

*Valuing Service*  
**Matthew E. Noyes**  
**Class of 1983**

Being raised in a strong Catholic family, Matt and his family never considered service as “service.”: giving back was considered “living.” He has been blessed to serve his community in many ways as a family man and lawyer, and in his schools and parish.

Matt graduated cum laude from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in speech communications. He continued his studies at Stetson School of Law graduating in 1995 in the top ten percent of his class, all while working full-time. Currently he is a partner in the law offices of Perenich, Caulfield, Avril and Noyes in Clearwater.

Whether at home, at work or in the community, Matt inspires the legacy of giving he learned from his mother. In 2003, Matt spearheaded the Noyes family “Operation Stone Soup” project in memory of his mother Mary Noyes who passed away earlier that year. This project provides the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner to the number of families matching what would have been Mary’s age for that year—this year, 88 families received meals. The year he turned 50, Matt embarked on what he called “Project 50” giving back to the community each month that year with 50 as a recurrent theme. He and his family donated 50 playground balls to the Boys & Girls Club, 50 pairs of shoes to Gotta Have Sole, 50 carnations to ladies in a local nursing home, and more.

As a partner at Perenich, Caulfield, Avril and Noyes, Matt has sponsored community projects for under-served students, children in foster care, runaways and homeless children. Matt is also a proud supporter of St. Cecelia Interparochial School where there has been at least one Noyes family member since 1976 including his mother who taught there for 26 years and his son, a current student. Matt serves as president on the St. Cecelia Advisory Council and is a frequent sponsor of the school’s fundraising initiatives. In addition, Matt and his wife are generous contributors to their parish church, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

In support of his high school alma mater, Matt has been a contributor to the Central Catholic Fund for nearly fifteen years, has consistently sponsored annual fundraising events as well as the tuition assistance program, and is a member of the school’s Advisory Council. Just as at St. Cecelia, there has been at least one member of the Noyes family at CCC since 1976, a forty-year legacy. Matt will be proud to have his son continue the legacy when he becomes a member of CCC’s Class of 2024.