

Archbishop Williams High School celebrated 60th Anniversary

Archbishop Williams High School celebrated “60 years of excellence” at a gala event on Saturday, November 28th.

The festivities began with a 60th Anniversary Mass offered by the Most Revered John Dooher, Auxiliary Bishop, South Region. The Mass was concelebrated by chaplain of Archbishop Williams, Reverend Walter Keymont along with 5 alumni priests. The program featured an exceptional performance by the alumni and student choir, led by Paul Kelly, former Williams’ faculty member.

The celebration continued with a reception and dinner in the grand ballroom at the Granite Links Country Club in Quincy. The 60th anniversary gala embodied a grand reunion for all classes, with a special recognition for those classes ending in “4” and “9.”

During the evening the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Kentucky and Halifax were also recognized as the founding educators of Williams. In 1949, then Archbishop of Boston Richard Cushing called upon the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth to offer their support in staffing Archbishop Williams High School. Under their loving guidance the school flourished. Their order’s motto “The love of Christ urges us on” became its guiding force. Throughout the years the Sisters of Charity committed their lives to the school and the Cardinal’s vision for a Catholic education.

“Turning the proud pages of the Archbishop Williams High School legacy uncovers 60 years of excellence, faith, and friendships. Our school’s story had a wonderful beginning and will never end,” said Dr. Carmen Mariano, President of AWHS. “I am honored to help celebrate our Diamond Jubilee!”

Mary Louise Sadowski, Principal of AWHS remarked “As from its start 60 years ago, Archbishop Williams High School is a wonderfully strong and supportive community fulfilling its stated mission for each one of its students. With God’s blessing, may it long continue.”

Archbishop Williams High School is named in tribute to Archbishop John Joseph Williams, the first Archbishop of Boston. It opened its doors on September 12, 1949; four years after His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing expressed a desire to create a co-educational high school for Christian students of the Boston Archdiocese.