

Rich Brennan (my Cheerleader of the Day) did a magnificent job on his introduction, quoting William Byron, SJ, and I think I may have even found out a few things about myself I didn't even know. Nice touch on the St. Ignatius prayer cards and 44 e-mail at every table ;-)

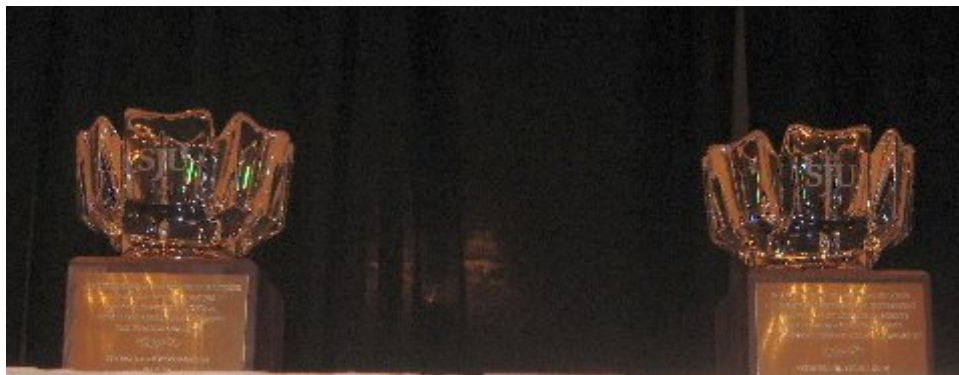
Brian Young, SJU '90, did a wonderful job as well introducing his father Wendell Young SJC '60 as it came right from the heart. Wendell was emotional on how much he appreciated his Jesuit education and brought the house down telling tales of Fr. Emory Ross SJ wrecking his speedboat and how the "bastards" at Nova tied him up in traffic.

I must confess I felt a bit guilty -- for I didn't deserve this honor. Of course that didn't stop me from rambling on for 17 minutes, but I had much to say, as always! For those of you suffering from insomnia -- the speech is attached.

One thing did strike me as reassuring. Everyone who spoke on Sunday struck the same chord, using the same vocabulary, without any foresight. "AMDG, cura personalis, men for others"... was used by each speaker. An outsider could have been forgiven for thinking we all rehearsed together. Of course we didn't. Just five decades of Hawks who all were receptive to that same Jesuit message. May it always continue. And from judging from some of the above articles about our young Hawks -- it certainly is.

AMDG,

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Our chapel for the day!



'81 Hawk at the podium



Dennis, Frank, Fr. Bur, Wendell, 44 and Dr. Wachterhauser.



Lester, Novaboy, Monica, Doc, and Teron.



Boze, 44 and the Reillys (and 44 ties)



The Haughtons, Michelle, Noreen, the Stereo Bros and Mike Hare.



St. Lisa of Cherry Hill, with sister Andrea.





With my oldest friends Angelo and Kutch // Even Snickie got a mention from Rich!



I talked so much I forgot to eat at the brunch, so it was off to Chili's.



For those who heard my speech...