



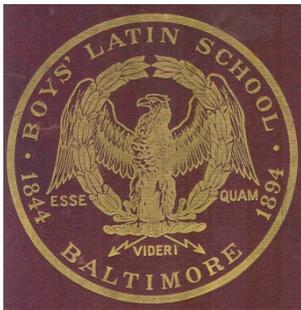
THE BOYS' LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND

this week at 



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Gratias Vobis Agimus!



Ludas Latinus Puerorum (Boys' Latin School) and the Development Office want to say ***Gratias Vobis Agimus (THANK YOU!)*** to EVERYONE who participated in the 2012-2013 Annual Fund Campaign. The BL family once again did an incredible job supporting the school.

Alumni participation hit 37% with 720 gifts – second highest total ever – totaling over \$300k.

Pride & Tradition: Leonard Myrton Gaines, Jr. '45



Dr. L. Myrton Gaines, Jr. '45 (pictured above in 2010 with his wife Sandi) died June 26 of heart failure. He was 86 years old.

Myrt Gaines was born in Baltimore and grew up in Ruxton. He came to Boys' Latin in September of 1936 entering into the fourth grade following in the footsteps of his older brother **Lee Gaines '42**. His first three school years were spent at the old Blue Bird School in Ruxton.

Myrt was an outstanding young man and a terrific student in the Lower School. At the 1939 Boys' Latin Commencement Exercises he was awarded the Robert A. Dobbyn, Jr. Memorial Cup for "leadership based on character." His excellent grades continued as an Upper School (then 7th grade) student – always in the mid to upper 90s.

His lowest grade on his BL transcript was an 80 in English composition. However, it should be noted that English instructor **William Morris** never gave a grade above an 80 in English composition. He didn't believe anyone could ever write "the perfect paper" and that there was always room for improvement with anyone's writing. After seven years as a BL Latinist he left Boys' Latin in the fall of 1943 to attend Phillips Academy in Andover, MA.

Myrt Gaines was also a terrific athlete in his years at Boys' Latin. He played on Boys' Latin's last eleven man football team in the fall of 1942, lettered in varsity basketball and played two years on the varsity lacrosse team. His BL lacrosse teams were very competitive compiling an overall record of 18-4-1. As a freshman, he led the team in scoring with 26 goals – the only freshman in the history of BL lacrosse to lead a varsity team in scoring.

His one year playing lacrosse with his older brother Lee in the spring of 1942 was memorable. The Gaines brothers provided BL with a formidable one-two attack punch. Lee was second on the team in scoring with 23 goals. In a 10-1 win over Gilman that spring, the Gaines brothers scored 6 of BL's goals. In the final game of the 1942 season Myrt scored 6 goals in a 12-7 win over Friends School. In 1943 Myrt was the team's second leading point scorer with 39 points and named to the All-Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) first team. He also played in the MSA All-Star game against the league champion St. Paul's School Crusaders.

Myrt Gaines remembered his days playing as a Latinist fondly. He recalled **Okey O'Connor** as a coach who insisted his teams practiced the fundamentals of lacrosse – over and over. Myrt stated Okey had his favorites and at times was hard on others. He smiled when remembering the team practicing push-ups in the empty pool underneath the gym one day. O'Connor yelled at **Ned Griffith '42** for not doing the exercise the "proper way." Griffith eager to prove O'Connor wrong commenced a regiment of doing 30 one armed push-ups – 15 with each arm.

Myrt continued to play lacrosse during his two year stint at Phillips Academy and in the fall of 1945 he entered Princeton University. His lacrosse career soared as a Princeton Tiger. He was named first team All-American in 1946 and 1947 and was named Honorable Mention All-American in 1948. He also played in three North-South All-Star games. His college career was so accomplished he was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1984. It is written in his Hall of Fame biography that lacrosse great "Frederic Fitch once remarked of Gaines that he was 'the greatest stick that he had ever seen.' It was also said of Gaines that he 'made his own breaks' and as well as 'being all over the field' he was 'a great rider' and he 'assists and scores.'"

After graduating from Princeton he entered the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine graduating from Hopkins Med School in 1952. While a med-student he continued his lacrosse career playing for the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club. He interned at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. After the Korean War he served in the Air Force Medical Corps for two years before returning to Baltimore.

Dr. Gaines, known for his old school bed-side manner practiced internal medicine in Baltimore from 1959 until his retirement in 1994 and was heavily involved with the Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) from the first day it opened in 1965.

Myrt Gaines was seen regularly at Boys' Latin in recent years attending most of his grandson's (**Alex '07, Colin '07, Jeffrey '07 and Dylan '15**) athletic events. His son **Brandon** was a member of the Class of 1972 and has served on BL's Board of Trustees, including a term as President of the Board from 2010-2012.

Boys' Latin School sends its deepest condolences to the entire Gaines family. Dr. Gaines was a dear friend of the school and his absence on campus will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at the Brown Memorial Church, 6200 North Charles Street, at 11:30 on July 26, 2013.

Homecoming 2014

Plans are still in the making, however, Boys' Latin has secured the weekend for Homecoming 2014: May 2nd & 3rd 2014. We will have our Alumni Luncheon on the 2nd and later in the afternoon our varsity lacrosse team will host Gilman School.

Saturday night we hope to have our reunion gathering in the Alumni House as we honor all the reunion classes along with the 50th Anniversary of BL's 1964 Maryland Scholastic Association varsity lacrosse team. Mark your calendars today.

Alumni Notes

Christian Walsh '09 was named to the 2013 All-ACC Academic Men's Lacrosse Team. Christian is a rising senior at Duke University. To be eligible for consideration for the All-ACC Academic Team, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 grade point average for the previous semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative average during his academic career.

BL Athletics

Varsity lacrosse coach **Bob Shriver '69** along with McDonogh Coach Andy Hilgartner organized the first National High School Lacrosse Showcase tournament this past weekend. Originally the games were scheduled to be played on Genesee Valley's grass fields but Friday's rain forced the games to be switched to Boys' Latin's two turf fields.

Director of Facilities **Steve Dubin '79** and his staff got BL's campus ready with little notice and Gilman's head coach Brooks Matthews and the Gilman Administration graciously allowed the use of their turf field as well.

Over twenty high school teams mostly from the Baltimore-DC area and thousands of fans invaded Lakerland to watch the high level lacrosse.

Boys' Latin edged Gilman 10-9 in one semi-final while Georgetown Prep defeated St. Paul's 10-9 in the other semi-final contest.

In the title game Georgetown Prep defeated the Lakers 9-4.

Congratulations to coaches Shriver and Hilgartner for putting on a wonderful tournament and showcasing such talented young players.

Athletic Director **Michael Thomas '87** announced last week that **Lewis Scharff** has been named the new Varsity Cross Country Coach at Boys' Latin. Lewis has been a fixture on our campus for several years as a parent, coach, and supporter of our community and athletic program.

For the past 8 years, he has been involved with our lacrosse program. He has been the head coach of our Middle School 8th grade lacrosse teams as well as an assistant on **Bob Shriver's '69** varsity staff. He is responsible for off season / in season training and conditioning while focusing on our midfield play.

Coach Scharff is an avid runner who has completed many full /half marathons, as well as long distance trail races. His two sons **Adam '08** and **Jimmy '11** are BL alumni and former student athletes.

Shack Stanwick '14 is the consensus No. 1 lacrosse recruit in the nation for 2014. He has committed to play college lacrosse at Johns Hopkins University. A video was created showing Shack's career highlights so far....to view click on

<http://www.studentsports.com/lacrosse/2013/07/09/recruit-video-shack-stanwick-boys-latin/>

BL's Young Thespians



Carlos Davis '19 and **Will Krulak '18** are attending Camp Pasquaney in Hebron, New Hampshire and just competed in the club skit competition. Out of six competing clubs, Will's club tied for second place and Carlos' team won with a very original skit about a condiments' dining hall rebellion. Reports are "that these two Lakers are having a great time this summer!"

Ode on a BL Plaque

US English teacher **Marcia Flaherty** asked herclass students to write an ode about something they saw on campus. **Conner Ward '15** wrote the following back in May about the common area in Williams Hall with the plaques full of names of past winners of many of BL's most prestigious awards.

*Ode on a BL Plaque
Walking around the school
One will find many things,
But none is more powerful
Than the plaques near the mailboxes.*

*Each one is inscribed with tens of names,
Each one blending in with the next.
How true that the beginning is so shady and mysterious
Yet the end so clear and memorable.
Despite how much the names may blend together,
They are all just as real as the wood they sit on.*

*It is sad that there are all these fantastic individuals
And yet all they are recognized by is a name,
But it seems that that is enough to remember and respect them,
Just as a dog tag is for a soldier.*

*I love walking through this area,
Reading one name after another,
Because I find it important
That each be remembered and recognized
For all that they have done
And for being who they are.*

“The distinctive thing about the educational goal of Boys’ Latin is the strong emphasis it gives to the concern for the individual student and his development of a sense of self worth.” An Appraisal, Otto F. Kraushaar, President Emeritus Goucher College, 1973.

