

Prep Today



Jesuits Win 2011 State Hockey Championship

State Runners-Up in Basketball, Swimming and Lacrosse

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Senior Ryan Charles Brennan, who passed away in February after a long and courageous battle with cancer, inspired his classmates to strengthen their faith in God; to live a life of service and caring; and to persevere through their toughest battles.



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Fairfield Prep,

Reflecting on another outstanding school year, I am amazed by the many accomplishments, joys and sorrows that our Prep community experienced. On June 5th, 198 fine young men joined the esteemed ranks of Prep alumni as they graduated in Alumni Hall. Various members of the Class of 1961 also attended to receive their golden 50th Anniversary diplomas, demonstrating those strong Prep bonds that originally began here. This issue highlights our recent graduates and their many achievements and awards, capping a remarkable year in academics, co-curriculars and athletics. Our active alumni, always supporting and contributing back to Prep, are also featured.

This was indeed a very tough year for the entire Prep community as we lost several important members. Senior Ryan Charles Brennan, who passed away in February after a long and courageous battle with cancer, inspired his classmates to strengthen their faith in God; to live a life of service and caring; and to persevere through their toughest battles. Throughout the championship hockey, basketball and lacrosse seasons, Prep fans cheered in memory of "RCB" and "One for Ryan." A scholarship in Ryan's memory has been generously established to expand the opportunity for future students to attend Prep.

We also lost our beloved Lou Saracco who died in May. Lou devoted his life to teaching at Fairfield Prep for 50 years, and will be remembered by generations of young men who were influenced by his intelligence and passion for history. He loved his students, and it was his wish that his estate be given to Fairfield Prep. The Lou Saracco Endowed Scholarship Fund was established at Lou's retirement, and will continue in his memory. In addition to Lou, we lost longtime teacher and administrator Manny Ondek, who served Prep for many years. And, we lost Mrs. Dana Duffy P'11,'13, who was a tireless volunteer on the Bellarmine Guild Board. It was certainly very consoling to witness how our Prep Community came together to honor these extraordinary people in attending their wakes and funerals.

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce the second recipient of our St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. Dr. James Roach, M.D., Class of 1950, has been selected to receive this award, which was established to recognize those graduates of Fairfield Prep who best exemplify the Jesuit ideals that Prep seeks to instill in its students. Jim will accept the award during the Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated with the entire student body in September. Jim truly is a Man for Others who lives a life of service to others, especially to those in need, following our Jesuit motto "ad maiorem Dei gloriam" "for the greater glory of God."

Ms. Maureen Bohan, Math Department Chair, was recognized for her dedicated service to Prep for the last 38 years. Maureen was nominated by her teaching colleagues to receive the first Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Teacher of the Year Award, which she received at our Easter Season Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Our enrollment continues to be strong, which you can read about in this issue. As we begin our 70th year in late August, we welcome the Class of 2015 who will begin their Prep journey. Since we award approximately \$2 million in financial aid every year, I am profoundly grateful for your continued, generous support of our Annual Fund. You are helping the families of many young men who otherwise may not have the opportunity to benefit from a Prep education.

Thank you so much for all that you have done to help make this past year another success on so many levels.

May these months of summer be richly blessed for you and your family!

Sincerely,

Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.

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President

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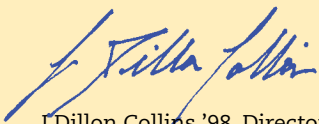
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Something for Everyone

With the Class of 2015 arriving at Fairfield Prep and the 70th academic year getting underway, we as alumni are especially proud of this milestone. While we remember classes in McAuliffe, Senior lounges and privileges, homerooms, teaching greats and memories that are unique to alums today, the future alumni are getting ready to make their own. Bohan, Jaffe and Szabs are ready with another lesson. St. Joe's and Prep could face off in another championship. Stairs will be climbed and JUGs handed out. As alumni, it is nice to know the foundation of the education and experience we received still exists.

Alumni have been gathering for events and coming back on campus in record numbers. Everything from hosting regional receptions to lectures on campus, from golf outings to reunions, and we certainly are not done yet. The calendar is filling up so mark www.fairfieldprep.org as a favorite in your browser. Whether it is service or social, academic or athletic, there is something for everyone. Just flipping through these 40 pages shows the Prep life is rich and full... and that will never die!



J Dillon Collins '98, Director of Alumni Relations



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This past year Fairfield Prep uploaded 48 videos on its new YouTube channel. Check out www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1. Prep also launched a general facebook page www.facebook.com/fairfieldprep and twitter page www.twitter.com/fairfieldprep with news items from our website homepage. Students, parents and friends are invited to become fans of our facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel and twitter updates.

Please note: Fairfield Prep Alumni maintains a separate facebook page for Alumni News. Go to www.facebook.com/fairfieldprepalumni.

Prep Pride Campus Store & Online Shopping will reopen August 23!

Prep Pride is a beautiful on-campus store near the school cafeteria in Berchmans Hall, featuring hundreds of Fairfield Prep items. The store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 AM to 3 PM. You may also shop online at www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride to purchase popular Prep Pride apparel, gifts and accessories. New items will be added on an ongoing basis, so check back often! We allow exchanges within 30 days on all merchandise, however, there are no refunds. All sale items are final sales.





The Championship Legacy Continues

Varsity Coach reflects on the season

By Matt Sather '93

For 12 seasons as the hockey coach at Fairfield Prep I'm always asked before a big game if I am nervous, excited, or even scared. Typically I shrug it off with, "It's just a high-school hockey game" or "I'm coaching, not playing."

This season, no one had to ask. Right before the puck dropped to kick off the Division I State Championship at Yale's Ingalls Rink, I turned to one of the other coaches and said, "I've never been so nervous in my entire life."

Author Henry James noted, "Deep experience is never peaceful." I knew this championship game was a very deep experience for the Fairfield Prep community. Three weeks before we had lost our brother, Ryan Brennan, and this game had taken on an almost cosmic

significance for the team and our school. My nerves were not for a championship but about navigating the emotions this day was sure to elicit.

Back in December the season opening was exciting. We were a young team with only five seniors on our roster but our early play was inspired. Through the first four games we had outscored our opponents 27-3. Our goaltending was strong, our defense was creative and tough, and our scoring was consistent. As we headed out into the post-Christmas blizzard to play in the Mount St. Charles Invitational Tournament in Rhode Island, everything was progressing nicely.

Then things shifted. We began playing our league schedule and as the games seemed to get tougher, the spirit ebbed. We continued to win, but we were not clicking on all cylinders.





solidified by the emotional outpouring of the previous week. On one hand, I sensed that the team appreciated a return to the normalcy and the sanctuary of practice. On the other hand, I saw a group of seniors who had learned how to handle their emotions and now wanted to use their new-found skill to rebuild the spirit of a brokenhearted school.

I felt this growth in the way the team went about practice, I heard it echoed in locker-room conversations, and I witnessed its results in the excited crowds that showed up to cheer at our state games.

True “Men for Others”

As our prospects of playing for the state championship became real, I worried that there would be an emotional crash at some point — maybe this was too much for a young team to handle. But consistently John Galiani, Bryan Puffer, Don Carnicky, David Griffin and Nick Downing (our seniors) gave of themselves and the emotional energy was there every night. They had learned to be true “Men for Others.”

As the state-championship game unfolded, I was most nervous for — and eventually proud of — the risks this team took in trusting each other, displaying their emotions and handling pressure. As they played their game to perfection, I heard their triumph and their suffering. Everything they had been through went into this game, and for a brief moment they carved out a space of light that none of us who were there that day will ever forget. I know the boys will never forget it either.

By Matt Sather '93,
English Chair and
Teacher, Varsity
Hockey Coach
(See hockey honors list
on page 22.)



And then it snowed ...
and it snowed ... and it snowed. Games were postponed, practices were cancelled. As January turned to February we struggled to find the continuity and energy of the early season.

Often, the most troubling circumstance for a coach to navigate is seeing the need for improvement during a winning streak. I knew we were not clicking perfectly, but in the midst of this identity crisis we had won eight in a row.

The wake-up call came Senior Day at the Wonderland of Ice. A scrappy Notre Dame of West Haven team, led by a dynamic goalie, handed us our first loss in six weeks. I was happy that we now had some inspiration for improvement.

Before our next game, we spoke as a team about being “Men for Others” in an athletic context. We spoke passionately about our goals and what it meant to “give” as an athlete and as a teammate. I could sense a renewed passion in the locker-room that night. This team wanted to give to each other, and was beginning to understand what that really meant. We won that night,

and two nights later we took down Catholic Memorial from Boston. We were on a roll again, and I was optimistic.

The heartbreaking news

Then came one of the hardest days I have had to endure as an educator. Right before we were about to leave Prep for practice, we all learned of Ryan Brennan’s passing over the school intercom. I rushed to the rink, wanting to make sure that I caught up with any players who had last period free and had missed the announcement. I gathered the seniors and asked them if they wanted to practice that day. They somberly agreed that a short skate would be good, but that time with family and friends was most on their minds. For the rest of the week, practices were cancelled, team functions curtailed as we honored the services for Ryan. We were all on an exhausting emotional roller-coaster, and I had no idea what was left in my players’ hearts and minds.

When we returned to our normal activities the next week, my questions were quickly answered. The progress we had made toward the end of the season was





We leave as men of Fairfield Prep—confident and ready

By Connor Ryan '11

There is something to be said about the overwhelming feeling you get as you walk out of Alumni Hall with a Fairfield Prep diploma in hand, brimming with confidence and ready to take on the world. The sense of accomplishment is breathtaking and the uncertainty of the future is exhilarating—it's a defining moment. It is a moment you will look back on and, eventually, wish to relive.

Students were to congregate in the RecPlex (adjacent to Alumni Hall) around 9 a.m. on June 5, 2011. I got there at 9:15. Suddenly my perfectly white tux was just another one in a sea of anxious and excited graduates-to-be. Everyone was fixing boutonnieres and talking about after-parties. I talked to a few friends who were excited to be graduating, but anxious because they had forgotten where they were supposed to sit. To be honest, I didn't want the conversations to end. I knew it would be the last we would have as students of Fairfield Prep.

The all-too-familiar sound of Mr. Brennan's piercing whistle interrupted the chatter and everyone shuffled into line. After a few adjustments we were set and it was time to move into yet another much more filled gym. My bow tie was too tight and my pants too short, but as soon as my feet touched the glossy floor of Alumni Hall I took a deep breath and all of it melted away.

All I could see were the flashes of cameras and smiling faces. The faces of relieved parents, proud siblings, loving grandparents, loyal aunts and admiring underclassmen filled the bleachers. And while I think it may be tough for some to admit, it was those people who got us through the last four years. Through joys and sorrows, successes and failures, much changed, but those faces never did. I suddenly



Mr. Tom Brennan received the diploma in memory of his son Ryan Brennan.





realized in that moment of entrance, how truly blessed I was.

Fr. Hanwell, S.J., kicked off the ceremony and introduced the Class of 1961. To illustrate how different life was fifty years ago, Fr. Hanwell, S.J., rose to the occasion when he sang, impersonated a number of television stars and supplied the "1961 definition" to a few frequently used words (like "boss" and "ape"). The crowd applauded the impressive introduction. Afterwards, the class came forward to receive their golden diplomas and I couldn't help but think about – strangely enough – the future. What will I be doing in fifty years? Admittedly, in the midst of all of the uncertainties and questions it's nice to know that in fifty years, no matter what happens, Fairfield Prep will open its doors and welcome us once again.

The highlight of the graduation for me was Max Rein's emotional, but optimistic farewell address. Through a unique delivery that included sung lyrics from Rod Stewart's hit "Forever Young," the speech touched upon achievement, unity, and perseverance through sorrow. Max made clear that despite the physical absence of our late brother, Ryan Brennan, his spirit was a big part of the day and of our lives. I couldn't help but look at the jersey that draped over the chair that would have been Ryan's and tear up.

Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., was up next and despite having a very difficult act to follow,

delivered an entertaining, but very spot-on Commencement Address. Fr. Allen, S.J., asked the graduates to harness their gifts, find valuable companionship and grasp the "supernatural." I found myself laughing at the candor of Fr. Allen's speech and amazed by the wise advice.

Now there was only one more thing to do – graduate. Finally, it was my turn on stage. I flashed back through key memories formed at Prep and made the realization – I was so lucky to have been provided the opportunity to spend my high school years on North Benson Road. I walked, without tripping or stuttering, to meet Fr. Hanwell, S.J., at center stage where he shook my hand and handed me the summation of my high school career.

We entered Alumni Hall as students – unsure and, perhaps, nervous, but we left as men of Fairfield Prep – confident and ready to take on whatever challenge lay ahead, confident that we will stay "forever young."

Connor Ryan '11, shown at right with parents. At the Baccalaureate Mass, Connor was awarded the Rev. Mateo Ricci, S.J., Academic Award for Theatre and The Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., Award as Editor of *Soundings* student newspaper.



THE FAIRFIELD PREP LEGACY LIVES ON!



Alumni fathers and graduating Senior sons gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on June 2 for a group photo. Pictured above:

- Steve '80 and Brian Bennett
- Jim '75 and Kyle Forgette

- Bill '79 and Ryan Gardella
- Tom '80 and Billy Gaughan
- Bob '70 and Andrew Genuario
- Kevin '75 and Brian Golger
- Ken '79 and Nick Hoin

- Traug '78 and Traug Keller
- Charlie '80 and Tyler Lomnitzer
- Tom '73 and Connor Shea
- Matt '82 and James Terry
- Todd '81 and Evan Tuozzoli

EXCERPTS FROM OUR SPEAKERS

WELCOME ADDRESS:

Jesus Fequiere, Class President



Today, you join the Class of 2011 in embracing the future and what it has in store for us while remembering our time spent here at Prep. It is at Fairfield Prep where you have seen us mature

into the young men we have become today. It is at Fairfield Prep where we have seen ourselves develop into "men for others."

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:

Reverend Charles Allen, S.J.

Executive Assistant to the President of Fairfield University

This leads me to the final gift which Prep and its Catholic, Jesuit education has given you and that is an understanding of the supernatural. From men and women like Fr. Shaughnessy, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Eagan, Mr. Stockdale, Mr. Gualtiere, and the other members of the Theology Department you have been given an understanding of life which does not end with the grave, and an understanding of success which does not end with one's personal gain.

If you are to be "men for others" it is because you are well aware of a supernatural order permeated by God's love for each one of us and a sense of responsibility for one's fellow men and women.



COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Sean Keane with Fr. John Hanwell, S.J.

The St. Edmund Campion, S.J. Award:
Honors that senior who has demonstrated an enthusiastic quest for academic excellence which leads him to explore the possibilities of self, faith, goodness and justice in the world.

Connor E. Byrne
(Amherst College)

The St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award:
Honors that student who by his choices and his actions has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered throughout his four years at Prep.

Charles J. Donohue
(Gettysburg College)

The St. John Berchmans, S.J. Award:
Honors that senior whose faith has led him to become a man of conscience, compassion and action in service of others for the greater glory of God.

Sean A. Keane
(Boston College)

The Reverend Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Award:
Honors that senior whose vitality of faith frees him to be a "Man-for-Others."

Phillip M. Morris
(University of Alabama)

The St. Peter Claver, S.J. Award:
Honors that senior who has distinguished himself by his leadership and his commitment to the preferential option for the poor.

Michael D. Noone
(College of the Holy Cross)

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.

Maxwell E. Rein
(Georgetown University)

TOM SHEA '73 — TEACHER, COACH AND ALUMNUS

Class of 2011 Selects Most Inspirational Teacher

As the Class of 2011 moves on from Fairfield Prep to pursue their dreams, their praises are sung by many. Fr. Hanwell, S.J., Dr. Perrotta, the faculty, and the members of the Prep community have all mentioned the high level of maturity shown by this class. The list of accomplishments is one of distinction and is an ongoing process. One example that adds to the exemplary reputation of the Class of 2011 was the choice of Tom Shea as the Inspirational Teacher of the Year.

I first met Tom Shea when I came to Prep six years ago to join Coach Magdon's football staff. Tom was a member of that staff, very knowledgeable about the game and enthusiastic in his coaching. When I joined the English department, I found Tom's approach to teaching very similar to his coaching philosophy. Professional at all times, Tom created sophisticated learning units, introduced technology into his classroom and set high expectations for his students. After graduating from Harvard University, Tom had a very successful business career. Armed with his business model, Tom entered the world of education. With an approach centered on problem solving and productivity he challenges and stimulates his students. It is no wonder that Tom has built such a rapport with his students and that they enjoy his classes so much. In short, Tom is a man of integrity whose main concern is to guide his students to a path of success. His determination and competitive spirit are infectious and appreciated by his students.

Above all else Tom Shea is a Prepster. He believes in the Jesuit tradition and would like to see other young men benefit from the experiences that he had at Prep. Tom graduated from Prep in 1973. His son Brendan is a member of the Class of 2008, and Conor is a member of the Class of 2011. It is this life-long connection to Prep that creates the pride that Tom has for his alma mater which is recognized by his students and others. He has a burning desire to keep the history and traditions of Prep alive. Whether it is a trip to Appalachia, mentoring the Business Club



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To this end, Tom has recently become the head football coach at Prep with the sole purpose of restoring the traditions of this storied program. The job is difficult. Taking a team that had gone without a win the previous year, Tom's first year improved with a 3-7 record. Being no less demanding of himself than he is of his students, Tom would only concede that the year was modestly successful. But the record did not tell the whole story. The 2010 football team was very competitive, and a new attitude was apparent to all that watched the team play. The "word" around the league was that Prep was back and ready to play. There was no doubt that Tom had begun to restore the pride to this program. And there is no doubt that Tom will continue to motivate his players until they reach a level that we can all be proud of at Prep.

Fairfield Prep is a very special school. The number of graduates that are a part of the faculty is a testimony to that fact. All of these men exhibit a dedication and love for the school that is remarkable. Prep is fortunate to have these men and they are especially fortunate to have a man of Tom's character. The love that Tom Shea has for this community is easily seen; and it is a credit to the student body that they recognize and acknowledge his efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that the Class of 2011 made an excellent choice when they chose Tom Shea as the Inspirational Teacher of the Year.



By Charlie DiCenso, English teacher and Assistant Football Coach

Eagle Scouts Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2011 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.



Oliver Ayer
Wes Barlow
Hayden Collins
Bill Firisin
Sean Keane
Traug Keller

Sean McGuinness
James O'Brien
Andrew Passarelli
Brian Quigley
James Shafer

Fornshell and Rein honored as SCC Scholar Leaders

The 2011 Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Leader recognition banquet was held on March 28 in New Haven. Seniors **Matt**



Fornshell and **Max Rein** were recognized among forty-four outstanding students from the Southern Connecticut Conference who demonstrated outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective school and external communities. L-r: Max Rein, Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, and Matt Fornshell.



Byrne is National Merit Finalist

Connor Byrne has been named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Other commended seniors: **William Firisin**, **Sean McGuinness**, **Paul Yang**, **Tyler Agostino**, **Kirk Mahoney**, **James Shafer**, **Jack Gibson**, **Sean Welch**, **Christopher Hughes**, **Nicholas Hilton**, **Brendan Doran** and **Brian Quigley**.

Morris honored as Boy of the Year

Phil Morris has been selected as the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Boy of the Year. This is the most prestigious honor at a Boys & Girls Club.

Other finalists for the Youth of the Year competition this year from Prep included seniors **Andrew Mellinger**, **Tom McCauley** and **John Guzzi**.



Rotary Club Honors Top Ten Seniors

The annual Fairfield Rotary Club Student Recognition Luncheon was held on May. The Top Ten Prep Seniors were recognized with students from other Fairfield schools. The honored Prep Seniors are shown front row from left: **Nicholas Hilton**, **Taewoo Lee**, **Michael Ownes**, **Matthew Fornshell**, **Dean Duffy**, **James O'Brien**, **Connor Byrne**, **Maxwell Rein**, **Andrew Passarelli**, and **Michael Del Spina** (not pictured).

New USMA Cadet

Bill Firisin received his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He also received the Western Connecticut Military Officer's Association Young American Award, pictured with Prep alum Lt. Col. John Simonetti, USAF (Ret) '75.



Special Scholarships and Honors



C. Bilcheck



T. Czarnowski

Cody Bilcheck – Gymnastic Slovak Sokol Scholarship

Tomasz Czarnowski – Chester Lapinski Educational Trust Scholarship

Matt D'Ambrisi – CSS/CIAC Scholar Athlete and News12 Scholar Athlete

Thomas McCauley – Kiwanis Scholarship

James O'Brien – Daughters of the American Revolution Award

Andrew Passarelli – GE Star Award

Jamal Powell – Fairfield Center Community Foundation/Chiota Family Scholarship and Fairfield Rotary Foundation/Service Above Self Scholarship

James Romanelli – H. Smith Richardson Golf Club Scholarship

Conor Shea – National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete

Will Watson – Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship



M. D'Ambrisi



T. McCauley



J. O'Brien



A. Passarelli



J. Powell



J. Romanelli



C. Shea



W. Watson

Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors Awards

The Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors awarded \$1,000 scholarships to **Nick Hilton** and **Brian Golger** in recognition of their academic achievement and extracurricular record. L-r: Nick Hilton, Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, and Brian Golger.



Taken from the “Senior Farewell Address” by Maxwell Rein

Max’s speech included his performance of the song “Forever Young.”

Who among you has said or thought at least once in the last 24 hours, “Where did the last four years go?” Did time really slip by that fast?

Funny thing about TIME... we all perceive it differently... what we do with it... how we measure it... how we try to get the most out of it and sometimes, how we run out of it.

Is there ever really enough time? Whether we are racing to make it to school on time, or watching the clock waiting for Mr. Brennan’s announcement to start class on time. Time to study. Never enough time to just hang out. Time for practice. How much time do we have before this homework assignment is due? How much time left in the game? How much longer till we graduate?

*May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam.
And may sunshine and happiness surround us when we’re far from home.*

Just think about all the times we have shared since we all began our journey known as “school.”

In 2001 — in third grade — America became the victim of a brutal and horrific terrorist attack that forever changed our lives. The man who initiated these attacks, Osama bin Laden, was killed this year.

By eighth grade, we were the BIG MEN ON CAMPUS in grade school only to be quickly moved down the food chain when we started out our first year at Prep as lowly freshmen.

Today we are the Graduating Class of 2011 and once again, the BIG MEN ON CAMPUS, about to leave our school where we have spent the last four years. Today marks just the beginning of a whole new journey in our lives.

And may we grow to be proud, dignified, and true, and do unto others as you’d have done to you.

You know, we have had a lot of great times here at Prep. Let’s give a shout out to the state champion hockey team players as well as the basketball team who also led us to the state finals. And the many other similar achievements made academically, athletically, and artistically, both individually and collectively, are far too many to mention here.

On a different note, we are 198 fine young men seated in this hall today about to receive our diplomas, but make no mistake about it; we are most definitely a class of 199. Many of us are wearing a pin in memory of RCB, Ryan Charles Brennan, who I think we can all feel, is right here with us today. He will forever be our Prep brother and friend. Ryan your time with us was just too short, but your example, courage and challenges showed us all how to make the most of our own lives and to never give up. Ryan, you are missed, but will never be forgotten.

Be courageous and be brave and in our hearts you’ll always stay forever young, forever young, forever young, forever young.



We owe our teachers, our faculty and administration, coaches and staff a great deal of thanks for everything they have done. Thank you to all who make Prep the outstanding school it is, and of course thank you Mrs. Keltos for those 5:00 a.m. phone calls telling us yet again we have another snow day.

We also must thank our parents and family. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this incredible journey we have shared at Fairfield Prep. Thanks for being there to drive us back and forth to every practice, for getting involved in a variety of Prep committees, for coming

to our games, plays, concerts and other activities. Thank you for all the “gas” money and for your patience on all those snow days! But in all seriousness, thank you parents for making this moment possible. We love you.

So in just a matter of time we will become alumni of Fairfield Prep and join the ranks of the classes that went before us.

Our future is like a wide-open sports field. What it really comes down to is, will we get in the game or sit on the benches? Will we be able to throw the ball when the time comes, or catch it and run the distance? How many goals will we be able to score? Will we be able to pick ourselves up after a defeat and be ready to start over again? What will we do with the time we have in our lives? Who will “WE” become... what will “WE” accomplish? And will we remember to recognize all the blessings we have gained, and unselfishly give something back, paying it forward to someone else.

May good fortune be with us. May our guiding light be strong. Build a stairway to heaven with a prince or a vagabond.

What I do know is wherever we go and whatever we do — our time at Fairfield Prep will always be a “special” time in our lives and we are forever grateful for how it has prepared us for what lies ahead.

Starting today, let’s remember to live each day to the max, to be all we can be, to respect ourselves and others, to never let go of that sense of youthful wonder and to always make a difference wherever and whenever we can.

Many of us will be packing up the car with excitement, and a little hesitation as we head off to college and beyond.

Like the driving test that all of us have taken at least once, we will put the car in drive and move forward... but we will also need to check the rearview mirror once in awhile and remember where we came from.

We, the Class of 2011, have friends and memories that we will keep forever — and from our journey as teenagers, just like Ryan, we should make a pledge to stay forever young.

And when we finally fly away we’ll be hoping that we served us well. For all the wisdom of a lifetime no one can ever tell. But whatever road we choose Prep’s right behind us — win or lose — forever young, forever young, forever young, forever young.

A remarkably full life that ended too soon

By Patricia A. Hines, *Fairfield Citizen News*
and *Fairfield Citizen News Online*, 3/9/2011

Ryan Brennan had a gift. The Fairfield College Preparatory School senior had a knack for drawing people to him — by and large, on his own volition. His schoolmate, Nick Piro of Norwalk, remembers the first day of his freshman year in theology class when Ryan sat next to him and simply asked, “What’s your name?” That one question was the beginning of their friendship.

People were important to Ryan, say his friends, who probably number in the hundreds, based on an interview with Prep seniors Nick Piro, Phil Morris of Southport and Sean Keane of Fairfield, who was Ryan’s best friend. The threesome sat down to talk about their friend, who died Feb. 28 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Pediatric Cancer Care Center in New York City after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 18, the son of Tom and Dale Brennan; the youngest brother of Jodie Delach, Michael Brennan, Danielle Bartlett and Alexandra Kragen, and uncle to several nieces and nephews.

But his “family” was far larger than that, and extended to Fairfield Prep, which rallied around Ryan and the Brennans from the moment he was diagnosed, and to the community at large. Sean had known Ryan since they were in kindergarten at St. Thomas School, but became his friend in second grade. “We became fast friends,” Sean says with a smile. He adds, though, they sometimes wound up getting into arguments, but always made up and all was forgiven so they could go on to their next adventure.

Among those adventures were trips to Disney World, the Bahamas and Vermont — sometimes sightseeing, sometimes just hanging out, sometimes snowboarding — a passion of Ryan’s and his friends. Skateboarding at the park at Jennings Beach, too, was a favorite pastime. One of Sean’s fondest memories is the time he, Ryan and Ryan’s father went on a one-week “roller coaster road trip” in a rented RV the summer after sixth grade. “We went to six or seven in a week,” he says, including Cedar Point in Ohio, which is considered the roller coaster capital



of the world. “Ryan and I loved roller coasters. He was a nut about them. He would spend like almost an hour a day watching videos of roller coasters,” says Sean, who gave one of the eulogies at the funeral Mass on March 4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, attended by hundreds of mourners.

Nick says that Ryan was his “first legit friend at Prep. I was pretty shy freshman year because I didn’t know

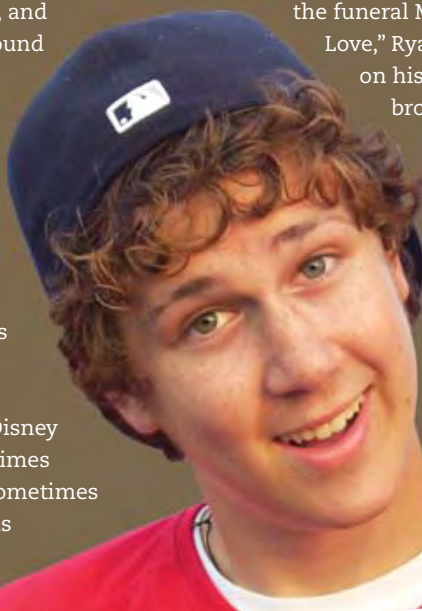
anybody, except a few kids from Norwalk. He brought me into a little group of friends that he knew.” Shyness was not part of Ryan’s personality. “He didn’t know the meaning of the word,” says Sean.

And Phil has a similar story. He and another buddy were among Ryan’s first friends in freshman year. “Ryan came up to me in the hallway, and before I even knew him, he was like, ‘Yeah, I hear you are staying over at my house tonight.’ ‘I guess I am.’ I was friends with him since then ... He gave us so much hospitality at his house. It was always the place we could go.”

Ryan’s interests were vast. One of his obsessions was music, all kinds of music, but Bob Marley was at the top of his list. At the funeral Mass, the recessional hymn was Marley’s “One Love,” Ryan’s favorite song. “The song was his ring tone on his phone,” Sean says. Phil adds, “He got mad at his brother when he made it his ring tone, too.”

“He was always singing,” Nick adds, even when he was weak from his cancer treatment, and he knew the lyrics to all the songs.

For Spanish teacher Melissa Laguzza, she too was taken by Ryan’s people skills, which were “phenomenal ... he could get the boys to share.” And how he did that, she says, was with his infamous storytelling. Sometimes his stories would go on and on, and once in a while have no point, but he kept his audience in rapt attention. Ryan was “a kid who constantly glowed,” she says. “A lot of people lost someone amazing.”



His life was cut way too short," she says. When she recounts his fight against cancer and how he conducted himself, she says, "It takes a strong person to deal with what he dealt with. And he did it with grace." She pauses a moment, looking for a way to sum up her connection to Ryan and Ryan's connection to others. With a smile, she says, "He reminded me of why I came into this profession."

The affection Ryan had for his friends and family was returned when he was diagnosed with cancer, underwent treatment and was hospitalized various times. "Through everything," says Sean, "he continued with his positive attitude and did not let cancer change that."

The outpouring of support even astonished those at Sloan-Kettering. The staff at the cancer center told his family that "they had never seen so many visitors ... He never wanted to be alone," Sean says. And Nick says the support helped him through some tough times. "His face would light up when visitors came by. Even if you were there for 20 minutes, it would make his day."

Elliott Gualtiere, the director of campus ministry at Prep, helped organize two blood drives in 2009 and 2010 and went to Sloan-Kettering to donate it, transporting the donors to the cancer center, then visiting Ryan.

Gualtiere, a cancer survivor, is among those who found inspiration and strength from Ryan's fight. When Gualtiere was diagnosed with thyroid cancer last year, Ryan — who he called an "eternal optimist" — helped him to put it into perspective. Ryan's battle with cancer, he says, didn't change who he was. "It highlighted him even more, what type of person he was. He made other people feel better about themselves. And in some strange way, he was able to touch more people because of this." To help the Prep community work through its grief, "we turn to our faith," says the Rev. Larry Ryan, S.J., the Prep chaplain who concelebrated the funeral Mass and was the homilist. The Masses of healing and hope, he says, throughout the two years were well attended by students, parents and his family. "It was a wonderful time for his parents, his siblings, his adult friends to come in contact with so many of Ryan's friends here at the school in worship and prayer and love."

He adds, "For me, one of the most extraordinary things about Ryan was that no matter what level of pain or distraction he had with his illness, when you would come, again it was that whole nature of him to put himself out to the people who were around him, that he really felt it his responsibility to make people around him happy, even in those difficult times."

In addition, the school gathered donations for Sloan-Kettering's Children's Joy Fund through weekly collections. The funds raised helped to make the children and their



Ryan Charles Brennan Memorial Scholarship

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families feel good, says Gualtiere, by purchasing video games, movies or snacks.

Ryan inspired Sean to start collecting and donating beanies and baseball caps to pediatric patients at Sloan-Kettering and Bridgeport and Norwalk hospitals as part of his Eagle Scout project. The collection started when Ryan was given beanies to wear before his chemotherapy started. The hats, says Sean, make the pediatric patients "feel like normal kids" after they start losing their hair.

Their solidarity with Ryan even went so far as to have their heads shaved, through participation in the St. Baldrick's Foundation. "For a two-year stretch, the only time I got my hair cut was when I was shaving my head," Sean says with a laugh.

One of the largest support efforts, in addition to a Facebook page, is "Just Beat It" — a rallying cry of Ryan's that was turned into a team of the same name for Relay for Life. A cousin and brother-in-law of Ryan's designed T-shirts, bracelets and banners, all displaying a yellow ribbon and the words "Just Beat It." The banners hung outside the Brennan home as well as at Prep. The T-shirts were sold to kids at school and around town with the money raised going to Sloan-Kettering. And Ryan was named the honorary chairman of this year's Fairfield Relay, which takes place June 4 at Fairfield Ludlowe High School.

He gave a speech at the kickoff about three weeks ago. Relay for Life celebrates the lives of people who have fought cancer and remember those who have died. At the overnight event, at least one team member has to be on the track at all times. The money raised goes to the American Cancer Society.

The Just Beat It team, in its second year, raised \$3,000 in 2010. Its goal this year is \$5,000, and it is more than halfway there. In fact, it is the top-raising team with almost \$3,000.

Additionally, the Ryan Charles Brennan Memorial Scholarship was established by the family. According to Colleen Adams, director of communications, "We think it is going to be a very nice tribute to his memory and will be a permanent scholarship at Fairfield Prep."





An Activity-Packed Reunion Weekend for 1961 Jubilarians



The Class of 1961 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend, beginning with a golf outing at Brooklawn Country Club and welcome reception at Fairfield Beach Club on Friday, and a breakfast and presentation at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., President, and concelebrant/homilist Rev. Paul Holland, S.J., Rector of Fairfield University. All enjoyed a delicious lobster bake dinner under a tent in Kartovsky Quad. Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and Prep's 69th Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1961 processed with the Class of 2011, and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with their classmates.



You did prevail these fifty years on what Prep taught you, and you are here today to prove it. I am confident that what you learned at Prep, and the friendships you shared, prepared you for the half century that followed, and I am thankful that today we all can share this wonderful milestone in your lives. Truly you have served Fairfield Prep incredibly well.

Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., from the Presentation of the Class of 1961

Prep Admissions Are On a Roll

At Fairfield Prep the admissions operation is assigned to the Office of Enrollment & Marketing, where responsibility for financial aid, visual identity, branding, and advertising also resides. As the dean in charge of this office, I frequently receive inquiries from interested parties (especially from my fellow alumni) about the state of admissions.

Persons with a connection of any sort to Prep became particularly concerned about this topic during the recent recession, and understandably so since so many private schools experienced a decline in applications for admission and simultaneously an increase in financial need among applicants and continuing students. Consequently for a period I often found myself having to dispel those concerns. And dispel them I can readily



do, for we at Prep have been extraordinarily fortunate to have encountered no discernible negative impact of the economic downturn on our admissions operation.

(Not surprisingly, it is simultaneously true that we have witnessed a substantial increase in applications for financial aid from among our applicants and continuing students. Although that is a subject for another article, I can say that our generous financial aid program has

helped many families send their sons to Prep in these difficult times.)

Several statistical points will suffice to show the health of Prep admissions. In terms of the total number of applicants for each incoming freshman class, four of the five highest totals over the last fifteen years have occurred over the last four years. In fact, we had a record high number of applicants to the class of 2015; 237 freshmen will enter in the fall.

We have also done well with our diversity initiative. In the mid-nineties we embarked on a mission to increase the representation of students of color at Prep, and we have made great strides. The student body in the 1996-1997 school year was 92% white and 8% students of color, while the class of 2015 is 81% white and 19% students of color.

Why do students come to Prep? On the admission application, we do ask an applicant to explain his reasons for wanting to apply, and we ask his parents to do the same. Below is a sampling of responses we received from enrolled members of the class of 2015 and their parents.

By Greg Marshall '73, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing, pictured with new freshmen wearing Prep caps at their Park City Prep graduation in Bridgeport.

EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO APPLY TO FAIRFIELD PREP...

FROM STUDENTS:

- *I liked the teachers I met at the Open House and on my shadow day. I enjoyed the classes that I sat in on, especially the science class where the snake ate the mouse after three tries.*
- *I have watched your video many times, and I feel that I fit in the learning environment at Prep.*
- *I would enjoy being in the Bomb Squad since people say I have a loud voice and a strong spirit. I think I would fit in perfectly.*
- *At Open House I was greeted by many excited Prep students. This left a good impression of what my classmates will be like: friendly, accepting, and smart.*

FROM PARENTS:

- *He sets extremely high goals for himself, including his commitment to attend Fairfield Prep, the best high school in the State.*
- *I feel strongly that its faculty, students and coaches will challenge and inspire him to be a better student, athlete, leader and member of a diverse community.*
- *A strong moral compass is lacking in many people these days. Our son would benefit greatly from the spiritual environment at Prep.*
- *While we think that the public high school would provide a very good education, we think that Fairfield Prep would provide a superior high school experience.*



CHANGING THE WORLD AND OURSELVES

Fairfield Prep has been taking students to Duran, Ecuador for over a decade, not to work for the Ecuadorian people, but with them. In 2010, Tom Sacerdote and I brought the first delegation of students to the small village of Tierra Blanca in El Salvador. Our global trips to Ecuador and El Salvador allow our students to see how less fortunate people in the world live by fully immersing themselves in their society. Our students eat, work and do their best to speak the language. These two trips have impacted our students in ways that only they can describe.

These reflections are the words of only two of the hundreds of students whose lives have been touched by our global mission trips throughout the years at Fairfield Prep.

By Jonathan DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service
Mr. DeRosa is pictured here with a young friend in Ecuador.



Excerpts from reflection by
Daniel Sanchez '12, Ecuador 2011



My greedy life of eating big meals every day and having an elite education turned into a life filled with tuna fish, sweat, and simplicity. Each night I would stare out into the dully-lit streets and imagine what my life would be like if I lived here. Would I be happier? Even though they had so little possessions they were happy — however we shouldn't let this image fool us. These people need help from us who are more fortunate. On the other hand, we need help from these people — who showed me kindness knowing I was uncomfortable in this foreign place...

Excitement and joy spread on Alexander's face when I entered the garage gate — for I was his favorite. I would read him *Cat in the Hat*, and he vice versa in Spanish. He looked at me after the book and sternly asked if I was going to come back. I told him I didn't know. I really didn't know. I thought about what he had asked me for a couple nights, and I didn't know whether I'd go or not, but I would do all I could in trying to give back; becoming the shimmering beacon of light that shines in darkness.



ECUADOR

Excerpts from reflection by Ben Brown '12, El Salvador 2011



I remember climbing into the bed of a white pickup truck, and venturing out to the surrounding villages. As I approached the first house (I use the term “house” loosely because though it was their home, most Americans would not consider sheet metal and a few pieces of plywood a “home”) owned by Juan and Maria, I got a first glimpse at the heart and soul of El Salvador. Juan worked in a sugar cane co-op field but only made four dollars a day. What struck me was his comfort in expressing his daily wages, and the ease of which he was able to convey the misery of his life with an exuberant smile and contempt.

The subsequent house was similar to the first visit; however, the people we met were kids our age and slightly older. They told us of the hardships of getting an education. The school they used to attend in their village was crushed by the earthquake, and they now are forced to travel 25-45 minutes walking to get to a school which most of them cannot afford. This is the first time I can remember forming a bridge between my life in America and the life of someone from El Salvador. This moment became the catalyst for all subsequent insights throughout the remainder of the week.

In the next few days, Sister Elena said something that made one last impression that I will hold onto forever, and in my opinion, is the theme of my trip. Sister said, “What is it that makes us profound?” A puzzling question to say the least, but I took a chance and answered, “Each other.” Without each other we have no reason to change, no will to do “good” and no feeling of self worth. Our depth is a direct result of our moral conscience taking over, and forcing us to always adapt, always learn, and always help out a friend or stranger in need.

On the last night I wrote, “My mind tells me it’s time to go home, but my heart tells me I’m already there. I cannot find the strength to say goodbye to my family. I love them now, and to wave goodbye tomorrow will be crushing. I dread the first week of my return, where I will wake up and realize I won’t see Elena’s smile, or Rosie’s laugh, or Chamba’s high-fives. And that deep, sinking feeling of knowing that while I enjoy my day, people I know by name and by heart are toiling for four dollars a day and just barely surviving.”



EL SALVADOR



Christian Leadership as a Way of Life

For the last six summers the Campus Ministry Office has sponsored a series of Christian Leadership retreats and workshops. Their focus has been to identify what leadership is and how to apply leadership skills to everyday life. Students spend time in dialogue with their peers and there is an opportunity for individual reflection on their own personal leadership style. Skill development activities include giving a witness talk, facilitating small groups, and planning effective meetings. We introduce the students to Christian Leadership using Jesus' life as the model. Jesus' leadership style is service-oriented — putting others' needs before your own. We also introduce the students to the Jesuit Leadership Model given to us by Chris Lowney (*Heroic Leadership*, 2003), which has four pillars — self-awareness, love, heroism, and ingenuity.

The goal of these retreats is to get our students to think of leadership as a way of life. It is more than being a retreat leader, sports team captain, club president or student government member. It is about being a leader in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, workplace and at home. Leadership does not have an on/off switch we flip when it suits us. It is part of our identity and what sets us apart as “men for others.”

Throughout the year, the Campus Ministry Student Board (leadership group) meets Mondays after school but the ministry staff is available to support the students' needs on a daily basis.



By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry. Elliott has been in this position for six years and is the first lay director at Prep.

Research studies SEED and diversity experiences

On March 28, Rob Simmons, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education at Loyola University Maryland, visited Prep to interview our students for a book he is writing about African American males in Jesuit high schools. The qualitative study will follow students from freshman through senior years, learning about the students' formation and transformation as high school students in a Jesuit educational environment. Fairfield Prep's SEED diversity program was the first to be started in the nation, and has been used as a model at other schools around the country. Pictured back l-r: **Cameron Dickey '12, Serge Jean-Baptiste '12, Justin Thompson '11, and Jesus Fequiere '11.** Front: **Cory McCalla '11, Rob Simmons, George Hibbert '11, and Sam Anim '11.**



Student Happenings



Squires Welcome 28 New Members

The Rev. Donald M. Barry, S.J. Columbian Squires Circle held its second investiture ceremony on May 18. The twenty-eight new members inducted that day into the Fairfield Prep Circle constitute the single largest Squires investiture ever held in the state of Connecticut. Under the leadership of brother Knights **Mr. Brett Stockdale, S.J.** and **Mr. Corey Dennis**, Prep theology teacher, the Prep Circle has experienced phenomenal growth. The Squires are a faith-based service organization for Catholic boys and are operated under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

Ryan a Four-time Science Fair Finalist

Congratulations to Sophomore **Kyle Ryan** for his achievements at the 2011 Connecticut Science Fair at Quinnipiac University. Kyle earned awards in three categories where he was a Finalist: Future Sustainability, Engineering, and Computer Science. He won a special honors award from Northeast Utilities for Environmental Management. Kyle placed 1st in the High School Energy category – earning him and an advisor an all-expenses paid trip to an International competition in Upstate New York this summer.



Kyle was recognized with a plaque by Science Fair Director, Mr. Bob Wisner, for being a Finalist for the last four years from 2008 – 2011. Kyle's sponsor for the Science Fair was his science teacher **Mrs. Jane O'Reilly**, pictured above with Kyle and **Dr. Robert Perrotta**, Principal.



Raising Funds for Wounded Soldiers

The Prep Community raised almost \$4,000 to get faculty and staff members to shave their facial hair! **Patrick Benedosso '11** organized the Shave-A-Thon held in the cafeteria on March 2. Pat is the brother of **1st Lt. Michael Benedosso '03**, and Capt. Anthony Benedosso, who are presently on active duty in the United States Army. Anthony and Pat are raising funds to start a SCUBA program to rehabilitate the wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Pictured l-r, front: **Anthony Doto, John Brennan, Christian Cashman, Brian Lewis**. Back: **Bob Ford Jr., Tom Cunningham, Tony Canuel, John Szablewicz, Matt Tellis** and **Jon DeRosa**. See highlights at www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1!

Bowlers Strike with a Super Season

Prep's varsity bowling team enjoyed a very successful season with 1st place in the CIBL and 1st place in the team tournament. **Chris DiMuzio** and **Eric Schubert** also won the doubles tournament. Throughout the season, the team celebrated several 1000+ series as well as a perfect game from Eric. Students interested in bowling next year should see Ms. Mumma. Pictured l-r, front row: **Eric Schubert '12** and **Ray Miller '11**. Back row: Moderator **Ms. Koren Mumma**, **Rene Medina '11**, **Nick Piro '11**, and **Tyler Wendt '11**. Not pictured: **Chris DiMuzio '11**.



JesuiBots in F.I.R.S.T. Tech Challenge



On March 12, at 5:00 AM, the representative team of aspiring scientists and engineers of Fairfield Prep began the drive to New Hampshire to compete in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition.

The F.I.R.S.T Tech Challenge is the brainchild of Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway and sponsor of the competition. For the past four months, Fairfield Prep's Robotics Club, under the guidance of **Mrs. Deirdre Cannan**, built and perfected a small robot that competed against other robots to move and collect batons for points. The Prep team was one of over 1,000 teams vying for a spot in the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri.

The "JesuiBots," as they call themselves, are already brainstorming plans for new and improved designs in order to compete in the 2012 competition. Pictured l-r: **Kyle Ryan '13**, **Adam Kee '12**, **Aaron Simkovitz '14**, **Steven Venables '11**, **Ethan Kee '14**, and **Tom Forester '13**. Not pictured: **Jacob Simkovitz '12** and **Ben Morrison '12**.

JETS in TEAMS Engineering Competition

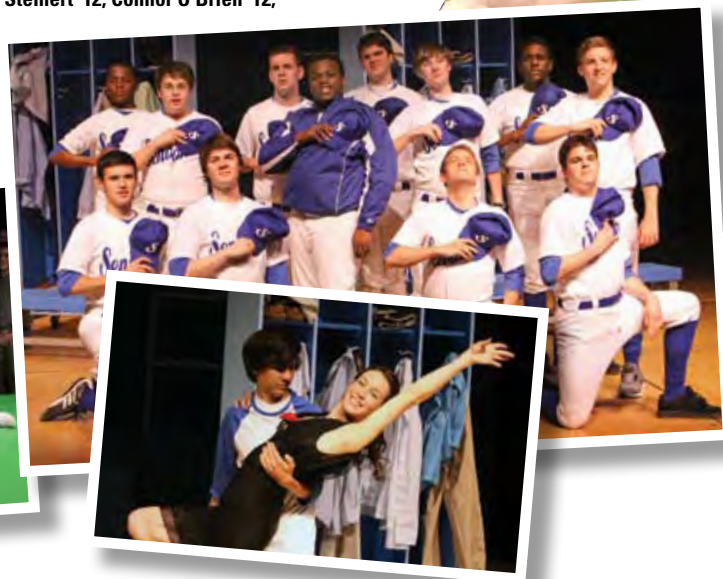
Congratulations to the JETS Team which won Third Place in the state TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics & Science) Competition. The team tackled engineering problems as they worked to find alternative energy solutions for today's world energy crisis. The team ranked nationally at 75th out of approximately 1000 teams who qualified for the final assessment. Dr. Brian Lewis, science teacher, is team moderator. Pictured, front l-r: **Dr. Robert Perrotta**, principal, **Sean Welch**, **Michael Ownes**, **Brian Calcutt** (team captain), **Bill Firisin**, **Dr. Brian Lewis** (team moderator). Back: **Nick Hilton**, **Tim Culligan**, **Martin Piekarski** and **Sean McGuinness**.



Visual & Performing Artists Showcased

"Damn Yankees" Scores Big!

"Damn Yankees," the spring musical, was presented by the Prep Players on May 12 and 13 at the Quick Center for Performing Arts. The cast included Prep students: **Max Rein '11, Dylan Levinson '12, Eric Hoffman '12, Juwan Crawley '12, Brendan Rooney '12, Dan Luciano '12, Tommy Dolan '12, Kyle Banquer '12, Keith Dougherty '12, Alex Decoteau-Fredericks '14, Sebastien LaForest '11, Markus Santiago '13, Bryan Dougherty '12, Matt Lopez '12, Miles Steinert '12, Connor O'Brien '12, Connor Ryan '11, Gio Nicolia '13, and Ivan Paz '14.** The play was directed by **Megan Hoover,** Drama Teacher and Fine Arts Chair.



"Stories through Song" Performed at Spring Concert

The Fairfield Prep Music Department presented its spring concert "Story Through Song" on May 18 at the Quick Center for Performing Arts. The Prep choirs and bands performed music that explored different musical journeys, whether literal, or metaphorical. The show featured Select and Concert Choirs, Concert and Symphonic Bands, and Jazzuits and Encords. The program was directed by **Christine Dominguez,** Music Teacher.



Dr. James Roach '50 to be honored with the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award

Dr. Jim Roach '50 has been selected as the second recipient of the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. This award was established in 2010 to recognize graduates of Fairfield Prep who exemplify the characteristics that Prep seeks to instill in its graduates. Jim will receive the award at a ceremony before the entire student body during the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.



Jim grew up in the Black Rock neighborhood of Bridgeport, attended St. Ann's School, and entered Fairfield Prep in the autumn of 1946. He felt the tough core curriculum taught by the Jesuit staff influenced him greatly, especially the foundation of four years of Latin. (He continues to be a part of the alumni group called the Latin Scholars, who support Brazilian missions and the Fairfield Prep Scholarship Fund.) He played baseball and football, and especially remembers the good times and friendships he developed. Jim recalled that tuition was \$150, paid by his father who worked for the phone company and supported six children.

Jim went on to attend Fairfield University, choosing to pursue a pre-med emphasis. He credits Fr. Larry Langeth, S.J., University President, who personally helped him to redirect his studies from being a business major, and catch up in the required sciences so he could pursue medicine. He attended New York Medical College, did two years of rotation at St. Vincent's in Bridgeport, joined the Air Force and served two years at an Arizona base, trained at Albany Medical Center for urology, and returned to St. Vincent's and private practice from 1965 to 2002. He married Joan, his college sweetheart, and raised eight children, who have become outstanding citizens. Their son Ed was born with Down's syndrome and

deafness, and they have cared for him with love and compassion. Retiring from full-time practice, Jim continues to work part-time and volunteer at the VA hospital in West Haven.

Jim has been a dedicated physician over 40 years, and has continually studied to enhance his skills. He served as President of the Medical Staff at St. Vincent's Hospital and has been recognized by his fellow physicians many times for his good works. He has constantly expanded his knowledge in the medical

field to be able to serve the elderly and infirm at St. Joseph Manor. He also has been a great supporter of inner city youth through his work at the Cardinal Shehan Center and at many other charitable and civic organizations. He has served terms on the boards of St. Vincent's Hospital, St. Vincent's College, St. Vincent's Special Needs, and the Mercy Learning Center, which helps disadvantaged women become educated and gain life skills and employment. He has spoken out forcefully on matters of medical ethics in his career at St. Vincent's and other medical forums. An extraordinary example of his caring and Christian love for his fellow man is that Jim donated one of his kidneys in 2004 to a teacher who would have died without the transplant.

Jim has been a lifelong member, supporter and communicant at St. Ann's Church in Bridgeport. He has worked on parish committees, supported and advised at the parish school and through his many good deeds is recognized as a truly outstanding Catholic layman.

In response to receiving the news about the award, Jim said, "It is very humbling. I'm not sure I deserve this – there are many others who are so worthy." The Prep Community is very proud to recognize Jim for this important honor.

Spring Art Show

The annual Spring Art Show filled Arrupe Hall on May 18, showcasing students' works in multiple media plus architectural renderings. The Prep Jazzuits and Encords performed on the upper level to entertain the guests during the show. The show was organized by **Dolores Tema** and **Frank Bramble**, art teachers.



Jesuits Drive to the Sun

Prep is State Runner-up in Class LL Basketball

The Fairfield Prep Basketball Team had a magical season this past winter, surprising everyone and advancing all the way to the State Championship game for the fourth time in school history. The team began the year winning its first eight games, including a key victory on the road at rival Xavier and winning the Fairfield Prep Holiday Classic with a 60-58 victory over the State-ranked Notre Dame – Fairfield. The Jesuits finished the regular season with a 15-5 mark. All of the team's five losses were by a combined total of 12 points. That is an average loss of only 3.5 points per game.

Due to its incredible season-long play, Prep earned the ninth seed in the CIAC state tournament. After defeating a tough East Hartford team in the first round, Prep traveled up to Waterbury and played highly-ranked Crosby High School. The team came out red hot from the field and pressured Crosby the whole game. Prep upset Crosby 86-69 behind senior **Kevin Potter's** season-high seven three pointers and 23 points. Xavier High School traveled down to Prep for the quarterfinals in what many have called the "game of the year" as Prep defeated Xavier 61-59 on junior **Terry Tarpey's** jump shot at the buzzer in front of the largest, most energetic crowd in recent history. The Jesuits then traveled back up to Waterbury for the State Semi-Finals to face the #3 seed Ridgefield. The team fell behind early, but stuck together and got stronger as the game went on. Prep pulled off another upset win 60-55 behind the shooting of **Robbie Bier '11** and **Potter** and the strong defense of **Alex Heiman '11** and **Matt Daley '11**. Prep then found itself in unusual territory traveling to Mohegan Sun to compete in the CIAC State Championship game where they were defeated by a hot shooting St. Joseph's High School 79-53. Prep finished the season with a 21-7 record.

Prep also received significant contributions throughout the season from seniors

Nick Hoin, Matt D'Ambrisi, and Justin Thompson, junior Mike Matera, and sophomore **Tim Butala. HONORS: Terry Tarpey '12, (shown far left)** SCC All-Conference Team, Connecticut High School Coaches' Assoc. 1st Team All-State, and NH Register All-Area and All-State 1st Team.

Robbie Bier '11, (shown below) SCC All-Conference Team and NH Register All-Area and All-State Honorable Mention.

By Tim Dee, Asst. Basketball Coach and Math Teacher





A Prep Team that was Truly a **TEAM**

Lacrosse Wins SCC — Runner-Up in Class L Championship

For the second straight year, Prep's boys lacrosse team fell one goal short in the State Championship game. Prep fell to Ridgefield, 11-10, in the Class L championship game at Brien McMahon High School. Fourth-seeded Prep (18-5) lost to Cheshire in last year's championship game.

"This was a great high school lacrosse game," Coach Chris Smalkais said. "It's a shame somebody had to lose." Sophomore **Connor Kelly** scored five goals for Prep, which built a 6-1 lead at the end of the first quarter. Prep had a 10-8 lead with 7:57 after Kelly's goal with 1:21 left in the third quarter. Ridgefield pitched a shutout in the last quarter.

Prep goalie **Mike Seelye '12** left injured in the second quarter. He was replaced by **Ryan Orvis '13**, who made six saves. Seelye was transported to Norwalk Hospital late in the game, with Smalkais giving him a goodbye hug as he departed. "We're going to get one for you right now," he told Seelye.

The Jesuits almost did, running a play out of a timeout in which they had a good scoring opportunity. The shot whistled wide, however, and Ridgefield delivered a late game-winner. "We had a good look," Smalkais said. "We just didn't score." **Kevin Brown '13** added two goals for Prep, while **Matt Brophy '12**, **Tyler Cox '11** and **David White '13** had one each. **Tim Edmonds '13** had two assists.

Prep won four straight titles from 2006 to 2009. "I'm proud of this team," Smalkais said. "We lost a lot of players from last year's team. We didn't have the one outstanding player. This was a Prep team that was truly a team."

HONORS: **Connor Byrne '11:** Academic All-American; **Kevin Brown '13:** Ct Post All-Star, All-SCC second team attack, New Haven Register All-Area; **Connor Kelly:** Ct Post All-Star, All-State Class L second team attack, All-SCC first team attack, New Haven Register All-Area; **Harry Cotter '11:** (pictured with coach) All-SCC first team, New Haven Register All-Area; **Dean Duffy '11:** All-SCC 2nd team defense; **Chris Smalkais:** New Haven Register, Coach of the Year.



State Runner-Up & 7th Straight SCC Swimming Title



The Prep Swimming & Diving Team boasted a 12-1 overall dual meet record. They won the SCC Championship for the 7th year in a row, and won Class LL State Division Runner-up. Team depth played importance as underclassmen took the lead. The Runner-Up finish at Class LLs was remarkable considering Prep did not have a single All-State performer. One of the highlights of the season was a 22 point comeback against Glastonbury that was won in the final relay.

Bradley Helt '13 – SCC All Conference, CT Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-Area

Brandon Cole '14 – SCC All Conference, CT Post All-Star

Bjorn Davis '14 – SCC All Conference, CT Post All-Star

Bryan Dougherty '12 – SCC All Conference

Keith Dougherty '12 – SCC All Conference

Nicholas Wargo '14 – SCC All Conference

Bjorn Davis, Brandon Cole, Brad Helt – CT Post All-Stars

Hockey Season Honors

Bryan Puffer '11 – Connecticut Post MVP, New Haven Register All-State 1st Team, New Haven Register All-Area, SCC All-Conference 1st Team, CHSCA Player of the Year, CHSCA All-State-2nd Team

John Galiani '11 – New Haven Register MVP, New Haven Register All-State 1st Team, New Haven Register All-Area, Connecticut Post All-Star, SCC All-Conference 2nd Team

Tom Worsfold '12 – Connecticut Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-State 2nd, New Haven Register All-Area, SCC All-Conference 1st Team, CHSCA All State-1st Team

A.J. Unker '12 – Connecticut Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-State 2nd, New Haven Register All-Area, CHSCA All-State-2nd Team

David White '13 – New Haven Register All State 3rd Team
See hockey story on page 2.



Rugby Season Rundown

The 2011 Prep Rugby team completed its season with a final record of 8 wins and 7 losses and placed 2nd in the CT State Division I tournament, defeating Fairfield HS 28-0 and Simsbury HS 21-0. Prep's run through the tournament ended with a 29-7 loss to Greenwich HS in the championship game.

Prep's schedule included 5 teams ranked in the top 20 national preseason poll, 3 of which went to the elite 8 of the National HS Championships in Utah.

Senior Captains **Alex Fossi, Andrew Lavoie, and Evan Tuozzoli** provided solid play, intelligence and

strong leadership during a very demanding season. Prep also got strong performances from props **Colin Cinder '11** and **Joe Herlihy '12**, 8 man **Conor Shea '11** and backs **John Giordano '11** and **Joe Roberts '12**. The returning team members will begin a year long weight training and agility program to prepare them for an equally challenging 2012 season and a return to San Francisco during April vacation. The 2012 captains named by the coaching staff are seniors **Shane Dempsey, Brendan Fossi, and Joe Herlihy**.

Ready to Play

BASEBALL

Anthony Redamonti – Trinity College
Lucas Rosado – Western CT State U

BASKETBALL

Robbie Bier – Drew University

CREW

Robert Wallace – U of Pennsylvania

CROSS COUNTRY

Brian Bennett – Loyola, Chicago

DIVING

Cory Schultz – LaSalle University
Bill Moran – St. Lawrence University
Conor McGovern – Bryant University

FOOTBALL

Hayden Collins – Worcester Polytech
C.J. Donohue – Gettysburg College
Brian Golger – Bowdoin College
Kyle Vignone – Bryant University

GOLF

Conor McGovern – Bryant University

LACROSSE

Connor Byrne – Amherst College
Harry Cotter – Endicott College
Tyler Cox – Endicott College
Dean Duffy – University of Michigan

Charlie Leitner – Dickinson College
Kevin Maiorano – Bryant University

SWIMMING

Michael Noone – Holy Cross

SOCCER

Matt D'Ambrisi – Georgetown Univ.
Parker Delmolino – Gettysburg College
Michael Gould – Haverford College
Jamal Powell – Rensselaer Polytech
James Shea – Dickinson College



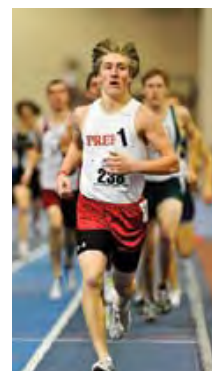
*Kevin Maiorano signs on with Bryant lacrosse as **Steve Donahue, Athletic Director**, watches.*

Record-Breaking Track Sensation Connor Rog

Connor Rog '12 capped an outstanding **Outdoor Track** season with two school records. On June 11 at the New England Championships, Rog finished 2nd in the 3200 meter run in a time of 9:09. His time beat the previous Prep record of 9:14 held by Brian McGovern '01. On June 16 in North Carolina at the New Balance Nationals, Rog finished 7th in the 5000 meter championship, running 15:03 and lowering his own school record by 30 seconds.

Indoor Track Accomplishments: Rog placed 9th in the 2 Mile at the New Balance National Indoor Track Championships. The 3 day event was held at the Armory in New York and showcased the top track and field athletes from all over the country. Rog's time of 9:20 broke the Prep school record by 3 seconds. He finished the indoor season ranked 24th in the nation in the 2 Mile and 5th among juniors. Overall, Rog was the SCC Champion in the 1600 and the 3200, the Class LL Champion in the 1600 and 3200, State Open Champion in the 3200, 3rd in the 2-Mile at the New England Championships, and 9th in the 2-mile at the Indoor Nationals.

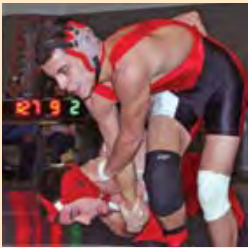
With track season at a close, Rog and his teammates on the distance squad will have their sights set on Cross Country and the potential for an outstanding 2011 season.





Tennis Team is SCC Runner-Up

The Fairfield Prep tennis team went 13-7 during the regular season and made it to the finals of the SCC tournament. The team finished in 4th place in the Class LL state tournament. **HONORS: Wes Craft '12** was named All SCC and to the CT Post and New Haven Register All Star teams. **Chris Kinney '12** was also named All SCC.



Rojas '11 Earns Wrestling Recognition

Prep wrestling welcomed two new coaches, **Rich Rapice** and **Corey Dennis**, along with 18 new members to the team. The team was led by captains **Cody Bilcheck**, **Joe Roberts**, and **Jason Rojas**. **Rojas** (pictured) and **Roberts**,

along with teammate **Thomas Voreyer** each captured individual titles at the Ludlowe Invitational. Prep finished 7th in the SCC, paced by **Rojas** (2nd), **Roberts** (4th), **Conor Ward** (4th), and **Shane Dempsey** (3rd). The team concluded its season with a 22nd place showing at the Class LL tournament, where **Jason Rojas** claimed all-state honors with a 5th place finish. The team has been working hard in the off-season at camps in New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio and will look to build off this year's season when they return to the mat Dec. 18th at home v. Hand. The 2011-2012 Prep wrestling team will be captained by its four seniors, **Shane Dempsey**, **Jake Pesci**, **Joe Roberts**, and **Thomas Voreyer**.

Prep Crew Attends Scholastic Nationals

Prep Crew finished its sixth year and its first varsity season at a zenith, with three eights in national competition and even brighter outlooks forward. Prep crews have qualified for, and have raced, national championships since the program's second year, but three entries this year represented the largest participation by Prep in varied events. Prep Varsity Lightweight 8+, Junior 8+ and Novice 8+ were all accepted by US Rowing to attend the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta in Camden, New Jersey this year.

The same crews who raced for the scholastic title also competed the previous weekend in Lowell, MA, for a chance to attend the U.S. Rowing Junior National Championships in mid-June. Prep Crew, who has qualified boats for this competition in each of the past five years, had its best overall showing at this year's regional qualifier with an unprecedented four Prep boats advancing to grand finals in two days of racing.

Senior classmen **Bobby Wallace**, **Ben Lowden**, **Steven Venables** and **Campbell O'Connor** finished their Prep rowing careers at the qualifier in Lowell. These four—along with seniors **Dan Kerrisk**, **Brendan Doran**, **JJ Hubert**, **Terry Granath**, **Chris Hughes** and **Alex Miklave**—have helped create the tremendous growth and success of Prep Crew over their four years. Passing the torch to their younger teammates, they leave after enjoying their team's strongest season to date.



Baseball Brilliance

Baseball enjoyed one the most successful seasons in the last fifteen years, but one would not have predicted this after starting with a 2-3 record. The Jesuits needed to turn things around, but that was going to be a challenge with three of the next four games against Notre Dame of West Haven, Xavier and West Haven all ranked in the Top Ten in Connecticut. Game Six on the season marked the start of the SCC Quinnipiac Division schedule and a date at SCC Quinnipiac power Notre Dame of West Haven, with a win the Jesuits could get back to playing .500 baseball and give the team a 1-0 record in the division, a loss would put them deeper in the hole with dates against Xavier, Hamden and West Haven on the horizon. The Jesuits defeated Notre Dame 5-3. **Anthony Redamonti** (pictured) earned the win on the mound and **Miles Turner** earned the save getting the final Notre Dame batter to pop up on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded. Needless to say, the game was a thriller. This marked the first time in six years the Jesuits had defeated Notre Dame and more importantly the win had the team believing in themselves.

The team finished the regular season with a record of 13-7, qualified for the CIAC LL Tournament, tied for the SCC Quinnipiac Division title with a division record of 6-2, for the second time in Prep's history qualified for the SCC Baseball Tournament and for the first time in school history made it to the SCC Tournament final. The Jesuits finished the season with a record of 15-9. The team was led by seniors **Anthony Redamonti**, **Lucas Rosado**, **C.J. Donohue**, **Matt D'Ambrisi** and **Alex Heiman**.

HONORS: Anthony Redamonti, **C.J. Donohue** and **Matt D'Ambrisi** were named to the ALL-SCC Quinnipiac Division. **Redamonti** was named CT Post's ALL Area Second Team and with **Alex Heiman** were New Haven Register ALL-STATE Honorable Mention recipients. **Matt D'Ambrisi** was one of fifteen players in the state named to the Connecticut High School Baseball Association's Academic All-State Baseball Team.



Tee to Green Excellence

The Fairfield Prep Golf Team recently completed another successful season, winning the Quinnipiac Division of the Southern Connecticut Conference. At the SCC Championship, Prep's team total of 334 earned a fourth place finish behind Shelton (317), Amity (332) and ND-West Haven (333). **Matt Mastronardi '12** earned All-SCC honors by carding a 77 at the Championship.

Seeded 9th for the Division 1 State Championship, Prep's 324 total was good for a ninth place finish, besting all SCC opponents except Xavier (318).

At the team's awards dinner **Conor McGovern '11** was named the team's Most Outstanding Player, **J.J. Greco '11** was named Most Improved Player and **Oliver Ayer '11** was presented the team's Coach's Award. **Matt Mastronardi '12** and **Ben Morrison '12** were named captains of the 2012 team. Pictured l-r: **Jack O'Leary**, **J.J. Greco**, **Matt Mastronardi**, **Ben Morrison**, **Conor McGovern**.

Maureen Bohan Honored by Colleagues

Maureen Bohan, typically referred to as Ms. Bohan, Mo, or Maureen, can now be called Teacher of the Year, 2011.

It took a while to get here. Maureen arrived at Fairfield Prep to teach mathematics in 1973, at a far different school from the Prep of today. The faculty were about one-half Jesuits and lay men comprised the rest. Maureen was joined by Cathy Dunn, a former nun, who taught English. I had been here for a year but was not the first woman teacher at Prep. That ground-breaking role went to art teacher Mrs. K., Betty Kachmar.

We women worked in separate buildings — Maureen in Xavier, Cathy and Betty in McAuliffe, and I in Berchmans. But what a welcome blessing it was to have each other on campus. Our Jesuit and lay counterparts grew to be part of our extended families. However, if your slip was showing, or carbon ink was on your face, only another woman would let you know.

Gradually things changed — Cathy and several of the Jesuits left, more lay men and women joined the faculty, and we moved out of McAuliffe so it could be converted into University offices.

A memorable piece of Bohan Prep lore was a February vacation when she chaperoned a group of students to Appalachia for mini courses. During a break in the chores, she



Fr. Hanwell, S.J., presents the award to Maureen Bohan, Chair of the Math Department, as award namesake Fr. Shaughnessy, S.J., looks on.

and the boys went sledding down a snow-covered hill. Maureen's sled crashed into a tree leaving her with a concussion and a lasting impression of community service.

Soon after, Colleen Keltos was hired. She and Maureen became fast friends sharing a love of cruises and computers. They pursued advanced degrees at Carnegie Mellon. Maureen became the head of the Math Department and Colleen the head of Technology. Prep has profited ever since.

Caring comes naturally to Maureen, be it for her family, students, the Prep community, or for Pupcake, her beloved poodle, a rescue she found online.

Maureen maintains a standard of excellence for herself, her students and fellow teachers. I have been in meetings where the topic being discussed became increasingly muddled and tempers tested. With a few succinct sentences Maureen can clarify the matter leaving those present to wonder, "Of course, that's so obvious. Why didn't we think of that?"

I am very proud to have known Maureen for these many years as are her colleagues who recognized her as the Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Maureen. You are truly deserving of this honor.



By Billie Brooks, Spanish teacher. Ms. Brooks has been with Prep for 38 years.

Mother-Son Fashion Show welcomes Spring!

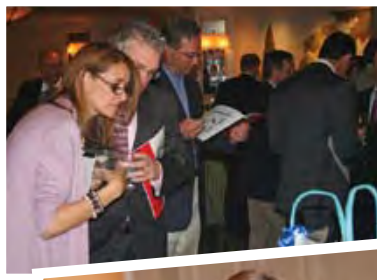
The Annual Mother-Son Fashion Show was held on March 24 at the Dolce Center in Norwalk. The sold-out event featured Seniors and their mothers modeling the latest fashions from Banana Republic, Helen Ainson Shoppe, Island Outfitters, Men's Wearhouse, Snappy Gator and Prep Pride. Special remembrance was noted for deceased Bellarmine Co-Vice President **Dana Duffy, P'11, '13** and Senior **Ryan Brennan**. Special thanks to Co-chairs **Bev Wright, P'12** and **Sharon Hoffman, P'12**, and their committee members.



By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea...



Over 200 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Event "By the Sea" held on April 30, 2011, at the Marriott Stamford Hotel & Spa. Attendees enjoyed an evening of delicious food, socializing and dancing. Thanks to all who supported the silent and live auctions to raise money for Fairfield Prep's Scholarship Fund and enrichment programs. The Prep Community thanks Co-chairs **Mary Beth Morris** and **Sima Patel**, parents of Seniors, and their committee members, who volunteered their time and talent to make this event possible. We also offer special gratitude to all of our generous sponsors who helped to underwrite the evening.



The Wiigs Won!

John and Nancy Wiig P'15 of Southport, CT, won Prep's \$25,000 Tuition Raffle at the annual Fairfield Prep Spring Event. The Wiigs are parents of **Thomas**, an incoming freshman to the Class of 2015. The Wiigs are pictured above with Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.



Parents Rock the Night Away at Year-End Celebration

Prep parents enjoyed a great night of music, dancing and refreshments at the 2nd Annual Year-End Concert & Celebration on June 18 sponsored by the Fathers' Club. The opening act featured the Darian Cuning Band, led by music professional and Prep alumnus **Darian Cuning '95**. The headlining act, The Distractions, returned this year to play two rocking sets of cover songs, which had parents kicking up their heels. The venue was FTC @ StageOne in Fairfield. Special thanks to **Matt Terry '82**, incoming Fathers' Club President, and his committee for organizing this successful event.



Prep Reunion Weekend

The multi-happening weekend celebrated classes ending in 1 and 6



Reception Honors the Class of 1946



Members of the Class of 1946, the first full graduating class at Prep, attended a special reception on June 17 at the home of the Fairfield University President. Shown above l-r: Jim McKelvey, Earle Cote, Ed Dailey, Leo Gallagher, John Ford, Dick Shea, John Kartovsky, Bob Walsh, Ed O'Hara, Steve Caliento, George Bisacca, Ed Pasenelli, John Reilly, Bill Bennett, Bill Curnin, and Tom Keegan.



Alumni Musicians Jam as Part of Weekend Festivities



Alumni enjoyed a Summer Kick-Off on June 17, where an Alumni band rocked the Levee. Money raised benefited Prep Service Projects. Argyle Tuesdays, with lead singer/Prep teacher Jason Mis '98, Joe Farrell '00, Evan Marsillio '00 and Dennis Allen entertained. Chris Adams '11 joined on djembe drum.



240 Alumni Return to Campus for Reunion

These are the good old days! On June 18, members of classes ending in 1 and 6 gathered at Mass at the Egan Chapel, followed by a reception and dinner at the Barone Campus Center.



Class of 1986 Still Crazy after 25 Years

Nearly 60 members of the Class of 1986 returned to campus on the weekend of June 17 & 18 to celebrate their 25-year class reunion. In addition to the main reunion event on Saturday night, many classmates also gathered at the Alumni Jam on Friday night for a chance to share 25 years worth of laughs, exaggerations and half-truths! Special thanks to **Mike Fox** and the entire Reunion Committee for a job well done!

"We all had a great time. It was a great turn-out including faculty: Fr. Ryan, "Skid" Rowe, Zabs... And the food and hospitality were first rate, especially for such a large gathering. Thanks to your team for all the hard work." — Cheers, **Bill Davidson '86**



IN LOVING MEMORY

—Taken from the eulogy for Louis A. Saracco Jr.—



For a man who never married, Lou Saracco had hundreds if not thousands of sons. I am one of them. My name is Tim Murphy, Class of 1985. I met Lou thirty years ago, in September 1981 in his freshman ancient history class in McAuliffe Hall. I have been Lou's friend and student ever since.

Today I feel a deep sadness at the loss but also joy — true joy — in celebration of Lou's extraordinary life. There is a wonderful line from the First Letter of Peter: "Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others." (1 Peter 4:10)

Lou's special graces — which he used throughout his life in the service of generations of Prep men and their families, including my own — were his infectious love of experience; his open and eager embrace of the world; his ability to savor the beautiful and the excellent in all their varied forms; and his extraordinary ability to share all of this with others, most particularly the students he taught and the friends he collected.

He taught and he learned all the time. He took enormous joy in both, and he passed that joy to others.

I do not intend to beatify Louis in these remarks. In fact, I always found Lou's career to be proof that the good Lord has a sense of humor, and a sharp one at that. How else can you explain Him putting such an ornery, stubborn, profane man in charge of developing thousands of students into men of virtue?



Friendship with Lou always meant dialogue and debate, he was a lawyer after all, and often these became arguments. Sometimes Lou argued for the good — he was quick to pounce on the first sign of narrow thinking. But let's face it: sometimes the arguments were just a pain. How many can remember the arguments you actually won with Lou Saracco over the course of your lives? I can, and I remember the topics too, because it was a rare thing for Lou to concede defeat.

But it was precisely these traits that made Lou such a great teacher. In the classroom you felt his passion. You felt that he was prepared to engage with you as an equal. And you felt the possibility of mischief, that a detour into something completely unexpected and exciting could happen at any time. That is what made Lou so compelling to Prep men for 50 years.

And so we come back to Lou's special graces. Once gathered into his life, we were taken on a wild ride through history and Constitutional law classes, museums in New York, tickets to the Metropolitan Opera, travel across the great cities of Europe, dinners from the



kitchen at 317 Edwards Street, and time together in restaurants everywhere. Throughout, Lou taught that the world is an infinitely interesting place, that all parts of God's creation have value and must be joyfully embraced to be understood, and that because learning is a lifelong journey, opportunities to experience the new and different should be seized and cherished.

In this way, Lou lived his life as a teacher, absolutely LIVED it, in the great liberal arts tradition. And I'd submit to you that this layperson walked in the footsteps of Saint Ignatius. Lou taught us to find God in all things. This, I think, explains his lifelong admiration for his Jesuit friends and colleagues.

Two days before he died, my wife Mandy and I had lunch with Lou, and I took him to what turned out to be his very last museum visit to the Bruce. We looked at paintings and African sculptures. He was tired, and I was pushing him in a wheelchair. As we were leaving, he asked to look into one more gallery.

I immediately thought that Lou wouldn't like it — pictures of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, taken by Jeff Jones. Lou

was interested in photography, but not in science or natural subjects. But the photos were stunning, haunting landscapes with dramatic colors. Lou was transfixed, and we spent 20 minutes talking about each in turn.

I will be forever grateful that I was at Lou's side that day. And I am struck by how much he taught me in those 20 minutes — about seeing beauty in barren spaces, and embracing the unknown and finding it wonderful. I want to approach my life with the same eager spirit, and it is what I want for my children.

Lou Saracco, the great teacher and learner, was teaching this son of Prep, this son of Lou, until the very end.

I'll leave you with a happy thought. There is a place in heaven for Lou, cordoned off from the rest because there, swearing is permitted and the scotch is poured starting at 4 pm. (OK, 3 pm.) Lou's beloved mother Rose is in the kitchen, making the Sunday sauce and engaging him in vigorous, cantankerous debate. Maria Callas is singing an aria. And before him lies a hall with an infinite number of doors, behind which are all the world's great art galleries. And in each gallery there is not only the art but the artists, to talk to, to debate with, to learn from. Teaching is learning, learning is teaching, and it goes on forever and forever.

For me, this is as good a vision of Lou in heaven as there is.

May he rest in peace.



Tim Murphy '85 is a member of the Fairfield Prep Board of Governors

Alumni Class News

1940's

John P. Reilly '46 retired in 2003 and now is editor emeritus of *The Hour* newspaper. John still writes editorials and political columns and has nine adult children and nine grandchildren.

1950's

Joseph D. Sargent '55 received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Fairfield University at the 61st Commencement ceremony on May 22, 2011. He is a 1959 graduate of Fairfield University and is the former President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. Joe is also a member of the Dolan School of Business Advisory Council, and former Board of Trustees member at Fairfield University.

1960's

Hon. Anthony J. DePanfilis '67 was re-elected in November as Judge of Probate for the Norwalk-Wilton District. He has served as probate judge since 1997. He is also a senior partner of DePanfilis & Vallerie, LLC in Norwalk, CT where he and his wife Kelly reside with their four children and two grandchildren.

1970's

Mark J. Kreiner '71 was hired by Monterey Mushrooms September 25, 2010. He is the Northeast Sales Manager handling retail and food service accounts from the Virginia/North Carolina border to the Canadian border and the Atlantic coast to Western Ohio.

Eugene J. McMahon '79 has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, Illinois.

Gregory B. Skomal '79 is a senior scientist for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. Dr. Skomal has spent the last two summers tagging great white sharks off of Cape Cod.

Sean P. Walsh '71 recently received the 2011 Alumni Outstanding Service Award from George Washington University.

1980's

Michael D. Hebert '85 was honored on April 23, 2011 as a founding father of Quinnipiac University men's lacrosse team in a ceremony celebrating the team's 20th season.

Jeffrey R. Lautenbach '87 has joined Salesforce.com as Senior Vice President in charge of enterprise sales in the Americas.



Lou Saracco, beloved Fairfield Prep teacher, dies at 80

Lou Saracco, beloved Fairfield Prep social studies teacher, died on May 24, 2011, in his home in Fairfield. He was 80 years old. Lou retired from Fairfield Prep in June of 2009 after teaching at Prep for 50 years.

Lou served as a teacher, colleague, mentor and friend to generations of students and countless members of the Prep community. He was the embodiment of Ignatian values and the true spirit of "Men for Others."

Several years ago, friends of Lou's established the **Louis A. Saracco, Jr. Scholarship Fund** to assist Prep students in need of financial aid. It was also his will that his entire estate be donated to the school.

"Uncle Lou" will certainly be missed by everyone he touched with his vibrant spirit over the years. His memory will live on in the halls of Fairfield Prep forever. (See story on page 28.)

Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Plate USAF '82 is the Director of Institutional Advancement at Archbishop Alter High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Robert F. Troilo '86 recently joined the Board of Directors for "Turning Water into Wine" a public charity based in Darien, Connecticut, whose mission is making clean water available to some of the world's poorest nations.

1990's

Brian E. Bissell '93 and his family returned from a 2 year international assignment with IBM in China where he lead a development leadership forum and managed complex software projects for clients.

Brian T. Burke '96 received his MS in Civil Engineering from UConn. He is employed as a structural engineer by Parsons Brinckerhoff in Glastonbury, CT.

Timothy M. Burke '98 moved from Boulder, CO to Westborough, MA. He is engaged to Kelley Lynch and they will be married on November 5, 2011 at St. Patrick's RC Church in Moretown, VT.

Jeffrey M. DePanfilis '99 has opened a new chiropractic office at 111 East Avenue in Norwalk, CT. He has been a chiropractic physician in Fairfield County since 2009.

Peter J. Troilo '94 recently joined the Board of Directors for "Turning Water into Wine"; a public charity based in Darien, Connecticut, whose mission is making clean water available to some of the world's poorest nations.

2000's

Kevin P. Burke '00 finished his second year at Brooklyn Law School and will be serving a summer internship with the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre in Hong Kong.

Brian E. Camus '04 has accepted a teaching position in the science department at Georgetown Preparatory School and will start in August 2011.

James Castignoli '03 is a Senior Research Specialist at Forrester Research in Cambridge, MA. He is currently training to run in a half marathon in Kona, Hawaii to raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Thomas G. Fraher '00 is currently working for UBS Investment Bank in the Fixed Income Group.

Dickinson lacrosse **Ward Gruppo '08** beat Roanoke **Brendon Nizolek '09**. Score was Dickinson 14 to Roanoke 13 in a real thriller. Prior to the game Dickinson was nationally ranked #13 in D3 college lacrosse while Roanoke was ranked #5.

Robert Rotanz '08 of Duke was a USILA Division I Lacrosse All-American honorable mention selection.

Kenny Stern '06 had 4 international caps at Rugby Union and 15 international caps with Rugby Seven's representing the Philippine National Team and got All-American Honors with Caravelli's Collegiate Sevens team. He has been to the Philippines, India, China, Malaysia, Brunei, and Borneo with the Philippine National team to compete in tournaments.

Benjamin Vaccaro '02 graduated from Columbia University medical school on May 18, 2011. He will be doing his residency in internal medicine at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

2010's

Kristof Toth '10 became a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He attends The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

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Alumni Class News

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Michael Phelan '81

Alumni Return to the Classroom

Illustrating that the Prep educational journey doesn't end at graduation, three alumni returned to campus this past spring to guest lecture on their fields of expertise. Giving Prep Juniors and Seniors some exposure to their possible career interests, Prep alums complement the curriculum and provide real world knowledge to a younger generation of Prep men.

Michael Phelan '81, a Senior Staffer on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spends much of his time abroad working on our country's efforts overseas. With his focus on conflict zone management, Michael returned to campus speaking to all Junior and Senior history students. He walked through the process in which bills are proposed to laws and the delicate nature of global diplomacy.

Daniel Parisi '06, Associate with PWC's Financial Instruments, Structured Products and Real Estate Group, spent a morning walking seniors through different financial valuation methods to help them in preparation for their interdisciplinary Math and Economics Senior Comprehensive Exam. The understanding of present/future value, cash flows and CAPM helped strengthen the financials of the business plan creation project.

Sean Culhane '86, Deputy Division Chief of Publications at the IMF (International Monetary Fund) comes back each year to lecture to the Economics Classes. Sean gives an insightful discussion on the history of the IMF, its membership and the interconnectivity of the world's economies. These lessons are most important now while the lessons of the financial crisis are still looming in our world.



Daniel Parisi '06



Sean Culhane '86



Swimming and Diving Alumni Compete

Three former FP teammates met January 22, 2011 at Lejeune Pool at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD to compete in a dual meet. Becker (swimmer) and Pramer (diver) remain teammates at Yale University while Golankiewicz swims for Navy. Navy (9-1) defeated Yale (1-4) 152-131. Pictured l-r: **Edward Becker '10**, **Andrew Golankiewicz '10** and **Tyler Pramer '10**.

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In Memoriam

Eileen Altieri on July 12, 2011. She was the mother of **John L. Altieri Jr. '64**, and grandmother of **Christopher R. Altieri '95**, **Kieran G. Altieri '98**, **Kevin J. Altieri '00** of the Prep social studies department, **Matthew O. Altieri '01** and great-grandmother of **John S. Altieri '10**.

Francis R. Appar on June 6, 2011. He was the brother of **Mathew K. Appar '08**.

Allison Bayliss, daughter of **David M. Bayliss '84**, on May 23, 2011.

Martin Bennett '44 on April 26, 2011.

Rose Bernstein on May 25, 2011. She was the mother of **Jon B. Bernstein '79** and **James E. Bernstein '88**.

Ryan C. Brennan '11 on February 28, 2011. He was the brother of **Michael P. Brennan '92**, nephew of **Daniel E. Brennan '69** and relative and friend to many Prep students and alumni.

Kevin M. Collins '75 on January 26, 2011. He was the brother of **John Collins '69** and uncle of **Brian Collins '00**, **Matthew Collins '04** and **Ryan Collins '11**.

Ted Combs '54 on September 16, 2010.

Richard F. Cummings '55 on February 14, 2011.

Bogdan J. "Bogie" Dawidowicz on May 31, 2011. He was the brother of **Michal Dawidowicz '66**.

Edward W. D'Elia '49 on March 9, 2011.

John J. Del Vecchio '68 on February 24, 2011.

Jennie Rogers DePanfilis on March 17, 2011. She was the mother **Anthony DePanfilis '67**, grandmother of **Adam J. DePanfilis '97**, **Jeffrey M. DePanfilis '99** and **Russell W. DePanfilis '07**.

William V. Evanko Jr. on April 4, 2011. He was the father of **William Evanko '91** and husband of **Pierrette Evanko**, retired employee of Fairfield Prep.

Stephen Firmender on April 15, 2010. He was the father of **Scott Firmender '83**.

Doris Ford on May 4, 2011. She was the

wife of **Robert Ford, Sr.** assistant coach of the Prep Track team, mother of **Robert Ford, Jr.**, of the Prep Science Department and grandmother of **Andrew R. Ford '05** and **Captain Daniel T. Ford '03**.

Henry "Hank" F. Frigon '52 on June 18, 2011. He was the brother of **Donald G. Frigon '67** and the late **Peter J. Frigon '61**.

John J. Hardiman '49 on March 24, 2011.

Walter B. Hassell '53 on March 7, 2010.

James. D. Harty '47 on February 28, 2011.

Alice R. Henry on April 24, 2011. She was the mother of **Patrick K. Henry '67**.

Rita Ann Hughes on February 22, 2011. She was the mother of **John F. Hughes Jr. '61**, **William C. Hughes '62**, and **Kenneth Hughes '64**.

Rex Domenick Iacurci '51 on March 11, 2011. He was the brother of **Andre A. Iacurci '63**, brother-in-law of **William A. Allen '55** and uncle of **Michael P. Iacurci '88**.

Stella H. Kacinski on May 12, 2011. She was the mother of the late **Barry M. Kacinski '71**.

George A. Kandrak '56 on January 17, 2011.

Kevin R. Keating '57 on December 20, 2010.

William D. Keegan '52 on May 6, 2010.

Arthur C. Laske Jr. '46 on March 11, 2011. He was the father of **Arthur C. Laske III '80**.

Eleanor Matulionis on February 16, 2010. She was the mother of **Edward J. Matulionis '64**.

John D. McMahon '62 on January 29, 2010. He was the father of **J. David McMahon '86**.

Donald J. McTigue on January 5, 2011. He was the father of **Keith McTigue '87**.

Walter McVety '49 on November 3, 2010.

Ronald F. Miazga '61 on March 3, 2011.

Elsie M. Monaco on April 17, 2011. She was the mother of **Ralph T. Monaco '61** and grandmother of **Christopher Silk '88**.

Kathryn P. O'Brien on May 18, 2011. She was the daughter of **William J. O'Brien '75**, sister of **James R. O'Brien '01**, and niece of **Daniel J. O'Brien '75**.

John F. O'Connor '46 on April 22, 2011.

Emanuel "Manny" Francis Ondeck, Jr. '49 on February 24, 2011. He was the father of **Joseph A. Ondeck '79** and a former member of the Prep faculty.



Morrissey family boasts four at once!

Prep history buffs and staff are not aware of another time when Fairfield Prep had four boys from the same family attending school at the same time. Celebrating Graduation 2011 are the Morrissey brothers, shown from left: **Ryan '14, Shaun '11, Dennis '11, and Colin '12**. Proud grandfather **Jack Dwyer, Class of 1949**, attended the graduation.



Basketball Alumni **Stephen Gulish '10 and Brian Murphy '09** reunited at the Prep game versus Branford to cheer on their alma mater!

George DeLeone '66 On Huskies Offense



George DeLeone, a 1970 University of Connecticut graduate and a veteran coach of 40 football seasons, has been named the offensive coordinator on the UConn staff under new head coach Paul Pasqualoni.

The New Haven, Conn., native has coached in 12 bowl games, including the Fiesta, Gator and Orange Bowl. He returns to the college ranks after serving as the tight ends coach for the Miami Dolphins since 2008 as he helped lead the team to the AFC East championship in 2008.

DeLeone and Pasqualoni have a long coaching history together as they have been on the same staff, both professionally and collegiately, for 25 years. DeLeone was part of Pasqualoni's staff for 13 of the 14 years that Pasqualoni was the head coach at Syracuse (1991-2004). The only year that DeLeone was not on that staff was in 1997 when he was the offensive line coach for the San Diego Chargers.

DeLeone and Pasqualoni were both assistant coaches at Syracuse from 1987-90 and were together at Southern Connecticut from 1976-79 as DeLeone was the head coach and Pasqualoni was an assistant. They were on the same staff of the Dolphins in 2008-09.

DeLeone graduated from UConn with a degree in physical education and earned a master's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut.

James Pinson-Rose on March 24, 2011. He was the brother of **William K. Pinson-Rose '01**.

Jordan M. Porco on February 16, 2011. He is the son of **Ernest A. Porco '81**.

Michael J. Pribesh '77 on April 19, 2011.

Nicholena Sabatelli on June 4, 2011. She was the mother of **Anthony Sabatelli '75** and **Daniel Sabatelli '77**.

Michael P. Sikora '51 on December 17, 2009.

Joan J. Sylvester on April 12, 2011. She was the wife of **Robert J. Sylvester**, former Prep teacher, coach and administrator, mother of **Robert J. Sylvester Jr. '79**, and grandmother of **Robert J. Sylvester III '14**.

Genevieve Sulzycki (Jean) on March 26, 2011. She was the grandmother of **Jeffrey Renzulli '84, David Renzulli '86** and mother of **Elizabeth (Betty) Renzulli** retired employee of the Prep Development Office.

Joseph A. Tuozzoli '51 on June 15, 2011.

Engagements

Jeffrey Dvornek '02 is engaged to Nicha Chitphakdithia. A July 2011 wedding is planned.

Bryon D. Karagus '00 was engaged to Victoria Bush on February 12th, 2011. The wedding is to be held on May 4th, 2012.

Patrick S. Kelly '95 was engaged to Renee Taylor on December 9, 2010.

Weddings

Brian E. Camus '04 and his wife Emily were married on June 25, 2011 at the University of Notre Dame.

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Chris McLeod '73 Delivers Commencement Address at Sacred Heart

Christopher McLeod '73, who heads the 454 Life Sciences Corp., delivered the commencement address at Sacred Heart University's Graduate Commencement on May 14. Mr. McLeod received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at this ceremony.



Robert Giannini '00 Biking for Others

My experience at Prep has guided me to give back and to make decisions that I can be proud of. Prep does a great job molding boys into men, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to be a part of it. As for my current journey:

I am a professional mountain bike racer and elite road cyclist. I went to Emory University and became a Collegiate All American in cycling. In my early twenties I worked in Connecticut on the trading desks of various hedge funds. Then, after about four years I left the corporate world to

pursue a Ph.D. in finance at the University of Georgia.

Throughout my life cycling has given SO MUCH to me, and I started to realize that cycling could help me give back to others. Athens, GA is one of the poorest counties in GA and most young people cannot afford to buy quality cycling equipment. Luckily, the team that I currently ride for (the Locos Cycling Team) received a grant from Specialized Bicycles that provided us with 20 bikes that we lend out to local high school students during practices that the team runs.

Another opportunity to use cycling to affect change happened about a year ago when my friend, Parker Smith, and I decided to race the Tour Divide as a fund raiser for The Children's Miracle Network (CMN). The Tour Divide is a fully self supported race from Canada to Mexico along the Continental Divide Trail (see site <http://tourdivide.org/>). The CMN helps save the lives of children by raising funds and awareness for children's hospitals throughout North America.

Here is a site that I have developed to provide information about our trip <http://www.divideforchildren.com/>. — **By Robert Giannini '00**



Terry Sheehy, P'05 Records Prep History

Mrs. Terry Sheehy, parent of Prep Alumnus **Adam '05**, has been volunteering for the last year to unearth, scan and archive thousands of photographs, documents and memorabilia stashed in closets at the school. She has spent countless hours organizing the information, and scanning files so that future and past generations will be able to access Prep's history. We are deeply appreciative of her time and talent to tackle this enormous project. Thank you, Terry!



Carrying On Dana's Mission to Bring Comfort and Hope to the Sick

Dana Duffy, P'11, '13, Bellarmine Guild volunteer, died on December 20, 2010, after a brave battle with cancer. Dana started 2010-11 as Co-Vice President and was previously co-chair on many Bellarmine committees.

Dana's family and friends will always remember her compassion for others. Despite facing the biggest personal storm of her life, she never stopped thinking about and helping those in need. She began planning a program to provide complimentary neck pillows for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. These are the neck rests travelers use on airplanes to ease the discomfort of sitting upright for hours. Her close friends had recommended a neck pillow for her and it was the perfect solution.

Dana's pillow became her "security blanket" and she never went for treatment without it. It made

chemotherapy tolerable and allowed her to rest more comfortably. During treatment, Dana observed fellow cancer patients slumped in their chairs without the proper support. It became her mission to provide others with the gift of comfort and compassion that she had received.

Based on Dana's concept, her friends and family have started a charitable foundation to provide complimentary neck pillows for chemotherapy patients. The foundation — Compassion...Let It Begin With Me — has adopted a far-reaching mission statement: *To show compassion for the sick, bring comfort and hope for cancer patients, one life at a time.*

Donations can be made to: Compassion Let It Begin With Me, c/o Dean Duffy, 31 Tall Pines Drive, Weston, CT 06883.



Dana surrounded by her sons l-r: Dale, Dustin, and Dean '11. Dylan '13 is on the floor in front.

ENTREPRENEUR'S CORNER

Tripping Around the Globe

By Jeffrey Manheimer '98



Travel has been a huge part of my life and career since graduating from Boston University in 2002. My first "real" job was taking room service orders in the basement of the Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Massachusetts. Even though I was a huge fan of the free

food and hotel perks, I soon knew it was time to move on.

I worked my way up to Hyatt's corporate office in Chicago. After a few years there, I shifted gears and took a fun job at Travelzoo.com. Although my work experiences had been amazing, I felt there was something missing in the world of travel. Determined to find out what that was, I did what any travel addict would do — pack up and go! I traveled to cities all over the USA, England, Belgium, The Netherlands, Vietnam and Japan. I had no real agenda to follow and no tourist book to guide me, just a backpack and an urge to explore.

Inspired by my trip, I returned home and joined the founding team of an early-stage startup called Tripping.com. The co-founders (who had previously helped start StubHub) wanted to build a social travel site to connect travelers with local people. It was perfect for me, and I joined the team as their VP of Business Development.

We launched Tripping last January and it wasn't long before Tripping spread like wildfire. Our growth has been phenomenal, and we already have members in over 130 countries. Soon after launching, some universities asked if we could create micro-communities for their students on Tripping. It was a great idea and we're now partnered with universities, study-abroad programs, volunteer organizations, touring rock bands and — Fairfield Prep!

I am happy to announce that you can now connect with other Fairfield Prep Alumni around the globe. For example, imagine traveling to London and meeting up with an Alum for a few pints or even staying at his place for a few days. Best of all, Tripping is going to share a percentage of its revenue with Fairfield Prep. (The details will be announced in the coming months.) I encourage all Alumni to join the Tripping.com community, not only can you give back to Prep by joining Tripping, but it is also a great way to connect with Prep alumni around the world: <https://www.tripping.com/network/fairfield-prep-alumni>

Weddings

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Robert C. Emerson '01 and Theresa E. Achtziger were married on August 22, 2010. See photo on page 33.

Michael D. Hebert '85 married Nancy Staples on March 26, 2011.

Michael P. Matese and Christine Kretsch were married on June 11, 2011. He is the son of **Michael J. Matese '49**.

Timothy G. Tymniak '01 was married to Patricia A. McGahon on September 25, 2010. See photo on page 33.

Benjamin Vaccaro '02 married Christine Alejnikov on May 21, 2011.

Births

Thomas A. Cunnane, Jr. '98 and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their daughter Mary Grace on September 30, 2010.

Thomas G. Fraher '00 and his wife Valerie Albanese-Fraher welcomed their daughter Lucy Therese on February 21, 2011. **Thomas W. Fraher '63** is the proud grandfather.

Frederick W. Haffner III '81 and his wife Angela welcomed their son Alfred Joseph born March 26, 2010. He joins his big sisters Rosalie and Arcangela.

Paul A. Lenois '96 and his wife Sandy welcomed their daughter Julie Rose to the family on August 17, 2010.

Michael J. Marella '96 and his wife Alison welcomed their 3rd child, Abigail Elizabeth, on October 18, 2010. Abigail joins big sister Amelia and brother Michael Joseph ("Joey").

Vincent H. Massey III '96, and his wife Caitlin and big brother Vince welcomed Elle Lyddy Massey on November 23, 2011

Jeffrey M. Roberts '85 and his wife Michelle welcomed their third child, Penelope Sage, on April 5, 2011.

David J. Ryan '88 and his wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, Theodore John "Teddy", on June 4, 2011.



Comment from Dr. Witt '58

Dr. Robert Witt '58, President of University of Alabama, spoke to Prep students in November 2010. He wrote back with a reflection:

"Returning to Prep 53 years after my graduation was a truly special experience. As I said to the seniors, what struck

me as I started to prepare my comments was how clearly I remembered so many of my teachers. As my career begins to draw to a close, I remain grateful to Prep for the foundation it provided for my career and life."

FACULTY AND STAFF MILEPOSTS

In Memoriam

Jane K. Bigane on April 6, 2011. She was the mother of **Julie Pollard** of the Development Office.

Aureliu Ciufecu on May 23, 2011. He was the uncle of **Dina Cyfeku**, Prep guidance counselor.

William V. Evanko Jr. on April 4, 2011. He was the father of **William Evanko '91** and husband of **Pierrette Evanko**, retired employee of Fairfield Prep.

Doris Ford on May 4, 2011. She was the wife of **Robert Ford, Sr.** assistant coach of the Prep track team, mother of **Robert Ford, Jr.** of the Prep science department and grandmother of **Andrew R. Ford '05** and **Captain Daniel T. Ford '03**.

Norman Jaques on May 3, 2011. He was the grandfather of **Matthew Jaques** of the Prep Math Department.

Sally Soares on June 8, 2011. She was the aunt of **Dr. Donna Andrade**, Academic Dean of Students.

Fr. Wilfred Vigeant, S.J. on April 28, 2011. He was a former member of the Prep faculty.

Douglas F. Whiteman on April 15, 2011. He was the father of **Jamie Whiteman**, teacher in the Prep Math Department.

Weddings

Alecia Watson of the Social Studies Department to Shay Thomas on April 2, 2011.

Kristin Ancona of the Foreign Language Department to Rusty Sherman on July 15, 2011.

Births



Kim Bernier of the Guidance Department and **Bob Bernier**, Foreign Language Department chair, welcomed their new grandson Tarquin James Darrin on April 1, 2011. Pictured above, Tarquin joins his big sisters Kaelyn and Kacie.

Patty Veno, Secretary to the Principal welcomed her second grandson Daniel Joseph Bailey on May 17, 2011. He joins his big brother Patrick.



Tymniak Wedding

Timothy G. Tymniak '01 married Patricia A. McGahan September 25, 2010 at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, RI. The couple met while attending Fairfield University in 2005. The **Rev. Charles H. Allen, S.J.**, Executive Assistant to the President of Fairfield University officiated. **Chris Tymniak '97**, Tim's brother was the best man. Pictured l-r front: **Michael Mulcahy '01**, **John Kennedy '01**, **Fr. Charles H. Allen, S.J.**, **Patricia M. Tymniak**, **Tim Tymniak '01**, **Chris Tymniak '97**. Back: **Matthew Wilcox '95**, **Paul Tymniak '94**, **Ryan Birge '00**, **Greg Scott '01**.



Emerson Wedding

Robert C. Emerson, Esq. '01 and Theresa E. Achtziger were married on August 22, 2010 at the Fordham University Church in the Bronx. Rob and Theresa met at Fordham, where both graduated summa cum laude in 2005, and where Rob also received his law degree cum laude in 2008. Several Prep graduates were in attendance (from left): **Mike Card '01**, **Harry Bethray '01**, **Pat Collins '01**, **Theresa Achtziger**, **Rob Emerson '01**, **John Jennings '03**, **Steve Borba '02** and **Joe Stadel '01** (not pictured: **Dan Hally '93**).



Howard Wedding

Warren J. Howard '02 and Lauren E. Bell were married on October 23, 2010 at Riverside Farm in Pittsfield, Vermont. Warren graduated from Lehigh University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He is a Project Engineer for Kiewit Constructors Inc. in New York City. The bride is a Vice President at SAC Capital Advisors in Stamford, CT. 2002 Prep graduates that attended the weekend destination wedding—in the photo from the left: **Alex Jessup**, **Kevin Yurkerwich**, **Andrew Crape** (brother of alumnus), **Warren Howard**, **Tim Rainsberger**, **Matt Crape**, **Greg Zaino**, and **Bill Lynch**.

Prep on the road to... New York City... Boston... Chicago



Jack Griffin Speaks at New York Business Breakfast

Alumni gathered at the Union League Club in New York for breakfast on June 9. **Mr. Jack Griffin P'09, P'11**, Media Executive, spoke to the attendees about his family, career and life experiences. Pictured above are l-r: **David Griffin '11, Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., President, Mr. Jack Griffin P'09 P'11, and John Griffin '09.**

The upcoming '11-'12 Breakfast Series is in the planning stages. Check the Prep website for details.



Boston Alums Learn about Conservation and Energy

Alumnus **Gene Karpinski '70** was the featured speaker for the Boston Business Breakfast in April. Gene is the President of the League of Conservation Voters lobby group in Washington, D.C. Gene flew to Boston to discuss the environment at the local Massachusetts level and on the national stage. Gene is involved with national environmental policy creation and environmental advocacy issues. Pictured l-r: **David O'Connor '70, Gene Karpinski '70, Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., Dick Lynch '69.**



A Windy City Tradition

Just like Opening Day at Wrigley Field, the Prep Chicago Alumni reception has become a yearly tradition. The May 4th reception was held downtown at Theory where Prep's President, Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., shared updates about the latest on campus.

Special thanks to **Tim Bierman '87** for helping to arrange the event.



Challenge Victory



As the Prep fight song says; "When there's a victory to be won, Fairfield men are never done!" This sentiment was clearly evident this past spring as over 441 alumni, parents and friends helped us reach our Annual Fund Challenge goal of raising \$50,000 in new, or increased, dollars given to Prep before June 30th. In total, Prep received \$142,796 in gifts that met the Challenge criteria, which in turn triggered the donation of an additional \$50,000 by an anonymous Prep benefactor. The funds raised through this effort will benefit Prep's student financial aid program and other student centered initiatives. Thanks to all who helped make this Challenge a success!

In order to build on this success, your continued support of Prep's Annual Fund efforts in our new fiscal year is greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye out in the early fall for a letter, email, Facebook posting or phone call asking for your commitment. Thanks again for all you do for our school!



Shown at the Prep Annual Golf Outing, from left: **John Chiota Sr. '61, sons Gregg '93, Chris '89, John Jr. '86 and son-in law Brian Dresch '95.**

Why I included Prep in my will

This past June, I attended my 50th reunion at Fairfield Prep. I spent the weekend talking about and experiencing Fairfield Prep along with 54 of my classmates and their guests. On Sunday morning we all processed with members of the class of 2011 at their Commencement and received our "golden diplomas." During the course of the weekend I was bombarded with thoughts and memories of my own four years, why Prep has been such an influential part of my life, why I sent my three sons to Prep, and why I have included Prep in my will.

Including Fairfield Prep in your estate plan is one of the strongest statements you can make about your own experience at Prep and what Prep has done for your own life. Wills are declarations of the love and concern that individuals hold for the people and institutions they care about the most. If Fairfield Prep is as important to you as it is to me, please consider including it in your estate plan.

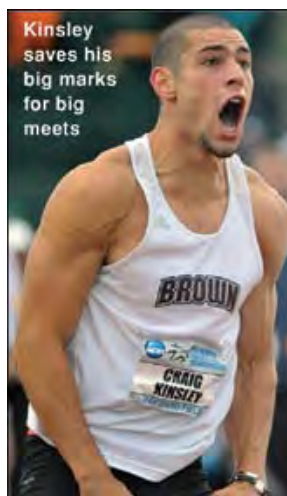
— *The Honorable John Chiota '61*

For additional ideas on long term support for Fairfield Prep please contact the Development Office at 203 254-4237 or visit the website at www.fairfieldprep.org/plannedgiving.



Alumni Hit the Ice!

Fairfield Prep Hockey Alumni gathered at the Wonderland of Ice for a day of playing and reminiscing on February 12. Over 50 alumni and family members enjoyed a pick-up game (odd vs. even years), a lunch catered by Vazzy's, and an afternoon at the Varsity Hockey game vs. Notre Dame of Fairfield. The alumni raised over \$6,000 for the Fairfield Prep Scholarship Fund. The Odds won, and so did Prep Varsity, beating Notre Dame of Fairfield 2-0. The children of deceased alumnus **Chad Jacobs '82** dropped the puck to start the alumni game.



Kinsley saves his big marks for big meets

Craig Kinsley '07 Recordbreaker

When he won last year's NCAA javelin, **Craig Kinsley** made history for Brown as he became the school's first outdoor winner in 58 years. He also became only the third Bear to win at all.

Kinsley won the NCAAs at a PR 250-3 (76.29), but peaked at USATF with exactly a 6-foot jump to 256-3 (78.10), good for 3rd. "USAs were the ultimate goal last year," he says. "All the training was set up for there." Kinsley's PR season earned him a #3 U.S. Ranking, up six notches from '09 when he was 3rd in the NCAA.

Source: US Track & Field News



Molloy '07 High Scorer

Colin Molloy '07 was named to the North Coast Conference men's lacrosse second team after collecting 22 goals and four assists with Denison.



The 2011 Alumni Lacrosse Game was held Saturday, June 4, on Alumni Field. Thanks to **Brian Eckert '92**, who coordinated the reunion event.



A Healthy, Green Ride to Work

Staff members (from left) **Barry Wallace**, English Teacher, **Bob Ford Jr.**, Science Teacher and **Rick Hutchinson '87**, Guidance Counselor, biked to work in May to save fuel and support the "green initiative" demonstrated by Bob Ford's Environmental Science class.



Baseball Alumni gathered at the Alumni Baseball Diamond on June 12. A batting practice and home run derby was followed by a three inning game featuring odd versus even class years. All enjoyed the Super Duper Weenie truck's hot dog specialties for lunch!



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Samuel S. Anim
Jefferson C. Atkins Jr.
Nicholas D. Awad
Oliver K. Ayer
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Patrick B. Benedosso
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Matthew L. D'Ambrisi
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Charles John Donohue
Brendan M. Doran
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Charles Zsebik Jr.

HOLD YOUR BANNER HIGH

No one could have known that when the Prep Class of 2011 lifted their banner at freshman retreat in the spring of 2007, its theme, "different notes ... one melody" would serve to guide their growth through four outstanding years at Prep. As all Prep classes do, the Class of 2011 brought a variety of talents to Prep, yet who could have known at the start of their journey how unified, distinct and accomplished the Class of 2011 would become. Truly they sang many "different notes" as 199 unique, talented and motivated young men; diverse in gifts, broad of mind, bold, confident and caring in spirit. Events challenged this fine class while successes and struggles rallied them to a unique closeness. The Prep men of the Class of 2011 shaped events by reaching deep into their pool of talent and energy in support of one another, striving for and reaching personal goals and their objectives as a class. Heard clearly at a most memorable graduation ceremony,

their "melody" is a powerful and resounding one; a testament to their uniqueness, demonstrated by their many, varied distinctions and accomplishments. Achievements in the arts, in athletic competitions and in the classrooms of Berchmans and Xavier, as well as the lessons learned through serving others were noted well in the many college admissions offices where members of the Class of 2011 stood out in gaining acceptance to 212 different colleges.

As the young men of FP 2011 travel far and wide to engage their next set of challenges and to share their unique melody at the 97 different colleges and universities they will be attending, they carry with them their mission and the well earned confidence and admiration of all of us at Prep.

By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Alabama *
Albany College of Pharmacy
Albertus Magnus College *
American University *
Amherst College *
Anna Maria College
Arcadia University
Arizona State University *
Assumption College
College of the Atlantic
Auburn University
Ave Maria University *
Ball State University
Belmont University *
Bentley University *
Boston College *
Boston University *
Bowdoin College *
University of Bridgeport
Brown University *
Bryant University *
Bucknell University
Cabrini College
California College of the Arts
University of California – Berkeley
University of California – Los Angeles *
University of California – Santa Barbara
Canisius College
Carnegie Mellon University *
Case Western Reserve University
Castleton State College
Catholic University of America *
Central Connecticut State University *
The Citadel
Champlain College *
University of Chicago
Clarkson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby Sawyer College
Colgate University *
College of the Atlantic
College of Charleston
University of Colorado
Colorado State University *
Connecticut College *
University of Connecticut *
Cornell University *
Creighton University
Curry College
University of Dayton *
University of Delaware *
University of Denver
Dickinson College *
Drew University *

Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College *
Elmira College
Elon University *
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College *
Fairfield University *
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University *
Franciscan University
Franklin Pierce University *
Furman University
Georgetown University *
George Mason University
George Washington University *
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Gettysburg College *
Gonzaga University
Green Mountain College
Hampshire College
University of Hartford
Hartwick College
Haverford College *
High Point University *
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross *
University of Illinois
Indiana University
Iona College *
Ithaca College
Jacobs University Bremen (Germany) *
James Madison University *
John Carroll University *
Keene State College *
King's College
Lafayette College
Laguna College of Art and Design
LaSalle University *
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University *
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago *
Loyola University of Maryland *
Loyola University New Orleans *
Lynchburg College
Lyndon State College
University of Maine *
Manhattan College *
Manhattanville College

Marist College
Maritime College (SUNY)
Marquette University *
University of Maryland *
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts- Boston
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy *
McDaniel College
Mercy College
Merrimack College
Miami University – Ohio
University of Miami
University of Michigan *
Muhlenberg College
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven *
New York University *
Niagara University
Nichols College *
Northeastern University *
University of Notre Dame *
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pace University
Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University *
University of Pennsylvania *
Pennsylvania State University *
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University *
University of Pittsburgh
Providence College *
Purdue University *
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond *
Rider University
Roanoke College *
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design
Roger Williams University *
Rosemont College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Salisbury University
Salve Regina University *
University of San Diego *
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University *

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Scranton *
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
Southern Connecticut State University *
University of South Florida
Southern Methodist University
Springfield College
St. Anselm College
St. Bonaventure University *
St. John's University *
St. Joseph's University *
St. Lawrence University *
St. Louis University
St. Michael's College *
St. Peter's College
College of St. Rose
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stonehill College *
SUNY Albany *
SUNY Maritime College *
Susquehanna University
Texas Christian University *
Towson University
Trinity College *
Trinity College, Dublin
Tulane University
Union College *
United States Military Academy *
Ursinus College *
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology *
University of Vermont *
Villanova University *
University of Virginia *
Virginia Military Institute *
Wake Forest University
Waynesburg University
Wesley College *
Western Connecticut State University *
West Liberty University
Western New England College *
West Virginia University *
Wheaton College
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Worcester Polytechnic Institute *
Xavier University

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2011 Prep Golf Outing

Monday, Oct. 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)
Great River Golf Club, Milford, CT

11:00 am — Registration begins. Prior to the start of play there will be 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



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