

Tribute to a True American Hero



Lt. Dan Riordan with Assistant Principal Dennis Matreci at the "Night of the Griffin" auction in 2007.

before he died. Riordan wrote, "I will always remember my years at Vianney as four of my best. I hope you can keep the spirit of Vianney alive so that other guys get to have the same experience that I did! Please pass along a big howdy to the Vianney family for me. Thank you for your support and prayers. I'll be in touch."

To honor this great student, soldier and American patriot, the Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Scholarship Fund has been established at Vianney. The scholarship will be given to a student who shows financial need and exhibits the qualities of faith, honor and service.

"Lt. Dan was a man who loved his family, his God and his country," said his sister, Suzanne Riordan. He is survived also by his mother, Jeanine Rainey, his stepfather, Bob Rainey, his

father, Rick Riordan, his stepmother, Michelle Riordan, and a twin brother, Nick.

Thus far, Vianney's Institutional Advancement Office has received 241 gifts earmarked for the Lt. Riordan Scholarship, totaling some \$23,905. The outpouring of heartfelt sympathy and generous donations from the Vianney community has been truly impressive, said Jill Walsh, an associate in Vianney's advancement office.

Along with monetary donations, scholarship supporters have sent in many inspirational messages.

Some excerpts follow:

- *"Dan was a wonderful young man and a tribute to your school. Thank you for your part in developing such a brave man.*
- *"While I only had the pleasure of meeting Dan a few times, I could tell that he was a man of great character.*
- *"A school that can turn out a student as fine as Lt. Dan Riordan is to be praised."*



LT. DANIEL P. RIORDAN
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FAITH—HONOR—SERVICE

This past summer, on June 23, an exemplary Vianney graduate was killed while serving his country in Iraq. Lt. Daniel P. Riordan's sacrifice and service touched the St. Louis area as a whole but truly shocked the wider Vianney community. Riordan, Class of 2001, died from injuries sustained in a roadside bomb attack during a combat mission northwest of Baghdad. He was serving with the 1st Cavalry Division stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Amazingly, Vianney Learning Consultant Pattie Czajkowski received an e-mail from Riordan just days

Hall of Fame



On Sunday, June 3, 2007, Mr. Kevin Haar, Mr. Bill Glaser (For the late Mr. Jack Glaser, '74), Mr. John Ringwald, Dr. James Cahalin '77, and Mr. Eugene "Kwas" Kwasinski, were all inducted into the St. John Vianney High School Class of 2007 Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam

Lt. Dan Riordan, Class of '01
John Hillenkamp, Class of '73
Florence C. Bosslet, mother of Vianney grads, Robert W. Bosslet, '67, Kenneth F. Bosslet, '69 and Timothy M. Bosslet, '74, and grandmother of Vianney grads Alex C. King, '07, Kevin J. King, '02 and Tracy M. King, '98.
Bob Kluth, Class of '65
Hank Hopfinger, Class of '64

Keep In Your Prayers

Vianney Graduate David Long, '07, was diagnosed this past spring with an aggressive, malignant cancer. David just started his freshman year at Murray State University and has been receiving extensive chemotherapy and other treatments. Visit the website caringbridge.org/visit/davidlong for information about his condition.