would later become the precursor to IBM Global Services Strategic Outsourcing, a multi-billion dollar a year business for IBM. He is the recipient of numerous One Hundred Percent Clubs and IBM's coveted Golden Circle award.

He served as the Vice Chairman of the board of PDES, Inc., an international standards consortium responsible for the acceleration and adoption of data management standards for product development. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Technology Committee at St. Joe's. He was instrumental in improving the computer networking infrastructure required by the increased number of computers and iPads on campus in Fall 2013. He has served as chairman of the American Red Cross local blood drive campaigns, board member of the St. Louis Church capital campaign, assistant coach for Mendon, NY little league baseball, Pro-Am Committee Member for the 69th Senior PGA Championship, F.I.R.S.T. coach (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in Pittsford, New York, and member of the local establishment of Habitat for Humanity.

Jim resides in Pittsford, New York with his wife and three sons.

## Alan C. Dye '93

Alan C. Dye '93 earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Communications Design at Syracuse University.

After graduating from the School of Design at Syracuse University, Alan worked as a freelance designer for both the *New York Times* and the *New York Magazine*. He also worked with other publications, book publishers, and held design lead roles at Kate Spade and Ogilvy & Mather.



In 2006, just nine years after graduating from Syracuse University and thirteen years after graduating from St. Joe's, Alan joined Apple as Creative Director with the Marketing Communications team. Before joining the User Interface team, Alan led global design efforts across all aspects of communications, from identity and packaging, through retail and interactive experiences. In 2012, Dye joined Jonathan Ive's team to lead the User Interface group responsible for the design of iOS 7, iOS 8, and watchOS. In 2015, he would earn the role of Apple's Vice President of User Interface Design, reporting directly to Apple CEO Tim Cook. His team continues to develop innovative experiences across all of Apple's products, and their work has been recognized with numerous design awards.

In 2015, Alan was featured along with colleague Richard Howarth on Adweek's Creative 100 list. The Creative 100 list honors the people it views as the current masters of the creative idea across advertising, branded content, technology, products, and pop culture.

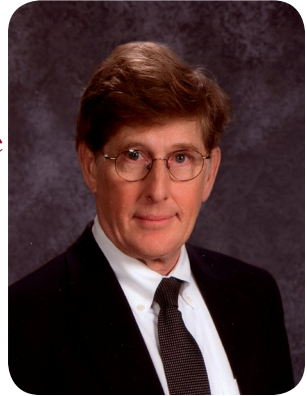
Since graduating from Syracuse University, he established the Elizabeth and Alan Dye Award for the outstanding senior in communications design.

In 2015, he began the Dye Family Endowment Fund to benefit the Artists in Residence Program at St. Joe's.

Alan lives in San Francisco with his wife and children.

## Matthew J. Hellerer '75

Matthew J. Hellerer '75 is a current teacher and former coach at St. Joe's. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from Cornell University and a Master of Science in Education from Canisius College.



He began teaching science in 1984 and is currently in his 33rd year of teaching at St. Joe's. He has been named Lasallian Educator of the Year and, from the American Chemical Society, the WNY Chemistry Teacher of the Year. He coached Track & Field from 1990 to 2016, including 9 straight undefeated seasons. In 2006, he began coaching Cross Country and continued until 2016.

Matt is not only a member of the 2002 St. Joe's Sports Hall of Fame, but also was recognized in 2016 when he was inducted into the WNY Running Hall of Fame. He ran one of the fastest marathons ever by a Western New Yorker in the Boston Marathon, earning him a trip to the Olympic marathon trials.

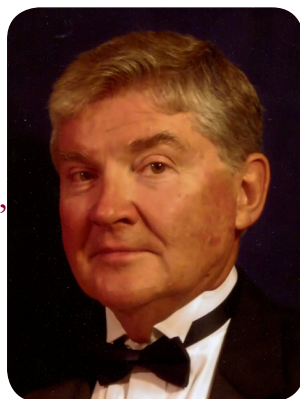
Matt is not only an accomplished teacher and coach, but also a great mentor and servant to St. Joe's. His relationships go beyond the classroom and the track. Matt is known for his dedication to our school community and his legendary performances at the St. Joe's Open House and with the Bob Ivory Run.

Matt's personal values are indistinguishable from what makes St. Joe's unique. In his own words, "Academics are emphasized at St. Joe's but they are only part of what we do. Athletics, music, and service are important but they too are only part of our tradition. It is the friendship that gives life at St. Joe's meaning. It is the friendship that makes us aware that we are part of something bigger than ourselves."



## Dr. James W. Kosnik '67

Dr. James Kosnik '67 received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in piano & organ, as well as a Master of Arts in Music History from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Professor Russell Saunders. Furthermore, he is the recipient of the prestigious Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School.



Jim is an Associate Professor of Music at Old Dominion University. He joined the faculty in 1982, and served as chairman of the music department for two terms from 1986 to 1992. In 2008, he received the Robert L. Stern Award for Excellence in Teaching from the College of Arts & Letters at Old Dominion. The following year, he was named "University Professor" of Music at Old Dominion. In addition, he is the organist and choir director at St. Andrew's Church in Norfolk. In 1988, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) appointed Jim to NPM's staff as program coordinator and clinician. He established NPM's first "School of Organists" in 1989 at Baldwin-Wallace College. Prior to his appointment at Old Dominion, he served as chairman of the Music Department at Villa Maria College, and as Director of Music at St. Joseph's Cathedral. In 1979, he was appointed adjunct music instructor at Christ the King Seminary. Beginning in 1963 and throughout the time he attended St. Joe's, he was hired as organist at his home parish, Assumption R.C. Church, in the Black Rock section of Buffalo. Jim has recorded six CD's, including three with the Liturgical Organists Consortium, and three solo. He is featured frequently as a recitalist at regional and national NPM conventions. In 1997, he was featured at the Region III Convention of the American Guild of Organists. In 2009, he was the organist at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. In 2013, he made his Harvard University concert debut at Busch Museum.

In 2000, Jim established the Walter and Stella Kosnik Fine Arts Scholarship at SJCI, in memory of his parents.

## Ralph J. Salerno '82

Ralph J. Salerno '82 earned a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Arts/Printing from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1987. Since 1988, he has been the owner of Keller Bros & Miller Inc. Keller Bros & Miller Inc. is a local family owned commercial printer that completed a major building restoration and business expansion in 2009, executing three acquisitions from 2011 through 2014. It is recognized for service by Kids Escaping Drugs, the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald House, and Kevin Guest House.



Ralph is committed to being a community leader not only through his company, but also personally. Since 1989, he has continued to support Kids Escaping Drugs, serving as an “unofficial” advisor through 2006, continuing as a committee member of SkiSkape, and being personally inducted into the Kids Escaping Drugs Hall of Fame in 2000. Ralph also assisted with the Police Athletic League (PAL) helping to re-establish PAL in 1993. He served in a variety of leadership roles through 2004, including Vice President, Executive Committee, Trustee, and Co-Chair of the Gus Macker Tournament. From 1987 to 2000, he has worked with March of Dimes in multiple roles including Chapter Vice Chair, Gourmet Gala committee member, Golf Tournament Co-Chair, and Golf Tournament committee member.

He was recognized by SJCI for decades of leadership to the Higgins/Hudecki-led Little Rock Fundraiser, is a member of the Buffalo Bisons Diamond Club, and has led an annual fundraising program for St. Rose of Lima School. He has been a committed member to the Make A Wish, Wish Gala and the Computers for Children Gala. He was recognized by Nardin Academy and also by Business First for Business Leadership Community Commitment.

He is married to the former Darcy Herberger of Clarence and is father to the daughter, Emily.

# Members of the Signum Fidei Society

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