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Jack's Mannequin to Take NU Spotlight

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It's official. O.A.R. has turned the car around on NU and Jack's Mannequin will take the spotlight this semester.

O.A.R. unexpectedly pulled out of their NU date, forcing Niagara University Student Government Association to find a quick replacement. Jack's Mannequin, an indie/pop/rock band from Los Angeles, was chosen to headline NU's fall show.

"I love Jack's Mannequin! I can't wait for them to come! They've got amazing vocals and amazing melodies. Everyone should go to see them, or they'd seriously be missing out!" said junior communication's major Anna Hoffman.

Jack's Mannequin is fronted by singer, songwriter and keyboardist Andrew McMahon.

The concert will be held on Nov. 8 in the Kiernan Center at 8 p.m.

NUSGA Programming Director Kelliann Needham confirmed that students who have already purchased a ticket for O.A.R. will be able to use it for the Jack's Mannequin concert.

Senior communication studies major Rianne Farrugia already purchased a ticket from NUSGA to see O.A.R., "I think I am going to keep my ticket and go. ... I think its not as good as O.A.R. because I am a bigger fan of them, but this is cool."

So why did O.A.R. cancel in the first place? "They said it was a personal reason and they did not state what that was," said Needham. "As far as we know, Edinboro University had to cancel their show and we were told that there would be other concerts



Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin

cancelled as well."

"This is the first time in the 11 years in which I have supported NUSGA that a show has cancelled after we have sold tickets," said Director of Campus Activities Mati Ortiz.

"I hope ... that the student body recognizes a situation like this is completely out of our control and that no one could have predicted nor done anything to change this outcome, so it shouldn't reflect poorly on anyone."

Indeed, Needham didn't see the cancellation coming. "I was extremely disappointed, but there is nothing we could do," she said.

Is a \$10 ticket to see O.A.R. a fair trade-off for a ticket of the same price to see Jack's Mannequin?

"It is a worse option, because they decided to go with someone less well known than O.A.R., as well as they decided it without consulting the student body in some way shape or form," said junior biology major Steven Lewis, who said he has never heard of Jack's Mannequin.

"A ticket to this concert wouldn't be worth as much as O.A.R. Just going off from the fact that Jack's Mannequin is less renowned decreases the value," he added.

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Family Weekend Goes to the Beach

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It's that time of year again: time to bring your families to Niagara University.

Next weekend, Oct. 22-24, NU will be holding its annual family weekend. This year's theme is a Caribbean-oriented "Niagaritaville."

Michelle Semski, the temporary secretary for the Family Weekend student committee, said that the goal of the weekend is for "families to become a part of the Niagara community. It's a bonding experience."

Some bonding opportunities this year will be the traditional casino night on Friday in which a "casino company comes to Under the Taps to make it look like a real casino with a roulette table and a variety of card games" according to Brenna Miller, a senior at Niagara and a co-chairperson of the Family Weekend committee. There will also be a Chinese auction. The fake

money from the casino games can be used to purchase tickets.

On Saturday there will be a brunch with the administration. The family

weekend committee hopes this will allow students and their families to become better acquainted with the faculty. Brunch will be followed by a series of scenic trolley tours throughout the Niagara area.

The main attraction of the weekend will be Saturday night's "Niagaritaville" "sit-down dinner with a steel drum band performing after the meal" said Miller.

The final event will be mass at 11 a.m. in Alumni Chapel on Sunday morning.

Semski said that 176 families attended last year's "Rock-N-Round NU" weekend and the committee is expecting a similar turnout this year.

According to Miller, the student committee works all year planning each family weekend.

"Mati Ortiz and Father Hubbert keep us on track during the meetings and make sure we can actually do what we're trying to," she said.

NU senior Chris Denz has been on the Family Weekend committee in the past and said, "I really

do enjoy Family Weekend every year. I think it's a great time and I love the concept, I'm excited to see what they plan this year."



NU Recognizes Six Alumni at Vincentian Heritage Convocation

Six Niagara University alumni were recognized on Sept. 30 as part of a convocation celebrating Vincentian Heritage Week.

Paul M. McManus, '65, who achieved world-class distinction in the hospitality industry with Leading Hotels of the World, was inducted into the "Niagara Legacy - Alumni of Distinction." McManus, as president and CEO of

The Leading Hotels of the World, transformed the company into a prestigious luxury marketing organization representing more than 450 five-star hotels, resorts and spas worldwide. Previously, McManus held executive posts at Managing Partner of Reservation Systems Inc., Regent International Hotels, RockResorts and Princess Hotels International; in addition to on-property positions at the St. Regis and Waldorf-Astoria hotels in New York City. At Niagara University, McManus spearheaded the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management's expansion to an international program through the creation of the Leading Hotel Schools of the World, which cemented Niagara's reputation as a global leader in hospitality and tourism training.

Robert Dwyer, '65, '90 (Hon.) and Concettac Dwyer, '65 each received the President's Medal, Niagara University's highest honor. Bob Dwyer, who retired as executive vice president of national sales at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, is the



Pictured from left: Vincent Agnello, J.D., Paul M. McManus; Sister Mary Fran Martin, D.C., the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of Niagara University; Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M.; and Robert Dwyer.

current chairman of Niagara's board of trustees. Meanwhile, Connie is an ardent advocate for the cure for breast cancer.

Also receiving the President's Medal was the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., M.S., '80, the director of St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake, Mich., and former senior assistant to the president at Niagara University.

Vincent Agnello, J.D., a law professor and director of the Family Business Center at Niagara University, received the Vincentian Mission Award, which is presented to members of the university community who demonstrate the values of St. Vincent de Paul, the universal patron of charity.

Sister Mary Fran Martin, D.C., former northeast provincial for the Daughters of Charity, was bestowed with the honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of her work with the poor and marginalized.