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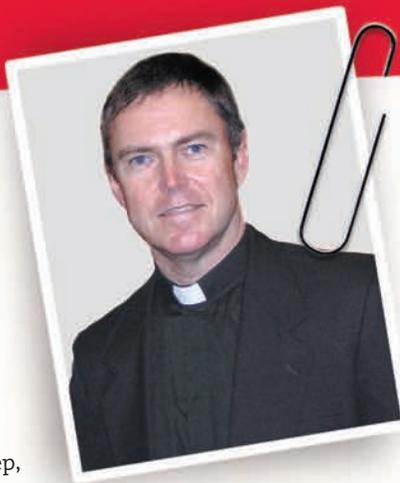
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Preparatory School

A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Fairfield Prep,

Our June 7th graduation celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2009 and their four impressive, transformational years at Fairfield Prep. As they walked across the stage at Alumni Hall in their white dinner jackets, the families, teachers, administration and friends glowed with pride as another group of young men took the next step in their life journey. Fr. Terry Baum, S.J., our commencement speaker, urged the graduates to live the Jesuit mission of becoming young men of conscience, competence and compassion.

To a thunderous standing ovation, we recognized Lou Saracco, our esteemed social studies teacher, who is retiring from teaching. As the Fairfield Prep community celebrates the end of the current academic year, we thank Lou, and realize God has indeed blessed Fairfield Prep with the gift of Lou Saracco these past fifty years. Lou's spirit is at work daily in the lives of our students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff, and inspires and guides us to form and transform our hearts, serving the world for the greater glory of God. We will carry Lou's torch for teaching, and continue with his inspiration in the tradition of Jesuit education. Lou is most profoundly appreciated, for he has inspired and shepherded so many Prep students these many years. We will honor Lou with a Celebration Dinner in November – details will be forthcoming.

I would also like to acknowledge Bob Harris, our Athletic Director, who is retiring after 30 years of such committed service to Prep. Bob has been instrumental in building the Fairfield Prep athletic program to the highly regarded position it enjoys. Prep is recognized statewide and beyond for our quality athletic teams. Bob has cultivated this formidable program, now boasting over 30 teams across three seasons. Boys come to Prep with the dreams of playing sports for a top-ranked school, and we deliver across the board. We thank Bob for his dedicated service, innovative initiatives, and the countless hours he has spent through days, nights and weekends to build Fairfield Prep's athletic program. We congratulate his successor, Steve Donahue '92, current math teacher, past coach, and alumnus, who will pick up the reins with Bob's guidance next year.

Additionally, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Donna Andrade for her Lifetime Achievement Award, honored by the JSEA (Jesuit Secondary Education Association) meeting held in St. Louis this year. Donna started the national, Jesuit diversity plan, which has been adopted by Jesuit schools all over the nation. She launched Prep's SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) program, which helps students of all colors and economic backgrounds to achieve success at Prep. We are certainly proud to have Donna as Academic Dean, remaining a visionary for educational training and direction at our school.

Our Christian service programs continually expand and influence Prep's young men with a positive experience to our mission. In this issue, you'll learn about El Salvador and how we will soon be introducing a new service program to help in this country. You'll also see how our students, from initiation at Prep, serve children from Bridgeport area schools through our Freshman Field Day program. The Christian Service program is constantly expanding under the guidance of Mr. Tom Sacerdote, and effectively teaches our students to become "men for others."

Even though the summer is upon us, we are already busily preparing for another eventful academic year. Despite these difficult economic times, we will welcome a full freshman class of approximately 240 young men, which is testament to our strong reputation in the community and the tremendous sacrifice made by families who want their sons to receive a quality Jesuit education.

Prep alumni remain loyal to the core. Our 50<sup>th</sup> year Jubilarians (Class of 1959) enjoyed a wonderful reunion weekend highlighted by a clambake held under a festive tent in Kartovsky Quad. We thank these alumni, who raised a remarkable class gift of \$239,300 which will be used for financial aid to deserving students. We also thank our generous benefactors who continue to support Prep through these trying times. Your generosity truly makes a difference every day, and we appreciate your unselfish support.

May God bless you and your families, and enjoy the beautiful summer days.

*Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.*

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Over the past year the Prep Alumni Association has seen tremendous growth in its regional programming and alumni involvement. The new website, e-newsletters and Facebook have become the standard form of communication with our 11,000 alumni around the world. The alumni office has



traveled to Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Texas, Boston and Washington, D.C. Getting the opportunity to meet with a number of you was quite exciting. Continuing to increase the

number of programming opportunities and regional chapters will be a big push in the coming year. Our Business Breakfast series will add a Stamford location this Fall, and the planning of our Columbus Day golf tournament is already under way.

We have been bringing our alumni back on campus with more academic based programs as well. This year, the Alumni Board hosted a panel where alums spoke in their area of expertise to fellow alums and current parents about the challenges facing high school students today. Alumni came back to participate in the Economics curriculum as guest speakers and as presentation judges during comprehensive exam week.

Helping you stay connected to Prep and each other through our online community has proved very successful. If you haven't registered along with the 1,000 alums over the past year, instructions to do so can be found on this page. Find us on Facebook (Search: Fairfield Prep Alumni) and become a "fan" today. We have a lot going on so check in often, who knows what you may be missing.

Enjoy the Summer,

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# Uncle Lou – We'll Miss You!

SARACCO RETIRES AFTER 50 YEARS

By John W. Szablewicz

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 6th, Commencement Exercises were held for the Class of 2009 of Fairfield College Preparatory School. During the proceedings, school President, the Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J. brought the assembled crowd to its feet in a standing ovation with a tribute to Louis A. Saracco, faculty member extraordinaire, who was retiring after an unprecedented fifty years of service to the school.

It is only fitting that we spend a little time walking down memory lane to learn a little more about Lou Saracco and to recount some of the many contributions that he has made to the Fairfield Prep community.

Louis Alfred Saracco was born on October 16, 1930 in a Manhattan hospital, the youngest of four sons of an Italian-American family living in the Bronx. As of this writing Lou's three brothers are all alive and well at ages 94, 91 and 79 respectively.



Lou's father passed away at age 88, while his mother survived her husband by another decade. (There must have been something in that New York City water!)

Young Louis was raised in the Bronx, where he attended P.S. 90, a coed public school. He graduated with the Class of 1948 from the then all-male DeWitt Clinton High. Lou's first experience in Jesuit education came with his enrollment at Fordham University, where he majored in Political Science. After graduation in 1952 he went on to Fordham Law School, receiving his LLB in 1955. Lou is quick to point out that throughout his education he worked after school to pay the tuition; first as an usher in a movie theater, then in a photo-finishing company, a position he held for ten years.

After passing the bar examination on the first attempt in New York and Connecticut, Lou moved to Fairfield in 1956 at the urging of his cousin Salvatore Genuario, who aside from practicing law

was active in local politics. For a while Louis worked as a clerk at the Common Pleas court, and then the Superior Court. Sometime during that first year as an attorney Lou entertained the idea that he might want to go into teaching. So, he enrolled in a master of education program at Fairfield University. He received his degree in the spring of 1959, at which time he interviewed for a position at the Prep.

Louis A. Saracco began teaching Western Civilization at Prep in the fall of 1959 with a starting salary of \$3,000. His first new car was an orange 1959 VW Beetle. For the next few decades Lou became a dedicated VW fan, later moving up to the Karmann Ghia model, of which he owned first a red, then an orange convertible. It was that orange Ghia that made Prep history when it was mysteriously placed in front of the doors on the patio of McAuliffe Hall by a small group of still unidentified seniors!

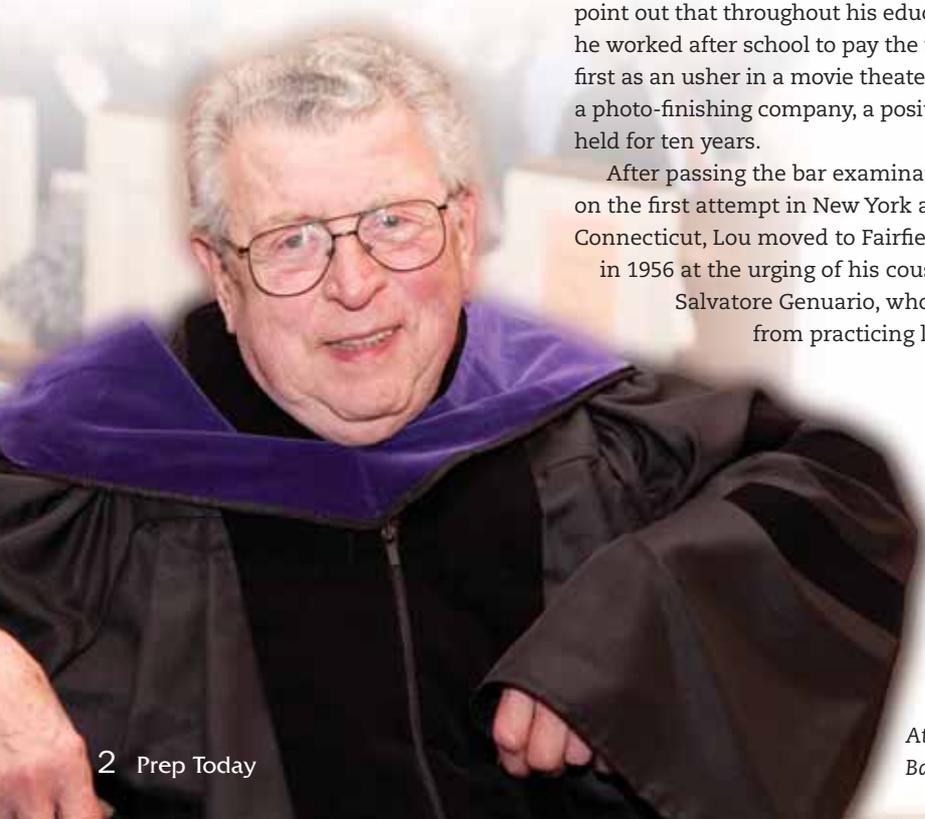


*Pictured here as the newest lay member of the faculty, brought in to teach Western Civilization in 1959.*

So it was that Lou began his teaching career at Fairfield Prep. But, his contributions to the school soon transcended the classroom. In 1964, for example, Lou became the official moderator of the all-male Prep Cheerleading Squad.

It was then that he introduced his famous "ah-bey!" chant, which he liberally borrowed from the famous New York disc jockey, Murray "the K" Kaufman.

It was also in 1964 that Prep was first organized into academic departments.



*At the 2009 Baccalaurate Mass*



The first department chair of social studies was Robert Sylvester, but a few years subsequently he joined the Prep administration and Lou was appointed his replacement. In that position over the next fifteen years or so, Lou went on to bring great changes and interesting personalities to the department. He always seemed to be ahead of the curve when it came to curriculum revision. It was Lou who hired Bruce Jaffe, Dave Driscoll and John Szablewicz, and with those additions came new courses in American studies, Asian studies and the social sciences.

Lou, owing to his expertise in law, created his own elective in Constitutional Government. The course became extremely popular in part because of Lou's imaginative adaptation to his classroom of the public television program called "The Constitution: A Delicate Balance." In his course Lou assigned mock roles for his students in keeping with the system employed in the series. The course served as a role model for others of its kind. It is safe to say that over the years, hundreds of future attorneys, and a number of judges, first developed a love of the law while taking Lou's course. By the way, Lou continued active legal practice as a hobby of sorts until reaching the age of seventy. Many a Prep teacher has sought Lou's legal advice over the decades.



## Save the Date!

Fairfield Prep will host a Celebration Dinner in honor of Lou Saracco's 50 years of service on November 7. Proceeds from the dinner will help support the Lou Saracco Endowed Scholarship fund. A committee of alumni have been assembled to organize the event. Watch for details to come.

*Uncle Lou dancing with Mrs. Sandy Beyerly, Director of Library & Media Services, at the Spring Event.*

In 1970 Prep hired its first woman teacher, Mrs. Betty Kachmar to begin an official Fine Arts department. Lou and Betty quickly became great friends, owing in part to their common love of art. From its inception up to this very day, Lou Saracco has been a strong and vocal supporter of the arts at the school. In fact, Lou for many years blended his love of art and history with a fascinating history of art course. But, courses aside, one only has to make a brief visit to Lou's home near Fairfield Beach to realize his passion for art. The home is practically a museum in itself and is filled with

paintings and artifacts acquired during Lou's many travels around the world.

Furthermore, Lou has been an avid patron of Prep plays, concerts and art shows. Additionally, he is an active member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and MOMA in New York City, and the Yale and Bruce museums in Connecticut. Finally, Lou has always been a lover of classical music and the opera. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Opera for over twenty-five years and attends many performances there annually. Over the years many Prep teachers and

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## Lou Saracco Retires

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students have been invited guests of "Uncle Lou" to these performances.

Louis Saracco has thus served as friend, colleague, and mentor to countless members of the Prep community. As a teacher hired and nurtured by Lou since my arrival at Prep in 1971, it has been a distinct honor and privilege working with him these many years. I must now repeat a little of what I said about Lou at the faculty dinner in his honor earlier this month. It has to do with the three things that Lou has stressed to us as teachers of history and social studies:

1. Teaching is an art, not a science. As artists we can learn from the masters, but we need to be true to ourselves and our own style as we attempt to paint our masterpiece. As Lou told me many times, "Be yourself!"

2. To be a good teacher you need to really know your subject matter. But learning the subject should not be based solely on book learning. Lou demonstrated to all of us the need to travel and learn from experience.

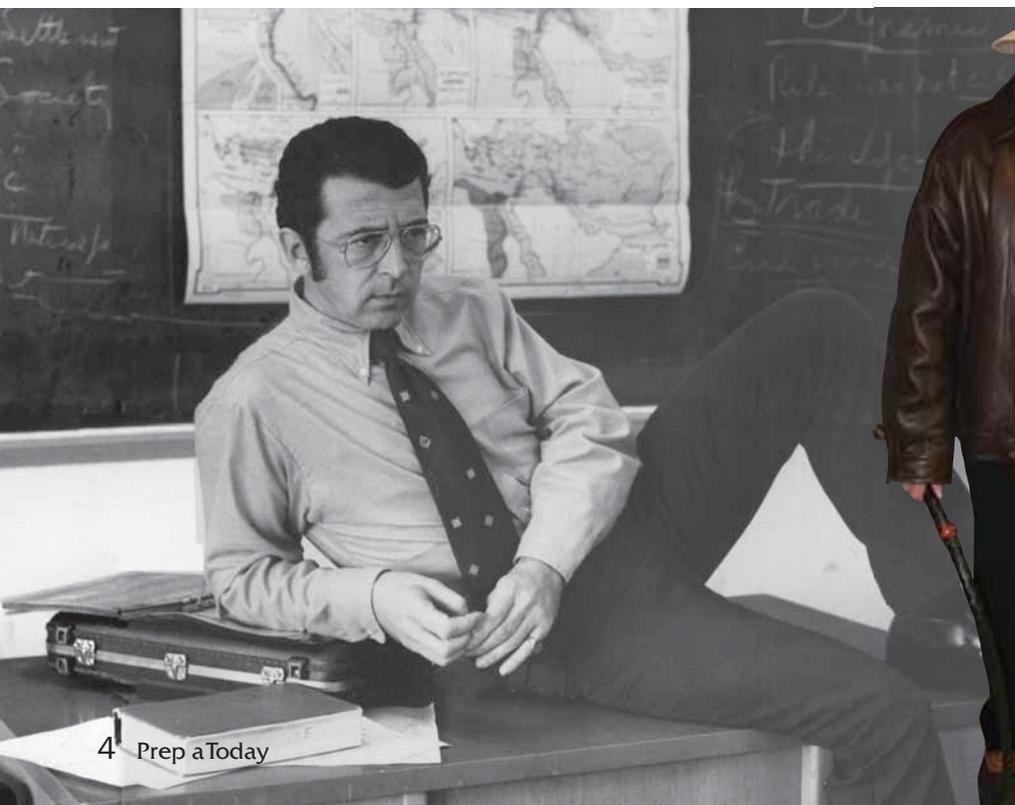
3. Teaching should be fun. Lou always said that a teacher who does not thoroughly enjoy being in the classroom has chosen the wrong profession. Certainly, working with Louis all these years has been fun for all of us in the social studies department. His humor, wit and sensitivity have been indelibly imprinted on us all.

It should be clear by now that Louis A. Saracco is Fairfield Prep's real "Renaissance Man." Beyond that, however, he is the embodiment of Ignatian values and the true spirit of "Men for Others." There is no better example of this than the fact that Lou



has established a scholarship for Prep students and that it is his will that his estate be donated to the school. I know that I speak for the history department, the Prep administration and staff, and the thousands upon thousands of Lou's former students and friends when I say a heartfelt: Thanks Lou for everything that you do and have done for Fairfield Prep. May you have a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement!

*By John Szablewicz, Prep social studies teacher for 38 years.*



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*As Indiana Jones on Halloween*

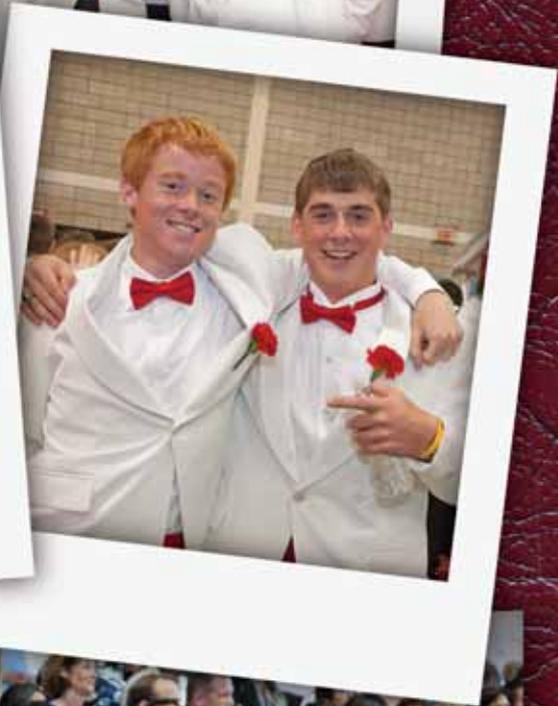
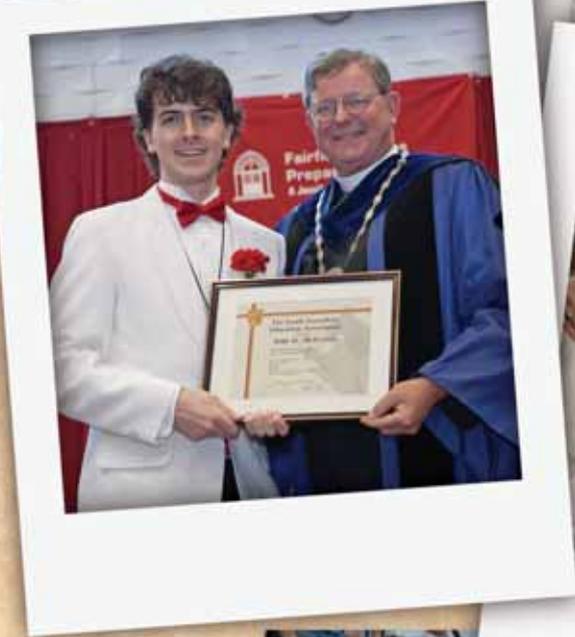


## Center Stage

By James M. Chesbro

The floor of Alumni Hall and the stage are separated by five steps. They pose as the last remaining obstacle in becoming a Fairfield Prep graduate. After rising to the platform, there are five more paces. There is no conflict. The resolution is inevitable. Dr. Perrotta announces the formal name, and the student strides gallantly to center stage to shake Fr. Hanwell's hand. But the story of how each boy developed a frame resembling that of a man's and no longer a boy's, one that can fill out a white tuxedo jacket, is as complex and unique as the handprint that grasps the diploma.

The speeches only placate the mind that wants to replay the snapshots of earlier albums when the boys' formation in Jesuit education started becoming visible. Perhaps those new friends that were made on the Freshman Retreat are now old buddies. The two strangers who fought over the last remaining train bus seat three years ago have become loyal friends. Maybe struggles on junior varsity have become starting positions or even championships on varsity. Whatever bonds have been formed, and whatever the accomplishments are, they can be seen in the wide grins erupting in waves from the rows of white that checker the floor. Beaming like the red carnation pinned to their chest, some turn to look up to the people that have guided them through the unknown. The audience



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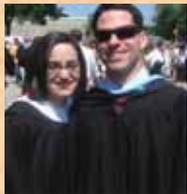


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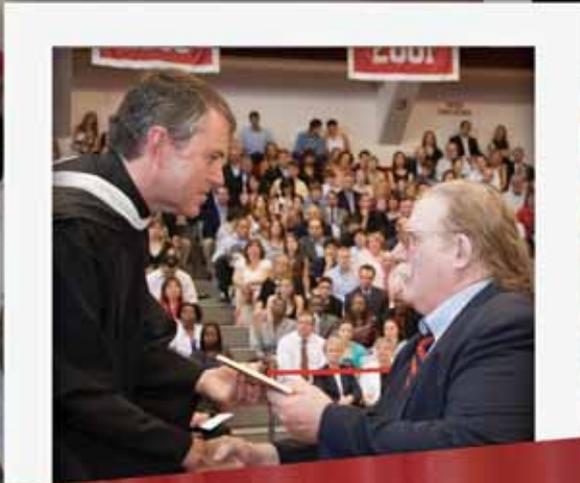
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has been there for the entirety of this slow moving plot. The exposition included new buildings, new faces, and new questions — Who will I sit with in the cafeteria? Can I make the team? Can I survive my classes? As the questions changed, and the stakes increased, students and parents navigated their way up the rising action together. The negative space is filled with memories that collide in these elusive flashbacks. They drift among the crowd like the warm air being fanned by swaying programs.

And in a moment, the reverie is over, and the audience is brought to the epilogue; which is being written in the marching rhythm of *Pomp and Circumstance*. In their final action as a class, the graduates process up the aisle in pairs, weave around the populated bleachers, through the double-doors, and out into the brilliant sunlight.



James M. Chesbro, Prep English Teacher, has written for "Parents" magazine, "Fairfield Now," and "Teaching Tolerance." Mr. Chesbro is pictured at left with his wife Lynne, Prep Guidance Counselor.



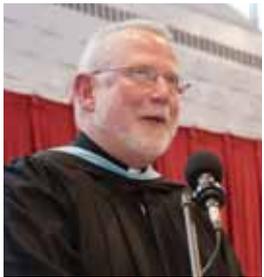


WELCOME ADDRESS:

**Peter Gruppo**

We've come to embrace our changes through our hard work and countless experiences. However, there are so many people that helped guide us along our journey. We are all living examples of the Jesuit "cura personalis" at work. This is a Jesuit idea that preaches the development of students as a whole. For that we must thank Father Hanwell, Dr. Perotta, the members of the faculty and administration at Fairfield Prep, and our friends and family. They all took a great interest in making us better individuals. Also, we must thank the Class of 1959 for helping build the Fairfield Prep culture as we know it; and for showing us what it means to stay in touch.

It has been a great four years. Thanks to you all. And please remember to keep those ideals close.



COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:

**Rev. Terrence A. Baum, S.J.**

Graduates of the Class of 2009, because you are distinguished as men of competence, conscience and compassion, and promise, I hope, to continue to grow in these areas as you enter college and beyond, you will be equipped to engage the world employing your developed intellects, strong moral wills, and loving hearts even with those with values diametrically opposed to your own — giving evidence to all that you are truly Sons of Ignatius and Sons of Fairfield Prep.

May God bless you all.



SENIOR FAREWELL ADDRESS:

**John McKissick**

I love Fairfield Prep because it has given me the opportunity to realize and actualize who I was meant to become.

But regardless of where we came from, we all donned the tie every day

at Fairfield Prep. This common tie may have made us uniform, but our common ties drew us closer to the point that we saw each other as brothers, regardless of hometown or ethnic background, not only accepting but embracing our differences.

I knew that the Prep experience wasn't all just about me, but about the others in our lives who make a difference and to whom we try to make a difference. And if we continue to feel strongly about serving others, then we are truly Fairfield Prep, not only for four years, but forever.

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# Matthew Sather '93 honored Educator of the Year

Final exams have been taken, grades have been posted and the commencement exercises have been completed. The end of the school year is always a very busy, but exciting time at Fairfield Prep. Much of the focus, and well deserved, during the final weeks of the school year, is on our Senior class. The seniors spend this time finishing comprehensive exams, tying up any loose ends with their teachers, celebrating their outstanding academic and service accomplishments during the Baccalaureate Mass, and breaking bread as a class one last time during the Senior Breakfast.

Senior week finally comes to an end with graduation, where a sea of men get to wear the "Red and White" one last time, not in the form of a jersey or uniform but instead in the traditional white dinner jacket, red tie and cummerbund which marks a "Prep" graduation. After the seniors receive their diplomas, awards are given. Interestingly though, the final award of the ceremony does not go to a Senior, it is instead given to a teacher, the one the students have chosen as the Educator of the Year.

The students bestowed the award this year to the Chairman of the English Department and member of the Class of 1993, Matt Sather. There are many terms and phrases used in Jesuit education. We often talk of the profile of a "Graduate at Graduation," "cura personalis," and "Ignatian Pedagogy." One of the terms I think of when I think of my colleague, fellow alum, former teammate and friend, Matt Sather is "Magis."



Matt Sather receives the Educator of the Year Award from Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.

The straight translation of the Latin word magis is *more*. In the context of Jesuit education it means commitment to excellence in everything.

For over a decade Matt Sather has put hundreds of Prep students through the rigors of a difficult AP English curriculum, introduced them to the beauty and richness of African-American literature and has shared countless stories of his days at Prep which his students have definitely enjoyed. Matt Sather has also spent countless hours of his "prep" periods, and time before and after school helping seniors perfect one of the most important writing pieces of their career, the college essay.

Matt Sather's commitment to the "Magis" goes beyond the classroom. For the last ten years Matt Sather has been the head hockey coach and during this time

his teams have achieved a great amount of success capturing six Division 1 State Championships. The reason for this is not because his teams have the most talent, but instead because he has impressed on those who have played for him that they must put aside their own selfish desires in order to achieve greater team goals, and because he puts his trust in them, his players respond with inspired performances.

The students of Fairfield Prep have made a fine choice for their Educator of the Year in Matt Sather, his record shows that he is an Ignatian Educator in the truest sense. Matt, congratulations on an award well earned!



By Rudy Mauritz '94, Social Studies Instructor, Head Baseball Coach, Associate Head Coach Varsity Hockey

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Richard Johnson with Dr. Andrade.

The **T. F. Gilroy Daily Award** named for a member of the Class of 1948 who became an outstanding lawyer and judge, honors that senior who has distinguished himself by his leadership in matters of diversity and his concern for the marginalized.

**RICHARD M. JOHNSON**

The **Elizabeth Kachmar Award** named for one of Prep's outstanding educators, honors that senior who has demonstrated an enthusiastic quest for academic excellence.

**MARIO D. FELIX**

The **Rev. Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award** honors that senior who is Prep's most representative scholar/athlete.

**ANDREW B. GRINALDS AND PETER O. GRUPPO**

The **Bellarmino Mothers' Guild Award** honors that senior who has demonstrated outstanding loyalty, school spirit and gentlemanly behavior.

**PETER A. CHRISTIANI**

The **Fairfield Prep Alumni Association Award** honors that senior selected by the Principal's Awards committee, who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in the life of the school.

**PETER E. WALSH**

The **Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award** honors that senior who has distinguished himself as a well-rounded, intellectually competent individual who is open to growth, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God. Included in this award is a cash stipend sponsored by the Tymniak family in memory of Paul Tymniak, father of Paul, Chris, and Tim, all Prep graduates.

**JOHN D. McKISSICK**



### Fairfield Rotary honors Prep's Top 10

The top ten students of the Class of '09 were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Fairfield Rotary Club in May. Pictured next to Fr. Hanwell (l-r): Mario Felix, Andrew Grinalds, Richard Johnson, Brad Kontra, Joseph Marotta, John McKissick, Robert Nayden, Daniel Sacco, Gabriel Sim and Paul Vanderslice.

### Kontra is Track and Field MVP

Brad Kontra was honored at the CAS-CIAC banquet. He will attend Lehigh University. **Senior Year Honors:** News 12 Scholar Athlete of the Week, SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month, New Haven Register Indoor Track All-Star Team, CT Post Indoor Track All-Star Team, New Haven Register Outdoor Track All-Star Team, CT Post Outdoor Track All-Star Team (MVP), Casciac State Scholar Athlete Award; Indoor: All-Division Quinnipiac, All-Conference SCC. Outdoor: All-Division Quinnipiac (Disc and Shot), All-Conference SCC (Disc and Shot), All-State LL (Disc and Shot), State Open Title



Brad Kontra with State Education Commissioner, Dr. Mark K. McQuillan, President of the University of Hartford, Dr. Walter Harrison, President of Bob Picozzi Communications, Bob Picozzi and McDonald's representative.

### Grinalds Makes a Splash

Andrew Grinalds was co-captain of the SCC Championship team, breaking state records individually and with his team. He will head to Stanford University in the fall.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** News 12 Scholar Athlete Scholarship Award winner (they profile 35 athletes on TV during the year and the top 3 scholar athletes get a scholarship award from Webster Bank); Voted Most Outstanding Performer at the 2009 State Open Meet by the Connecticut Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association; Voted Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the Connecticut Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association; State Open Record Holder in 200 IM (1:48.97) and 100 Freestyle (44.77); State Class LL Record holder in 200 IM, 100 Freestyle, 200 Medley relay, 400 Freestyle Relay; All-American in four events: 200 IM, 100 freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay; and All-State in four events: 200 IM, 100 freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay.



### Kiwanis Scholarship Recipient



Mario Felix

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield awarded Mario Felix a \$3,000 scholarship. The Kiwanis Club is a chapter of a global organization of volunteers with a mission dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Mario was honored with three other scholarship recipients at a luncheon on May 27. Mario was a member of Fairfield Prep's SEED organization and will attend Yale University.



Stephen Habetz

### National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce Stephen Habetz and Robert Nayden were named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition and Nayden was a scholarship winner. They qualify as candidates to be selected as Merit Scholarship winners from a group of more than 15,000 finalists nationwide. Stephen will be attending Boston College and Robert will be attending St. John Fisher Seminary.



Robert Nayden

### Award Winners

- Gabriel Sim received a \$5,000 UBS Corp. Award.
- Daniel Sacco received a GE Star Award.



Gabriel Sim



Daniel Sacco



Brendan Baldwin

### Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors Awards



Brian Power

The Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Brendan Baldwin and Brian Power in recognition of their academic achievement and extracurricular record. Transcript, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities and a school recommendation were the criteria used in their selection. The Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors raises funds to support the educational efforts of local students through proceeds from their annual golf tournament. Both boys will attend the College of the Holy Cross.

**Eagle Scouts** Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2009 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

- Michael Giglio
- Andrew Kowalski
- Richard Johnson
- Timothy Manning
- Tate Langerman

- Peter Walsh
- Peter Weithers
- Jack Thornton
- Ian McEmber
- Patrick Timmons



See photo galleries at [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org).

## 2009 Jubilarians Reunite

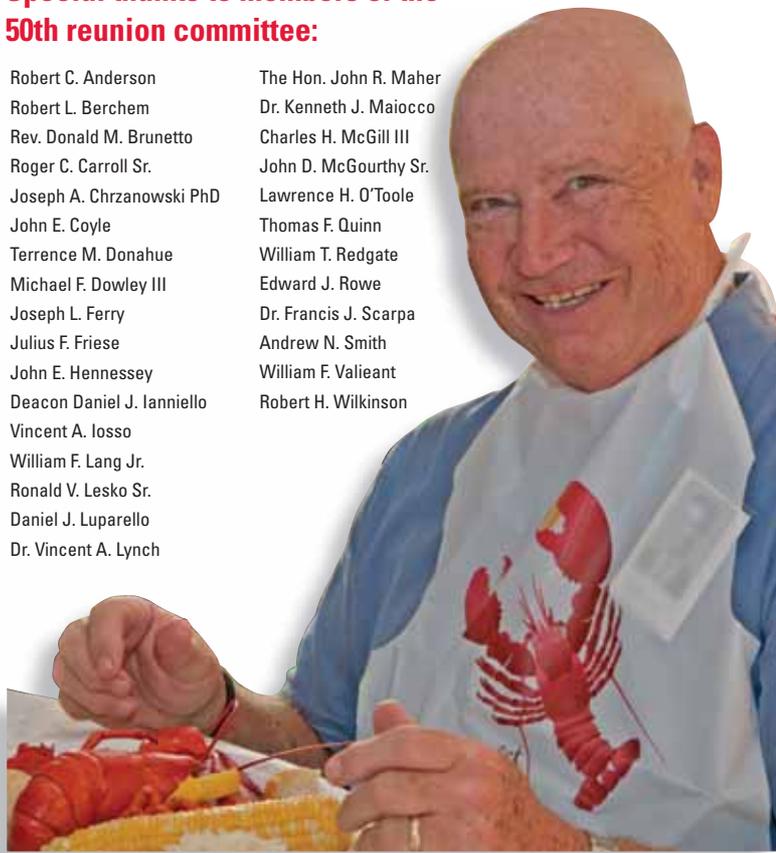


Over 140 reunion attendees enjoyed an event-filled 50th reunion weekend, including golf and lunch, a welcome reception at the school on Friday, mass and clambake in Kartovsky Quad on Saturday, and brunch and graduation on Sunday. The alumni from the Class of 1959 received golden diplomas at graduation, and were thanked by Father Jack Hanwell, S.J., President, for their extraordinary class gift of \$239,300. Headed by Bill Redgate and Charles McGill, the reunion committee worked over a year to organize the weekend of events and coordinate the gift.



### Special thanks to members of the 50th reunion committee:

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| Robert C. Anderson         | The Hon. John R. Maher |
| Robert L. Berchem          | Dr. Kenneth J. Maiocco |
| Rev. Donald M. Brunetto    | Charles H. McGill III  |
| Roger C. Carroll Sr.       | John D. McGourthy Sr.  |
| Joseph A. Chrzanowski PhD  | Lawrence H. O'Toole    |
| John E. Coyle              | Thomas F. Quinn        |
| Terrence M. Donahue        | William T. Redgate     |
| Michael F. Dowley III      | Edward J. Rowe         |
| Joseph L. Ferry            | Dr. Francis J. Scarpa  |
| Julius F. Friese           | Andrew N. Smith        |
| John E. Hennessey          | William F. Valieant    |
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| Vincent A. Iosso           |                        |
| William F. Lang Jr.        |                        |
| Ronald V. Lesko Sr.        |                        |
| Daniel J. Luparello        |                        |
| Dr. Vincent A. Lynch       |                        |



# The Stone Cross

By Barry Wallace

This year, while I was looking out my classroom window between classes, I suddenly had a long view of Prep. Next year will be my 30th year teaching here. Not only am I amazed by the years gone by, but I also shake my head at my good fortune of being able to teach here for three decades. Prep is an unforgettable place and seems wrapped in an enchantment of time and memory.

I came here after I had taught eight years in public schools. I loved my students and admired my colleagues, but public school teaching wasn't for me. Reared in the parochial system, I had been a fish out of water in public education. They are two different worlds. I would summarize the difference by pointing to the stone cross on top of Xavier Hall that I can see from my window — a quiet presence that permeates the school and blesses us in ways we hardly recognize.

I felt at home when I came to this campus in the autumn of 1980. Prep was 38 years old and I was a lad of thirty when I opened the doors of Xavier Hall and reported for work teaching English. The two brown brick Gothic towers showed their age then: high classroom ceilings filled with echoes, dark tile hallways, medieval science labs, stairwells worn smooth from decades of use. It was quite charming, but not always practical. I taught along North Benson Road. When I opened the windows I was drowned out by the sound of traffic. Some of my best lessons vanished in the wind. MacAuliffe Hall was still in use. Kids were coming from three different places between classes. What a burst of noise as the boys charged downhill under the big oak on the wide lawn. I had never seen anything like it.

The buildings were full of legends. I met Joe Brosley chomping on a cigar. I had read about him as a boy and expected a Vince Lombardi type coach. But he was a friendly guy who came over to introduce himself and welcome me to Prep. It was a more informal atmosphere then. Teachers wore sports shirts and casual slacks. Earl "Duke" Lavery was the same. He was then in his prime as football coach and Prep hero. A huge, handsome, soft-spoken man with a lovely singing voice, he talked to me about teaching English at Prep and the books he had read. He was charmingly unassuming about his god-like status here. The Irish seemed to own the place. There was also Tim McGillicuddy and Tom McLaughlin, two guys who knew Prep inside and out. Manny Ondeck was in a pre-historic media center with shelves of dusty Victrolas and crane-like overhead projectors. And most importantly Jesuits were everywhere: Saints and scholars like Fathers Joe Trinkle, Don Barry, Marty Shaughnessy and Chuck Munzing, as well as the younger generation of Bill Eagan and Larry Ryan among others.

I remember my very first department

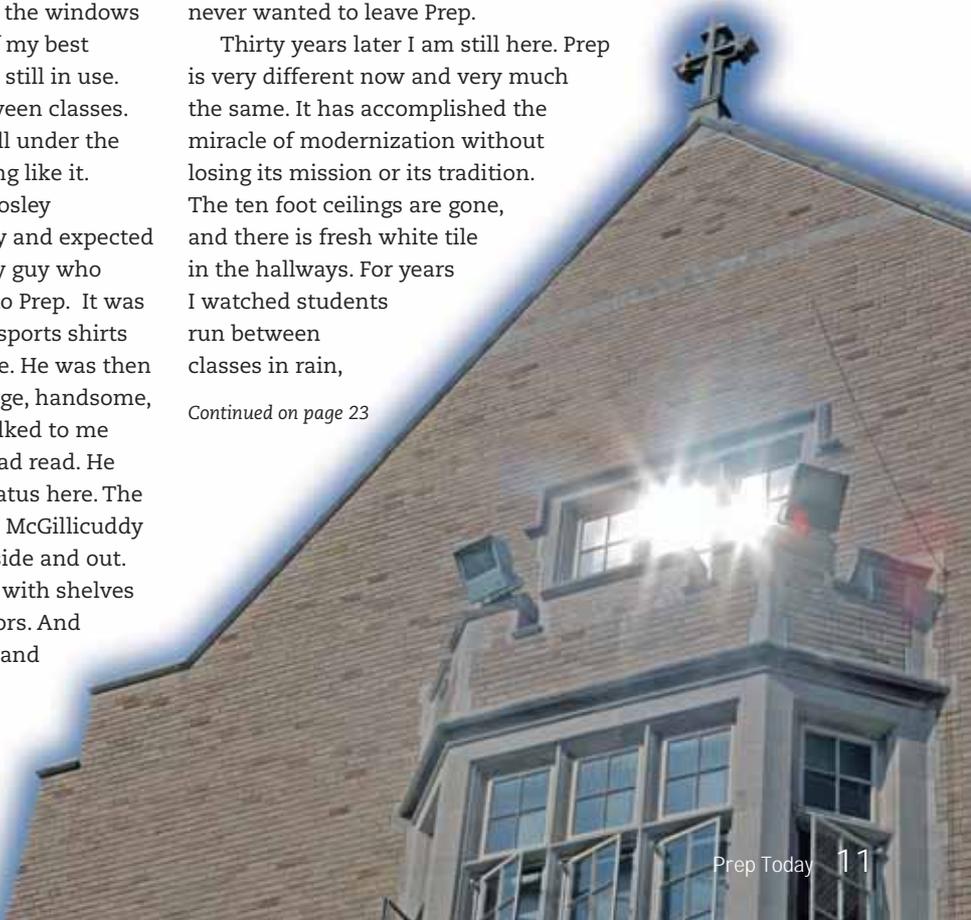


meeting. We sat at a long oak table in Berchmans Hall and discussed teaching with the windows open to a crisp fall afternoon. I felt like a bit character in an English boarding school film. But nobody could match the characters in that room, a mix of Jesuits and lay teachers with varied and contrary views. The discussion was wild, rambling and often hilarious. We seldom agreed, but it didn't seem to matter. They were beloved teachers. Their classes often stood and cheered them in the course of a day. There is no enthusiasm like the spirits of an all boys' school. The energy is irrepressible. You can be bowled over by the sheer force of it.

I wasn't sure how I fit in here, but I knew I wanted to stay and be a part of it. The boys were hardly saints but there was something about them. We did more work in one week than I accomplished in a month at my other schools. It was cool to study hard here and be good at academics as well as athletics. I found myself in a school where mass was celebrated and where God was spoken of with faith and reverence. Far from being more rigid than public schools, Fairfield Prep's religious heritage gave us a depth and freedom that wasn't possible where I had previously worked. We had great discussions and a common sense of purpose that bound us together. Every day was filled with remarkable challenges and humor. I never wanted to leave Prep.

Thirty years later I am still here. Prep is very different now and very much the same. It has accomplished the miracle of modernization without losing its mission or its tradition. The ten foot ceilings are gone, and there is fresh white tile in the hallways. For years I watched students run between classes in rain,

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# Bob Harris Built the Prep Athletic Tradition

## Retires as Athletic Director after 30 years

By Rich Magdon

**M**y first experience with Bob Harris dates back to 1973.

I had just finished my third season as an assistant football coach at Prep, and to be more exact, I had just completed my only experience as the head freshman football coach at Prep. In those days, the freshman coaching staff consisted of just one person, and in 1972 it was me.

I had just accepted a full time teaching/coaching position at Seymour High School and Prep hired a young man who had come out of Springfield College to teach physical education and be the freshman football coach. His name was Robert Harris. He was coming out of a place that had an outstanding reputation for producing educators and coaches. The people at Prep would soon find out that he would fit that mold, and he fit it well.

Bob was knowledgeable and skilled. He was an excellent

*As a young coach growing up under his leadership, I knew that there was a supportive, trusting administrator behind my decisions. But I also knew that I was allowed the latitude to explore my options, make mistakes, and ultimately discover my unique coaching voice. That knowledge fostered an immediate confidence that might have taken years to acquire.*

— Coach Matt Sather '93

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*The early days of rugby at the Jesuit school saw the AD drive all over the northeast for the team. "I drove to Providence, Washington D.C., Doylestown Pa. and wherever they had a game. That was one of the ways that I learned the job; by rolling up my sleeves and taking care of all the aspects of the AD job."*

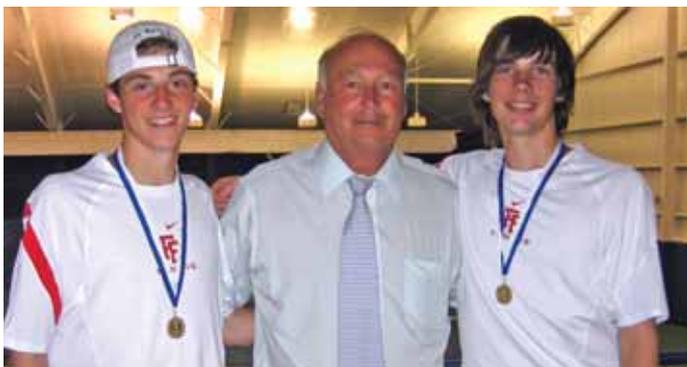
*Excerpt from Fairfield Citizen article "AD Harris Retires" by Karl Kery, P'00, '95*

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communicator and he was organized. He ran his classes in an orderly and efficient manner, and he coached his teams the same way. He was confident and bright. Some mistook that for arrogance. But, that was not the case. The man knew what he was doing and how to get things done. And he did for over thirty years while wearing a variety of hats.

Whether as an assistant football coach for Earl Lavery, or an assistant baseball coach, or as a head tennis coach, he succeeded and performed at a high level of achievement. He knew how to get things done so much that he was put in an administrative position as Athletic Director and led the Prep athletic program to levels of excellence and respect for over thirty years. That did not happen by accident, it happened because of organization, planning and staffing, and those staffs were given the right direction by their leader.

In my time at Prep, as an administrator and a coach, I know that my areas of responsibility benefited and were assisted a great deal because of the direction and cooperation I received from Bob and I will always be grateful to him for his influence. He was invaluable as a colleague as well as a friend. And he was sitting in an office that maintains one of the most difficult positions within the structure of this institution.



(L-r): Tom O'Brien '10, Bob Harris, Varsity Tennis Coach & Athletic Director, and Jason Ottomano '10. The Prep doubles team won the CIAC Class LL Doubles title with a 7-6(5), 6-4 victory over SCC rival Cheshire. The victory helped Prep to a third place team finish in Class LL behind champion Greenwich and runner-up Staples.



# YALE TENNIS



Prep finished the regular season with a 19-0 record and won the SCC league championship with victories over Branford, Cheshire and Amity to finish with an overall team record of 22-0.

He always had the knowledge, the ability and the political savvy to navigate sometimes rough and tricky water to make things work from an athletic standpoint. And he never allowed the integrity or mission of the school to be compromised while doing it. He dealt with people, personalities and issues and led the athletic program here to unmatched levels of success and growth. And he did it the right way, the Prep way.

I'll miss him and Prep will miss him. And they will miss him even more when people realize what he meant to the school he worked so diligently for during a period of thirty plus years. They used to call him "Flex," mostly because of the physical appearance he seemed to try to personify in people's perception. But maybe the nickname was a better fit because he bent with the changing times, and personalities he had to deal with and, although he bent, he never cracked and it showed.



By Rich Magdon, Prep Housemaster & Director of Facilities, retiring Head Football Coach

*I recall a tennis match when we trekked to #2 ranked Cordoza High School, NY. During the drive we discussed how good they supposedly were. Bob (in his most commanding voice) told us that if he thought we couldn't beat them we wouldn't be making this trip. He instilled confidence in us before we got out of that van — and true to his prediction — we won. Without that encouragement we would have had the wrong mindset and a very different outcome.*

*While most coaches focus on pre-match speeches and match tactics, Bob always focused on how we conducted ourselves as students and ambassadors of Prep. He knew that more important than any score was the sportsmanship and class that accompanied it, in both victory and defeat.*

— Matt Davis '98

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*We won two state championships with Mr. Harris as our coach because he put our team in the best position for us to succeed. I still talk to him years after I graduated from Prep because of the bonds created during those four years at school. I know he truly cares and wants to see my progress into the professional ranks.*

— Todd Paul '03, Pro Tennis Player

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## Steve Donahue '92 Prep's New Athletic Director

Fairfield Prep's new Athletic Director is Steve Donahue, a current Math teacher and alumnus. Steve has taught at Prep for six years, and has served as Head Coach of JV Golf, and Assistant Coach of both Baseball and Hockey. He also played baseball for four years as a Prep student. Steve fills the position of retiring director Bob Harris who built the Prep athletic program over the past 30 years. On being named Athletic Director, Steve responded, "I am honored to be named to the position given the long and distinguished history of athletics at Prep. I have big shoes to fill with Bob Harris retiring and will continue the standard of excellence he has set."

Dr. Robert Perrotta, principal, commented on the selection of Steve for the position: "Steve is a professional with a long standing commitment to Fairfield Prep. He is an alumnus, an athlete, a math teacher, an excellent coach, and an esteemed member of the Prep community. He clearly understands and fully supports the Jesuit identity and the Jesuit mission of the school. With his incredible work ethic combined with his dedication to the education of our students, I have no doubt that he will carry on the excellent tradition established by Bob Harris over his 30 years of service as Athletic Director. We are grateful to Steve for accepting this challenge and look forward to working with him for many years to come."



those from under-represented and/or marginalized groups, but also those of different religious, academic, and socio-economic backgrounds. As a result the number of students involved in the program increased from 100 to 250 students. In 2004, Ms. Alecia Watson (Coordinator, SEED Program & Freshman Home-School Liaison) and Ms. Kristin Ancona (Support Services Assistant, Sophomore Home-School Liaison) began to work with students to oversee the SEED Program after Dr. Andrade became the Academic Dean in 2001. The motto of SEED is, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." Teachers, guidance counselors, and parents continue to play an integral role in the academic and emotional success of many of our students.

Over the years, SEED graduates have received acceptances to the top schools in our nation including Yale University, Brown University and Columbia University. Five graduates this year exemplify the success of the SEED Program and each credits it as one of the major contributors to his outstanding achievement at Prep: Mario Felix – Yale University; Christopher Holguin – Lehigh University; Christian Hubbard – Columbia University; Timothy Manning – Boston College; and Gabriel Sim – Georgetown University.

# Sowing the SEED of Success

Fairfield Prep continues to achieve academic excellence through the Diversity Program called SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity). Founded in 1985 under the leadership of Dr. Donna Andrade, her vision regarding diversity is rooted in the mission of Jesuit education. During her first few years at Fairfield Prep, Dr. Andrade realized that many of the minority students (those of non-Caucasian background) felt marginalized at Fairfield Prep. The program addressed the needs of students of Hispanic, Asian, and African-American heritage. It has proved to be successful as the acceptance and retention rates of students of color have continually increased for over 20 years.

In 1997, Dr. Andrade expanded the definition of diversity to include not only



*SEED sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. in Spring 2009.*



*Dr. Donna Andrade (center) shown with SEED moderators Kristin Ancona (l) and Alecia Watson (r).*

## Andrade Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Diversity from JSEA

Dr. Donna Andrade, Academic Dean, was honored for her work in the field of diversity at the 6th national JSEA Diversity Conference held April 30–May 3, 2009 in St. Louis, MO. In 1986, Andrade began the first Diversity Program for Jesuit high schools which became a model that was later adopted by other Jesuit high schools nationwide. From 1994-2001, Andrade served as National Chair of the Diversity Conference for the JSEA. During her service as Chair, Andrade coordinated the first three national conferences for then 43 Jesuit high schools, and served as a consultant to Jesuit high schools upon their request. Andrade also served two terms as a board member for the Jesuit Secondary Education Association from 1994–1999. Andrade started the SEED program (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) at Fairfield Prep.

## 2009 Teach-In for Justice & 2010 Immersion Trip to El Salvador

Once again Prep is beginning to plan for its participation in the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Columbus, Georgia, November 19-22, 2009.

This year, to celebrate Prep's 10th anniversary of participation in the Teach-In, the 20th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador and, in 2010, the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Prep will be offering its inaugural service immersion experience to El Salvador during the February break (exact dates to be announced). This experience will include service to the people of Tierra Blanca, a small community northwest of San Salvador, as well as visits to the Jesuit University of Central America (which includes the tombs of the



Jon DeRosa, Director of Student Activities, with children in El Salvador.

Jesuit martyrs), the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Holy Savior in San Salvador (which includes Romero's tomb), the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence in which Romero was martyred while saying Mass, as well as his last residence which now houses a tribute to his life (visit [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org), *Campus Life*, *News Archive*, Keyword: El Salvador for recent photos of some of these sites).

Because of the connection between the Teach-In and the martyrs, Prep is offering the opportunity for rising juniors and seniors to join these experiences together by traveling to the Teach-In in November, 2009 and then to El Salvador in 2010. Rising juniors could earn service immersion credit for their participation in the El Salvador trip. Interested students may contact Mr. Sacerdote, Director of Christian Service Programs, at [tsacerdote@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:tsacerdote@fairfieldprep.org) for further information.



Tom Sacerdote, Director of Christian Services, hands out treats to students in El Salvador.

## Malta House Volunteers

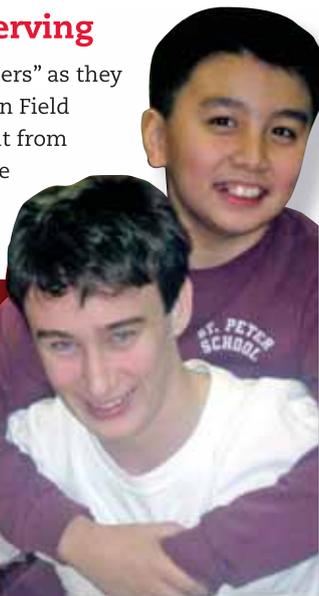
Norwalk's Malta House is a non-profit that serves homeless pregnant women and single mothers with young children. Recently, volunteer/program coordinator Virginia Casey walked by the computer room at Malta House and overheard one of the residents celebrating with her tutor, J.B. Weisheit '09. When Casey asked them what was going on, she discovered the young woman from Tanzania had mastered long division, thanks to Weisheit, a senior at Fairfield Prep, who has been volunteering at Malta House since he was an underclassman.

Weisheit started volunteering at Malta House through a Fairfield Prep service project but decided to come back on his own because he loved it so much. "When I was first there I was basically a study buddy for the little kids. But this year I am a tutor for the adults. It's been an absolute blast. I've never learned so much," he said. "You learn all about their experiences. They have tons to tell you. You deal with their faith a lot too because of everything they've been through. They are wonderful people. They know it's going to be tons of work — they work really hard."

JB was recently honored by the Mayor of Norwalk for his service at Malta House. Pieter van Laer '09 was another wonderful Malta House volunteer from Prep. Both gave a lot and gained a lot from their experience.

## Freshman Field Day '09 a Fun Introduction to Serving

On March 5, Prep freshmen began their journey as "Men for Others" as they participated in their first official Prep service project, Freshman Field Day. Each freshman was paired with an elementary school student from Saint Augustine, Saint Peter or Saint Ambrose School. They became pen pals first and then met here at Prep. As you can see, a fun day was had by all!



# Student Happenings



Kevin Altieri '00

## Economics Applied

Kevin Altieri '00, Economics teacher, designed his course to teach students about their role in the local, national and global economies through a curriculum centered on the major macro and micro-economic principles. Knowing this goal would best be achieved through real-world experiences, Altieri invited alumni to share their expertise on campus and it proved very successful. Sean Culhane '86 came to Prep from the IMF to share his expertise. Finally, working in conjunction with the Senior Comprehensive Exams, numerous alumni gave their time to offer insights and critique the seniors' applied knowledge. The students presented business plans to alumni who acted as investors. The wonderful feedback helped prepare these young men for their future college courses. The students were both excited and nervous as they received their first business experiences and had only great things to say about the generosity and sincerity the alumni showed them.

## O'Keefe Hosts AP Physics Class

Yearly, the Prep AP Physics class is invited to O'Keefe Controls in Trumbull, where they experience hands-on workshops and demonstrations by the O'Keefe staff. The class learned to hook up various pressure regulators. Bob O'Keefe '51 and Pat O'Keefe '80 sponsor this event for the students. Pictured above is Alex DiMauro '09 wearing a paper bag with John Butala, P'13. The Navy uses plastic bags over the heads of the sailors during an emergency underwater escape from a submarine. The extra pressure in their lungs provides enough air, and they are told to keep saying "Ho, Ho, Ho" on the way up.



## Football Team Scores Park City Sweep

On April 25, approximately 35 football players and coaches cleaned up three vacant lots in Bridgeport that were full of trash. The volunteers moved garbage and household debris in all the lots for the city to pick up and remove. The project is called Park City Sweep, and is an annual event in the city of Bridgeport. The Prep athletes did a great job helping the local neighborhood, and supporting the Jesuit mission of providing service in our communities.

## Student Happenings



### Prep Mock Trial Team Competes at Stamford Superior Court

On March 27, the Prep Mock Trial Team participated in the Regional Finals of the Connecticut Mock Trial competition at the Stamford Superior Court. The team, consisting of 21 students from all four classes, had worked for over three months preparing for the competition. The students formed two teams, one for the plaintiff and one for the defendant, to argue a civil case in which the plaintiff had suffered severe injuries from a fire in a barn owned by the defendant. Prep competed against seven other schools from Fairfield County. Stephen Donahue '92 was the faculty advisor to the team,

and he was assisted by Stephen Donahue '62 and Christine Donahue Brown, local attorneys. Seniors Peter Walsh, Richard Johnson and Steve Habetz participated on the teams since their freshman year. Many of the underclassmen were involved as attorneys, witnesses and understudies to the attorneys and witnesses. At the competition, the team won both of their matches and advanced to the state semi-finals in April. At the semi-finals, Prep lost by a close margin, but it was a great overall victory to advance to a high level of competition.

### Hilton and Kee named State Finalists in the 2009 Connecticut Science Fair

Nick Hilton '11 and Adam Kee '12 were both named Finalists in the 2009 Connecticut Science Fair held at Quinnipiac University in Hamden. Nick's project, "A Comparison of Fermentation Rates among Yeast Cultures with Electrical Field Present," culminated in both a Finalist and Special Award. The Special Award was a check from Northeast Utilities, Environmental Studies department.

Adam's project was a study of algae as a bio fuel.



Adam Kee '12



Nick Hilton '11



### Socks for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission

For the fourth year, the Spanish Honor Society conducted a drive to collect socks for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Bags and bags of socks were gathered by the Prep community to be distributed to women, children and men throughout the Bridgeport area. Ms. Billie Brooks, Spanish teacher and moderator of the Spanish Honor Society, organized the drive. Volunteers shown here (l to r): Christian Hubbard '09, Don Evanko '09, Tobin Sotil '09 and Jaime Rodriguez '10.

# Sports Highlights



L-r: Coach Bob Bernier, Brian Hughes '09, John Colihan '09, John Basile '10, Matt Gaughan '09, Dan Murphy '09 and Conor McGovern '11

## Golf Team Has a Winning Season

The 2009 Prep Varsity Golf Team enjoyed another successful season. With a division record of 5-0-1 (17-3-1 overall) the team won the Quinnipiac Division title and earned a berth in the SCC Championship where Prep's 326 team total was second to Cheshire's 320. Brian Hughes was named to the All-SCC team.

The success of Prep's season earned the team a #4 seed at the Division 1 State Championship, where they finished with a 308 team total, good for a fourth place. Brian Hughes was medalist at the championship with a score of 70 (-2), earning a place in the New England Championship where he shot 75 (+3). With his play all season Brian Hughes was named to the Division 1 All-State team and was the #1 ranked golfer in Division 1.

Seniors Brian Hughes (UConn) and Dan Murphy (Miami-Ohio) were named to the All-Area team by the *New Haven Register*. Hughes earned similar All-Area honors from the *Connecticut Post*. The *New Haven Register* named Hughes the All-Area MVP and named Coach Bob Bernier the Coach of the Year.



## Crew Goes to Nationals

Fairfield Prep's Crew Team qualified to compete at the US Rowing Youth National Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio. Shown (from left): Assistant Coach Ed Feldheim, Ben Lowden '11, Peter Tortora '12, Steven Venables '11, J.J. Hubert '11, Brendan Doran '11, Marc Ioli '09, Bobby Wallace '11 and Coach John Turner.



## Prep wins 4th consecutive SCC title, Shatters Five Class LL records

In the Class LL's, Andrew Grinalds won two individual events and was a member of two winning relays. He teamed with Andrew Golankiewicz, Brian Power and Eric Trotta to win the 200 medley relay (1:34.59, meet record), and with Ed Becker, Golankiewicz and Bart Platow to capture the 400 freestyle relay (3:07.50, meet record). Becker, Platow, Trotta and Kristof Toth also placed first in the 200 freestyle relay in a record 1:26.95. Ready to swim at the college level this fall are: Andrew Grinalds – Stanford University, Brian Power – Holy Cross, Bart Platow – University of the Pacific, Eric Trotta – University of Florida, Justin Marini – University of San Diego (water polo).



## Prep Bowling Wins Championship

The Prep Bowling team ended its 2008-2009 CIBL season as State Champions winning all their matches against 12 other schools in Connecticut. The CIBL league, which bowls weekly at Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield, is the only interscholastic high school bowling league in Connecticut. In addition to earning a plaque for winning the State Championship, the Prep bowlers received the CIBL Team Championship Trophy and the Varsity 1st Place Trophy.

The members of the Varsity 1st place team were Senior Captain Robby Weiss, Sophomores Chris DiMuzio, Rene Medina, Ray Miller and Freshman Eric Schubert. The team moderator is Ms. Deirdre Magner, Spanish teacher. The full complement of the bowling team is approximately 25 players. All skill levels are welcome to participate.

# 4-Peat!

## LAX Wins 4th Straight State Title

The Fairfield Prep lacrosse team won its fourth straight Class L lacrosse championship, pummeling Simsbury 15-3 on June 13 at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk.

The feat followed the Jesuits winning their third straight SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) title by beating Cheshire 10-6. Prep entered the tournament with a 12-7 regular season record and was seeded 12th. Coach Smalkais scheduled top out of state opponents for his team in preparation for league play and the postseason. Those teams included Delbarton (NJ), St. Anthony's (NY), Bergen Catholic (NJ), Chaminade (NY) and Boston College High School (MA). As a result, Prep peaked at the right time and boasts both an SCC and a state championship.

The Jesuits bid farewell to 10 seniors, several of whom are going on to play lacrosse at the college level: Peter Gruppo (Middlebury), Will Lomas (Endicott), Brendan Nizolek (Roanoke), Glenn Maiorano (Bryant), Chase Bailey (Bucknell), Tucker Shanley (Princeton), Harley Brown (postgrad Deerfield Academy), Garrett Bushby, Matthew Gruseke, and Brendan Baldwin.

### Lax Honors:

US LACROSSE ALL-AMERICA AND ACADEMIC — Chase Bailey and Harley Brown

ALL-STATE — 1st Team: Tucker Shanley, Chase Bailey and Harley Brown. 2nd Team: Peter Gruppo

ALL-SCC — 1st team: Chase Bailey, Brendan Rotanz, Tucker Shanley, Peter Gruppo, Harley Brown, Darric White. 2nd team: Glenn Maiorano.





# We may laugh, we may cry, But We Never Say Die!

By Matt Sather '93

Reflecting on this past Fairfield Prep hockey season is bittersweet. The teacher in me knows there were important lessons learned and real moments of social and emotional growth, but the coach in me burns over missed opportunities and feels for a senior class who did not leave the ice on their own terms.

This season was born in the State Championship game the year before. As I watched the boys celebrate their comeback victory and State Championship, I knew the challenges ahead: How do you stay motivated after winning two championships in a row? How will this junior class respond to the responsibilities of leadership? How will we replace the graduating class?

In truth, this Fairfield Prep hockey season played

out not on the ice, but in the training room. From torn hip flexors to shredded knee cartilage, from battered wrists to contused quads, bruised hips, concussions, shoulders and ankles ... This season, you would have been a lucky spectator to see the entire Prep team on the ice together. Instead, we struggled through a season of "almosts" and "might have beens" without ever realizing, until the very end, how close and how far we actually were from our goals.

Along the way there were certainly highlights. My favorite game was a hard fought 2-1 overtime victory over Boston College High School followed closely by a classic 1-0 loss to Massachusetts power Catholic Memorial. This Prep hockey team did not lose a game all year by more than a goal, and

went the entire season without committing a major or misconduct penalty. We finished 3rd at the Mount St. Charles Invitational Tournament in Rhode Island and were ranked in the top 10 in New England for much of the season. At the end of the year we were awarded the Dick Gagliardi sportsmanship award by the SCC coaches for sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

As great as the season was, the boys only cared about completing the three-peat and winning another state title for Fairfield Prep. We qualified for the state tournament early in the season and watched as the weather wreaked havoc with our game and practice schedule and the injuries began to pile up. As we

entered the state tournament, I was confident that we could find our

stride again and make a run toward our three-peat. Alas, it was not to be.

Those of you who have sat in the Prep Hockey locker-room in the last 11 years know I am not often an emotional coach. My motivational technique, framed by my classroom teaching experience, is more methodical than inspirational. But, as I watched our seniors take their Prep jerseys off for the last time, I felt a real connection to the complexity of their emotional response to the sudden ending of their careers. In their teary eyes I could see disappointment give way to relief, embarrassment give way to pride, and as

I walked around the room and shook each hand I saw a real acknowledgement of closure. In many ways this was a reflective moment that

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# Sports Highlights

## Bill Pinto selected as Head Football Coach

**B**ill Pinto of Trumbull has been selected as the new Head Football Coach at Fairfield Prep. Bill has served Prep Football as Assistant Head Football Coach for eight years, under retiring Coach Rich Magdon. His duties included Defensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach, plus assisting the head coach in all capacities including decision making in his absence. Pinto has 17 years of experience coaching at both Fairfield Prep and previously at Joel Barlow High School as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Pinto joins Fairfield Prep as the seventh coach in the school's history, which had its first season in 1942.



## Hockey Fights Hunger

**T**he Prep Hockey Booster club raises money to offset costs throughout the year. At the end of this school year the team decided to do something different with their funds. A check for \$500 was given to the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport, CT through the Hockey Fights Hunger Organization. The Merton Center serves and provides counseling and after school programs for the Bridgeport community. Pictured above, Tom McGarrity '09 presents a check to Mark Grasso, Director of the Thomas Merton Center.



## But We Never Say Die!

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required quiet and could never be achieved in the euphoria of victory. In this moment, I saw these young men taking stock of their experience and collectively refusing to define their senior experiences, their hockey careers and their school spirit by one game in March. I realized that they were experiencing something profound and important. In this "grief" they were learning to be humble. They were learning that school would open the next day, that their friends would still be there, that the tests would not be postponed. They were learning that their lives were not over, as Robert Frost simply put it, they "turned to their affairs."

As I drove home that night, my thoughts drifted to my pregnant wife and soon to be born child. What experience would I want for her. Would I want her to win and flash a championship ring around town? Did I really want her to suffer the pain of losing? In truth, I want her to experience both the confidence gained through victory and the humility earned in defeat. I want her to understand that life's failures can be as meaningful as life's successes. I want her to embody the spirit of Tennyson who famously wrote, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

This class of seniors loved and lost and emerged from it all full of the Prep "never say die" philosophy. I thank them all.



*By Matt Sather '93, English Dept. Chair and teacher, Varsity Hockey Coach, 2008-09 Educator of the Year. Editor's Note: Daughter Mary Margaret was born April 6, 2009.*

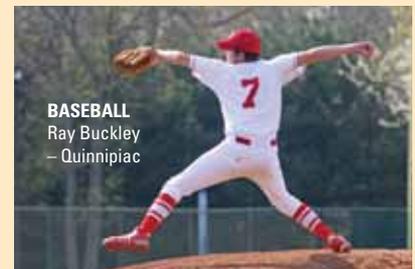
## Ready to Play

### SOCCER

Kevin Maxham – Tufts  
Brad Boehringer – Dickinson

### FOOTBALL

Peter Christiani – Williams  
Peter Gruppo – Middlebury  
Jake Haddon – Stonehill  
Connor Kelly – Salve Regina  
Greg Sweeney – Salve Regina



**BASEBALL**  
Ray Buckley  
– Quinnipiac

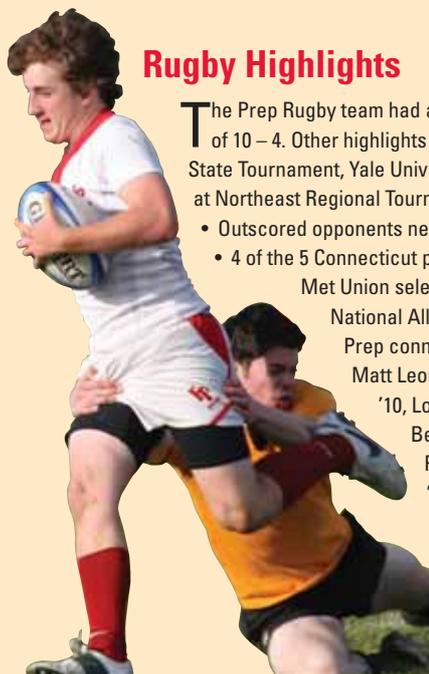
## Rugby Highlights

**T**he Prep Rugby team had a winning season record of 10 – 4. Other highlights • 2nd Place Connecticut State Tournament, Yale University • 3rd Place at Northeast Regional Tournament, West Point

- Outscored opponents nearly 2 to 1 (495 – 258)

- 4 of the 5 Connecticut players selected for the Met Union select side to try out for the

National All-American team had a Prep connection. They were Louis Matt Leonard '11, Chris Casaccio '10, Louis Baugier '09, and Mat Benedetto '11 • Former Prep Rugger Kevin Dewey '05, USNA '09, was the captain of the US Naval Academy Rugby team and selected as an All-American by the American Rugby News.



## All-American Honors

**C**onnor Rog, a freshman and a Connecticut Post All-Star, earned All-American honors after finishing eighth with a time of 13:31 over the 4,000-meter course at the Junior Olympic National Championships in Mechanicsville, Va. Rog competed in the 13-14-year-old age group. Connor Rog was 4th in the national championship freshman mile in South Carolina.

# Visual & Performing Arts Talent on Display



## Lucky Stiff

The Spring Musical *Lucky Stiff* was performed on May 7 and 8 at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. Prep's cast of *Lucky Stiff* entertained the audience with music and mayhem. The cast featured: Alex Tortora, Victoria Peri, Christen Keogh, Jesse Alpert, Andrew Garvey, Joe Burgess, Phoebe Wright, Quinn Rooney, Dylan Levinson, Dan Luciano, Mary Chimenti, Juwan Crowley, Emma Linsenmeyer, Brendan Rooney, and Elliot Enriquez. Directed by Ms. Megan Hoover, English teacher.



## Spring Music Concert



*That's Entertainment*, the Spring Music Concert, was held on Wednesday, May 13 at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The show featured performances by the Symphonic, Concert and Jazz Bands as well as the Concert Choir. The music was directed by Ms. Christine Dominquez, music teacher.



## Spring Art Show

The Spring Art show was held May 19 in Arrupe Hall. The show included a poetry reading, organized by Dan DeLoma '09. Families, students and friends filled the halls, viewing paintings, sculpture, multi-media, architectural renderings and an urban planning design. Thanks to art teachers Ms. Dolores Tema and Mr. Frank Bramble.

# Prep Goes Vogue



It was a fashionable evening at the Italian Center in Stamford on March 26, as more than 250 Prep moms and friends gathered for the annual Bellarmine Spring Senior Mother and Son Fashion Show.



## Fathers' Club Service Day

The Fathers' Club sponsored a father-son community service day in the Spring. Over 80 volunteers cleaned up the grounds of Central High School and Bassick High School in Bridgeport, filling over 200 bags with leaves, garbage, old tires, and numerous other items. Feedback from the Bridgeport school system was outstanding.



## The Stone Cross

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sleet and snow. Now those wild sprints are gone. We all pass in comfort through the Arrupe hallways with our stunning new addition. The first great group of lay teachers at Prep has retired, and the young people I knew as contemporaries have become the senior teachers here carrying on the legacy and leaving their own mark. Sadly, the Jesuit numbers have diminished over the years, but their presence and spirit remains the essence of the Prep community. In some ways, I believe the Prep I teach in today is more consciously Jesuit than it has ever been.

In the 30 years that I have been here, Prep has modernized its curriculum, renewed its mission, refurbished its buildings, developed innovative service programs, added sports teams, and diversified its faculty, especially the presence of wonderful women teachers. While these changes may sound like educational jargon, I have observed and lived through the making and shaping of the school we have today. This was accomplished with great leadership, a dedicated faculty and the love and support of a remarkable alumni community. I firmly believe that the Prep I teach in today is actually a better school than the one I joined. The past is beautiful and memorable, but it will always be inadequate to the demands of the present. It is Prep's ability to change and grow that will keep it great and vital.

I have changed myself. My red beard is laced with gray now, and I no longer bound three flights of stairs to my B305

classroom. I walk with a scholar's stoop. There is a paunch where there once was a flat tummy and glasses hanging off the tip of my nose. I have gone from being the new kid on the block to one of the old guys like Zabs, Driscoll and Jaffe – and boy are they old! Last winter I became a grandfather. As veteran Math teacher Maureen Bohan said, "We didn't just work here; we grew up here, too." Prep is a school that continues to teach all of us to find our better selves, our faith and our idealism. You can't work here without being formed by the Ignatian vision of men for others and God in all things.

When I look out the window I see much of my own career behind me, but I also see an eternally new school. Sometimes I look down at the silvery Long Island Sound, or up at old MacAuliffe Hall. They remind me of the vastness of time compared to a human life. But quite often, my gaze goes to the powerful limestone cross that rides the peak of Xavier Hall. The Jesuit fathers placed it there in 1947 with confidence, faith and humility. These founders gave us a vision and a place on a hill. Most of their names are forgotten now, as most of ours will be forgotten in time, too. The stone cross reminds me that we are all part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Like the stone cross, Prep has a way of making great claims on our lives, and of holding onto us forever.



By Barry Wallace, English teacher. His classes have included AP English, British Literature, Shakespeare, and *Hero and the Wilderness*.

# Great Turnout! Prep Alumni Reunion



**345** alumni from Prep's graduating classes ending in 4 or 9 gathered on June 13 for mass at Egan Chapel, followed by a reception and dinner at the Barone Campus Center at Fairfield University. The Prep alumni enjoyed the opportunity to reunite with classmates and Prep faculty and staff.

## Save the date for upcoming alumni events!

**CHICAGO CUBS GAME:** Wed., Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m., Wrigley Field

**BUSINESSMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Thurs., Oct. 8, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Hilton

Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, One First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT



“EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION” Sign up at: [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org) > alumni > golf

## 2009 Prep Golf Outing

Monday, October 12, 2009 (Columbus Day)

### Great River Golf Club, Milford, CT

11:00 am — Registration begins. Prior to the start of play there will be clinics, a putting contest and lunch.

12:30 pm — Shotgun start. Play will include prizes for winning teams, longest drive, closest to the pin and there will be an automobile prize for the hole-in-one contest.

5:30 pm — Cocktails, dinner, prizes and raffle prizes

This event is sure to sell out. Please contact **Kathy Norell** at 203-254-4237 or [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org)

Sponsorship opportunities available.





# Alumni Class News

## 1950's

**Patrick J. Carolan, MD '55** has recently been named to the Sacred Heart University Board of Trustees.

**Edward N. Coffey '57**, Monroe historian seeks to preserve the past. He was featured in the Connecticut Post in an April 2009 issue. He became acting town historian in 1972, and was formally named town historian in 1989. He also wrote Monroe's first town history, "A Glimpse of Old Monroe," which he plans to amend, improve and republish. Prior to its incorporation as a town in 1823, Monroe was part of Stratford, settled as early as 1720 by people from Fairfield. The book speaks about historic factories, stores and homes and includes pictures of many of them. The town was named in honor of James Monroe, the nation's fifth president, who served from 1817 to 1825.

**Thank You from Wes Eastman '59 for 50th Reunion:** This gives me an opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Prep and the entire staff for staging our reunion. It far surpassed my best expectations!

While I understand the superb efforts of our committee, we were so impressed with

the professionalism, courtesy, and attention to the myriad of details. You and your team are exceptional; I can tell you we were all so pleased with the entire weekend. You rekindled a strong Prep spirit.

I've never attended reunions — Prep, college, nor Law School. I decided to attend our 50th at the last minute. You should be quite proud of running an event we will never forget. Please tell the staff how much we appreciate all they did for us.

**Robert M. Skane '53** became a great grandfather in 2008.

**Bernard T. Smith '56** is developing a company using hydrogen fuel to replace foreign oil. A totally renewable source of energy with water as the only emissions. He also has a new book coming out "Good to Go".

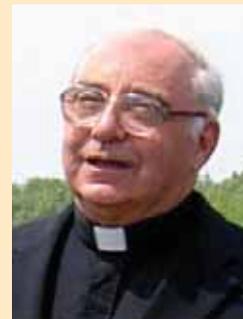
## 1960's

**Frank Pfeiffer '62** wrote Prep to let us know that he has 3 future Prepsters: Grandsons: Sean Owen Fisher 6, Griffin Francis Fisher 3, and Harrison Quinn Fisher 2.

## Fr. Philip A. Pusateri, S.J. remembered by Prep

The Prep Community is deeply saddened by the death of Fr. Philip A. Pusateri, S.J., who died February 23 at St. Peter and Paul Rectory in Norwich, Connecticut. He was 67 years old.

Fr. Pusateri, S.J. taught at Prep from 1989–1992 before being named Rector of the Boston College High Jesuit Community in 1992. He served there for six years and then became Pastor of St. Peter and Paul parish in Norwich, CT.



**William A. James '63** is a public affairs officer at the US Embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania.

## 1970's

**Kevin P. Roach, '78** was recently promoted to Vice President and Director of U.S. Broadcast News for the Associated Press. He oversees the AP broadcast wire, online video, radio network and television operations in the U.S. He is based in Washington D.C.

## 1980's

**Richard J. Bernard '88** has been elected to the Partnership in the law firm of Baker Hostetler.

Editor's Note: **Mr. John E. Chiota '86** was incorrectly listed as a Hearthstone Club donor in the 2007-08 Annual Report. He should have been listed as a Xavier Club donor. We apologize for the error.

**Sean M. Culhane '86** was recently promoted to Deputy Div. Chief for Editorial and Publication Services at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC.



**Christopher O. Fitzgerald '89** is currently serving as speechwriter for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. He has worked in Congress for eleven years and came to the Speaker's Office after serving as a senior advisor to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Robert J. Patrignelli, M.D. '83** is a dermatologist in Trumbull, CT. He and his wife Christine have 3 children, 1 girl (age 5) and twins (2 years old).

**Timothy G. Russell '83** has been named Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of Connecticut Inc.

**Thomas M. Sheehan '89** has joined Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP as a Partner in its Personal Financial Planning Group.

## 1990's

**Jason L. Kyle '94** was promoted to Lead Sales Representative of Keystone Automotive in the fall of 2007.

## 2000's

**Kevin C. Dewey '05** graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in History with a minor in Chinese in May 2009.

**David E. Erickson '04** was drafted in June, 2009, by the San Diego Padres baseball team.

**Jonathan P. Herman '04** presented his co-authored thesis "Rape Proof: An Examination of the Sexual Mythologies that Disallow Male Victimization of Sexual Violence" in San Diego, California on April 11, 2009 at a conference sponsored by the Pacific Sociological Institute. Jonathan is presently as assistant prefect at St. Stanislaus School in Bay, St. Louis, Mississippi.

Swarthmore Senior **Dan Hodson '05** ran an all-time personal-best in the one mile with a first place time of 4:38.56 at the Winter Invitational at University of Delaware.

**Daniel Parisi '06** studied at the London School of Economics 08-09, while there, he backpacked through Europe. He has also interned at UBS and currently at West LB. He has run marathons in Providence, Paris and Athens.

**Reed H. Perry '08** was named to the Dean's List at Wake Forest University for the fall semester, 2008.

**Robert Rotanz '08** helped the Duke University lacrosse team advance to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament title game. Rotanz, a Westport resident and freshman midfielder, scored a goal in the 16-5 semifinal win over University of Virginia, the top-ranked team in the country. Duke advanced to the 2009 Men's Lacrosse Final Four and played Syracuse, where fellow Prep teammate **Spenser Parnell '08** also plays on the lacrosse team.

**C.J. Ruskay '08** earned a full basketball scholarship to the University of New Haven. During his post-graduate year at Choate, Ruskay led the team in scoring and rebounding to help them advance to the championship game of the Western New England Conference.

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# Alumni Class News

## SUMMER 2009

Have you moved? Please bring us up-to-date on what is NEWS in your life... NEWS you would like to share with others in the Prep family. Mail to: Alumni Office, Fairfield Prep, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824-5157, or email: development@fairfieldprep.org.

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## Robert T. Morton, Jr. '04, Valedictorian for Fairfield University's Graduate School

For the first time in its history, Fairfield University held a separate commencement ceremony for graduate students, and Robert T. Morton, Jr. of Monroe, was selected to deliver the valedictory address. He took the opportunity to urge his fellow graduates to look beyond these dire financial times and see them as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks.

"No matter from what school you are graduating, we all have a monumental challenge in front of us," Morton told the other 357 graduates. "If there is one thing that I have learned in the rather short amount of time I have lived thus far, it is that nothing is worth enduring if you are not willing to learn from it. We will recover, and we will be better for it."

Morton graduated from Fairfield Prep, and then earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Charles F. Dolan School of Business. His Jesuit education gave him a firm belief that whatever one does for a living – whether a teacher, a nurse, an engineer, or accountant – they must stay true to the Ignatian values of faith, service, and lifelong learning. We must "use our knowledge to improve the lives of others," he said.



## MILEPOSTS

### In Memoriam

Roy T. Baker '52 on June 19, 2009.

Edward G. Bednar DDS '50 on March 21, 2009.

John W. Beeton on January 6, 2009. He was the father of Todd W. Beeton '89, Jeremy E. Beeton '92 and Kyle G. Beeton '96.

Daniel Bennett on January 11, 2009. He was the son of James F. Bennett '73, nephew of Steven C. Bennett '80 and cousin of Brian J. Bennett '11.

Connor Coyle Bierman on January 30, 2009 and Claire Crawford Bierman on February 1, 2009. They were the twin children of Tim Bierman '87 and his wife Kim. Connor and Claire were born on January 23, 2009.

Mary Margaret Biroshak on January 11, 2009. She was the mother of Rev. Robert V. Biroshak '57.

Paul L. Blawie, Sr. on May 15, 2009. He was the father of Paul L. Blawie Jr. '73, John F. Blawie '75 and brother of James L. Blawie '46.

Jeanne G. Brannelly on April 8, 2009. She was the mother of John Brannelly '87 and grandmother of Brian Kalina '06.

Peter Brosnan '60 in October 2008.

Carmen L. Caggianello passed away on November 28, 2008. He was a Friend of Prep.

Thomas J. Card '47 in May 2009. He was the brother of Paul F. Card '50 and Santa John Card '53.

Rev. Kenneth J. Frisbie on January 17, 2009. He was the uncle of Larry Carroll '63.

Wanda B. Carroll on April 3, 2009. She was the mother of Philip R. Carroll '52, the late Walter J. Carroll '55, Roger C. Carroll '59, Leo P. Carroll '62, grandmother of Robert C. Carroll, Jr. '89 and aunt of Larry F. Carroll

'63. She was the first President of the Bellarmine Guild.

Anthony P. Caseria '44 on June 15, 2009. He was the brother of the late Robert W. Caseria '52 and uncle of Robert K. Caseria '70 and David L. Caseria '80.

Hugh J. Catalano '60 on February 26, 2009. He was the brother of Thomas S. Catalano '57 and the late Michael A. Catalano '54.

Mary Lou Dinan Catalano on Thursday, February 12, 2009. She was the wife of the late Hugh J. Catalano '60. She was the sister-in-law of Thomas S. Catalano '57 and the late Michael A. Catalano '54.

Michael A. Catalano '54 on December 2, 2008. He was the brother of Thomas S. Catalano '57 and the late Hugh J. Catalano '60.

Michael Casey in November 2008. He was the father of Michael Ford Casey '90 and Shane W. Casey '93.

Kevin Perkins-Cody on April 21, 2009. He was the son of Paul J. Cody '74.

Philip Davies in December 2008. He was the father of Drew P. Davies '05.

William E. Dever on April 13, 2009. He was the father of Thomas M. Dever '73.

Roch-Josef Di Lisio '50 on April 28, 2008.

Carmela Di Muzio on December 14, 2008. She was the grandmother of Christopher C. Di Muzio '11.

Joseph W. Dolan on January 5, 2009. He was the father of Anthony Dolan '66.

Dr. Richard J. Dowling '49 on May 25, 2009.

Mary Phelan Egan on April 12, 2009. She was the sister of John G. Phelan Sr. '50, and aunt of John G. Phelan Jr. '84.

Anthony J. Fattibene Jr. '47 on April 16, 2009. He was the brother of Ronald Fattibene '49.

Jean Fay on January 25, 2009. She was the grandmother of Ryan M. Fay '07.

John P. Flanagan '82 on December 24, 2008. He was the son of Walter D. Flanagan '56 and brother of Matthew D. Flanagan '83.

Jeff Foley on December 30, 2008. He was the father of Alex D. Foley '05.

Ann H. Fondu on November 27, 2008. She was the mother of Henry A. Fondu Jr. '65, Warren H. Fondu '66 and grandmother of Warren S. Fondu '93.

Robert K. Fontaine on May 7, 2009. He was the grandfather of Kenneth R. Fontaine Jr. '04.

Robert J. Garofalo on February 22, 2009. He was the brother of Emil V. Garofalo '45 and uncle of Edward E. Garofalo '81 and Richard G. Garofalo '83.

Joseph G. Gerics on April 13, 2009. He was the father of former faculty member Joseph Gerics '68, Gregory Gerics '70, Robert G. Gerics '72, David A. Gerics '75 and grandfather of Joseph A. Gerics '97.

Eileen Donnelly Hagerty on December 13, 2008. She was the sister of Robert E. Donnelly '49.

William J. Horvath '52 on March 2, 2009.

Robert M. Howard '66 on April 29, 2009. He was the brother of Joseph E. Howard '64.

Beatrice T. Jursch on November 24, 2008. She was the mother of Robert P. Jursch '60.

Leo Karpie on December 11, 2008. He was the father of Andrew J. Karpie '74.

David A. Kiss '73 on March 1, 2009.

Joan Z. Korolyshun on February 28, 2009. She was the mother of Russell Korolyshyn '63.

Frances C. Kral on May 7, 2009. She is the mother of Richard F. Kral Sr. '57 and the grandmother of Richard F. Kral Jr. '82 and Christopher J. Kral '84.

Marilyn "Lynn" Lamoureux on March 10, 2009. She was the mother of Gregory Lamoureux '72, and former wife of the late Philip J. Lamoureux '46. She was a past president of the Bellarmine Guild.

Robert A. Law III '85 and his wife Sandy welcomed their son Matthew Kenneth on November 24, 2008.

William Lee on November 26, 2008. He was the grandfather of Christopher B. Van Hise '07.

John J. Link Sr. on January 8, 2009. He was the father of Dr. Richard J. Link '59 and grandfather of Richard J. Link, Jr. '84.

Donald M. Lynch '61 on June 8, 2009. He was the brother of Vincent A. Lynch '59 and the late Gregory P. Lynch '64.

Ronald Malanowski on March 10, 2009. He was the son of Eleanor Lavery, wife of James E. Lavery '50.

Helen McPartlan in November 2008. She was the grandmother of James D. McPartlan II '11.

Hugh F. McPartlan on December 30, 2008. He was the grandfather of James D. McPartlan II '11.

Patricia Montgomery on December 20, 2008. She was the mother of Neil Montgomery '08.

Cecelia A. "Sally" Morris on May 24, 2009. She was the sister of the late Rev. Alfred E. Morris, S.J.

Lorna B. Mulrone on May 13, 2009. She was the aunt of the late John D. Lambert '94.

Lawrence Murchan on December 20, 2008. He was the father of Lawrence M. Murchan '62 and Kevin M. Murchan '68.

Dorothy V. Nassef on April 28, 2009. She was the mother David T. Nassef '63.

Michael D. Oates '69 on April 7, 2009.

Jean Lotsko Ochman on January 25, 2009. She was the mother of Edward J. Ochman '67.

Daniel J. O'Connell on June 13, 2009. He was the father of Daniel J. O'Connell Jr. '71.

Philip R. O'Connell on January 26, 2009. He was the father of Michael R. O'Connell '81 and David A. O'Connell '87.

Edward J. O'Sullivan '55 on April 17, 2009.

John J. "Jack" Pacowta '62, on November 23, 2008.

John S. Pavlik '52 on March 8, 2009.

Eileen Guerin Pendagast on April 27, 2009. She was the wife of the late Edward L. Pendagast Jr. '50, the mother of Edward L. Pendagast III '90 and the sister of Philip J. Guerin '55.

Ann "Nan" S. Phelan on June 20, 2009. She was the wife of John G. Phelan Sr. '50 and the mother of John G. Phelan Jr. '84.

Joseph A. Plavcan in November 2009. He was the father of Thomas J. Plavcan '69.

Edward J. Prestas '47 on November 28, 2008.

Pearl L. Rein on April 28, 2009. She was the grandmother of Maxwell Rein '11.

David L. Roach '47 on April 8, 2009. He was the brother of Stephen J. Roach '47, James P. Roach '50, and Thomas J. Roach '55. He was the father of Daniel S. Roach '79, the late Matthew D. Roach '76, grandfather of Matthew R. Kleps '98, Patrick D. Kleps '00, and uncle of Timothy S. Roach '78.

Ralph T. Rotondo on April 6, 2009. He was the father of James P. Rotondo '80, R. Thomas Rotondo '83, Christopher J. Rotondo '86, Robert E. Rotondo '88, and uncle of Michael J. Marella '96.

Harold J. Rowe on December 31, 2008. He was the father of Frederick W. Rowe '58 and the late Brigadier General Peter Rowe USMC '56. He was the past President of the Bellarmine Club of Stamford.

Francis Sacerdote on December 2, 2008. He was the father of Thomas J. Sacerdote,

## Making Music

Stephen Gaspár '05 graduated with honors from the Berklee College of Music in Boston where he majored in guitar performance.



He performed at the Berklee annual Commencement Concert and shared the Agannis Arena stage with Linda Ronstadt and Smokey Robinson who received Honorary Doctorate degrees. Stephen will be touring this summer in support of a recently released CD by "Hannah & The Bloodlines" which he co-wrote and played guitar on.

## Alumnus Historian Gets Published

**Yohuru Williams '89** was featured in *DIVERSE issues in higher education* in the January 8th magazine issue. Williams is Associate Professor of History and Co-Director of Black Studies, Fairfield University Education. He holds a Ph.D. in 20th Century U.S. History and African-American History, Howard University, M.A., History, and B.A., History and Political Science, University of Scranton. He's written the first local case study of the Black Panthers, and has also written extensively about race and capital punishment. He is working on a book titled "Six Degrees of Segregation, Lynching and Capital Punishment in the United States, 1865-1930." The article highlighted his work:



"Through his research Williams will continue to shed light on the African-American experience, but he believes that the relevancy of his work also involves helping to train the next generation of scholars. He encourages aspiring academicians to be persistent in their scholarly endeavors. 'At the end of the day, it's believing that you have something to offer the world. That's what got me through, and it's what I always tell graduate students that I'm blessed to work with,' says Williams. 'To let them know that no matter what they encounter, this journey is for a reason.'"

Director of Christian Service Programs at Fairfield Prep. He was the grandfather of **Timothy F. Sacerdote '03** and **Tom H. Sacerdote '06**.

Jeanie Poster Shields on March 29, 2009. She was the mother of **Donald A. Poster Sr. '74**, **John S. Poster '84**, and grandmother of **Donald A. Poster '03** and **James V. Poster '05**.

Barbara Jean Flynn Sideleau on April 30, 2009. She was the mother of **Brian D. Sideleau '79**.

**William D. Thurston '66** on February 27, 2009. He was the father of **Stephen M.**

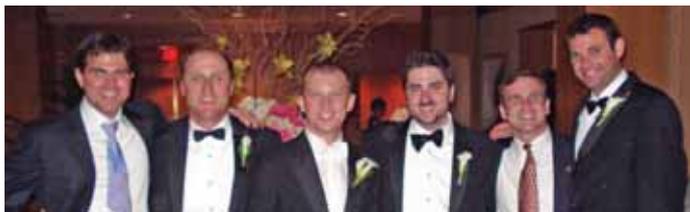
**Thurston '05** and **Christopher W. Thurston '03**.

Michael T. Voytek Sr. on December 20, 2008. He was the father of **Michael T. Voytek '83** and **Mark J. Voytek '84** and **Christopher L. Voytek '90**.

**Richard O. Walsh '50** on December 10, 2008. He was the brother of **Robert R. Walsh '46**.

Sadie Jane Wasmer in February 2009. She was the daughter of **M. Conrad Wasmer '88** and niece of **Peter E. Wasmer '83**.

Harry M. Zingo on February 7, 2009. He was the grandfather of **Christopher J. Zingo '90** and **Randy J. Zingo '92**.



## Michale Spaight '01 Weds at Georgetown

**Michael Spaight '01** got married on June 20 at Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University to Morgan Deacon. Present from the Class of 2001 were (l-r): **Keenan Skelly**, **Matt Pierson**, **Mike Spaight**, **Pat Monahan**, **John Xeller**, and **Chris Tramontano**.



## Congratulations to Matthew Donovan '96

**Matthew D. Donovan '96** married Erica Rodriguez on November 11, 2008 in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. **Rev. Ronald V. Perry, S.J.** officiated at the ceremony. Several Prep Alumni were also in attendance: **John H. Donovan '93**, **Michael D. Donovan '96**, **Joseph P. Marcello '96**, **Ryan P. Donovan '92**, and **Christopher S. Morris, '96**.

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## Alumni Lacrosse Game

Prep alumni lacrosse players gathered for a reunion pick-up game and lunch on June 6. Much thanks to **Brian Eckert '92** for his tireless efforts to make this event happen every year, a true man for others.

## Striving to Be the Best



**Garrett Brown '06** was selected as Captain of the 2009 University of Minnesota football team. The former two-time All-State selection moved on to the Big Ten Conference and has been a four-year starter as defensive tackle for the

Golden Gophers. The sports management major keeps up with Prep's Coach Magdon and his alma mater, "One of the main things Prep instilled in me was the desire to work hard at whatever I'm pursuing," Brown said. "Always strive to be the best. That's something I've really taken to heart and it's served me well so far."

## Swimming Champion

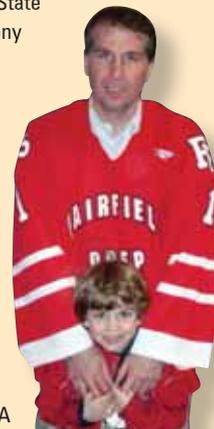
**E.J. Verrico '05** was the captain of the Loyola (Md) MAAC Swimming & Diving Championship team. This was the first time for Loyola after 14 years, which is similar to what his senior class accomplished at Prep in 2005. Verrico was with the winning 200 free relay and also took first in the 50 free as Loyola beat Boston College. He was also with the winning 400 free relay and had second place finishes in the 50 and 100 free and the 100 breaststroke in wins against Georgetown and Seton Hall.



## Martin '81 honored at Hockey Finals

On Saturday, March 21st the CIAC held its 50th Anniversary of hockey in Connecticut. To commemorate the members from prior State Championship teams were welcomed back for a ceremony honoring these accomplishments.

Representing Prep on the ice was **Kevin Martin '81**. Kevin is arguably Prep's greatest goalie in its long and distinguished history. Kevin is a member of three of the thirteen State Championship teams that Prep has produced since 1977. Kevin was a four-year starter and First Team All-State his Junior and Senior year. Clearly no stranger to post-season play, Kevin made the State All-Tournament Team three of his four years. While his success is well noted, Kevin points out that the team was amazingly talented and played so well together. This cannot be more clearly illustrated than by them receiving Prep's highest national ranking ever by the USA Today poll as the 5th best team in the country.



Kevin with son Tommy before the ceremony.



# Flanagan '82 Inspires Relay for Life Team, Foundation Established

**J**ohn Flanagan '82, husband and father of three, died last December, one month after being diagnosed with cancer. It was a tragic loss for his family and friends. In response, a number of friends from his Fairfield Prep

Class of 1982 got together and decided to honor his memory by participating in the Fairfield Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society on June 6 and 7. Some came from as far away as Georgia and Florida to support the cause.

John was devoted to Fairfield Prep and remained connected with the school. He founded a business, with his best friends from Prep, Tom Ryan and Chad Jacobs. They started ICR Inc., a financial communications advisory firm, in 1998 and built it into one of the largest independent advisory firms in the country. Later, Michael Fox '86 joined the firm to help further its expansion. John was a "man for others," deeply committed to helping others whether it was his family, friends or a group of strangers. His company funded a scholarship at Prep for deserving students from the inner city who could not otherwise attend Prep.

The Relay for Life team, captained by Matthew Terry '82, SVP of Investments at UBS Private Wealth Management, and Thomas Ryan, Co-chief Executive of ICR, raised more than \$26,000. Shortly following Flanagan's funeral, Jacobs was diagnosed with cancer. The Class of '82's participation in Relay for Life also supported Jacobs, who is currently

undergoing treatment.

On June 28, John's family with the support of Prep alumni and friends, successfully kicked off the establishment of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation ([www.jpff.org](http://www.jpff.org)) in conjunction with the 29th Annual Stratton Faxon Fairfield Half Marathon/5K Race. The foundation, in which John's wife, Amanda, will be actively involved, is an official sponsor of the race. The entire Prep community is heartened by the participation and support for these worthwhile causes, initiated by Fairfield Prep alumni.



Relay for Life Team (l-r): front row: Matt Flanagan '83, Bob Baptist '82, Tom Ryan '82, Chad Jacobs '82. Back row: Brendon Frey (cousin of Chad), Greg Burns '82, Matt Terry '82, Doug Tinkler '82 and Tom Farrelly '82.

## Milestones

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## Weddings

**Matthew D. Donovan '96** married Erica Rodriguez on November 11, 2008 in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. See photo page 28.

Ryan Fortuna married Gretchen Tucker on September 13, 2008. He is the son of **Robert J. Fortuna '75**.

**Jason Kyle '94** married Betsy on August 10, 2008 on the beach in Fairfield.

**James M. O'Leary '96** and Amber Stout were married on February 7, 2009 in Villanova, PA. Alumni that were part of the wedding

included **Louis M. Marino '95** and **Daniel R. O'Leary '93**.

**J. Peter Sarsgaard '89**, married Maggie Gyllenhaal on May 2, 2009.



## Births

**Bryan M. Conelius '96** and his wife welcomed their second child Benjamin, on June 14, 2008.

**Brian P. Connolly '98** and his wife Erica welcomed Shea Alexis Connolly on January 6, 2009.

**Richard F. Cummings '55** and his wife Angelica welcomed their sixteenth grandchild in October 2008.

**John M. Deigan '93** and his wife welcomed their first child Brendan Madden Deigan.

**Kenneth A. Dorosario MT-BC '93** and his wife Toni welcomed their daughter Riley on April 29, 2008.

**Charles H. Flynn '93** and his wife Erin welcomed their son Joseph Richard on May 2, 2009.

**Robert A. Law III '85** and his wife Sandy welcomed their son Kenneth on November 24, 2008.

**Christopher K. McKiernan '88** and his wife, Terri welcomed their third child, Colin Patrick on December 10, 2007. He has two older sisters Kearney and Quinn.

**Scott A. Nestor '91** and his wife, Shayna and their daughter Carley Rose welcomed their second child Chloe Alexandra on January 11, 2008.

**Jack Nicolet '87** and his wife Kim welcomed their daughter, London Grace, on May 28, 2009. London joins big brother Charles.

**John G. Phelan '84** and his wife Michelle welcomed their third child, Ann Patricia, on April 27, 2009. Ann has two older sisters.

**Matthew S. Sather '93** and his wife Ann Marie welcomed their daughter Mary Margaret on April 6, 2009.



## Faculty and Staff In Memoriam

Barbara Carrington passed away on May 27, 2009. She was the mother-in-law of Connie Carrington, Foreign Language Teacher at Fairfield Prep.

Paul Eagan on April 24, 2009. He was the brother of Rev. William J. Eagan, S.J., Theology Teacher at Fairfield Prep.

Thomas Shaughnessy on May 26, 2009. He was the brother of Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J.

Catherine Stern on May 15, 2009. She was the mother of Suzanne Tucci, Secretary in the Admissions Office.

## Congratulations

Kim Bernier, Secretary in the Guidance Office, welcomed a new granddaughter Kaelyn on August 1, 2008.

John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance and College Advising, welcomed a new grandson Jack Hamilton on November 7, 2008.

Marina Scherban, Mathematics Teacher and her husband Vitaly welcomed their daughter Alexandra Christina on May 7, 2009.

Delores Tema, Arts Teacher, welcomed a new grandson Neo Michael on February 15, 2009.

Patty Veno, Secretary to the Principal, welcomed a new grandson Patrick on August 5, 2008.

Barry Wallace, English Teacher, welcomed a new granddaughter Charlotte on December 1, 2008.

# Members of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2009 were accepted at these Colleges and Universities

University of Alaska Anchorage  
Albertus Magnus College  
Albright College  
Alfred University  
Allegheny College  
Assumption College  
University of Arizona  
Babson College  
Bentley University  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowling Green State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of British Columbia  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
Cambridge University  
Canisius College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Catholic University of America  
Central Connecticut State University  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
University of Chicago  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby Sawyer College  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
University of Dayton  
University of Delaware  
Denison University  
University of Denver  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Eastern Nazarene College  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
University of Florida  
Florida State University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Franklin Pierce University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Gonzaga University  
University of Hartford  
Hartwick College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University

College of the Holy Cross  
Howard University  
Indiana University  
Iona College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
John Jay School of Criminal Justice  
Keystone College  
Lafayette College  
LaSalle University  
Lehigh University  
LeMoyne College  
Loyola College of Maryland

Nichols College  
University of Notre Dame  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Pace University  
University of the Pacific  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Philadelphia University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Radford College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Springfield College  
University of the South  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
SUNY Geneseo  
Syracuse University  
University of Tampa  
Trinity College

## The Prep Class of 2009 "Busts Out"

A glance at the college choices of Prep Class of 2009 indicates the high level of achievement of this distinguished class. Their future college addresses indicate the outstanding level of personal growth and academic achievement gained over the past four years at Prep. In this respect they confidently join all of Prep's graduating classes as they venture forth to write the next chapters of their lives. However, a closer look at their colleges reveals the confidence and adventurous spirit of this unique class. They were encouraged to explore their talents at Prep and they did so with an energetic and optimistic spirit. In looking to their futures they were encouraged to seek colleges where they might boldly expand their talents and stretch their intellects, and they did so confidently. The results reveal the uniqueness of the Prep Class of 2009 as their college quest gained for them acceptances to colleges in thirty four states, Washington D.C., Canada and England. Their many acceptances were extraordinary and made for interesting choices. And now, as the members of the Prep class of 2009 prepare to pack up and begin their journeys, they will depart for colleges in twenty four states, in Washington D.C. and in England. Their "road trip" will form a huge circle embracing the Southeast, Southwest, Midwest, West, and Northeast, Mid Atlantic, New England, and of course, England. They leave Prep with confidence, ours and theirs, and as they leave they carry the seeds of their Prep experience with them. The confidence with which they venture forth to write their next chapter is a sound tribute to their efforts and a wonderful reflection on their spirit as the Prep Class of 2009 "busts out."

— John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Marshall University  
University of Maryland  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Massachusetts  
McGill University  
Merrimack College  
Miami University Ohio  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
University of Missouri  
Monmouth College  
University of Nevada Reno  
University of New England  
New England College  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
New York University

University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
Roanoke College  
Roger Williams University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
St. Anselm College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. John's University  
St. Joseph's University  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Leo University  
St. Louis University  
St. Michael's College  
St. Peter's College  
Salisbury University  
Salve Regina University  
University of San Diego  
San Diego State University  
Santa Clara University  
University of Scranton  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College

Trinity University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
University of Vermont  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic University  
Wake Forest University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Western Connecticut State University  
Western New England College  
Wheaton College  
Widener University  
Williams College  
University of Wisconsin Madison  
Wittenberg College  
Wright State University  
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## “A Night on the Town” at Alumni Hall

For the Prep 2009 Annual Spring Event, Alumni Hall was transformed into New York — the city that never sleeps, Chicago — our kind of town, and South Beach-Miami — with its Latin flair.

We thank Committee Chairs Colleen Bushby, Laura Harkawik and Lynn Hendrie who did an amazing job organizing a fantastic party. Prep alumni, parents and friends enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing in realistic cityscapes with food and drink illustrating the unique themes of the cities. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Prep Scholarship and Enrichment programs. The Prep Community thanks the many volunteers who devoted so many hours to make this a success.



## And the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle Winner Is...

Laura Harkawik P'10 excitedly claims her winning ticket at the annual Prep Spring Event held May 2 at Alumni Hall. Laura served as a committee chair for the Spring Event. Congratulations to this dedicated member of the Prep family!

