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#### DEAR COLLINGSWOOD NEIGHBORS,

How wonderful it is to welcome these summer months as we all know this past year was full of some wild and crazy times to say the least!

In this edition of *Collingswood Living* we focus on celebrating the senior class of Collingswood High School. Although these kids have had a whirlwind of a senior year we are so excited for what's in store for them next – I hope

you enjoy their baby pictures as much as we did.

Additionally, we were excited to acknowledge an outstanding teacher from the community. Teachers are the glue of any neighborhood in my opinion and this nominated educator was no exception.

We also added a new section which we hope you like called "Around Town." We hope you enjoy playing "Where's Waldo" finding your neighbor in this spread.

Lastly, we celebrate three AMAZING dads for our **Fathers Day issue**. Three extremely unique men from different backgrounds coming together for three reasons... fatherhood, Collingswood and for the love of the game! We hope you enjoy their story!

Happy Fathers Day to all the men out there who are in some way, shape or form playing the role of dad, you are so appreciated.

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## TEAMDAD: Meet the New Sandlot Crew

#### By KRISTEN JORGENSEN | Photos by MATT ZUGALE

**7** hat happens when an investment banker, a teacher and trumpet player all walk into a bar? Honestly, I have no idea. Sorry, but I am a writer, not a comedian. But what I can tell you is, that when they got together in the Tatem Elementary school pick up line, instant friendships were created, and lifelong bonds were formed. Collingswood Living readers let me introduce you to the 'fabulous' Frankie Fontanez, the talented trumpeter, Matt Cappy, and the clever educator Zach Wright, three amazing local dads that come from contrasting backgrounds, but still found a connection through music, the importance of

community and their families while living in town. Their story embodies the true eclectic nature and welcoming atmosphere that so heavily defines Collingswood and makes our town so special.

**MEET FRANKIE "FABULOUS" FONTANEZ** The first of the three friends I had the pleasure of speaking with was Frankie Fontanez, a personable and cheerful Philadelphia native, who grew up around the Art Museum area of the city. Frankie grew up in a Hispanic household and has fond memories of his childhood in the city atmosphere where there was great energy, diversity, and plenty

of excitement. Frankie graduated high school in Philadelphia and went on to pursue his college education at Temple University where he studied/majored in business finance. Frankie started his long-standing career in the wealth management field starting at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. With an impressive resume behind him, he has been in the industry for 30 years and is currently working as an Investment Director for PNC bank. He met his now wife Courtney, a Professor at Rutgers University and has been happily married for the past 11 years with the couple having two children, ages 8 and 4 years old. Both Frankie and Courtney have always been passionate about giving back to the community, and the importance of inclusivity. They decided early on to contribute their time and efforts in coaching sports for Camden area teams. 'It was important

to us to really do something for the kids who were at a real appreciation for the 'fabulous' life that he has carved out disadvantage. We decided to help coach kids sports in areas for himself and his family here in Collingswood. like Camden that were not getting many volunteers." Though "OOP-POP-A-DA" ... IT'S MATT CAPPY Let us take a Courtney still works in Camden, the couple decided to move moment to meet one of the swankiest Collingswood residents to Collingswood and purchased their current home located I have met in more recent times, the incredibly talented Matt on Crestmont Terrace about 6 years ago. Their entire family Cappy. Originally born in North Jersey, Matt grew up in has enjoyed living in town and all the perks that come with another local small town, Berlin. A trumpeter, composer, and the suburbs. "My favorite thing about Collingswood is the arranger, Matt has been recording, touring, and performing community, it is not a 'cul-de-sac' type of town. Growing up with the biggest names in music since graduating from The in the city, I needed to live in a town with walkability and University of the Arts in Philadelphia at the age of 22. Matt diversity." attended Overbrook High School, and it was in his early Of course, any good Philly native is a diehard sports fan, school years that he realized his love of music. "I was always a and Frankie is no exception. So, with a passion for baseball musical kid, and I was always eager to learn." Fortunately for particularly, and his lengthy experience coaching Camden Matt, he had the passion, but fate provided him the resources teams, it was a natural progression to help coach for the local and incredible teachers that helped him develop his skill into little league team. "I wanted to be involved with my children's something more than just a hobby. Matt credits his career and interests, while also giving back to the community. Matt, Zach success to his early relationships with his mentors, director and I thought it would be a great way to spend time with our Bill Garton and teachers Joe Fallon and Rick Kerber. "I owe kids and have fun." When Frankie is not coaching baseball, so much of my success to the mentors and teachers that he is taking in the local cuisine. "My wife and I are pretty big helped to guide me in the right direction early on. In those foodies, and we love to do our part supporting local restaurants. formidable years, they just really cared. Teachers who just We are big fans of Hearthside, Thai Basil and Oasis. It's so poured everything into you and you just knew it." Matt went important to show support to our small businesses in town, especially after a rough year like the one we just experienced." on to college at The University of the Arts, and it is here where the stars aligned yet again, and Matt was able to dive into the Throughout our conversation, Frankie's energetic nature and upbeat energy continually shines through. You immediately Philly Jazz scene of the late 90's and early 2000's. "We used get the sense that he is a genuine guy who truly values people, to play at Wilhelmina's jazz lounge every Thursday night community, and his friendships here in town; that he has a and it was just spectacular, something you knew felt special.



We would like to thank Liberty Lake Day Camp for bringing you this month's cover story —



There was an underground vibe to it, and all sorts of jazz, poetry, groove and even swing music was happening. I had this feeling it was going to be a catalyst to future things." At this time Matt's hometown connections circled back and he received a call from Rick Kerber to play with Tony Bennett in Atlantic City. And the rest, they say, is history. Matt went on to record with Michael Jackson, Elvis Costello, Jill Scott, and the Roots. He has toured with Jay-Z, Maxwell, and Jill Scott to name a few. Matt's sophomore album "Tales of the Tape" is also slated to be released this month on his newly formed record label, EAST PHILLY RECORDS.

In addition to being an incredible musician, Matt a father of two boys and a sports fan just like Frankie and Zach. "Zach and Frankie are great guys. Our friendship grew so organically. The kids all get along too. It's great when you find your tribe." Besides the trumpet, Matt also played soccer and baseball in his early school days and loved the idea of coaching the boys little league team alongside his friends. He has been a Collingswood resident since 2002 when he purchased his first home here with his wife Jessica and they both love the community vibe. "We were embraced by our neighbors early on and that's a great feeling. At the time, we came in as a 'vounger' family to the neighborhood and everyone seemed to appreciate it. Over the years, we have been fortunate to maintain great relationships with everyone around us." Matt, just like Frankie and Zach is an incredible asset to the Collingswood community and I feel fortunate to have been able to introduce him to our *Collingswood Living* readers.

#### **BALANCED AND DOWN TO EARTH - MEET ZACH**

**WRIGHT** Just like Frankie, Zach Wright grew up as a city slicker, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He lived in Brooklyn until heading off to college where he attended the University of Vermont. During his schooling, Zach was an English major and a minor in history. Zach also met his now wife, Laura, who is currently a critical care nurse at Cooper Hospital, while attending the University. Zach applied his education into becoming an educator himself. Versatile in his expertise, Zach started his career as a High School English teacher and is now currently the Assistant Professor at Relay Graduate School of Education serving Philadelphia and Camden, a Communication Activist at BrightBeam and a curriculum writer for the Center for Black Educator Development.

After college, Zach and Laura relocated to Philadelphia where he happily enjoyed the 'city living' lifestyle yet again. He spent over 10 years in Philadelphia classrooms, where he was proudly named Philadelphia's Outstanding Teacher in the year 2013. The couple resided in Philly for 11 years before purchasing their current home on Fern Avenue about 3 years ago. "I absolutely love living in Collingswood.

Living much of my life in a city environment, this was my first time living in the suburbs, but the adjustment was easy. Having a full backyard for the kids to play was such a blessing, especially during the last year."

Zach also has 2 energetic children, two boys, ages 8 and 4, who also attend Tatem Elementary and actively play Little League with the other neighborhood kids. With Laura working typical nursing shifts, Zach spends a great deal of quality time with the boys. "My oldest son is really into maps. During the pandemic, he would literally just point to a place on the map and we would just drive there. It was on one of these adventures that I introduced them Led Zeppelin, and now they're huge fans." Zach and his children enjoy reading, "the boys are big Harry Potter fans," walking and exploring the local woods like Rancocas and of course playing sports. Zach went on to mention, that even though he had already befriended Matt and Frankie organically, the friendship between them was powerfully impacted by the pandemic. "During the year, we really leaned on each other. We had our own 'bubble' and it helped keep our spirits up, especially for the kids too. We would just hang outside around a fire pit and try to keep it all together. It really took our friendships to that 'like- family' level."

Collingswood has always been a town that truly embraces the unique, the road less traveled and the originality of people who choose to paint their lives in color. A beautiful place of people from all walks of life, who come together to find a common interest with their neighbor. Zach, Frankie, and Matt may have started their lives in different locations, but they have the same common appreciation for the important parts of life: family, friends, giving back and the desire to be good and do good whenever given the opportunity. So, go say "hello" to the person in line at the school drop off zone, introduce yourself to the barista who makes your daily coffee, or simply start by waking up everyday with an open mind and an open heart. You never know, your best friend might be right next door. ■

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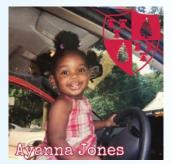
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Ayanna will be attending Montclair State University, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Criminal Justice, as well as playing volleyball! Congrats! Go Red Hawks!



Caeden will be attending Temple University, majoring in Health Professions! Go Owls!



Taylor will be attending Cairn University, majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy, as well as playing basketball! Congrats... Go Highlanders!

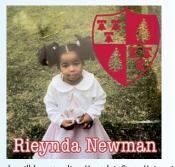


Jose will be attending Stockton University, majoring in Health Science with a concentration in Physicians Assistant studies! Congratulations — Roll Ospreys!

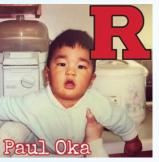
#### COLLINGSWOOD LIVING TEAMED UP WITH ELIZABETH

over at @colls.seniors2021 an Instagram page dedicated to celebrating Collingswood seniors and their 2021 commitments!

We are featuring a few students in our June edition, but for more updates make sure to go give them a follow!



Rieynda will be attending Montclair State University, majoring in Communications and Media Art! Go Red Hawks!



Paul will be attending Rutgers University, New Brunswick pursuing a BM in composition! Congrats! Go Scarlett Knights!



Kennedy will be attending the University of Tennessee, majoring in Business! Congrats - GO VOLS!



Sophie will be attending Princeton University, majoring in English as well as running XC/TF! Congrats and Roll Tigers!



Alyssa will be attending Rutgers University, New Brunswick, majoring in Biology on a Pre- Physician's Assistant track! Congrats, Go Scarlet Knights!



Kevin will be attending Stockton University, majoring in Health Sciences with a concentration in Physician's Assistant Studies! Congrats- Roll Ospreys!



Tara will be attending Brown University with a concentration in Anthropology! Congrats - GO BEARS!



Hailey will be attending the University of Virginia, majoring in Speech & Communication Disorders Congrats! Go Cavaliers!



Kayla will be attending Drexel University, majoring in Animation and Visual Effects! Go Dragons!







Sam will be attending the University of Delaware, majoring in Health Behavior Science on a Pre-Physical Therapy track! GO ROLL HENS!



Phoenix will be attending Fordham University, currently undecided but considering Business! Congrats - ROLL RAMS!



Isaac will be attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, majoring in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences with a minor in Biology! Go Yellow Jackets!



Isabel will be attending Salisbury University, majoring in Nursing with a minor in Deaf Studies! Congrats- GO SEA GULLS!

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Jessica O'Donnell, General Manager and talented chef at The Pop Shop Collingswood, has kindly shared one of her signature recipes with *Collingswood Living* readers. Her famous White Chicken Chili is now a permanent staple on the Pop Shop's full-time menu. "I wanted to create something that I could enjoy in the spring and summer, a 'summer stew,' if you will." Grab a bowl anytime at The Pop Shop!

#### **WHITE CHICKEN CHILI** | Yields 2–3 quarts

cloves garlic, minced	¾ T. chili powder				
2 ea. onion, diced	1 t. cumin, ground ½# tomatillos, cut in quarters 1 15.5 oz. can white beans, un-drained				
-2 ea. jalapenos, sliced thin					
b. ground chicken					
T. white tequila					
2 T. lime juice	1½ c. chicken stock or water				
٤ c. cilantro, chopped	2 ½ T. cornstarch				

Sauté first three ingredients in a little vegetable oil. Season generously with salt and pepper. After a few minutes of cooking add ground chicken and brown thoroughly. Make sure to break up the chicken while it is browning. Drain off any excess fat.

Add tequila, lime juice, cilantro, chili powder, cumin, tomatillos, beans and chicken stock. Simmer for about ½ hour. Stir in cornstarch mixed with ¼ c water. Season to taste.

Serve garnished with sharp white cheddar cheese, sour cream and scallions!

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## Teacher**Spotlight**

**By RUSS PRITCHARD** 

**OLLINGSWOOD LIVING IS PLEASED to honor two** outstanding educators in our community.

Our first teacher deserving of recognition this month is KATIE DeMARCO. She is a life-long Collingswood resident, and even bought a home one down from her parent's house. Katie went to Collingswood High School, where Herr Oehlers (her German teacher) helped her find her love of Germany.



After spending a month in Germany during an exchange program at the age of 16, Katie knew she was destined for a career that involved the German language and culture. Some apples don't fall far from the tree. Both of Katie's parents were teachers, and she has a brother who is a German teacher. Katie went to Lebanon Valley College and has been teaching the past

eight years at Palmyra High School and for the last ten years at the Immanuel German School, a private Saturday school in Philadelphia.

#### *Q: How did COVID-19 affect your role as a teacher?*

A: When COVID hit, I felt completely unprepared and overwhelmed. I have never been great with technology, and I essentially had a half day at work to try to figure out how to move my entire curriculum to online platforms that I had never used before. It really forced me to think outside of the box and try to re-invent how I taught. It was absolutely challenging, but I think that it's made all of us educators even better at what we do. We are used to being thrown curve balls in our careers, and this was a huge one. It was really hard not to see my students, especially my seniors, for so long. Switching to all remote took much of the joy away that teaching brings me. Our last day of in-person school was on March 13, 2020.

#### *Q: How has the past year changed the way you teach?*

A: We did not begin hybrid until November 2020, but that only lasted about 5 days before we had to go virtual again. We've now been on a hybrid schedule since January 2021. We have half days each day and students can choose in-person or remote learning. This has been quite a challenge. I really try my best to be equally present for both the students in front of me and the students online. It's like doing two jobs simultaneously. The best moment for me for was the first day some of the students returned to their classrooms. They were so excited to be back, and I was so excited not to be in an empty classroom anymore. I teach because I love interacting with the students. Teaching virtually just was not the same.

#### Q: How will you use this experience going forward with your students?

A: Next fall, I know our school is hoping for a normal start to the year – full days and no remote option. Of course, this depends on the COVID numbers, but I'm hopeful for a little more normalcy. I try to remind the students that while this is a crazy time, it is history, and it's teaching us a valuable lesson. I will take this experience forward. You can plan all you want, but it doesn't mean that life will go the way you thought it would. Students have had to become pros at pivoting and readjusting, which is what life is really all about. It's a rollercoaster – it can change at the drop of a hat.

Another teacher in the Collingswood community deserving of recognition is URIAH McCLAIN, secondary education social studies teacher, middle school track coach, and high school football coach in Collingswood. A self-described Army brat, McClain has lived in a variety of places, including South Korea and Germany,



which instilled an appreciation of different cultures and laid the foundation for a career teaching social studies. Graduating high school in Absecon, NJ, McClain graduated from Rutgers with a dual major in history and political science and earned a graduate degree in Social Studies instruction at the University of Southern California. He brings 15 years teaching experience to Collingswood.

#### Q: How did COVID affect your role as a teacher?

A: Covid changed everything. One minute we were preparing for spring break and finishing up the year; the next minute we were completely online. I enjoy being around people, so shifting to online instruction forced me to completely change how I typically teach.

#### Q: Can you give us an unexpected highlight of *teaching virtually?*

A: I had a student who would sign on daily for my scheduled office hours. Through our conversations, I discovered she had a talent for sewing. I spoke with her mother and explained if she bought her daughter a Cricut machine, she would be able to use her sewing skills to make masks and other creative projects. Her parents agreed and purchased a Cricut machine for her. As a result, this student has since started a small business which she currently uses to create all types of products and personalized gifts! She is also a founding member of the newly created CMS Design Co. at the middle school. This club, with the generous support from the CMS PTA, has already designed products and gifts which have been shared with students and staff. This club has been one of the positives from what has been a tumultuous year.

#### Q: How do you feel about the start of the new school year in September?

A: I'm going into school next fall extremely positive and hopeful! Not having students in the building was surreal. I have always enjoyed being in the classroom, and this year reinforces my belief that students and teachers benefit from being in school physically. Online education is valuable and has its place in education, but I think the country is learning just how important school is for the development of children academically and socially.

Thank you, Katie DeMarco and Teacher and Coach McClain, for all that you do in the Collingswood community!

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Here are some important facts about keeping your skin youthful and ways to significantly reduce your risk of getting skin cancer and of course, aging.

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- By the way, your lips need protection, too!
- No sunscreen is perfect, but always choose a physical blocker of SPF 30 or higher in order to be considered effective. Keep in mind, that they are two main types of sunscreens to choose from: chemical and physical/ mineral blockers (Zinc/Titanium Oxide). And then, of course, the combination of two. Always read the label for the active ingredients to decide which type it is, since regular over-the-counter chemical sunscreens may have medium to high level of toxicity and medium to high level of blood absorption, which may not only affect us as humans, but also the surrounding environment, creating permanent DNA damage to the Earth's Coral Reef by destroying some of the most diverse and valuable ecosystems in the world.
- Wear SPF sun protective clothing, sunglasses, and wide brim hats, and look for facial sunscreens that have the thinnest textures. Sheer, thin textures are least likely to lead to breakouts.
- Expiration date: Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years, but its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures.
- How sunscreen works: Most sunscreen products work by absorbing, reflecting, or scattering sunlight. They contain chemicals that interact with the skin to protect

it from the three different types of UV rays.

Our sunscreens are all considered natural physical/ mineral blockers which are non-irritating, with no skin absorption, and fully enhanced with antioxidants to repair our damaged skin. Unlike the chemical counterparts which work by absorbing the sun's harmful rays, the mineral ones protect you by physically sitting on top of your skin and blocking and just reflecting these harmful rays. Remember, that all the sunscreen products do not have the same ingredients; chemical blockers tend to cause more of a skin reaction than the mineral ones, so if your skin reacts badly to one product, do not try another one, just call your local dermatologist or favorite skin specialist!







### Two Totally Paw-fect Pets... Meet ↓**;**¥;¥;1 BV KRISTEN JORGENSEN

EY COLLINGSWOOD! Meet Ralphie, a 2-year-old hound mix and Jean Louise (though she goes by "Scout"), a 1-year-old golden retriever. Both pups live in Collingswood along with their elderly, blind dachshund sibling, Darby and Mom, Megan.

Megan says that both Ralphie and "Scout" love it here in Collingswood and can often be found taking long walks around town enjoying the site and smells! Make sure to say "hello" when you see them strolling through town! ■



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## AROUNDTOWN **By KRISTEN JORGENSEN**

Spring is finally in the air and the town is buzzing with more than just the bees. It's the promise of a great upcoming summer season including the return of our beloved Farmers Market!



Collingswood Farmers Market 22nd Season Ribbon Cutting Celebration! Who else is super excited?



Vedra Chandler, John Kunkle and Little Josephine have a seat curbside o watch the crowds valk by!



Patrick H. and his partner Alex taking a leisurely stroll around town in the warmer days.



TWINS! Pam Gallus and Melissa O. scored two beautiful pink azaleas while shopping!

The Garden Med Spa Ribbon Cutting -Welcome to 'the Wood' and Best of Luck!



Mindy Leher and Wife Abby Rutman celebrate mothers day weekend in Collingswood with adorable daughter Lachlan.











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Patrick Rodio and Run856 community run to raise funds for an amazing cause, supporting yearbook funds for Collingswood High Class of '21.

Elizabeth Wegoye and her two adorable children shopping for fresh produce!



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