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**RESURRECTION ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AND
BLESSED CELINE AWARD RECIPIENTS**



Front row - Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (left to right): **Hana Somogyi Steil '09, Sara Somogyi Spencer '05, Tara Babich Lange '96, Maggie Cunningham Aldworth '97, Coach Fred Angelini.**

Back row - Blessed Celine Award recipients (left to right): **Vanessa Torres '03, Bruna Borrini Morrison '83, Bianca Borrini Henniges '74, Tricia Moll '86 and Caroline Hopkinson '07.**

Resurrection alumnae were inducted into the Resurrection Wall of Honor on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Notable alumnae were honored with the Blessed Celine Award, which is awarded to Resurrection alumnae who exemplify the life values of Blessed Celine, the foundress of the Sisters of the Resurrection. The recipients are accomplished in their fields of endeavor and, like Blessed Celine, work toward the advancement of women in society and act as positive Christian role models for young women.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic Christian community dedicated to the education of young women, and to the development of their God-given talents. Convinced of God's unconditional love and nourished by the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we are committed to the spiritual, ethical, intellectual, physical and social growth of our students.

The 2018 Blessed Celine recipients are Resurrection alumnae **Caroline Hopkinson '07** (60068) (Social Worker and former Director of Youth Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross Parish); **Vanessa Torres '03** (60647) (Communications Director at The Miracle Center); **Tricia Moll '86** (60610) (Senior Franchise Field Vice President at Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.); and **Bruna Borrini Morrison '83** (60007) and **Bianca Borrini Henniges '74** (60007) (Owners of Dino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant - 60631).

The Athletic Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals from the Resurrection Athletic community who have participated in sports or contributed to the Resurrection College Prep Athletic Program. Athletes inducted into the Hall of Fame have demonstrated outstanding athletic accomplishments, leadership or contributions. The 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are Resurrection **Coach Fred Angelini** (60068) (softball and cross country), **Maggie Cunningham Aldworth '97** (60056) (gymnastics), **Hana Somogyi Steil '09** (60707) (softball), **Sara Somogyi Spencer '05** (60126) (softball), and **Tara Babich Lange '96** (60030) (basketball and softball).

Caroline Hopkinson '07 states that the values of the “golden rule” and faith were instilled in her at a young age by her family and her grammar school, St. Paul of the Cross. Resurrection College Prep was a perfect fit for high school and her senior Kairos retreat began to reveal her career passion. At Marquette University she pursued a degree in Political Science and Economics and even spent time in Washington DC as part of the Les Aspin Program where she worked on Capital Hill for the House of Representatives.

After college, Caroline began working for a Catholic publishing company writing articles about people who lived out their true vocation. During her time with Vision Vocation, she participated in a week-long service trip with the Sisters of St. Joseph. It was while on that trip she realized she needed to make a change which soon led her to become the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross. Here Caroline began to see faith in action through service. “I knew teens in my community needed experiences to see the world differently, to feel challenged to make a difference in the lives of others.” Over the course of five years, Caroline took 12 service trips across the US working with many humanitarian organizations. Her teen service group accumulated over 12,000 hours of service in five years. Her work with teenagers led Caroline to pursue a Masters in Social Work, which she received in May 2017. Caroline currently works as a Social Worker at Raymond Ellis Elementary School in Round Lake. She also serves on the Resurrection College Prep High School Development Committee and has been an active alumna, participating in the annual Alumnae Career Days.

Caroline said she is humbled to receive the Blessed Celine Award and honored to be recognized by the Resurrection community for her work in ministry and service to others. “Compassion is not sympathy. Compassion is mercy. It is a commitment to take responsibility for the suffering of others.”

Tricia Moll '86 has always been a leader. At Resurrection College Prep High School she played basketball, ran track, and was voted “Most Involved” by her Senior Class peers. Trish was on Student Council and served as President in her senior year. She attended Marquette University, graduating in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance and Marketing.

After college, Trish worked as a financial advisor with Ameriprise for 18 years. She founded Moll & Associates, a Financial Advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial and provided advice to clients to be more confident in their financial decision making. She served as a Franchise Field Vice President in the Mid-America region for Ameriprise Financial since 2008, and is now a Senior Franchise Field Vice President. She provides leadership and support to drive growth among the 470 Ameriprise independent advisors in Illinois, Indiana, Southwestern Michigan, and Southwestern Ohio.

In addition to her bustling career, Trish continues to give back to her community. She is currently the treasurer of the Gold Coast Condominium Association, she is on the Corporate Arts Council of the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago and she serves on the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee of the Finance Committee for Resurrection College Prep High School. She is also a member of Impact 100 of the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation and a member of the University Club of Chicago. Trish also loves spending time with friends and family, golfing, skiing and traveling.

Vanessa Torres '03 is currently the Communications Director/Theater Producer at The Miracle Center (TMC), a Chicago non-profit organization that uses the performing arts as a catalyst for personal growth, leadership development, academic advancement and community engagement for inner city children, youth and families in the Logan Square community. At TMC, Vanessa pursues her passion for cross-cultural dialogue through the arts.

Vanessa's passion stems from growing up through The Miracle Center's (TMC) spectrum of art programs which inspired her to pursue an internship at the Center for Portuguese Language and Brazilian Cultural Studies. There she developed an intricate knowledge of cross-cultural anthropological frameworks, as well as disciplines of social discourse such as dance, music and theatre. Vanessa is also a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Her career experience extends to program management, media relations and employment with a leading advertising agency, FCB Global, where she served as a social media strategist and community manager, serving clients such as KFC, Kmart, Discover, Sony and Diners Club International.

As a "Power House Millennial" Theater Producer Vanessa is responsible for the managerial functions of the production venue, helping with financial backing, and hiring personnel for the creative production team. Vanessa credits her years at Resurrection College Prep High School for teaching her to stand her ground as a woman in a man's industry. "Whenever I feel discouraged or challenged I remember that 'Real Women Speak Up!' This reminder helps me hold fast to my core values: vision, passion, leadership and integrity."

Bruna Morrison '83 was raised on Chicago's Northwest side, where she attended Prussing Elementary, St. Constance, and Resurrection. During her time at Resurrection, Brunna was a member of Student Council, but her passion was always directed to working hard and helping support her family. Her parents, Tina and Umberto Borrini, both Italian immigrants, came to the United States in the 1950's and were small business owners who are most remembered for opening Dino's Pizza in 1968. Brunna and her older sister, Bianca, inherited their parents strong work ethic.

Bruna began working at the family restaurant in 7th grade and had a number of jobs before taking over the restaurant with her sister Bianca when their parents retired. Brunna dreamed of being a nurse, but her passion ultimately led her to becoming the incredible manager and community leader she is today. Dino's Pizzeria proudly supports the neighborhood, hosting fundraisers and taking care of all the local schools on the Northwest Side of Chicago.

Bruna is the proud mother of three children who inherited her drive and strong goal-driven attitude. Her daughter, Christina, is an Assistant State's Attorney. Her eldest son, Kevin, is the Democratic nominee for Cook County Commissioner, District 15, and her youngest son, Matthew, is a crane inspector for Illinois Crane. Brunna has been happily married to Darek Wiktorowicz for over 20 years. She continues to wake up every day to work to support her family and community. She looks forward to June, when she will welcome her first grandson as her family continues to grow.

Bianca Borrini Henniges '74 is a graduate of St. Constance School and Resurrection. Her high school years at Resurrection made quite an impact on her, and she maintains long-lasting friendships with many of her classmates to this day. While at Resurrection, Bianca was involved in the Drama Club and performed in the school plays during her freshman and sophomore years. She was involved in Spanish Club and studied Spanish all four years of high school. Her years as a student are full of great memories.

Along with her sister Brunna, Bianca generously serves the Chicago area community through her dedication to the family business, Dino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant. Bianca began working at the family restaurant when she was 15 years old. She loved being around her parents and helping her mom in the kitchen. Her parents had another restaurant before Dino's, and she has memories of working alongside her family as young as age five.

Bianca has been married to her husband, Joe, for 41 years. They are the proud parents of Joey and Michelle. Joey carries on the family legacy and continues to be an integral part of running Dino's. Joey and his wife Natalie have two young daughters. This year, Dino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary. Brunna and her sister Bianca are honored to carry on the tradition of service and dedication to the community.

Coach Fred (Alfred) Angelini is known for his love and dedication to Catholic education. Whether he is supporting his parish, Mary, Seat of Wisdom, his alma mater, Notre Dame College Prep or his home away from home, Resurrection College Prep High School, Fred is passionate and loyal to his beliefs.

Fred is a graduate of Notre Dame College Prep where he played baseball and soccer, was the Vice President of the Cross & Anchor Club, a member of the Pep Club and a participant in the drama program. Fred played baseball at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing in 1980.

Fred's love of coaching is evident. He has coached baseball, softball, basketball, and football at Mary, Seat of Wisdom School, and for the Park Ridge Park District youth programs. Fred is on the board of

directors of Park Ridge Baseball-Softball, and he served a four-year term as a commissioner for the Park Ridge Park District. In 2004 Fred began coaching at Resurrection as a volunteer assistant with the freshmen softball team. In the fall of 2004, he joined the cross country coaching staff as a volunteer. He moved into the roles of JV Head Coach and Assistant Varsity Softball Coach and was a member of the coaching staff of the 2007 IHSA Elite 8 Softball Team.

Fred is currently the head Varsity Softball Coach and the head Coach of the Cross Country team. In 2011 he initiated the Resurrection Junior Bandit Cross Country Invite, which draws hundreds of 5th through 8th grade students to the Resurrection campus. He has served as Men's Club Moderator and on various school committees and as the Athletic Booster Club President and Vice President. Fred and his wife Kathy were the first Resurrection *Charity and Truth Gala* chair couple and Fred has been the auctioneer at the Gala Dinner ever since. He is always available to assist at any school function.

The Angelini family lives in Park Ridge and Fred and Kathy have three adult children: Anthony (2004 graduate of Notre Dame College Prep), Deanna (2007 Resurrection alumna), and Katherine (Kat) (2013 Resurrection alumna). Fred is the sales manager for Atlas Saw & Tool, LLC. He can be found regularly at most Notre Dame College Prep football games grilling burgers on the sidelines or at Resurrection cheering on the Bandits.

Hana Somogyi Steil '09 was born and raised in Chicago and says softball was her first true love. Hana's softball journey began when she was five years old and she would practice until the street lights came on. Her passion for softball continued to grow as she played softball year-round on the Chicago OutBurst, and practiced five to six days a week. Her parents, Bob and Eileen, gave her every opportunity, and she traveled across the world for softball camps, tournaments, and college visits.

At Resurrection, Hana was a three-sport athlete, playing golf in the fall, bowling in the winter, and softball in the spring. As a softball player, Hana was a varsity starter, MVP, *Chicago Sun Times* Top 100 player, *Chicago Tribune* Top 50 player and *Pioneer Press* Top 50 player for all 4 years. She was GCAC Athlete of the Year in 2007, and earned five out of the eight categories for the Elite 8. The team won regional, sectional and super-sectional championships in 2007, and was the first team to qualify for the state tournament in Resurrection history. Hana was the only girl in her grammar school class to attend Resurrection, and she credits Resurrection with helping her become the confident, empowered woman that she is today.

Hana played collegiate softball for four years at Youngstown State University, a Division 1 school. She majored in Communications with a minor in Graphic Design and Business. She was a volunteer coach on the Chicago OutBurst. Hana was married in the fall of 2015, and in the spring of 2017, she welcomed her first child, Lucille. Hana currently works as an Assistant Athletic Director at Trinity High School, under Ms. Rachel Meiner, who was her Athletic Director while she was a student at Resurrection.

Hana says, "Big thanks to my mom, Eileen, and my dad, Bob. They never gave up on me - and they put up with me all those years. My sister, Sara, for truly being the best sister and my rock throughout life.

Finally, my husband, Jim, and my daughter, Lucille, for showing me a love that is like no other in the world.”

Sara Somogyi Spencer '05 began her softball journey at the age of eight. Her parents, seeing how much she loved the sport, started their own travel softball organization, the Chicago OutBurst. This organization pushed Sara toward her dream of playing in high school and college.

At Resurrection, Sara was a three-sport varsity athlete, participating in golf, bowling and her primary sport, softball. During her time as a Bandit she was named an All-Conference Player and *Pioneer Press* Player of the Year. She holds the strikeout record for a season (549) and for a career (1208). She received the Jessie White Student-Athlete Award and led her team to Conference and Sectional victories. Sara received a full scholarship to play softball at St. Joseph's College.

Sara was also a successful student. While at Resurrection, she took honors and AP classes and was a member of several honor societies and service clubs. She was inspired by her teachers, who were strong female role models, and impacted her decision to become a teacher. Sara majored in Education and minored in Psychology and Comic Book Art at St. Joseph's College. As an athlete, she led her college team to four conference tournament appearances, was named Freshman of the Year, First Team All-Conference Player, First Team All-Regional and Section Player, and NCAA Pitcher of the Year. She broke the school records for strikeouts in a season and career, and holds the NCAA record for 21 strikeouts in a seven-inning game. During the school year and in the summer, she served as a volunteer for the Chicago OutBurst.

After graduating from college, Sara began her teaching career and was a softball coach at Triton College. She then coached at Lewis University for 3 years, helping guide the pitchers and team to Conference, Regional, and Sectional championships. During her years at Lewis, she received her MBA and met her husband, Bill. After marrying in 2014, she left Lewis to teach at a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to teaching, she runs the outdoor classroom, the primary unit, is the ELA Chair, and in the summer of 2018, will take the position of Athletic Director.

Sara says “I would like to thank my mom (Eileen) and my dad (Bob) for always believing in me, and never giving up on me or my dreams. To my sister, Hana, thank you for always being there to support me, for being my best friend, and my rock through everything in life. To my husband Bill, thank you for putting up with all of the craziness in life and always being there to show me what it means to be in a loving partnership. To all my teachers, coaches and friends from Resurrection, SJC, and Lewis, thank you for helping me figure out who I was and who I wanted to be. You have all changed the course of my life and I can never express how thankful I am. Your support means everything to me!!“

Maggie Cunningham Aldworth '97 was a competitive club gymnast at Northwest Turners Gymnastics throughout the late 1980's and early 1990's. In 1993, she began her high school career at Resurrection and was involved in many activities, clubs and sports, competing as a varsity level gymnast through all four years of high school. Maggie was the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference all-around gymnastics champion in 1994 and was the top finisher for the uneven bars in 1994 and 1995. She medaled in floor

exercise, balance beam, and vault and she was the all-around champion in both Illinois High School Association Regional and Sectional meets. She was a three-time individual state qualifier and made it to the state finals in both uneven bars and balance beam. She medaled in the balance beam finals, placing 5th in the state during her freshman year and 4th in the state during her junior year.

Following high school, Maggie attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was a member of the Flippin' Illini Gymnastics Club. Maggie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from U of I and earned a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Maggie has worked as a pediatric Occupational Therapist for the last 14 years and has focused primarily on working with young children with autism. Currently, Maggie works in an Early Childhood Program in a public school district as well as with families through the Illinois Early Intervention Program. Maggie lives in the northwest suburbs of Chicago with her husband Mike and her 3 sons, Jack (8), Conor (6), and Tommy (3).

Tara Babich Lange '96 was a four-year, two-sport athlete playing basketball and softball for Resurrection. As a softball player, Tara was an All-Conference and All-Division Team selection and team captain her senior year for softball.

As a basketball player, she averaged 16.6 points, seven rebounds, six steals and four assists throughout her high school basketball career. During her junior year, the Bandits made it to sectionals and advanced to the Sweet 16. Over the course of her senior year, Tara was named to the All-Conference GCAC central division. She was a third team IBCA All-State selection. She was a *Pioneer Press* All-Region and All-Area Selection in 1996 and selected as a *Chicago Sun-Times* City All-Star. She was the regional three-point shootout champion. Tara was an all-tournament selection at the Dundee Crown Tournament and Chicagoland Prep Classic. During her senior year, Tara was both team captain and team MVP and the Bandits finished as regional champions. She received a full academic/athletic scholarship to Loyola University and played NCAA Division I basketball for four years. She had a standout freshman year and was named to the 1997 MCC conference All-Newcomer Team as Loyola's top freshman. Tara graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communications and Graphic Design in 2000.

Resurrection is very proud of all of our Blessed Celine award recipients and our Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.