



# THE GOOD NEWS

## NEWSLETTER OF HOLY NAME OF CAMDEN MINISTRIES

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Camden! I hope the warmth and beauty of spring is renewing to your spirit! As I write this letter to you, I am mindful of two significant losses we have had in the past year. Miss Quinter, our beloved principal, retired in June of 2020, in what we now know was just the beginning of Covid transitions for all of us. Covid restrictions limited her retirement activities, but her family shared with us that she did get to travel and flew on a plane for the first time to visit her brother in Carolina! After a very brief illness, she was given her heavenly reward for a job well done on earth. Gene Principato followed in the steps of his generous parents, Tish and Eugene MD, who were devoted to Holy Name. Gene was a dedicated and faithful board member. We are grateful for his financial guidance that will keep Holy Name Ministries secure.

One of the delights of my being here for 33 years is watching generations of families attend Holy Name School. In this newsletter, you will read about Julie and her children

who attend Holy Name. Your generosity helps Holy Name to continue — and generations to have Holy Name as part of their life story. We also feature a former graduate, Jalin Jackson, who continues to make Holy Name proud. Jalin was just recently offered a 2024-2025 Interdisciplinary Graduate Assistantship in the Latina/Latino Studies Program at Northwestern University. Such good news!

Our ministries are possible because of your faithfulness to the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice, Guadalupe Family Services, the High School Scholars Program and Holy Name School. We had a very successful fundraiser in November at the Riverton Country Club. The lives of our honorees, Anne Kearney, Brother David Graber and Falio Leyba-Martinez, inspire us to continue to forge forward for the success of our students and families.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of children and adults in the city of Camden. Thank you for helping us to help others! I am so very grateful!

*Sister Helen Coles SJ*

Sister Helen Cole SSJ  
Executive Director

*Well Done,  
Good and  
Faithful Servants*

*+Eternal Rest  
Grant unto them, Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.*



**Patricia Quinter**  
+July 18, 2023

Holy Name Principal  
2009 – 2020



**Gene Principato**  
+February 1, 2024

Holy Name Board Member  
2018 – 2024

## Spotlight on Jalin Jackson

Jalin Jackson transferred to Holy Name in fourth grade and graduated in June 2011. He received a scholarship to St. Joseph Prep and graduated in 2015. He then went on to receive his bachelor's degree in Africana Studies and Latin American Studies from Davidson College. Jalin was offered a Fulbright grant for an English Teaching Assistantship in Panama but



Where is Jalin now? Well, he has not finished his academic journey yet! Jalin is currently a PhD candidate in Black Studies at Northwestern University! As a recipient of a Mellon Cluster

accepted a teaching fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania instead! He continued his higher education by achieving a M.S. Ed from U of P.

Fellowship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, he is researching the intersection of race, gender, and sexuality in digital technologies, particularly within video games.

When complimenting Jalin for his steadfastness in his pursuit of education, Jalin responded "I am so grateful for all the guidance, teaching and encouragement from everyone at Holy Name that helped me to get here!" Holy Name is so proud of Jalin — and we can't wait to see what the next chapter will be! ■

## Holy Name Students Love to Learn!



*Students enjoyed meeting new friends from the week long Florida Studio Theater Program*

Holy Name School has had an exciting 2023-2024 school year. We celebrated Catholic Schools' Week in the last week of January. The students went to the Cathedral and made bookmarks for the parishioners. Between the staff and students, HNS is represented at all the parishes. We had different celebrations for our teachers and students including the Knowledge Bowl and Bingo, which has become a yearly tradition.

In February, Florida Studios Theatre Company returned, and the students had the opportunity to write their own shows. A few of the scripts were chosen and the students performed them in front of the entire student body. They were submitted into the National Competition and Holy Name had a few winning scripts! This activity gets the students excited about writing. This program also aligns with our Language Arts curriculum while providing a creative way to learn.

Holy Name has received an Ignite Grant providing free aftercare for 3-8th graders. We just received another opportunity for after school cooking classes from the St. Christopher's Foundation. They have recently begun and Mrs. Johnson, the 4th grade teacher, is our very own Rachel Ray!

Before we left for Spring Break, Holy Name hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the side lawn. The 8th grade girls hid the eggs for each grade and cheered them on as they searched for eggs. The eggs were filled with different candies and some lucky students found golden eggs, which had \$1 in them! This was a fun and festive way to close out our time before the Spring Break.

It is hard to believe that this school year is winding down already. We have a few more activities planned before the summer. We are hosting a Cinco de Mayo celebration for the students. On May 31st, 4-7th graders can come to our Sneaker Ball! Students can dress up and wear their favorite sneakers to come dance and have fun at Holy Name School.

The 8th graders are designing the yearbook and preparing for their 8th grade trip! We have had such a wonderful year and look forward to the final events of the 2023-2024 school year. ■



*Happy students found the Golden Eggs at our annual Easter Egg hunt*



*The legacy continues — Holy Name Class of 2024!*

## From Generation to Generation



*Kindergarten teacher Ms. Gatanella joins Julie (Class of 2005) with her two children, Addyson and Samir.*

**I**n 2005, Julie Jaquez graduated from Holy Name School. She then attended Camden Catholic High School and graduated in 2009. Since then, Julie has had a successful career as a medical assistant at Jefferson Hospital. Julie has been blessed with a daughter and a son — and when it came time to send

them to school, she chose her alma mater! They both started Holy Name School in kindergarten. Addyson is now in 4th grade and Samir is in 3rd grade. Julie says “Holy Name felt like home to me and I wanted my children to experience the same. I want to thank the teachers for giving them a safe space to learn.” We are grateful, Julie, that the legacy of Holy Name continues by sending your children to our school in North Camden! ■

# Introducing the R.E.C Center

## A Sanctuary for Trauma-Informed Care at CCLSJ



comfort and empowerment for those who have suffered trauma.

Located on the 1st floor of our office, the R.E.C Center is space that was once a file room and other storage areas, now transformed into a welcoming sanctuary. This conversion reflects our commitment to creating spaces tailored to the needs of our clients.

Trauma-informed care is at the heart of our approach, recognizing the emotional toll of trauma and its barriers to seeking legal help. We prioritize our clients' well-being, offering empathetic support and information to navigate the legal system.

By fostering healing and empowerment, the R.E.C Center not only benefits our clients but also contributes to building more just and supportive communities. Your support makes our mission possible, enabling us to serve those who need it most.

**A**t CCLSJ, we witness firsthand the profound impact of trauma on our clients, especially survivors of domestic violence, unaccompanied immigrant children, and those referred for to us as potential victims of trafficking. To better assist these vulnerable populations, we've created the Resource and Engagement

Center (R.E.C Center) as a safe haven for trauma-informed care.

The R.E.C Center, made possible by grants and volunteers, provides a nurturing environment with private meeting spaces and a versatile R.E.C room for group sessions and virtual court hearings. It's designed to ensure



*Guadalupe Family Services is so very grateful to Marrisa Colbeck and her team of volunteers who prepared 150 Easter baskets to be distributed to our families!*