



The Michaelight (March, 2014) Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."



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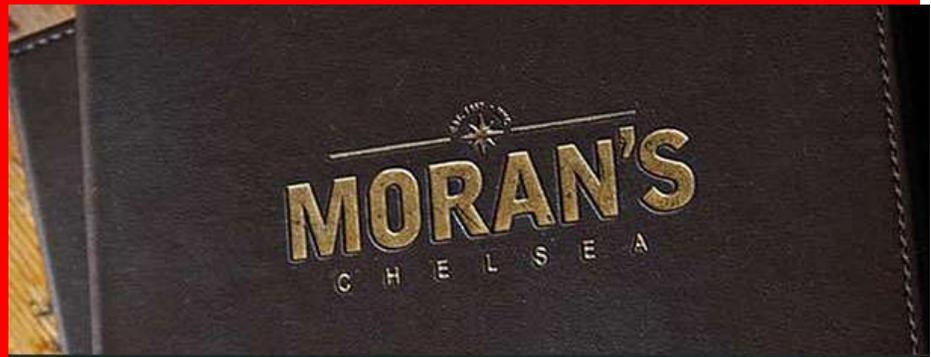
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Saint Michael Academy Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

The Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA) Cordially Invites You to **REUNION 2014**



**New York Times
Article**

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers, capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...([read more](#))

**SMAAA Board of
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Patti Wu '70



Moran's Restaurant
146 Tenth Avenue (@ 19th Steet)
New York, NY 10011

Saturday, September 27th

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

(Instructions on how to make your reservations for the upcoming reunion will be printed in the April edition of "The Michaelight" newsletter. Be on the lookout!)

Although we will be celebrating the graduating classes ending in "4" and "9", and honoring the classes of 1964 and 1989 in particular, our reunions are **always** open to **all** classes. Just gather your

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friends and reserve your seat with us! It is a great way to connect with some long lost classmates, or catch up with those you just don't see enough.

*Psssst...Class of '74...this will be your 40th!!!
Just sayin'...*

Tax Information

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Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

SMAAANYC@aol.com



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

(Time to Renew Your SMAAA Membership!)

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and (soon) our charitable outreach. Your dues go toward covering our operating expenses. This emailed newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (last year's reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, website fees, etc.)

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. **Please become a member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by [clicking on this link](#) to fill out a "dues payment" form, and sending it along with your check for \$25 to:**

Maria Pani

99 South Street
Highland, NY 12528-2418

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA."

We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all of your SMA classmates and/or post it to your Facebook page. ("Nothing can our union sever!")

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Nominations for the SMAAA Board of Directors

In June, we will hold elections for membership on the SMAAA Board of Directors. If you are a member of the SMAAA who is current with your dues and would like to be considered for election, please contact us at SMAAANYC@aol.com no later than April 15, 2014. The Corporation generally holds monthly Board meetings (on varying weekdays) in mid-town Manhattan which begin at 6:00 p.m. Directors are expected to attend in person, although they can attend by telephone if needed. If you have any questions, please contact SMAAANYC@aol.com and someone will get back to you.

facebook

See that little blue facebook icon at the top of this newsletter? (It's waaaay up there, on the left, above the header.) Please click on it and "send" us to your facebook page, so that your SMA friends can know we exist. Odds are that they will want to join the SMAAA, read all the news about their classmates, and plan for an upcoming reunion. One little click is all it takes. Thanks!

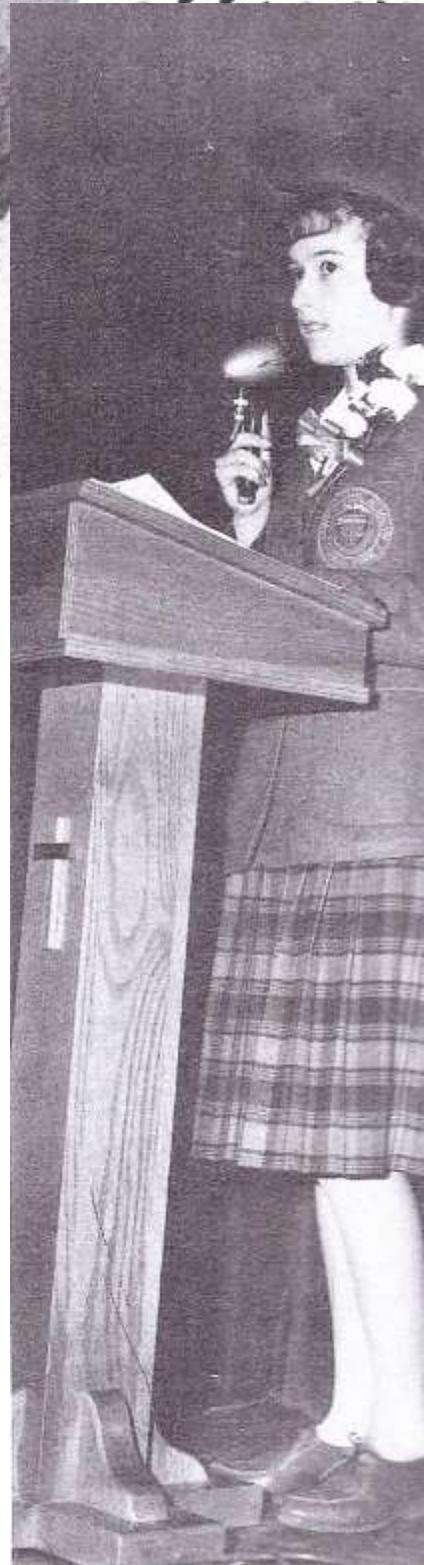


Spotlight on Carmen (Guillen) Farina



Recently, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed St. Michael's own Carmen (Guillen, Class of '61) Farina New York Schools Chancellor.

"At St. Michael Academy, an all-girls Roman Catholic high school in Manhattan, Ms. Fariña's audacity got her in trouble. When a teacher offered a by-the-book interpretation of the Spanish Civil War, Ms. Fariña shot back, arguing that textbooks omitted the perspective of everyday people. She was quickly suspended. Ms. Fariña has said she was motivated by those early



experiences to become a teacher and build a classroom that encouraged debate."

Read the entire article in the New York Times [by clicking on this link.](#)

Where Are Our Teachers???



Are you or any of your friends in touch with any of our teachers? Do you have contact information for them? Do you think that they would like to get our emailed newsletter and invitations to our reunions? If so, please write to us at SMAAANYC@aol.com and let us know. We would LOVE to keep in touch.

(You might also encourage a teacher to go to SaintMichaelAcademy.com and register. Anyone who is registered there can email anyone else who is registered there. And the email addresses remain hidden to everyone. Just a thought!)

Urgent Plea from Sr. Kathleen Cusack

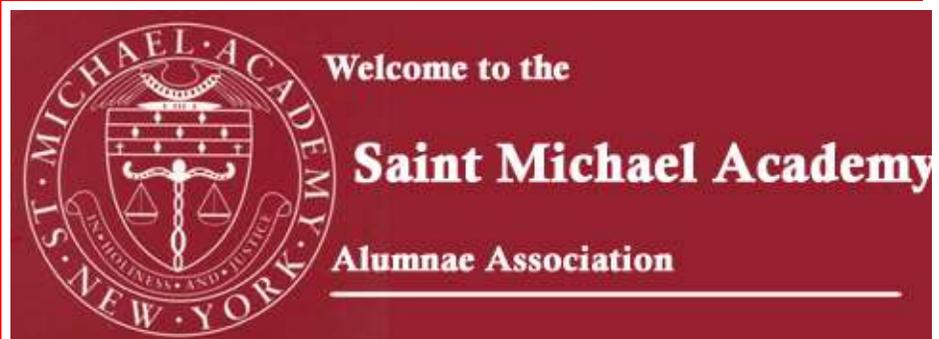
[The Latino American Who's Who Recognizes](#)
[Sr. Yliana C. Hernandez, PBVM](#)
[Nora Cronin Presentation Academy](#)



Today's Girls - Tomorrow's Leaders

An Urgent Plea from Sr. Kathleen Cusack...
Please [click on this link](#) to see how you can help
Nora Cronin Presentation Academy.

SaintMichaelAcademy.com



Visit us at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com and let the good times roll!

Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates.

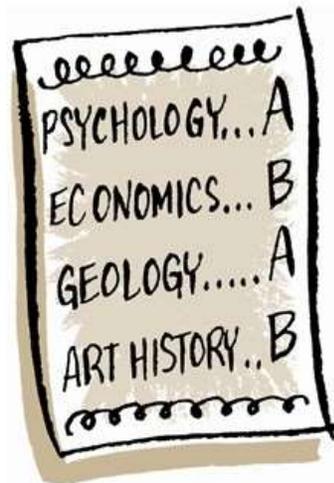
Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.
Come find yourself at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com.

Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website (www.saintmichaelacademy.com), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

Need your school transcript?
Please call Kenya in the St. Michael Parish Office
(212-563-2547)
and she will help you!



Class Notes

Hi from Sue Boylston Cusack at www.villaveritas.org in Kerhonkson, NY! This is where I am and the mission I was led to ...forever grateful for the wonderful foundation from SMA. Love and thanx always.



Sue Boylston Cusack (Class of '58)

914-656-5112

Would love to hear from my classmates!

Dear Sister Alums,

The new web site is great. very professional in appearance and easy to navigate. I thought I had to register with the web site, filled out the registration form but found my info was already taken. I probably am in your data base already. I plan on sending my dues in this afternoon to Maria Pani.

The issue of the Michaelight is very good also. I love seeing pics of the alums. Hopefully, I shared it on my Facebook page. I haven't checked yet.

Thank you for all the work you put in. It is greatly appreciated by me. I have been involved with organizations before so I realize all the behind the scenes energy put in.

Take care and remain well..

Sincerely,

Bridget

Bridget Sullivan Atkinson '59



Hi,

I thought I'd send a photo of some of the classmates from the Class of '59. Over the last two years we have tried to get together with as many as can make it on a given date. We usually send out an invitation about 2 months in advance to start the ball rolling. As in all things, some can make it and others can't and they will try for the next one.

Classmates of '59, if you DON'T recognize any of these BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, then YOU have been away too long, so send me your e-mail address so we can put you on the list and maybe you will join us at our next luncheon.

Sincerely,

Maria N. (Olivieri) Caputo

mnc_42@yahoo.com

Sisters of the PBVM

*Might We Suggest...
that those of you
who would like to ensure
the legacy of Saint
Michael Academy do so
by [giving a donation to
the Presentation](#)*

*[Sisters](#). Please send your
contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and
note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:*

*Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way*

New Windsor, NY 12553-4949

