

LIVING THE LANCER LIFE



AJ Bouvier '18 is taking the golf world by storm. After graduating from Notre Dame, AJ went on to study at Sacred Heart University, but with the rise of COVID-19, decided to leave school to pursue his dream. This meant a move to North Carolina to begin his journey as a golf professional. From there, AJ transitioned to a role in Southwest Florida where he currently resides.

As an Assistant Golf Professional, AJ spends each day teaching the game of golf to others. "I am striving to play professionally full time and be one of the best instructors in the country", AJ said. He is certainly off to

a great start, as he just spent his first summer competing at the professional level. AJ also signed his first staff deal contract earlier this month that will allow him to both play with and sell the Srixion/Cleveland/Asics brand.

While he may be down in Florida, AJ is still a Lancer at heart. He makes sure to keep in contact with his friends and teachers, and he cites **Mr. CoFrancesco** as a major influence on his career. "My math teacher and golf coach for all four years, Peter CoFrancesco, is the reason I ended up here and am doing what I'm doing today", AJ stated.

Congratulations AJ on all of your success. Your Lancer family will always be rooting for you!



Tori Samatulski '15 married **Richard Rogers** on October 7th. By her side was fellow Lancer and Matron of Honor **Jenna Hotchkiss '08**. Congratulations Tori and Richard!



On October 9th, **Nancy Florence Sweeney '78** and **Morgan Sweeney '15** ran the Chicago Marathon. This 26.2 mile race around iconic Windy City neighborhoods was a truly priceless mother and daughter experience!

Nancy proudly ran for the charity Project Purple, an organization started by **Dino Verrelli '92**. Project Purple's Vision is a world without pancreatic cancer, and its two initiatives are to help pancreatic cancer patients and fund research. Project Purple offers Blankets of Hope and a Patient Financial Aid program for those battling pancreatic cancer.

More information can be found [HERE](#).



Lieutenant **Michael Paris '01** was recently recognized by the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut at the Distinguished Chiefs and Meritorious Service Awards Dinner. Congratulations Michael and thank you for all that you do to serve our community!



Pejay Lucky '03 (right) has been named the Assistant Dean for Student Success at the Fairfield Bellarmine. In partnership with the Diocese of Bridgeport, Fairfield University seeks to help underserved students by offering a two-year associate's degree program. Congratulations Pejay, we are so proud of you!

After graduating from Notre Dame, **Vicky Yiannoulis '09** set her sights on helping others. Upon earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Fordham University, Vicky spent a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Hood River Oregon. In this capacity, she worked as a care coordinator for individuals in hospice.

Following her time with the JVC, Vicky attended the New England College of Optometry in Boston where she received her Doctor of Optometry degree. She then completed a one year residency at the VA Medical Center in Connecticut, specializing in ocular disease and primary care.

As a professional, Vicky now lives in Pittsburgh and splits her time at two separate practices. She spends half the week at an ophthalmology practice providing primary care, contact lens fittings, and pre and post op work, while the rest of her week is spent working with patients in nursing homes.



Vicky credits her time at Notre Dame as the initial spark for her career in medicine. "I really enjoyed our biology class sophomore year, so that inspired me to pursue bio as a major, and from there I decided while I was at Fordham that I wanted to go into the field of healthcare."

Please send Little Lancer birth announcements to Nick Grew at ngrew@notredame.org.