

Ocean Tides School

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune, omitted, all the voyage of their lives is bound in shallows and in misery." – Shakespeare, Julius Caesar

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HALL OF FAME: Sixth Annual Dinner

Over 150 guests celebrated at the Dunes Club as three new members were inducted into the Ocean Tides Hall of Fame on May 30, 2014. A beautiful sea was shimmering outside and a friendly spirit was evident inside as everyone enjoyed the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with a magnificent view. The honorees were Dr. William Garrahan, Mary McGann, and Mortimer Newton. They were selected for their years of service and dedication to Ocean Tides School.

Dr. William Garrahan has been a supporter of the Christian Brothers since his days as a student at La Salle Academy in Providence. He has been an active member of the Ocean Tides Board of Trustees since 1985 and a strong believer in our mission and program to help the boys. He attends daily Mass in the Brother's chapel and for many years has been a medical consultant for Brothers, staff and boys.



Br. Brendan Gerrity and Dr. William Garrahan



Mary McGann and Mortimer Newton

Mary McGann and Mort Newton were Co-Chairs of the Capital Campaign for the renovation of Ocean Tides School which raised over \$1 million dollars. Our new facilities have enhanced learning and provided quality space and technology for the teachers and students.

Mort has been the attorney of record for Ocean Tides since 1984 and was generous with his time and talents. His support and encouragement are most appreciated. Mary has long been an advocate for Ocean Tides and a consultant for Administration and staff. She facilitated many workshops and served on the Ocean Tides Board of Trustees. She has been Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee since its inception and has worked hard to establish it as our major spring fundraiser. We are grateful that Mary and Mort are willing to schedule volunteer work into their busy retirement plans and appreciate their willingness to assist us at Ocean Tides.

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Teaching minds,
touching hearts.

President's Message



Brother Brendan Gerrity, FSC

Residential treatment in Rhode Island is enduring difficult times. Some people feel that all youth and families can be helped by outpatient services only. They fail to realize that some youngsters need time away from the family and some families need a respite from their troubled sons. I guess some decision-makers make choices based solely on money rather than on the needs of individuals.

Ocean Tides provides that necessary respite while at the same time working with the boy and his family to determine the problems and develop strategies that enable a better relationship to evolve. After 40 years of successful treatment services, we have established a strong program to help and heal broken relationships and allow both adults and children to grow together.

The naysayers are often loud and critical as they fail to talk with the many boys and their families who feel and know that it was the residential care at Ocean Tides which changed their attitudes and turned their lives around. Many successful graduates are now prominent members of Rhode Island's workforce, and are making positive contributions to our state.

If you would like more information on how to become an advocate for Ocean Tides' Residential Treatment Program, please come for a tour and visit by calling me at 789-1016. We need your support!

– Brother Brendan Gerrity, FSC

MEET THE STAFF: Ryan Abedi



Ryan Abedi

Ryan is a Residential Counselor in Narragansett. Born and raised in Rhode Island, he grew up living in Lincoln, Jamestown and Wakefield. He graduated from South Kingston High School and went on to the University

of Rhode Island. In 2011, he graduated with a major in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy.

Ryan came to Ocean Tides as a student intern. He assisted in the school instructing students in small engine repair, and helped out in the residential component of the program. In 2011 he was hired as a Residential Counselor.

Ryan really appreciates the structure of the program and the focus on the students learning to make positive choices. He says the most interesting part of his job is talking with a boy one-on-one and hearing their story. His favorite recreation is bowling at Old Mountain Lanes.

CONTINUING a Legacy

A note from Br. Dennis Malloy, FSC, Visitor of the District of Eastern North America of the Brothers of the Christian Schools

“To teach the hearts of those entrusted to your care is the greatest miracle you can perform.” – St. La Salle

This is not only one of St. La Salle's most commonly recalled statements, but one that speaks to the ministry and work of Brother Brendan Gerrity since he became president in 1985.

Brother Brendan's current term will come to a close at the end of the 2014-2015 academic year. He has expressed his interest in retiring from his role as president and CEO of Ocean Tides at that time. Brother Brendan believes that the program would be best served during these challenging fiscal and political times for juvenile justice agencies with new leadership.

We have met with a Brother who has a distinguished history of service in this ministry and is willing to come to Ocean Tides and serve as the next president. The Board of Trustees of Ocean Tides has approved the nomination of Brother James Martino, FSC to become president and CEO of Ocean Tides School. Brother James brings a wealth of youth care experience and is a seasoned and successful administrator and leader.

WISH LIST

Digital Cameras

Mead Composition Notebooks

Scientific Calculators

Electric Pencil Sharpeners
(for classrooms)

Subscriptions to Vocational Magazines
(for young male adults)

Baseball Equipment

Hockey Equipment

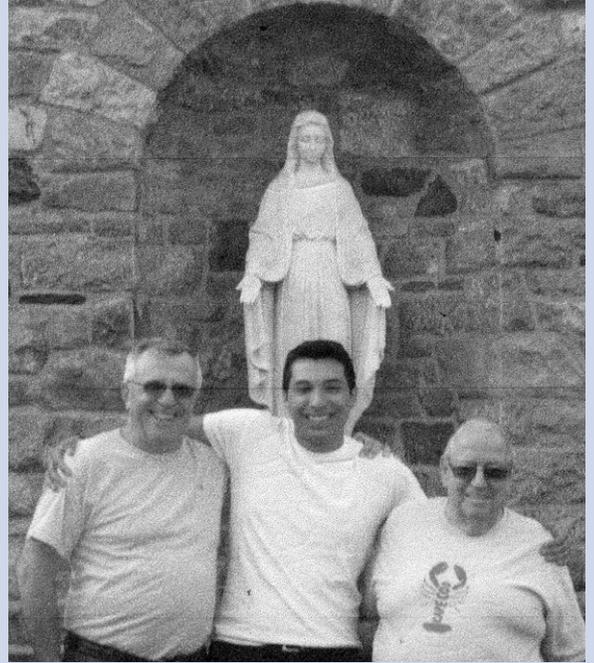
Garden Tools



AROUND AND ABOUT Ocean Tides



Jose Herrera, Ocean Tides intern from SMUMN



Brother Jon McGann, Jose Herrera, and Brother Brendan Gerrity at Christian Brothers Center, Narragansett, RI



Brother Francis Eells, and contacts Manny Baez and Junior Dominguez at CBC, Narragansett, RI

CHRISTMAS at Ocean Tides 2014

On the Monday before Christmas, the boys, administrators, staff, brothers' community and invited guests enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner in our dining room at the Narragansett Campus. Under the direction of Chefs Andrew Lussier and Craig Mitchell, our culinary students provided a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings and a choice of special Christmas desserts.



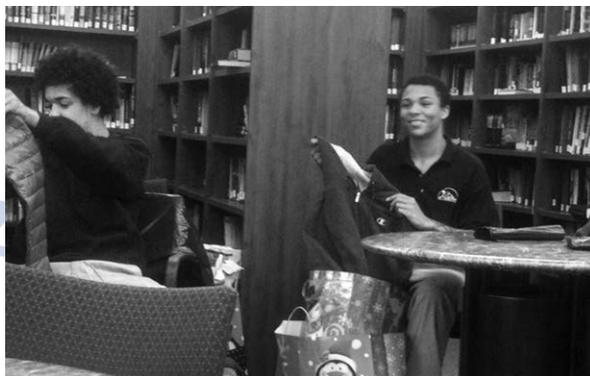
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Prior to dinner, the boys received Christmas presents donated by the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Narragansett and these Ocean Tides' benefactors: Karen Scampoli and Amgen Inc.; Karen Jones and Friends; David Benson and the First Lutheran Church of East Greenwich; Ryan Avery; and Joanne Leonard.

Our boys were delighted by the generosity of so many caring people as they modeled various hoodies and designer apparel for the those present.



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GRADUATION AWARDS & Scholarships June 2014

FAMILY COURT JUDGES' AWARD

Iain Leary

LASALLIAN SPIRIT AWARD

Joseph Adewusi

TERENCE M. HANDRIGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Jeffrey Wilson

BR. TIMOTHY BALFE SCHOLARSHIP

Curtis Gomes

MEET THE STAFF: Matt Taraborelli



Matt Taraborelli

Matt came to Ocean Tides in 2012 as a Residential Counselor in Narragansett. Born in Farmington, Connecticut, he grew up in Milford, Massachusetts and graduated from

Milford High School in 1996. Matt graduated from Westfield State College in 2000 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Following graduation Matt was employed at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institute teaching the Amer-I-Can program that prepares inmates to transition back to the community. He also works as substitute teacher in Providence when his schedule allows.

Matt really appreciates the opportunity Ocean Tides offers the boys to turn their lives around and learn how to make better decisions. He enjoys working with residents both individually and in small groups. He strives to help them discover the opportunities available to them and to show them that people care. His favorite recreation is playing basketball with the boys.

HALL OF FAME DINNER Celebrates Our Own



Dear Supporters of Ocean Tides School,

When you visit Ocean Tides School's Providence Campus with "Brother B" you see one young man after another walk up to say hello to him with a smile on his face. Some of them had been resident students in Narragansett before starting at the Providence Campus, and others are day students who started at the Providence Campus. Clearly these young men who are known more for greeting people with their toughest look and hardened faces have been touched by this Brother.

Br. James Martino

One of the unique moments at Ocean Tides School is the morning meeting. If you sit in the back of the meeting, you watch young men come in and transform in front of your eyes from sleepy, early morning teenagers to boys ready for school as they are greeted and coaxed by Jane to wake up and be prepared for the day in school, a place many of them are uncomfortable and have not spent a lot of time. As Brother Brendan and Jane Genereux prepare to retire from Ocean Tides School, it seems appropriate that we not only celebrate their retirement, but celebrate their success in shepherding students through Ocean Tides and leading staff in creating programs designed to meet the changing needs of young men for the past thirty years. Their service to the boys and families served at Ocean Tides clearly qualifies them for our Hall of Fame and much more. We hope you will join us on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at our Hall of Fame Dinner to celebrate these two great leaders.

The proceeds from the event, sponsorships and donations will honor Brother Brendan and Jane, and allow us to create a special fund to support the continued success of their signature Ocean Tides School's program... vocational education. We will take this occasion to create the "Br. B & Jane Fund for Vocational Education."

The fund will be used to make sure regular funding is available to support the teachers, programs, supplies, and activities that give Ocean Tides School students the opportunity to learn about and prepare for various careers.

Ocean Tides School offers students involved in the family courts a second chance for brighter futures, to become contributing and positive members of our community. One of the most interesting features of this special place for these young men is that it becomes home for them and creates a community for them to be a part of. What other school involved in the care of these young men, who are assigned by the family courts, has an alumni association looking to support the school? That only happens because students who find success, brighter futures and people like Brother Brendan and Jane, want to continue to be in touch with and help the next generation of students. Nothing speaks louder of the success of these two special Lasallian educators.

We hope you will join us to celebrate and thank Brother Brendan and Jane, help us in creating this special fund and support the students at Ocean Tides School. This will surely be a special Hall of Fame event!

Sincerely,

Br. James Martino

For more information, call Holly Palaia at 401-789-1016





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Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 9 Providence Campus Awards
- 10 Narragansett Campus Awards
- 20-24 Spring Pass Week

MAY

- 3-16 NEASC Accreditation Visit
- 15 Feast of St. La Salle
- 20 Building Bridges Picnic
- 23 Hall of Fame Dinner
- 29 Annual Culinary Gala Buffet



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 23, 2015



7th Annual

Ocean Tides School

HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony

HONORING

Br. Brendan Gerrity

and

Jane E. Genereux

THE DUNES CLUB
NARRAGANSETT, RI

