

## \$250K gift toward \$1M challenge match

Stalwart supporters Indra and Raj Nooyi have generously made a donation of \$250,000 toward the Sr. Joan Magnetti Endowed Scholarship Fund. These monies are in response to a \$1 million challenge match initiated late last year by longtime donor Frank Sica. According to Raj Nooyi, "We hope that you can use this gift to leverage funds from Frank Sica's matching funds commitment. [Sr. Magnetti's] service to a deserving community is much appreciated and respected." To date, \$325,000 has been raised toward the match. To learn more or make a gift toward this challenge opportunity, please call (203) 362-2990.

## Alumna Spotlight:

### Dr. LaToya McLean '07

When LaToya McLean was in 5th grade, she attended a local Bridgeport school. "I wasn't feeling challenged and was looking for something more," she recalled. She found that "something more" at CAB's St. Ann campus, where her parents enrolled her through 8th grade. "St. Ann was a smaller school and more intimate. All of my educators knew me and my family," she said. After St. Ann, McLean went on to Central Magnet HS in Bridgeport, then was awarded a full merit scholarship to attend UCONN, where she graduated with a B.S. in Physiology and Neurobiology. Later, she went to New York Medical College where she earned an M.S. in Basic Medical Sciences and then a Doctor of Medicine. She recently completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Montefiore in New Rochelle, NY, and today is a Radiation Oncology Resident at Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. McLean said she has vivid memories of her time at St. Ann and recently stopped by for a surprise visit. "I was so excited to see that Ms. [Sharon] Maloney is still there. She was a very compassionate teacher and I liked her personal teaching style. She encouraged the individual talents in each student and really knew every student." McLean proudly shares that many of her family members also attended St. Ann and have found great success since graduating. "My younger brother is studying Computer Engineering in college and one of my cousins went on to become a nurse at Johns Hopkins. I even have a younger cousin who is still a student at St. Ann today." When asked if she has any advice for today's students, she said, "Don't give up on your dream. It's a very long path and there may be lots of stumbles along the way, but there's always a way out of any despair you might be feeling. Focus on fostering relationships with people who are invested in you because that goes a long way in the real world. You have that at St. Ann and I didn't realize that at the time. I really didn't realize that until much later on in life. Faith helps to keep you centered too. I want current students to know that I am always available to talk and help anyone who may need it."



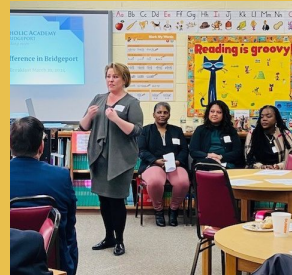
Earlier this month, CAB St. Ann '14 alumna Magdalena Dutkowska (left) met up with CAB Director of Development Susan Cecere in Washington, D.C. to share some exciting updates.

## St. Ann alumna's impact is felt globally

Readers may recall CAB St. Ann '14 alumna Magdalena Dutkowska, who spoke at our Annual Fall Dinner at Polpo in 2021. At that time, Dutkowska was a first-gen college student in her junior year at Fairfield University after having graduated from Sacred Heart Greenwich. Today, Dutkowska is a Program Associate for Creative Associates International in Washington, D.C. and has spent much of the past two years working overseas. "My first year here, I provided administrative, financial, contractual and operational support for a program in Syria. Today, I spend much of my time on projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina. My work is meaningful and making a real impact on communities in need." She said none of this would have been possible had it not been for her years at CAB. "When I was in 6th grade, we fundraised to build a school in Kenya through Free the Children. In just one year, we reached our goal and were even featured on *60 Minutes*. I was given the opportunity to travel to Kenya to help build and attend the opening of the school. That trip was life-changing for me and opened my eyes to difficulties in life I had never imagined before. I would not be who I am today if it had not been for St. Ann."

## Recent CT Post article underscores the need for the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport

The piece, "Neighboring CT school districts have some of nation's starkest inequalities, new data shows" by CT Post staff writer Alex Putterman, can be read [here](#).



### CAB hosts Legislative Breakfast

We had a full house several weeks ago when we held our first-ever Legislative Breakfast with CT State Senators and Representatives. The event was held on our St. Raphael campus, and guests were greeted with a delicious continental breakfast. Following opening remarks from Bishop Frank Caggiano and a presentation by Executive Director Angela Pohlen, seven CAB parents wowed attendees with their personal and heartfelt testimonies. We are so grateful to Board members John Kennedy and Jody Myers for coordinating this special gathering!



### Varsity boys basketball competes in New England Regionals

After an undefeated season back home, CAB St. Augustine campus' varsity boys basketball team played in the New England Regional Tournament in New Hampshire. All of our players and their incredibly supportive families were in attendance, as were many of our faculty and staff. The tournament was even livestreamed so another 35 fans could view from home. The team beat their first opponent, St. Bernard's of Montville, CT by a score of 60-37. Later in the day -- and after an incredible effort by all -- the boys lost to St. John's of Fall River, MA by a score of 39-33. We are so proud of the strong play and sportsmanlike attitude our boys exhibited throughout the tournament!

### Support CAB's 12th Annual Golf Classic by becoming a **HOLE SPONSOR** today!

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Honorees are John J. Kennedy, Tony Fox, and Pat Griffin.

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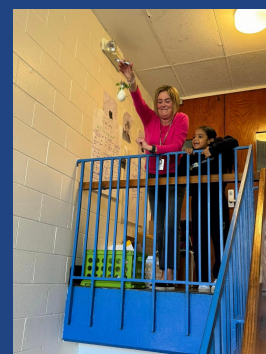
## Some of the happenings on our 4 campuses this month...



PreK4 students on our St. Andrew campus went on a nature walk and acted like scientists as they observed God's beauty and changes in the season of spring.



5th-grade students from our St. Ann campus spent a week at Nature's Classroom where they enjoyed hands-on lessons, invigorating hikes and more.



St. Andrew Kindergarteners held an "egg drop" after designing creative coverings to protect their eggs from breaking upon impact. Many eggs survived the drop!



Pre-K3 students on our St. Andrew campus have been doing an awesome job learning how to write their names.



Thank you to Fr. Milan and our student readers and singers who put together a beautiful First Friday Mass at St. Andrew.



The "Wildcats" basketball team from our St. Ann campus wrapped up their season with a fun celebration.



3rd graders on our St. Raphael campus participated in a solar eclipse newscast during "Reader's Theatre." [Click here](#) to watch.



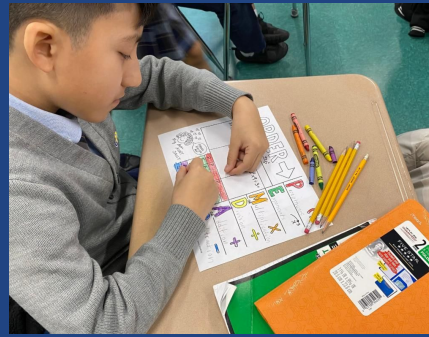
Students in the after-school program on our St. Raphael campus were filled with wonder and awe during this month's solar eclipse.



Volunteers from Junior Achievement USA taught our St. Augustine campus 6th-8th graders about financial literacy and cultivating positive habits.

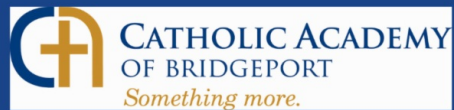


Book Buddies from across grade levels on CAB's St. Ann campus spent time together working on projects and learning from one another.



Our students have been busy in math class. Shown here (L-R): St. Raphael students working on a subtraction assignment and a St. Augustine 5th grader working on an order of operations activity using the acronym PEMDAS.

**Do you know someone who would benefit from a Catholic Academy of Bridgeport education?**



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