

LIVING THE LANCER LIFE

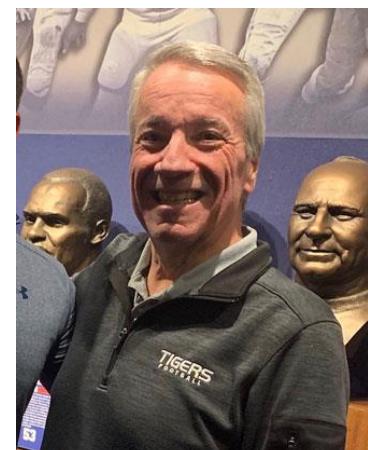


Kate Neary Maxham is a life-long resident of Fairfield and a proud graduate of the Class of 1972. She received a BA from Rosemont College in 1976 and her JD from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in 1983. She practiced law with local firms in Fairfield until joining Judge Dan Caruso in 1998 as staff attorney in the Fairfield Probate Court. She was elected judge in 2018 after the death of Judge Caruso. Kate is also an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law, teaching Elder Law and hosting student interns in the probate court.

She has been active in Fairfield as a former Vice Chairman of the Fairfield Conservation Commission, former Director of Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, and as a former member of the Fairfield Zoning Board of Appeals. She is a member of the Gaelic American Club and the Fairfield Community Emergency Response Team. Kate also serves on the Board of Directors of Oak Lawn Cemetery Association and has recently joined the Board of the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging.

She is married to Dave Maxham and they have three grown children. In her spare time, she enjoys running, reading and knitting. Kate says "ND Girls delivered a fantastic education and set the stage for my life, for sure". She eagerly anticipates a wonderful 50th reunion in September. Thank you, Kate, for continuing to embody the Lancer spirit in all that you do!

Kevin Callahan '80 was honored as the Connecticut High School Coaches Association's Football Coach of the Year in May. Kevin has coached at Ridgefield High School for over twenty years. Prior to his time at Ridgefield, he coached at Notre Dame from 1993-1999 and is a proud member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Kevin lives in Fairfield with his wife and has three adult children.



Vincent DeFrancesco '08 and his wife, Molly, welcomed their second child, Vincent Matthew, on June 20, 2022. Congratulations to parents, Vinny & Molly, as well as their daughter, Leona!



Nikki (Macero) Civitella '10 graduated from Sacred Heart University as a Nurse Practitioner in May. Nikki has worked as an Operating Room RN at the West Haven VA Hospital for 9 years and continued working full time while earning her degree. She was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Nikki is a mom to five-year-old Mia and plans to transition into a Surgery Nurse Practitioner Role.



Garrett Mendez '05 will be featured in an upcoming PBS special called *Travels and Traditions* for defying the odds. After suffering a brain stem stroke as a college freshman, Garrett faced what seemed to be insurmountable challenges, having to learn to walk and talk again. Now, at the age of 35, Garrett works with other people who have suffered from similar injuries. Garrett will be graduating from Sacred Heart University this fall with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.



Ralph Combatti, son of **Danny Combatti '03**, sports his new Little Lancer gear!

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