

John Gallucci Jr. and JAG-ONE Physical Therapy Supports Caldwell University's Mission and Vision

Although John Gallucci, Jr. never attended Caldwell, he is well acquainted with the university's Dominican mission and vision, having earned his master's degree and Ph.D. at nearby Dominican College. Gallucci, a doctor of physical therapy and CEO of JAG-ONE Physical Therapy, got to know the Caldwell campus pretty well, too, during his graduate study year since the sports teams of the two institutions participate in overlapping athletic conferences.

When Gallucci founded his outpatient physical therapy business in 2005, Caldwell was one of the first institutions he visited as part of his initial business relationship-building tour. Soon, his company was providing coverage when the university needed extra hands to accommodate its athletic training service needs.

Today, JAG-ONE serves the tri-state area, with state-of-the-art facilities in New Jersey, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, Westchester, Long Island and Pennsylvania. Gallucci is the medical coordinator for Major League Soccer, sits as an appointed member on the New Jersey Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport and has served as the head athletic trainer for several professional and amateur teams including the New York Red Bulls (MLS). He is in high demand as a sports medicine consultant for professional athletes in the NHL, NFL, NBA, MLB and USA Wrestling. Professional athletes from around the world seek his expertise, and he often appears on radio and television, including ESPN's award-winning "Outside the Lines," MSG, News 12 New Jersey, Fox 5 New York, PIX11 and WFAN.

Gallucci's rising star as an expert in injury prevention, rehabilitation, sports medicine and athletic conditioning has not distanced him from his Dominican-focused education. "My goal was always to be a resource to the community and to give back," he says. Gallucci's charitable efforts have included a leading role in fundraisers



John Gallucci Jr., CEO, JAG-ONE Physical Therapy

for Barnabas Health, the Valerie Fund, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Arthritis Foundation and the American Cancer Society. He supports more than 150 high schools, college programs and athletic clubs throughout the tri-state area.

As Gallucci grew more familiar with Caldwell, he became more impressed with how the university lives its mission and vision through its academic and athletic programs. He wanted to get involved. "What Caldwell does is outstanding. I wanted to be part of it but in a meaningful way," he says. This has meant more than the usual company sponsorship arrangement.

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"I wasn't interested in having an advertisement posted in a gym or on a field," he says. "I wanted my support to be ingrained in the mission and life of this campus." Gallucci and JAG-ONE achieved that goal by generously committing to a three-year pledge toward the Campaign for Caldwell, in support of campaign priorities

at large. "The most important thing at Caldwell is its Catholic mission—caring for others and, whenever you can, lending a hand to help someone else succeed," he says.

In the spirit of helping others achieve their dreams, Gallucci is generous with his time as well. In November, he presented "Coach[ABILITY]: Student Athlete Workshop" to Caldwell's student athletes to help them form their own "game plan" for the future. He assured his listeners that what they learn on the court or on the field—teamwork, camaraderie, perseverance, working together toward a common goal—will benefit them in any career path they choose. He also encouraged them to look ahead to the "next play" and to be prepared for those times when it important to adapt to new situations.

As Gallucci's partnership with Caldwell deepened, he wanted to invest further in Caldwell University as well as his staff. As a result, JAG-ONE recently signed on as a corporate partner of Caldwell University, offering employees, their spouses and dependents a 25% tuition discount. "At JAG-ONE Physical Therapy, we are dedicated to providing personal, professional and financial growth opportunities to each and every one of our employees," he explains. "Our partnership with Caldwell University has been longstanding as a result of the synergistic core values that both organizations share. Recently, we have strategically advanced our partnership with the university to proudly offer discounted tuition for all JAG-ONE Physical Therapy employees, their spouses and dependents. We are excited to work collaboratively with Caldwell University and truly value our unique partnership, which contributes to the growth and development of our JAG-ONE Physical Therapy family."

Gallucci will be sharing his insights about health, wellness and living the best life possible in a new book due out in 2020. ■

