



***"The people around us,
help us to develop
our own internal strength."***

-Brian Waranauskas '77

Hello Alumni and Friends,

I hope you had a Happy and Blessed Easter! Spring is in the air here at St. Rita, and there is a sense of rejuvenation on campus. The grass is finally green again, our trees are budding, and the birds are chirping.

We are happy to share that our Alumni and Advancement Department is cautiously and slowly returning to a pre-pandemic program. On April 22nd at Ridge Country Club, we had the opportunity to induct 13 new members to our Hall of Fame. We also brought together the Classes of 1972 and 1997 to celebrate their 50th & 25th reunions. It was a much smaller and intimate event, but it still had the energy and excitement of our Annual Alumni Event.

Congratulations to all of these proud Ritamen! Once again, thank you, without your continued support none of these fundraising efforts and successes would be possible. We are grateful for all that you do for St. Rita, our young men, and their families.

St. Rita Pray for Us,

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CLASS OF 1997



CLASS OF 1972

Where Are They Now?

Alumni Updates

Darius Fleming '08 *Shout Him Out*

Darius Fleming is your celebrity connect.

Fleming a former New England Patriots defensive linebacker is now a Talent Manager at **Cameo**.

Cameo is a company that allows users to pay for **personalized recorded video messages** from their favorite celebrities.

Click [here](#) to listen to Eddie at **Barstool Chicago** and Fleming discuss his time in the NFL with Brady and Belichick, St. Rita, and all things Cameo.



Photo: Twitter

Mike Kafka '05 *Moving on Up*

R.I.P. to the Kafka and **Mahomes** snapshots!

Kafka has left the Kansas City Chiefs to

become the new Offensive Coordinator for the **New York Giants**.

Kafka played quarterback at St. Rita, Northwestern, and the Eagles, and will be inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame this spring.

See the **New York Post's** cover on how he truly is the "man to fix the Giant's offense."

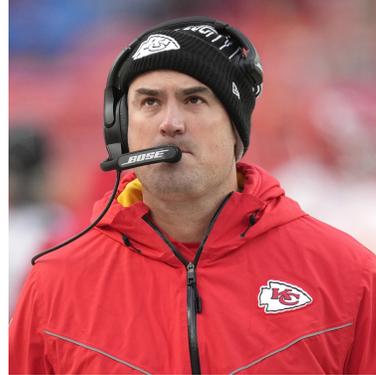
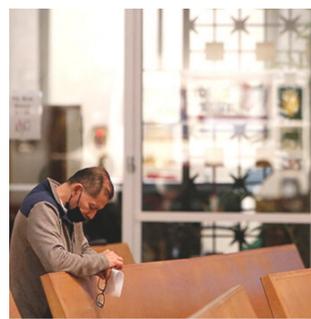


Photo: New York Post

The Rita Report

School & Student Highlights



A Mother's Love

On April 23, 2022, Ritamen and their mothers gathered for a very special event. The evening began with a mass in our chapel where students honored their mothers with roses and participated in a special prayer.

Following worship, our families continued their time together at **115 Bourbon Street** dancing the night away.

"The Mother-Son Mass and Dinner Dance is an incredible tradition, one of my favorites!" said mother Dina Scianna.

See more photos [here](#).

Pumped Over Pig Hearts

Dissecting a pig heart is a right of passage for many high school students.

This year, Ritamen in anatomy classes honored the tradition of holding their noses, grabbing a scalpel, and playing doctor for the day.

The selection of a pig heart versus a frog might be more relevant in the future, as in January the first pig-to-human heart transplant was performed.

A Festival for Peace

The **Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia** held its Festival of Peace on March 25, 2022. Masses, rosaries, chaplets, confession, music, and worship filled the shrine from noon to midnight.

"It just really shows the Holy Spirit and God's will because of all of these things unfolding with Ukraine," said attendee Catherine Viz.

Read more about the festival on **Chicago Catholic**.



Joining the 'Jumpman' Family

Last summer our Mustangs became a part of the Jordan Brand Family. With the organization only selecting two high schools from the entire state each year, the basketball-only sponsorship is truly an honor.

Aside from providing decals and banners, the Jordan Brand Family also treated players to uniforms, shoes, socks, travel sweats, and bags. Additionally, the organization sent a professional photographer



over to capture our athletes and feature them in a special SLAM Magazine St. Rita edition and on a billboard outside of the school.

"Our athletes love it. Jordan Brand is really thorough in everything they do with us. It truly is a family partnership. They truly care about the experience of the kid," said Roshawn Russell '08, Head Varsity Basketball Coach.

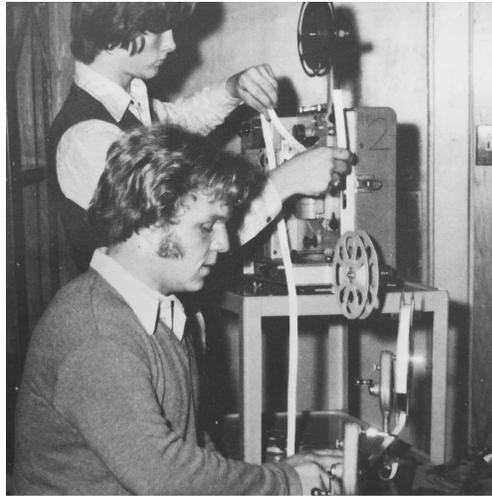
Jordan Brand also invited 50 Ritamen to the Jordan Brand Classic, an All-American game for the best seniors across the country. Attendees were given a free pair of Jordan shoes, shirts, and provided transportation.

We are proud to sport the iconic Jumpman logo and look forward to our continued sponsorship!

For more athletic news check out the

Mustang Sports Weekly

Spot the Alum



Shoot, Edit, Repeat, Action

Do you know these filmmakers? *Hint: This photo was taken in the '70s.*

Email alumni@stritahs.com with your answers.

Then vs. Now

"Unofficial" Ritaman Video Game

1977
Atari 2600

2022
Oculus Quest 2
Virtual Reality Headset



How far do Mustangs roam? What region/herd in the USA do you belong to?

[The Midwest Herd](#)

[The West Herd](#)

[The South Herd](#)

[The Northeast Herd](#)

[The Global Herd](#)

Cascia Collection Corner

Brick Walkway Campaign

Pave the Way for Students

Support St. Rita by becoming a part of our commemorative brick walkway located between the McCarthy Center and Mrozek Family Fitness Center. Funding from the walkway will directly help our Tuition Assistance Program.



[More Info](#)

Save the Date

St. Rita of Cascia
Feast Day

May
22nd
2022

Alumni
Golf Outing

July
15th
2022

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