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2018 Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Richard Maniglia, to Speak at Commencement

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy’s 2018 Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Richard Maniglia ’78, will be the featured Commencement speaker at the Class of 2018 graduation ceremony on Friday, June 8. He currently serves as a clinical associate professor of medicine and attending physician with the Infectious Disease HIV Clinic at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center at the University of Pennsylvania.



“Dr. Maniglia is committed to supporting patients and students, and dedicated to improving care for HIV/AIDS patients,” said Jim Newman, head of school. “He was chosen for this honor because of his social consciousness as both a clinical and research physician, as well as being an educator. Dr. Maniglia’s diverse display of engagement in his field is the true hallmark of an Academy education — we’re so pleased to call him one of our own.”

Maniglia attended Harrisburg Academy from Kindergarten through 12th grade. During his Upper School years, he was involved in soccer, basketball, lacrosse, “The Spectator” yearbook, and drama club. “I appreciated having the opportunity to participate in so many things, both sports and the arts,” Maniglia said. Beyond co- and extra-curricular activities, however, Maniglia said he believes the biggest benefit of his Academy experience was the one-on-one interaction he had with his teachers.

“Randy St. John and Steve Stewart were two of my mentors — they were people you wanted to emulate, and they really inspired me in so many ways. When I worked for the Academy’s summer camp program, I remember sitting at the pool with Mr. Stewart, talking through the Watergate scandal. When I think back on it, it’s pretty amazing that this adult would be talking to an awkward teenager about something like that.”

“And I have so many other teachers like that who were all really good role models and who gave me things I carry with me today,” he continued. “The love of learning, reading, history, and biography... so much of that comes from being exposed to really good people who stimulate your interests.”

After his years at Harrisburg Academy, Maniglia studied at Bucknell University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in political science. A growing interest in medicine led him to the University of Pennsylvania for a post-baccalaureate program in pre-medicine, and subsequently, Hahnemann University School of Medicine (now part of Drexel University College of Medicine) for his doctorate degree in medicine.

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Maniglia was recognized by America's Top Doctors 2015-2017 and in Philadelphia Magazine's May 2018 Top Docs issue in addition to multiple other industry awards, honors, and published work. He and his wife enjoy spending time reading, gardening, and attending dog shows.

All members of the Academy community are invited to the Class of 2018 Commencement ceremonies on Friday, June 8 at 3 p.m. at Messiah College's Parmer Hall.

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma program and merit scholarship.

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