tradition of excellence gala

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Honoring

Howard “Hap” V. Redgate ’64
Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Late Richard A. McCourt ’64
Cardinal Cushing Community Service Award

Rev. Edward T. Nedder
Green and Gold Legacy Award
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TONIGHT’S MENU

Assorted Rolls with Sweet Butter and Margarine

First Course
Baby Spinach and Butter Lettuce Salad with Strawberries, Sunflower Seeds and Champagne Vinaigrette

Entrée
Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast with Champagne Butter Sauce and Whipped Sweet Potatoes, Served with Broccolini and Roasted Red Pepper Slices.

Crisp Vegetable Risotto Cakes with Lentil Ragout and Wilted Spinach (Vegetarian Option)

Dessert
Mango Cheesecake

Freshly Brewed Coffees and Premium Assorted Teas
EVENING EVENTS

6:00 – 7:00 PM
COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7:00 PM
WELCOME
Timothy Welsh
Headmaster, Matignon High School

FIRST COURSE
STUDENT WELCOME
Julia Curro '18
Sean Mahan '17

BLESSING
Most Reverend Peter J. Uglietto, V.G.
Titular Bishop of Thubursicum, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

DINNER
DESSERT

7:45 PM
HEADMASTER’S ADDRESS
VIDEO PRESENTATION

STUDENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mardochée Sylvestre '17

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Howard “Hap” Redgate ’64

CARDINAL CUSHING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
The Late Richard McCourt ’64

GREEN AND GOLD LEGACY AWARD
Fr. Edward Nedder

CLOSING REMARKS

9:00 PM
EVENT CONCLUSION
May 11, 2017

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Allow me to share my prayerful greetings as you gather for the 2017 Tradition of Excellence Gala. We are blessed that the Matignon High School mission of superior Catholic education, established almost seventy years ago by Cardinal Cushing and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, continues to serve young men and women in our communities.

The honorees at this evening’s celebration provide us examples of excellence in all walks of life. The Rev. Edward Nedder, a distinguished priest of the Maronite Catholic Church, who holds close ties to Matignon and the Archdiocese of Boston, has worked with great zeal on behalf of the parishioners he serves. The late Richard McCourt was truly gifted at bringing people together and improving the quality of life for all through his vision, dedication and genuine care and concern for others. Hap Redgate, with his wife Susan, has provided exemplary leadership in business and finance for the benefit of the people he serves and for Matignon, where his loyalty and commitment have led the school to new and greater success.

Please know of my gratitude for your support of Matignon and all that you are doing to assure that the school will stand as a beacon of light and hope for today’s students and for the generations who will follow them.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and all your loved ones, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston
May 11, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you to our annual Tradition of Excellence Gala, a night of celebration and community on behalf of our deserving honorees and treasured students. In our third year I am beyond humbled by the outpouring of support Matignon High School has received. For the third straight year our gala has raised more than $200,000 for families in need. It is true when we talk about the care, concern, and devotion of the Matignon family for one another. Thank you for being a part of that tonight.

Cardinal Richard Cushing dedicated Matignon High to honor Father Francis Anthony Matignon, one of Boston’s first pioneer priests in the late 18th century, whose dream it was to have Catholic education in Boston available to all. In many ways, tonight we fulfill Fr. Matignon’s dream, and we live up to his character and ideals. It is truly inspiring to have countless people here tonight in his name, especially our alumni, who by participating in this evening show a dedication and commitment to not only provide for the next generation of Matignon students, but also to lead by example, serving as a model of how our alumni should live.

We are also blessed by this evening’s honorees, three great pillars of our community, who espouse more clearly the ideals we hold so dear to our Matignon community: Former faculty and resident priest, Fr. Edward Nedder for his unwavering dedication and support to our school. The late Richard McCourt ’64, for his longstanding commitment to serving others in business and in need in the greater Boston Community. And of course, Howard “Hap” Redgate ’64, former president of the Board, for his outstanding achievements in business, community outreach, and dedication to Matignon.

I would like to thank the entire planning committee and each of you for your presence here this evening. Together we are truly changing lives of our current and future students. I hope you enjoy the evening and ask you in particular to listen to the stories of our students… these are the beneficiaries of your presence here this evening. Thank you and may God continue to bless each of you!

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Welsh
Headmaster
The history of Matignon High School has as one of its founding principles that of service to others. As the first Central Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Boston, named after one of the first priests to serve the Catholic faithful of Boston and New England, Cardinal Cushing founded the school on the principle that all associated with the school be so imbued with Father Matignon’s “ideals of service that no cry of human need, no syllable of spiritual striving will ever fall unheeded on their ears.”

This ideal of service is epitomized in tonight’s recipient of the Cardinal Cushing Community Service Award, the Late Richard A. McCourt ’64. Richie’s business acumen paved the way for magnificent growth of McCourt Construction during his tenure. But more importantly, Richie used his drive and passion to be a champion for infrastructure improvement, community change, and as an advocate for the many people he came across in his life.

Richie worked at his family’s company, McCourt Construction Company for over 47 years, the final 35 of which he was President and CEO.

For nearly 70 years, Matignon High School has served the families of our region, providing an exceptional Catholic, college preparatory education. Our graduates have gone on to exceptional careers in business, government, health care, athletics, service to our Church and virtually every other profession. This exceptionalism is due in large part to the greater Matignon family, our faculty and staff whose commitment to these students knows no end and lasts well beyond their time on Matignon Road.

This year’s recipient of the Green and Gold Legacy Award has been affiliated with Matignon High School since he first began his teaching career in the late 1960s. Edward T. Nedder began as a Latin teacher at Matignon after leaving Washington, DC to return home and care for his ailing father. During his nearly 20 years at Matignon High School, Fr. Nedder created lasting memories and became a lifelong friend and mentor to many Matignon graduates. Father served as chair of the Latin Department for fourteen years, formed the bowling league for the school, took the students out for pizza regularly, and hosted awards ceremonies at his home in Readville. He also held a second job at Sears Roebuck Department Store for fourteen years. In addition, he served as an Auxiliary Police Officer for three years for the town of Dedham.

In 1986 Fr. Nedder decided to continue his long journey to the Priesthood by returning back to the seminary. He was ordained to the Priesthood in June of the following year and celebrated his first liturgy on June 21, 1987, Father’s Day, in memory of his father. In 2006 Bishop Gregory J. Mansour assigned Fr. Nedder as Pastor of Saint George Church in RI. He oversaw the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Church, helped the parish relocate to the former St. Ann’s Church in Cranston, and coordinated more than $1,000,000 in renovations to the parish. With all of this, Fr. Nedder still finds time to regularly travel up to Cambridge, MA to celebrate Mass with our 500 students, faculty, and staff.
During his tenure, the company grew to be one of the state’s largest general contractors. Under his leadership, McCourt built such landmarks as the Rose Kennedy Greenway’s North End Park, Granite Links Golf Club, Lechmere Canal Park, Dorchester Heights Monument, the cable TV infrastructure for several cities, and more. Richie was a tireless advocate for infrastructure improvements in Massachusetts and a catalyst for peaceful labor-management relations in the construction industry. In addition to his dedication to construction, he spent a great deal of time working to improve his community through many important organizations including the McCourt Foundation, the South Boston Neighborhood House, and more.

Richie received many incredible and well deserved honors in his lifetime, but his true passions were his family and friends. He loved his wife, Ginger, and children more than anything in the world. Richard’s advice was sincere, his mentoring was true, and his love of sports was only surpassed by his love for life. The greater Boston community and beyond is truly a better place because of all Richie has done.

Howard “Hap” V. Redgate ’64

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Matignon High School’s alumni have a strong history of success in finding their path and carving out special niches in the world. The characteristics of a Matignon graduate have long shadowed the characteristics that made Fr. Francis Matignon a committed and dedicated priest: Good Conduct, Capacities, Fidelity, and Community. The students who have walked through our halls would undoubtedly make Fr. Matignon proud, fulfilling his vision of Catholic education in Boston.

It is our humble honor to present this year, our Distinguished Alumnus Award to Howard “Hap” Redgate ’64, a graduate who fulfills the characteristics of Fr. Matignon and has distinguished himself in his field, his care for others, and his unwavering support of our school.

Hap has served in the investment business industry for nearly 50 years, culminating with the founding of his own firm, Andover Equity Associates, Investment Counsel in 1991. As a rising star Hap was made Principal at the age of 30 at Kidder, Peabody, and Company. Most recently Hap successfully merged Andover Equity with UBS Financial Services where he serves as Senior Vice President, Wealth Management and Senior Portfolio Manager.

Hap is past president of the Matignon High School Board of Trustees. Joining the Board in 2003, Hap was responsible for an incredible turnaround of the school, including infrastructure work, replacement athletic fields, and the introduction of a new administrative team who returned enrollment to its current numbers. After stepping down as Board President, Hap remained an integral part of the life of the school, serving as commencement speaker at the 50th anniversary of his graduation.

In addition to his work with Matignon, Hap serves on the Board of the Haitian Health Foundation, was a long-term member of the Board of Boston Health Care for the Homeless and is past chancellor of the Order of Malta, American Association. Hap currently resides with his wife Susan, also a member of the Class of 1964, in Andover, MA and St. George, UT. Hap and Sue have three children and ten wonderful grandchildren.
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About Matignon High School:

- Catholic, independent, college preparatory school with broad offering of Advanced Placement courses including English, Biology, Calculus, Physics, French, Psychology, Spanish, U.S. History, and World History
- 10:1 student teacher ratio
- Partnerships with local colleges such as Harvard University, Boston College, MIT, Boston University, and Emmanuel College
- 99% of students pursue post-secondary education, including Bentley University, Boston College, Boston University, Holy Cross, Northeastern, Regis College, and more
- Over 27 varsity athletic teams and 30 extra-curricular clubs including Mock Trial, Robotics, Drama, SADD, and more

Tuition and Aid Statistics:

- Tuition for 2017-2018 school year will be $10,775
  - Tuition remains highly competitive to meet the needs of our surrounding communities
- 23% of our applicants demonstrate FULL financial need
  - An additional 17% request at least 75% need
- Almost 2/3 of our students have some level of demonstrated need

Diverse in a number of ways:

- We serve families from over 30 cities and towns, with a high concentration from urban areas: Boston, Medford, Arlington, Somerville, Woburn, Cambridge, and more
- 37% of our student body comes from multi-cultural backgrounds

Your support at the Gala will:

Matignon maintains its goal to educate students from all backgrounds, particularly working class families, regardless of financial means: Funds will be used exclusively to help provide increased tuition assistance to our families in need

- In each of the last two years we raised more than $200,000 in additional scholarship funding
- Funds are used exclusively to provide increased tuition assistance to our families in need
- Additional funds have allowed us to increase support to more than 100 families each year
- Allowing these families access to a Matignon High School education will ensure that these students have the same access to a quality education as their peers
Thank you as well to our amazing students and faculty who volunteered and shared their talents.

We would like to thank as well the many partners we had tonight:

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