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# The Halo Award

**Kevin Timochenko** is the founder and owner of Metropolitan Companies, a diversified real estate organization made up of divisions including Metropolitan Management Group and Metropolitan Development Group. Under his leadership, the company has expanded with Foxlane Homes, Haverford Square by Metropolitan, and D&B Construction, reflecting a strong focus on growth, development, and collaboration. Kevin is a graduate of Delaware Valley University.



A committed community leader, Kevin has served on boards such as the Kutztown University Foundation and the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce as well as the Berks Visitor Association Board of Directors. He financially supports organizations including the Caron Foundation, United Way, BLOCS, Olivet Boys & Girls Club, PAL, and Berks Catholic. Metropolitan Companies also proudly partners with the John Paul II Center for Special Learning, supporting scholarships and programs that empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In recognition of his leadership and community impact, Kevin was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year, and Metropolitan Companies was named the Fastest Growing Company in 2004. Guided by the philosophy of "helping others lead others," Kevin continues to foster a culture of service, growth, and leadership throughout the organization.

In recognition of these efforts, the company was honored with the Halo Award, with Kevin accepting on its behalf.



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# Peggy's Legacy of Faith



For over a decade, **David Lomnychuk**, owner of David's Cleaning Service, has had the privilege of serving the John Paul II Center as a commercial cleaning partner. From his very first visit—simply dropping off a proposal—he witnessed something extraordinary. As students were dismissed for the day, the warmth, joy, and genuine love within the school community were immediately evident, leaving a lasting impression that extended far beyond business.

That initial connection has since grown into a meaningful and deeply valued relationship. Students have visited David's facility to learn about cleaning and laundry operations, and that connection came full circle when a JPPII graduate joined the team, working in the company's laundry department several days each week.

After attending a Christmas program three years ago, David was not only moved by the students' performance but also inspired to elevate the surrounding environment to match the spirit of the occasion. The following year, he donated his time and talents to transform the Center into a winter wonderland—complete with trees, lights, and cascading snowflakes—creating an immersive and magical experience for students, families, and staff alike.

What began as a gesture of gratitude has now become a cherished annual tradition, reflecting a shared commitment to joy, dignity, and community.

## Halo Award Honorees

<b>2011</b> Jack & Peggy* Horrigan	<b>2016</b> Dan & Kathy Langdon	<b>2021</b> Brad & Sharon White
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## Peggy's Legacy of Faith Honorees

<b>2020</b> Mary Maher	<b>2022</b> Ginny Close	<b>2024</b> Judy Diffendal* <i>*Deceased</i>
<b>2021</b> Priscilla Plucinsky	<b>2023</b> Turie Sotzin	<b>2025</b> Kathy Moffitt

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Spend the evening at John Paul II Center with your friends for a special chef's choice six-course dinner prepared by JPPI students with the guidance of Chef Tim Twiford in JPPI's instructional kitchen. This unique dining experience highlights the talents of JPPI's secondary students. The upscale dinner is for 8-10.

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## **"Hope" – JPPI student artwork**

Hope shines brightly in this special piece of artwork created by JPPI's school-age classes as part of a collaborative Occupational Therapy project. Inspired by the Jubilee Year of Hope, the students designed a candle at the center — a powerful symbol that hope means never giving up and always finding our refuge and strength in God. This meaningful artwork was even featured on this year's JPPI Christmas card, sharing the spirit of hope far beyond our classrooms.

## **108th PGA Championship Tickets**

Get ready for a golfer's dream right in our backyard! Major Championship golf is coming to the Philadelphia region for the 108th PGA Championship, May 15–17 at the prestigious Aronimink Golf Club. These tickets have been sold out for months, but during the Legacy Gala's live auction you will have your chance to win them. Here's how it works: there will be three winning bids for this amazing package. The highest bidder gets first choice of one of the three dates, followed by the second-highest bidder, then the third. There are two tickets available for each date.

***The Friday and Sunday tickets were donated by Revere Dental and the Saturday tickets were donated by Friends of JPPI***

## **Soup to Nuts with Father Hoffa**

You've seen him at the pulpit, you've seen him in the kitchen, you've even seen him compete on Cooks With Collars. Now, you can enjoy his home cooking! Eight lucky diners will enjoy the Hoffa Experience – a unique soup to nuts feast prepared and served in Holy Guardian Angel's rectory by Chef Padre Hoffa. Dinner includes multiple courses with wine imported from Italy. Date and menu to be mutually agreed upon by the top bidder and Father Hoffa. There is no expiration date.

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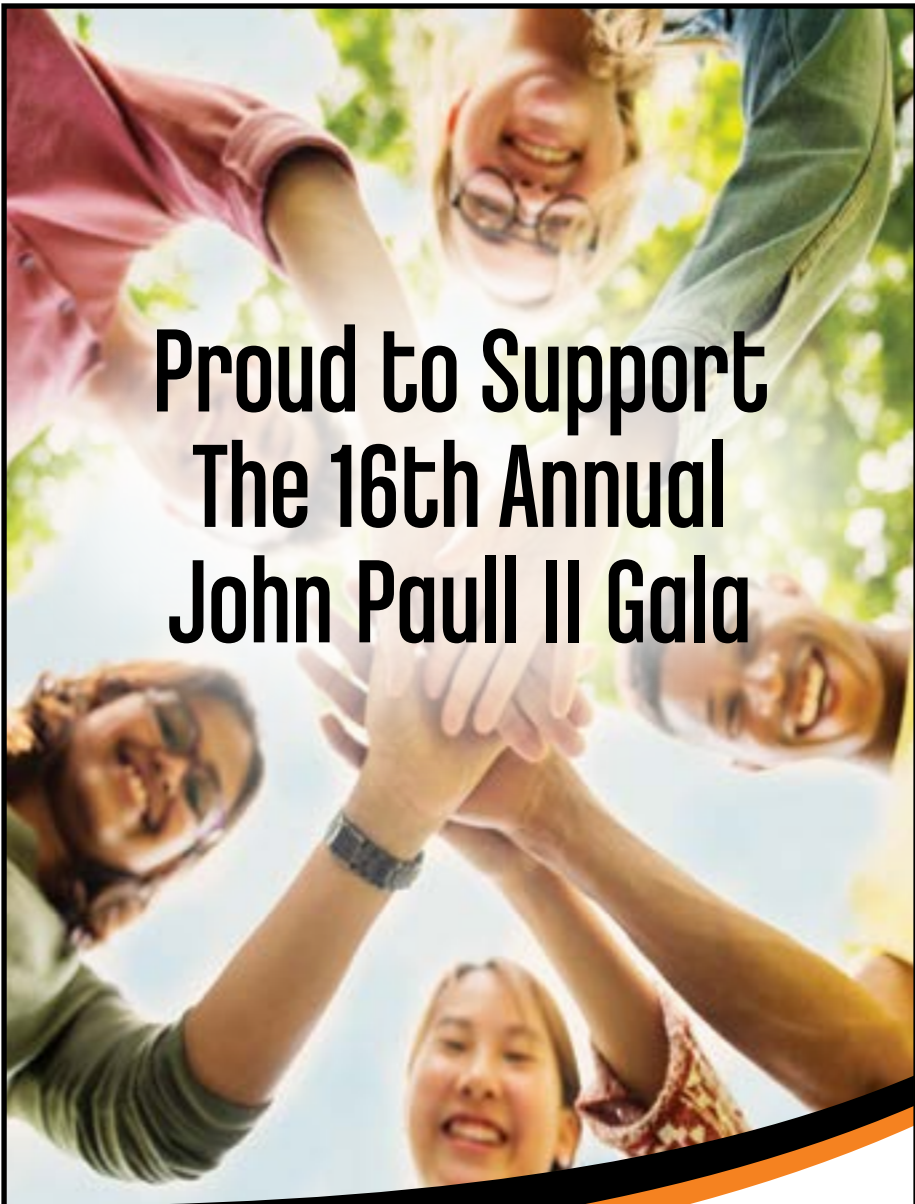
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It's more than dinner — it's a behind-the-scenes, hands-on experience that celebrates our students' skills, creativity, and passion. Treat yourself, your friends, or colleagues to a night that's truly one-of-a-kind!



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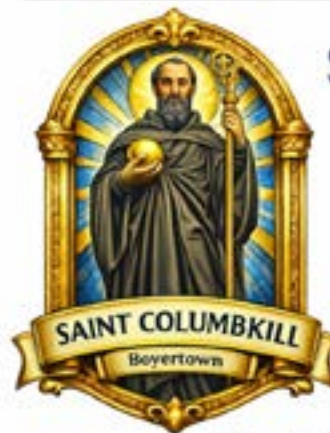
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