



Thomas McCarthy
Distinguished Lasallian-Administrator
2015-2016

As he often says at our alumni events, Tom McCarthy is the envy of 40,000 Jaspers. But more importantly, Tom is a leader and an inspiration to the alumni, students, faculty and staff he encounters in the College community on a daily basis. Evidenced by the fact that he never really left Manhattan (despite a short teaching stint in Westchester after graduation), Tom is a true Jasper. Through his work at the College and involvement with various organizations, it's clear he is a dedicated Lasallian.

Tom serves as moderator and instructor for the Manhattan College Pipes & Drums and as an advisor to the Pen and Sword Society. He has attended the Buttimer Institute for Lasallian Studies as well as the International Association of Lasallian Universities Conference in Rome. To help build and enhance the inclusive community of Manhattan College, Tom is involved with the Office of Mission and the new College Core Identity Seminar. He has participated in the District of Eastern North America Summit on Brothers Vocations and has presented on Lasallian themes at the College and at the alumni retreat. Most recently, Tom chaperoned a group of students during a L.O.V.E. trip to Haiti and will return with a new L.O.V.E. group to Port-au-Prince in 2016.

Perhaps some of you have seen Jimmy Kimmel's skit where celebrities read mean tweets about themselves. I decided to model Tom's citation after that bit, but with a kinder, Lasallian twist. To truly demonstrate Tom's commitment to Lasallian values, I asked several colleagues why they believe Tom is deserving of this award. So without further ado, here are the best "Tweets about Tom":

From Julie Achilles: Looking for Tom? Follow the sounds of bagpipes & laughter to the office w/ the always-open door. He's the one in the green pants. #MrJasper

From Ellie Calabro: Tom is a "doer" & gains the support of those around him by working for the greater good of the school and more importantly its students. Everyone respects him professionally and personally

From Claudia Cardona: What stands out most is Tom's commitment and dedication to the alum, students, staff and faculty and his service to the College

From Annie Chambliss: Tom is one of those people you meet & feel like you've known all your life. He has a kind heart, a generous spirit & a humble enthusiasm

From Rachel Cirelli: Tom goes out of his way getting to know the incredible alumni of the College, creating a greater sense of pride & commitment, inspiring them to #payitforward

From Brian Conway: Tom is a Lasallian chameleon. Working closely on many events, one can see Tom's ability to manage the ever-changing College landscape, w/o compromising his principles or the quality of his work.

From Pat Doherty: As a student worker, Tom was truly an asset to the special events dept. w/ his easy confidence, natural kindness & service minded attitude

From Barbara Higgins: Two words pop right into my head: energy and dedication.

Nick Lakoumentas: Loves @brooksbrothers, always well dressed. Fatherly in that he routinely brings food for the staff, well connected & always willing to help

From MaryEllen Malone: Tom embodies the core Lasallian principles, always inclusive, kind & respectful of all, supportive of the work of CMSA. Thank you Tom for being an exemplar of Lasallian values!

From Liz Moran: He's a true Lasallian in & outside MC; plays the bagpipes at Westchester Miracle League's opening game & at benefits for families w disabled children.

From Pete McHugh: Tom is not only a diehard Jasper, he is a true connector. Someone who knows everyone and everyone knows him because of his warmth and humor

From Kathy Muskopf: The bus ride to the parade is a great time. #TomsTradition the newest pipers stand in the aisle & sing I'm a Little Teapot, always gets a big laugh

From Meg Walsh: Open mind, open heart, open arms; a friend to all Jaspers and those that wish they were a Jasper.

I believe Lois Harr from Campus Ministry really hit the nail on the head: Pipe master extraordinaire, LOVE advisor beyond compare, loving son, loads of fun, life of the party & such a smarty. Always: #TomTerrific

As you can see, Tom McCarthy represents what it means to be Lasallian and a true Jasper. Please join me in congratulating Tom on receiving the Distinguished Lasallian Administrator Award.

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