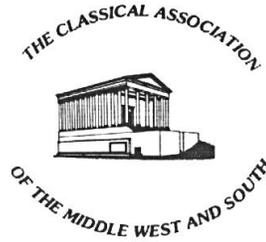


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Dear Dr. O'Linn,

On behalf of the members of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), I am writing to share with you and your colleagues at St. Edward High School the accomplishments of Mr. Daniel Cavoli who was recently awarded the prestigious Eunice E. Kraft Teaching Award by CAMWS. I hope you will find appropriate ways to celebrate Mr. Cavoli's success both at the school and in the greater Lakewood community. For this reason, I enclose with this letter a news release about the award as well as a copy of the citation read at the annual CAMWS business meeting on March 19, 2016, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The selection committee valued the testimony of Mr. Cavoli's students, who wrote tributes like this: "Daniel Cavoli is responsible for my love of the Classics, for my desire to be a Latin teacher, and, in no small way, for improving my character through his daily enthusiasm and sincerity. Few teachers bring themselves so completely, heart and mind, to class every single day in the way that Mr. Cavoli does instinctively." His colleagues wrote in a similar vein: "In many ways he is a saintly person, thoughtful, generous, compassionate, empathetic, and incredibly positive and enthusiastic. I am proud to have him as a colleague and recommend him for special recognition as a wonderful, effective, innovative, enthusiastic, and generous teacher of Latin."

We at CAMWS are also proud to have Daniel Cavoli as a colleague.

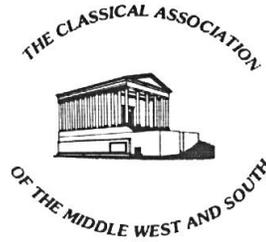
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Sienkewicz".

Thomas J. Sienkewicz  
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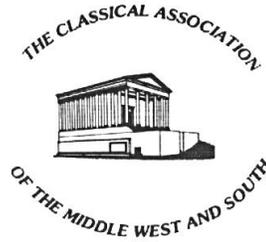
### **Daniel Cavoli Receives Prestigious Kraft Teaching Award**

Daniel Cavoli of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, has received from the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) the Eunice E. Kraft Teaching Award, which recognizes outstanding teachers of Latin in public or private schools (middle schools included) within CAMWS territory.

Mary Pendergraft, professor of Classics at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and chair of CAMWS's Teaching Awards Committee reported that all the nominees were excellent, but "Mr. Cavoli emerged as the best choice. The committee considers several criteria in making a decision, and the first is the understanding that 'excellent teachers leave something of themselves with their students, demonstrate to students the importance of life-long learning and serve as important role models.' By this measure in particular Dan Cavoli stood out through his dedication to educating the whole student."

Mr. Cavoli was recognized as the recipient of this award at the annual CAMWS business meeting on March 19, 2016 in Williamsburg, Virginia. A copy of this citation is attached.

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Inc., is a professional organization for classicists and non-classicists at all levels of instruction which promotes the Classics through the broad scope of its annual meeting, through the publication of both original research and pedagogical contributions and through its awards, scholarships, and outreach initiatives. CAMWS was founded at the University of Chicago in 1905 and incorporated in the State of Missouri on July 13, 1948. Its members (c. 1500) are primarily college and university professors, K-12 teachers, and graduate students whose specialty is Classics: Classical languages (Greek and Latin) and the world of ancient Greece and Rome. An educational, not-for-profit organization, CAMWS is exempt from federal income tax as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The CAMWS region covers 32 midwestern, western, and southern states and three Canadian provinces. CAMWS publishes a quarterly, *The Classical Journal* (ISSN 0009-8353; circulation c. 2300), an online pedagogical journal, *Teaching Classical Languages* (twice a year), and a Newsletter (thrice a year). The Annual Meeting of CAMWS takes place in the spring, in late March or early April.



## Citation for Magister Daniel Cavoli



Daniel Joseph Cavoli graduated as valedictorian of the 1980 class at Holy Cross, with majors in Classics and Religious studies, and 24 years later he earned his MA in Classics at John Carroll University. Since 1989 he has been at St. Edward's High School in Rocky River OH, where he took over a Latin program that was being phased out. Through his inspired and inspiring work not only is the program still alive, but it was recognized as the outstanding Latin program in Ohio in 2005 with the Hildesheim Award; two years later St. Ed's Classical and Modern Languages department was named Ohio Foreign Language Association's Best Language Program; Dan himself was Ohio Latin Teacher of the

Year in 2004. His students clearly learn lots of Latin: they have written more than 90 perfect papers on the National Latin Exam, and earned titles in academic contests at both Ohio JCL and National JCL.

Dan's love of Latin, moreover, is complemented by his love of art (he has studied drawing and sculpture) and of song, and he shares this with his students as well: He founded and for five years directed St. Edward's Latin Cantors. Their musical programs at nursing homes during the Christmas season won CAMWS' prize for outstanding promotional activity in 2008. His commitment to his faith and to the wholistic development of his students has borne fruit in wilderness backpacking retreats, "Eagles in Flight"—nearly 120 of them, in fact.

Rather than catalogue his achievements, I will let you listen to his students and colleagues.

One student writes, "Daniel Cavoli is responsible for my love of the Classics, for my desire to be a Latin teacher, and, in no small way, for improving my character through his daily enthusiasm and sincerity. Few teachers bring themselves so completely, heart and mind, to class every single day in the way that Mr. Cavoli does instinctively. He doesn't know how to be disinterested toward learning or dispassionate toward students; teaching brings him alive, and he is always eager to help any and every potential student learn about the Classics."

What we hear from a colleague is similar:

Daniel is always at school. My duties often take me to school on evenings, weekends, and at odd hours as I meet with students and their parents. It is no exaggeration to say that Daniel Cavoli is always there – holding extra help sessions, planning retreats, or just counseling some needy student. In many ways he is a saintly person, thoughtful, generous, compassionate, empathetic, and incredibly positive and enthusiastic. I am proud to have him as a colleague and recommend him for special recognition as a wonderful, effective, innovative, enthusiastic, and generous teacher of Latin.

The Subcommittee agrees and has awarded him the Kraft Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching for 2015-16.

This citation and photo are posted on-line at <https://camws.org/node/633>.