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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Fairfield Prep,

s I reflect on another significant school year at Fairfield Prep, the summer sun glistens on the statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the Kartovsky Quad. Our patron St. Ignatius inspires the Prep community daily, by encouraging our students, faculty, sports teams, coaches, alumni and staff members to achieve the more - the Magis - to do everything to the best of our ability, always seeking "the Greater Glory of God." We all beamed with pride as our 227 young men from the Class of 2012 processed into Alumni Hall to receive their diplomas on June 3, but were also touched at the strong legacy of the 50th Reunion Class of 1962, who received golden diplomas denoting their special anniversary. This issue celebrates the year's many achievements, in the classroom and on the playing field, in our arts programs and co-curricular activities. Our Alumni and teachers continue to be leadership models with their unselfish devotion.

We are pleased to recognize teacher and coach Bruce Jaffe for his retirement from an extraordinary 46 years of coaching Prep Swimming and Diving. Bruce had the "perfect" season and ending, winning the SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference), Class LL, and State Open championships, plus being honored as the Coach of the Year. On June 12, almost two hundred past and present teammates, students and families attended a dinner to honor Bruce and his incredible sports record, recounting great wins and memories – even reminiscing that he drove the bus in previous decades! Bruce will continue to reign in his history classroom, continuing to teach new Prep generations the important lessons about the past.

Additionally, two remarkable teachers were honored this spring. Ms. Billie Brooks received the Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Teacher of the Year Award, for which she was nominated by her faculty peers. Billie has taught modern languages at Prep for 39 years, motivating young men to learn, but keeping her classroom atmosphere creative and not too serious. Mr. Tony Canuel was honored by the students with both the *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication and voted by the Class of 2012 as Inspirational Teacher of the Year. Tony's dedication to his science students and his involvement with all aspects of the Prep community life, such as campus ministry and liturgical music, is appreciated by all. We are so truly blessed to have such talented teachers here at Prep.

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce the third recipient of our St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. William E. Evans, Jr. '73 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. Bill will accept the award during the Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated with the entire student body in September. Bill is truly a Man for Others, living his life with generosity, service and devotion to the needs of others.



Prep continued to dominate in Athletics throughout the winter and spring. In addition to the historical Swimming and Diving season, Lacrosse won the SCC Championship and claimed its 5th State Championship with an 8-6 win over Ridgefield. Both Hockey and Basketball advanced to the state semifinals, with Hockey winning the SCC Championship. Skiing was the regular season champion and State Runner-up; and Rugby was State Runner-up. Many sports highlights and achievements are included in this issue.

And the Arts continue to flourish at Prep! Read about one of the biggest musical drama productions ever to hit the stage performed by the Prep Players, *Kiss Me, Kate.* Megan Hoover, our Arts Chair and director, reports on the making of the show. Our Prep musicians also delighted audiences with the Spring Concert, featuring "An Evening with the Masters" with the expanded symphonic orchestra, bands and choral groups. Finally, our students' artwork filled the halls of Arrupe in the Spring Art Show, with multi-media and sculptural compositions on display.

Our 50th Reunion Class of 1962 enjoyed an actionpacked reunion weekend, and pledged a record class gift of over \$324,000 to benefit the Fairfield Prep Annual Fund and the Jesuit Educators Academy, a comprehensive program to train our teachers and imbue them in Jesuit pedagogy and spirituality. We are quite humbled by this landmark gift and the generosity of our esteemed Alumni, proof of the Prep devotion and influence in their lives.

We are also extremely grateful for your continued support of our Annual Fund, which is used to offer over \$2 million in financial aid yearly to young men who may not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from a life-changing Prep education. God has indeed blessed us abundantly throughout these 70 years. On behalf of our students, faculty and staff and the Board of Governors, thank you for all that you do to advance our mission. May these months of summer be richly blessed for you and your family!

Rev. John J. Hannell, S.J.

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You are welcome to contact me at 203.254.4200, ext. 2219 or rjbernier@fairfieldprep.org

Prep's social media outlets played an important role in the success of many of our spring events including our Boston and New York City Business Breakfast series, Comedy Night in New York City, Chicago alumni reception, Bruce Jaffe testimonial

dinner and our alumni reunion weekend . With a full slate of fall activities in the works, I invite you to connect with Prep through our various platforms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at rjbernier@fairfieldprep.org. I'd be happy to help! Thank you for your interest and your support of Prep!

Sincerely, Demin

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It's for you!

Prep has launched a new I-Phone and I-Pad app, which can be downloaded FREE from the App Store. Simply search for "Fairfield Prep." The app offers current news, athletic schedules and updates, calendars (including School, Admissions, Alumni, Campus Ministry and more), plus our media gallery with slideshows and videos.

There are two new **LinkedIn Groups** available: The "Fairfield Prep Alumni Network," available only to Prep Alumni, and the "Fairfield Prep Parent Network," available to current and past parents. Search the LinkedIn Group Directory for these names, and get linked today. Alumni can **"Like Us"** on **www.facebook.com/fairfieldprepalumni**

(featuring Alumni news and events). Additionally the general Prep Community is invited to **"Like Us"** on **www.facebook.com/fairfieldprep** (featuring website homepage news). You must "Like Us" in order to receive the facebook updates.

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

Prep Pride, a beautiful on-campus store near the school cafeteria in Berchmans Hall, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am to 3 pm. Shop online at www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride to purchase popular Prep Pride apparel, gifts and accessories.



Jaffe retires from coaching with State Championship

Coach of the Year and a Perfect Ending





did not wear goggles, they competed with long hair and swam in 20 yard pools—a distance that no longer exists in competitive swimming. In 1967 Bruce Jaffe stepped onto the pool deck for the first time to coach a fledgling high school swimming & diving team. Who knew then that this young history teacher in suspenders would become a living legend at Fairfield Prep and in Connecticut High School Swimming & Diving?

As the decades went by, he became known as "Bruce." Strolling the deck in suspenders, drinking ginger ale, glad handing officials, softening up the opposing coach and rooting for his "ham and eggers," Bruce Jaffe would become a larger-thanlife figure known by everyone in the swimming community. Despite a humble beginning, Bruce leaves behind a legacy that is nearly impossible to encapsulate.

Highlights include three state divisional championships, two State Open Championships, 100 swimmers and divers that achieved all-state status, over three dozen All-Americans. 15 State Division (Class L and LL) records and six State Open records. For 30 years he served as the Director of the State Open meet. But as anvone who has had Bruce as a teacher knows it's not about statistics and times. It is about the lessons that needed to be learned. Here are a few of the lessons Bruce Jaffe taught...

Lesson #1: Team success is more important than individual glory. In a sport that many consider an individual pursuit, Bruce Jaffe proved that high school swimming and diving provided the ultimate opportunity for teamwork. Case in point was this past year when a perfect season was capped off with a State Open championship despite the Prep team not winning a single event. In league championships (MBIAC, ACC, SCC), where unlimited entries reward teams for having depth, he amassed an astounding 34 championships. Perhaps his greatest legacy is that in 46 years Bruce Jaffe never cut a single swimmer or diver from the team.

Lesson #2: Swimming

is fun. In a sport where you basically go back and forth and back and forth endlessly, Bruce always had time for levity. No practice would be complete without the playful banter between grueling sets. Even those on the receiving end of a "Keifer" would have to laugh at their misfortune.

Lesson #3: Be adaptable.

While his fashion choices varied only slightly in the past 40 years, Bruce changed with the times when it came to the team. He started coaching in a four lane, 20 yard pool eventually graduating to an eight lane, 25 meter pool at Fairfield University. Depending on your point of view, he was either an innovator or a sadist with the advent of "Triples" (three two-hour practices a day) during Christmas break. He also thought outside the box by scheduling meets versus freshman teams from the Coast Guard Academy and West Point. When training trips were in vogue, off to San Diego and Puerto Rico the Prep teams would go.

A look back at 46 years





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swimming & diving The Perfect Season

ith a deep and balanced returning squad being supported by a talented group of fresh faces, there was optimism heading into the 2011-2012 Fairfield Prep Swimming and Diving season. Yet few expected the storybook season that would take place. The team, lead by senior Tri-Captains, **Matt Connelly, David Mullany** and **Jay Power**, would give coach Bruce Jaffe the ultimate farewell present: a perfect season; the first in his storied career.

The team moved through the dual meet season swiftly, prepping for a three day stretch where they would face their two toughest opponents on the road. First up was a young but deep



Greenwich High School squad. Three days later, they would face a talented and experienced league foe, Amity High School. Both schools would go on to place in the top four at the State Open. In both meets, Prep emerged victorious with the help of a balanced lineup, a gritty competitive streak and a loyal (and loud!) fan base. The victory over Greenwich would be just the fourth dual meet victory over the Cardinals in school history.

With a 12-0 dual meet record, the team would head into the championship season. First Prep would claim its 8th consecutive SCC Championship, once again holding off a strong challenge from Amity. They would then march into the states claiming their



SWIMMING & DIVING HONORS



U.S. Marine Corps #1 Team of the Year, Boys Swimming

Jake Bowtell '14: All-SCC, All-State, All-American (Diving)

Brandon Cole '14: All-SCC, All-State, New Haven Register All-Area

Mathew Connelly '12: All-State

Bjorn Davis '14: All-SCC, All-State, LL State Champion (50 Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay), Connecticut Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-Area

Bryan Dougherty '12: All-State, LL State Champion (200 Freestyle Relay)



Keith Dougherty '12: All-SCC, All-State, LL State Champion (200 Medley Relay) Bradley Helt '13: All-SCC

Bryce Keblish '15: All-SCC, All-State, LL State Champion (100 Butterfly, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay), Connecticut Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-Area

Andres Ramos '13: All-SCC, All-State

Edward Stolarski '15: All-SCC, All-State, LL State Champion (200 Medley Relay)

Nicholas Wargo '14: All-SCC, All-State, LL State Champion (200 Freestyle Relay), Connecticut Post All-Star, New Haven Register All-Area

first ever LL State championship, breaking Greenwich High School's 18 year winning streak. While Prep would win 4 events: 200 Medley Relay (1:36.69, **Stolarski, K. Dougherty, Keblish, Davis**), 200 Freestyle Relay (1:26.51, **Wargo, B. Dougherty, Keblish, Davis**), 50 Freestyle (21.39, **Bjorn Davis '14**) and 100 Fly (52.08, **Bryce Keblish '15**), it was depth that would be the key to victory with 18 different swimmers and divers scoring.

The State Open would be the final hurdle and prove to be the most exciting. In a thrilling meet that would go down to the final relay, Prep would pull out a 4 ½ point victory over Brookfield High School in the closest State Open finish ever. In many ways, this victory was symbolic of what has made Fairfield Prep Swimming and Diving so successful during Bruce Jaffe's head coaching tenure. It was a complete team effort. In fact, Prep would take the title without winning a single event.

Diving emerged during the season as one of the biggest scoring events. Coach

Jeanine Oburchay managed a squad of 8 divers (yes, 8 divers!). Led by **Jake Bowtell** '14, DJ Rowley '13, Robert McCrory '15 and Kevin Jimenez-Cowell '12, the team would out score all other diving squads at the SCC Championships. The four would all qualify for the LL championships with Bowtell achieving All-State and All-American status.

Nine Swimmers would also achieve All-State status: Matt Connelly '12, Bryan Dougherty '12, Keith Dougherty '12, Andres Ramos '13, Bjorn Davis '14, Brandon Cole '14, Nicholas Wargo '14, Bryce Keblish '15 and Edward Stolarski '15.

Bruce Jaffe was named Coach of the Year by the Connecticut Post, New Haven Register and the Connecticut High School Swim Coaches Association.



By Rick Hutchinson '87, Guidance Counselor and Asst. Swim Coach. Rick will become the Varsity Swim Coach next season.



Remembering Brad Helt '13

Fairfield Prep mourned the loss of Brad Helt '13, a member of the State Championship



swim team and Prep brother, who died on April 9, 2012. Rick Hutchinson, assistant swim coach and guidance counselor said, "He had an unconventional sense of humor, and I mean that in a positive way...He was smiling all the time...He put aside personal successes so the team could advance...A true team player."

Hutchinson also said that Helt was quick to befriend the swimmers who were not major performers on the team. "Even those swimmers who were on the sidelines, so to speak, have memories of Brad reaching out to them," he said. "Brad played a significant role, certainly in the water, but also in his enthusiasm for the team. Every once in awhile, you need someone to lighten up the moment, and Brad was that person."

"For me, it's like losing a son," said Bruce Jaffe, Prep's head swim coach. "That's the way I feel, and that's the way the team and school feels. It's like they lost a brother... Bradley was full of life and full of the joy of life." Jaffe said his lasting impression of Helt was his sense of humor and ability to perform when it mattered most to the team.

- Source: CT Post

Jaffe retires as swim coach

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Lesson #4: Selflessness is a virtue. Bruce was a living example of the Jesuit motto "Men for Others." How many of Bruce's hospital stays were the result of his long hours on the pool deck? In his first thirteen years of coaching, there was no transportation to the Shehan Center in Bridgeport, so he got a commercial driver's license. Bruce drove to the pool, the train station, meets or anywhere else the team needed to go. Bruce's bus driving became the stuff of legend, like the time a toll booth operator on the highway told him to pull over on the way home from a meet. Shortly thereafter, a state police car with its lights flashing pulled up behind the bus with three Prep swimmers who had been left behind at a McDonald's.

Lesson #5: Defeat can be as valuable as winning. No discussion of Bruce's coaching career is complete without mentioning the epic rivalry with Greenwich High School. Asked why he continually scheduled a meet versus the Cardinals, Bruce once replied, "You don't get better competing against cream cheese." From 1981-2011, Fairfield Prep teams were runner-up at the LL championships 18 times, all to Greenwich. And it was not until his 40th try that he would defeat them in a dual meet. But nevertheless. Bruce's insistence on swimming Greenwich taught his teams to never back off from a challenge. The rivalry would be a defining event of every Prep swimmer and diver's high school career.

Lesson #6: The power of

the spoken word. On the pool deck or during a long bus ride, Bruce was never reluctant in sharing his encyclopedic knowledge on just about any topic. And his responses to the foolish actions of his swimmers were always memorable, "He has the brains of an average piss ant, not an intelligent piss ant, just an average one," or "The hamster is not quite turning the wheel in that one." But the pre-meet pep talks were Bruce Jaffe's greatest moments. Right to his final season Bruce would get in the huddle and say, "If you can look me in the eye and tell me you have performed to the very best of your ability, that is all I ask." Then there was his most memorable pep talk of all time before the first dual meet victory over Greenwich in 2007, "As the Spartan mother told her son before battle, you come home with blood on your shield, or you come home with your dead body on it."

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m ruce}$ Jaffe ends his coaching career in storybook fashion with a 12-0 dual meet record and a SCC, LL and State Open championship. Over the decades one of Bruce's favorite expressions was, "You will swim until I am tired." Well it took 46 years, but the team finally wore him out. I know I speak for every swimmer, diver, opposing coach, official and fan when I say it was a true privilege to have Bruce in our lives. Meet results and swimming times may fade from memory, but no one will ever forget the lessons they learned from Bruce Jaffe. That is his greatest legacy.

By Rick Hutchinson '87 Guidance Counselor and Assistant Swim Coach







Billie Brooks honored for her Jesuit ideals

n July 1994, I returned home from a three-week trip to France. Among the many messages on our answering machine was a cheerful voice identifying herself as Billie Brooks, chair of the language department of Fairfield Prep, inviting me to interview for a teaching position at Prep. I returned the phone call, fully intending to thank her for the opportunity, but to decline because Fairfield was too long a commute from my home in Waterbury. That cheerful voice from the answering machine, however, was so warm and welcoming that I found myself agreeing to the interview. When I actually met the voice, it matched the person, and so began my career at Fairfield Prep.

Billie's career began a bit differently in 1972. There was no answering machine, no charming female voice. She was hired to teach German and Spanish. At that time, she and Betty Kachmar were the only women faculty at Prep.

Among the many accolades given to Billie, the most recent was announced this spring. Fr. Hanwell, S.J., presented the second "Rev. Martin G. Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Teacher of the Year Award" to her at the Feast of the Ascension liturgy. This award has particular significance because the recipient is nominated by his or her colleagues and the award is named in honor of one of Prep's most beloved teachers. The nomination process entails an involved description of how the teacher demonstrates the characteristics of an Ignatian educator: caring for the individual, discerning ways of teaching



At the school-wide Mass of the Ascension, Ms. Billie Brooks was presented the Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Teacher of the Year Award.

and learning, modeling Ignatian pedagogy, building community, and animating the Ignatian vision.

Billie Brooks has spent almost 40 years educating Prep students. As the population culture has changed, she has changed as well. Whatever label with which her students are identified, she adapts her approach and evaluation.

Billie is always looking for new ways to bridge experience and reflection into action. Whatever current topic is energizing her students—from gay rights to Jersey Shore—Billie arranges a discussion. She finds Spanish resources on the Internet to broaden her students'

Jamie Chesbro wins Academic Achievement Award

J amie Chesbro, English teacher, recently completed his MFA in Creative Writing and was the recipient of the Academic Achievement Award at Fairfield University. The award is voted by the faculty and goes to the top student in the



MFA program in Creative Writing. Mr. Chesbro is the co-editor of "You. An Anthology of Essays in the Second Person," published in 2012 by Welcome Table Press. His essays appear in *The Huffington Post* and *Connecticut Review.* Jamie is pictured with Dr. Peter Bayers of the English department who presented the award. perspectives and combat the insular environment of Fairfield County. When teaching the subjunctive, Billie asks her students to write prayers which are then shared for daily meditation. With upperlevel classes, she often does a unit on fairy tales which concludes with milk and cookies, just like kindergarten.

Billie does not merely mouth the Jesuit ideals; she lives them. She is committed to social justice both at Prep and in the larger community. For many years, Billie has organized a sock drive to benefit the residents of local shelters. She uses the simplest of clothing to help her students become aware of the importance of the smallest gesture. Every Christmas, Billie makes a contribution in the name of the Language Department to various charities. For the last two years, she has been contributing to the boxing program associated with her trainer. Because of her generosity, several young men can now participate in an activity that was not affordable to them. The notes she has received from these young men are heartwarming.

There is another side of Billie that really wasn't covered in the nomination form: her sense of humor. To the delight of everyone at the Senior Parent Reception, Billie demonstrated her potential retirement career in stand-up comedy. For those who weren't there, please see the Prep You Tube channel at www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1.

The phrase "unsung hero" has become almost trite. However, in Billie's case, it is an apt description. She has been doing so many things for so many people for so long. She doesn't expect any gratitude because this is how she has always lived her life. She is the same caring, thoughtful, kind person in her church community that she is in the Prep community. She is just as loving to her family as she is to her students. The entire Prep community celebrates this richly deserved recognition.



By Connie Carrington, French teacher. Connie has been a language teacher at Prep for 18 years.

Celebrating the past... embracing the future

By Peter Barston '12

S o many emotions buzzed through my mind as I drove away from Prep. I couldn't believe that I was leaving the place that had made me feel so at home over the past four years. I thought of all the great memories of the school days, the extracurricular activities, and of course, the sporting events. And then I realized something funny—all the camaraderie, all the joy, and all the cohesion I had felt over the past four years were captured perfectly by the beautiful graduation ceremony I had just walked out of.

Before our walk to Alumni Hall for the graduation, I stole a look back at the crowd of fellow seniors behind me. Normally, I would have kept my head down and hoped for the walk to end as quickly as possible. But looking back at my classmates, I saw a sea of red and white, a group of seniors who were together for the last time. The togetherness felt by all in what was the last moment we were together as the entire class of 2012 will stay with us forever. It was the same camaraderie that had been coursing through the school the past four years, and it will be this unity that shall keep Prep in our thoughts for the rest of our lives.

Our student speaker was the affable Rob Salandra, who put into words our Prep experience. I couldn't think of a better way to sum up Prep than Rob's vivid tour through the best of times (hockey state championship, senior year) and the roughest of times (the passings of Ryan and Brad) the class of 2012 had over the past four years. In the end, Rob made sure to keep us intrigued, just like Prep managed to in our time there. And best of all, he kept us laughing and smiling, something we always will be doing when we remember our Prep years.

The most poignant moment of graduation came as Kevin Sinclair received his diploma. Kevin's dad had passed away the day before graduation. Upon collecting his diploma, Kevin was greeted with a round of applause

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that filled Alumni Hall. It was a moment that was textbook Prep. The solidarity of the Prep community, something that is present in the good and bad times, is unmatched. It starts with the daily prayer, continues with the brotherhood we build on our retreats and our service, and it extends to the most trying moments. Confronted with the tragedy of Ryan and Brad, the Prep community came together with a selfless unanimity. Although the class of 2012 will now go its separate ways, we are always connected to Prep and to each other, in good times and bad, because, as Rob said, we finished high school with 226 more brothers than we began it with.

It was a surreal feeling to be called a graduate of Prep for the first time. After all that time saying that you "go" to Prep, it was finally time to say you "went" to Prep. The faculty and administrators surrounding us were seen in a whole new light. No longer part of the future, they now occupied a sacred position in our mind. From freshmen year on, the memories poured in. Pop quizzes in Mr. Shea's class, weekly essays in Mr. Wallace's class, free periods spent in the Academic Center under the watchful of eye of Mr. Davis, Mr. Brennan's morning announcements, and so much more came back in a flood of recollections. Even the cookies served at the reception were a reminder of the days (and dollars) spent in the Prep cafeteria. It was a moment where time seemed to freeze, where the past met the present and the two became one. We were graduates and students at the same time, celebrating our past and embracing our future.

Before we exited campus, I had my parents stop the car in front of the Quad, with all three buildings of Prep perfectly in view. Getting out and looking at the place that had been so good to all of us for the past four years, I couldn't help but smile. The picture I ended up taking was nothing too special – just a tall tree with buildings on three sides of it. To the outsider, it would be exactly that. To the Prep brotherhood of 2012, however, it is so much more. It is the home of delight and sadness, of triumph and of defeat, and above all, of countless joyous memories that shall always lead us home. Looking at that picture won't put any of us back in the halls of Arrupe, Berchmans, or Xavier, but it will get us as close as we can, for even as we depart physically from Prep, we shall never depart spiritually.

Peter Barston (right) received the St. Peter Claver, S.J. Award at commencement.









Excerpts taken from the Senior Farewell Address by Robert Salandra

e've made it, boys. We can all say that we graduated from Fairfield Prep, a school that has provided us with opportunities we could not have received anywhere else. It feels good, doesn't it? Even though it feels great to be wearing these white jackets today, it's a bit sad that we won't be seeing the same familiar faces we've come to know and love in the halls every day.

We've all come a really long way from the days when we first walked the halls of Prep, when we were actually scared of Mr. Brennan, and were so nervous in the presence of seniors because we looked up to them. Not necessarily because they were role models, we were just really, really short as When I came to Prep, I was the only boy in my family, I had three sisters. Who knew that four years later I would have 226 brothers?

freshmen. But now, we are those seniors.

It's been a long and fruitful journey, with great memories and few regrets; though it was a little intimidating at first. And for me it was intimidating because of the one word we have heard so much, it has almost become a cliché; "brotherhood."

We heard that word countless times from faculty, administration, and upperclassmen from the time we walked in the door until now, and as freshmen, we brushed it aside. How could I call that kid who sits next to me in English class a brother? But now it all makes sense. We are brothers, and together with the faculty and administration at Prep we are a family.

When thinking about what makes a family a family, I came up with three criteria; families laugh together, cry together, and share moments with each other.

We've shared moments unique to Prep life. Whether it was the freshman or sophomore retreat, Kairos, Urban Plunge, or a service trip, we have shared moments with each other as the Prep family.

A lyric in one of my favorite songs is as follows: "It's not an experience, if you can't bring someone along." And, guys, I know that we have always brought our Prep brothers along in everything that we do, and we will continue to be there for each other long after today.

We have our own families here in the audience today to thank for the gift they have given us; the gift of the Prep family that we will always cherish.

And just as families gather for reunions, we too will congregate again at Prep reunions. And as our families come together in celebration of marriages, we will certainly find our Prep brothers at our weddings.

When I came to Prep, I was the only boy in my family, I had three sisters. Who knew that four years later I would have 226 brothers?

Thank you everyone for being here. Thank you, classmates, for allowing me to address you today, and congratulations, brothers, the graduating class of 2012.



Alumni fathers and graduating Senior sons gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 31 for a group photo. Pictured above:

- Aris '73 and Johnathan Crist
- Thomas '81 and Thomas Dolan
- Frank '78 and Johanthan Ficko
- John '71 and Paul Kavanewsky
- Alfred '79 and Sean Kelly
- Henry '61 and Andrew Levinsky
- Glenn '80 and Dylan Levinson

- David '79 and Nicholas Maffei
- Dave '83 and David Mullany
- Lee '79 and Michael Smeriglio
- Charles '76 and Tyler Stankye
- Matt '82 and Brendan Terry

COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Patrick A. Barthelemy (left) and Matthew Connelly 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. Nicholas J. Maffei

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.

Ex Aequo: Patrick A. Barthelemy and Matthew Connelly

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. **Robert S. Salandra**

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

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. Peter J. Barston

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. Michael C. Whelan



At the Senior Send-off assembly, senior student government officers honored Mr. Canuel with the Inspirational Teacher of the Year award. From left: James Nealon, Patrick Barthelemy, Mr. Canuel, Robert Valdes-Rodriguez, Dan Luciano and Pat Corona

MR. ANTHONY CANUEL A teacher's teacher

★ Class of 2012 Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award ★ Hearthstone yearbook dedication

started teaching at Prep in the fall of 1977 and I was one of a bunch of new young teachers, most of whom had beards. Fr. Brissette, our Chairman, had been here since the beginning of time, but the rest of us were new to teaching and new to Prep.

Two years later I had decided that I was where I wanted to remain, and with that realization came the commitment to making Prep the best school, the Science Department the best Department, and our teachers the best teachers. When Fr. Allen, S.J., then a housemaster, asked me to talk with a prospective new teacher, fresh out of Fairfield University Biology (my alma mater), I agreed.

This prospect, Anthony Canuel, had several things going for him in addition to the fine reputation of his college. First, he had a beard – he would fit right in. Second, he was serious about being a teacher for the rest of his life, and third he had a sense of humor that came through in his characteristic conversational style, something that has become a trademark of his teaching.

Since he started at Prep in 1979, we've taught together, he was an usher in my wedding and sang at the Mass, and we've been colleagues and friends for over 30 years. I can drop into one his classes and feel welcome and involved right away. My sons (Dan '03 and Andrew '05) had Mr. Canuel for Honors Chem and both loved the class. Dan '03 felt it was the best preparation for college (West Point) that he received at Prep.

Six years ago I was asked to move from Xavier-4 to the newly built and air conditioned



At the Ascension Mass, Senior Hearthstone Editor Nic Girard '12 and Huythanh Tran '12 present Mr. Tony Canuel with the yearbook dedication.

Arrupe basement. My biggest regret is leaving the rest of the science faculty, most notably Mr. Canuel. I miss the day to day contact (though not the late August/early June heat).

He is professional, collegial, and good humored. His best characteristic as a teacher is patient persistence—he never loses his cool, and he stays on task until the job is done. No student will say his class is easy, but they all will believe they learned more than they would have ever expected.

I am very pleased to know Tony Canuel and I am very proud of him receiving this year's Class of 2012 Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award and the Hearthstone yearbook dedication. Two honors so well deserved!



By Robert Ford Jr., Science teacher, Cross Country Coach. Bob has taught at Prep for 34 years. Excerpts taken from the Commencement Address by Reverend James Martin, S.J.

"Lighten Up!"



ou're now probably wondering why you're spending your final hours at the Prep listening to cheesy religion jokes. You're thinking that if you're going to listen to a commencement address, then at least there should be a point to this talk. Well, that is the point. Which is this: Lighten up. Get over yourself. Don't take yourself so seriously.

It's not clear why humor and laughter are seen as inappropriate in religious settings. But I'm sure you've met people who seem to think that being religious means being deadly serious all the time. But when you're deadly serious, you're probably seriously dead. In Christian circles these are the "frozen chosen."

Many Christians, for example, still have a hard time imagining Jesus as someone who laughed and who had— God forbid—fun. But he surely did. Anyone who told clever stories and amusing parables must have had a sense of humor.

Now, men of Fairfield Prep, I'm not advocating a mindless, idiotic happiness. I'm not saying that your life after the Prep will be devoid of sadness or that you should be a grinning idiot all the time. You would be a robot if you weren't sad during times of tragedy. As the Book of Ecclesiastes said "There is a time to mourn." But Ecclesiastes also says, "There is a time to laugh." Humor and laughter should be an important part of your life.

When we joke about ourselves, it's a reminder of our essential limitations, our basic humanity, our shared reliance on God. As a Prep grad you'll probably go on to positions of prominence, and may be tempted to think you're better than everyone else: Don't.

We are all human beings, from the



Rev. James Martin, S.J., was the featured speaker at the 70th Commencement. Father Martin is a Jesuit priest, author and contributing editor at America, the national Catholic magazine. He has commented on religion and spirituality in the national and international media, and he has appeared on all the major radio and television networks, and in venues as diverse as National Public Radio's "Fresh Air with Terry Gross," NPR's "Weekend Edition," PBS's "Newshour," Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" and Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," as well as ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, PBS, The History Channel, the BBC and Vatican Radio. Father Martin

is also the author of several award-winning books. His most recent book is Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor and Laughter are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life, (HarperOne, 2011), which was named as one of "Best Books" of 2011 by Publishers Weekly.

president of Prep to the people who clean up the classrooms after school is out. We're all beloved children of God; none of us better than the others. Laughing at ourselves helps to remember that.

... here's some commencement advice: Don't take yourself so seriously. Laugh at yourself. Use some humor to speak truth to power, especially on behalf of the voiceless. See what happens when you incorporate joy into your spiritual life, and try to locate God's delight. Overall: be joyful; cultivate a sense of humor and laugh—for God's sakes.



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KUDOS TO SENIORS





Joseph Cullina





Matthew Connelly

Thomas Brewster



Patrick Corona

Nicolas Girard





Joseph Roberts

Peter Barston - Darien Little League Scholarship

Thomas Brewster - National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete

Matthew Connelly - SCC Scholar Leader Award and MSG Varsity Scholarship '11 and '12

Patrick Corona - US Air Force Academy

Joseph Cullina – Marv Kus Award, National Polish Falcons of America and 2012 Fairfield **Rotary Service Above Self** Scholarship

Thomas Dolan - Knights of **Columbus Scholarship**

Stephen Domanick - Marquette University Jesuit High School Scholarship

Jack Gavey - Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Mentor of the Year

Nicolas Girard – SCC Scholar Leader Award

Nicholas Maffei - Fairfield County **UNICO Scholarship**



Peter Morrison

Tyler Stankye



James Nealon

David Murljacic

Kendall Trojanowski Michael Whelan

- Peter Morrison Distinguished Citizen Award
- David Murljacic Loyola University of Chicago BVM Sisters of Christian Charity Scholarship
- James Nealon Fairfield Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Jamie Power - US Coast Guard Academy, Western CT Military Officer's Assoc. Young American Award

Joseph Roberts - 2012 Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship, **Delaware Rugby Foundation**

Tyler Stankye – Mayor's Youth Award, Derby and Milton Camaleri Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Kendall Trojanowski - The John Miller Edward Zorn Memorial Scholarship and The James and Ella Cebik Memorial Scholarship for the First Congregational Church, Stratford, CT

Michael Whelan - DAR Good Citizen Award and CAS/CIAC Scholar Athlete Award

Eagle Scouts Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2012 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.



Emerson Ball Jacob Cogguillo Jonathan Ficko Brendan Hultgren Joseph Humes

Adam Kee Sean Kellv Peter Morrison Matthew Ryan Tyler Stankye



Power selected for the Coast Guard

amie Power received his appointment to the United States Coast Guard. He also received the Western Connecticut Military Officer's Association Young American Award, pictured with Prep alum Lt. Col. John Simonetti, USAF (Ret) '75.



Kiwanis Scholarship

Tames Nealon was awarded the Fairfield Kiwanis Scholarship at the annual Spring awards luncheon.



New USAF Cadet

at Corona received his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy at the Baccalaureate Mass.



Rotary Club Honors Top Ten Seniors

The annual Fairfield Rotary Club Student Recognition Luncheon was held in May. The Top Ten Prep Seniors were recognized with students from other Fairfield schools. The honored Prep Seniors are Left to right: Andrew Richmond, Kenneth Clancy, Robert Salandra, Alec Creta, Nicholas Maffei, Peter Barston, James Nealon, Michael Whelan, Nicolas Girard, and Marek Zaleski.

SENIOR EXCELLENCE

Connor Rog signs with University of Virginia

S enior **Connor Rog** signed with the University of Virginia on February 1. He has been recognized with a record breaking number of awards and accomplishments in Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Track and Field during his four years at Fairfield Prep: Gatorade



From left: Bob Ford Sr., Asst. Coach, Connor Rog, Bob Ford Jr., Head Coach

Connecticut Cross Country Runner of the Year 2010-11 and 2011-12, Qualified for the boys mile at the prestigious Millrose Games on Feb. 11 in New York, Undefeated in all Connecticut XC meets, Wilton Invitational Champion, Wickham Invitational Champion, 1st Place Thetford Woods Trail Run, SCC Champion (2nd year), Class LL Champion (3rd year), State Open 1st place (new course record), 2nd Place New England Championship (top Connecticut runner), 1st place Jesuit HS Championships, 10th place Foot Locker Northeast Regional Championships, Flotrack & Dyestat nationally ranked, 2011 Sports-Person of the Year from Fairfield for the Fairfield Country Sports Association, 10th place in Northeast Regional Footlocker Championship, 18th in the Finals of the Footlocker National Championship in San Diego (December 2011), New Haven Register All-Star team and MVP, CT-Post All-Star team and MVP, Outstanding Cross Country Runner of the Year CHSCA.



From left: Nic Girard '12, Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, and Matt Connelly '12

Girard and Connelly SCC Scholar Leaders

The 2012 Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Leader recognition banquet was held on March 26 in New Haven. Seniors **Nic Girard** and **Matt Connelly** were recognized among forty-four outstanding students from the Southern Connecticut Conference who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and leadership in their school and external communities.



Brewster Named Football Scholar-Athlete

Tom Brewster was selected as a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete. Pictured with Varsity Head Coach Tom Shea '73 (left), and parents Karen and Bill.



From left: Asst. Football Coach Keith Hellstern, Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, Serge Jean-Baptiste, center, and Head Varsity Football Coach Tom Shea

Jean-Baptiste signs with Stonehill College

C ongratulations to senior **Serge Jean-Baptiste**, who signed an Athletic National Letter of Intent to play football for Stonehill College on February 13. Serge has been a three year starter for Fairfield Prep as an offensive and defensive lineman. In his sophomore year, Jean-Baptiste played defensive tackle and was chosen as the team's

Most Improved Player. As a junior he continued to play defense and led his team in tackles for loss and quarterback sacks. He was selected as a team Co-Captain for the 2011 season and, to enhance his team's ability to score, he moved to offensive guard.

His size, 6'2" and 275 lbs, and his athletic ability made him an outstanding pulling guard and he led his team to rush for 210 yards per game in the highly competitive Southern Connecticut Conference. Serge was named to the Coaches' Class LL first team All-State team and first team All-SCC. Serge has been a member of the S.E.E.D. Diversity Club and volunteered at the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield. He is a resident of Norwalk.



Rugby Scholarship for Roberts

Joey Roberts '12 received the 2012 University of Delaware Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship from Thomas Kenney (left) and Andy Newcombe, President of the Delaware Rugby Foundation.



Michael Whelan (standing) pictured with, from left: Bob Ford Jr., Cross Country Coach; John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising; Harvey Mamrus, Science Chair; and Bob Ford Sr., Asst. Cross Country Coach

Whelan CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete

Michael Whelan '12 was recognized at the 29th Annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet held on May 6, 2012 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. The annual award is given to one recipient from each of the state's high schools, recognizing standout academic achievement and athletic performance.

The award is sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) and by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC).

Scholar Athletes to play College Football

S even scholar athletes from the Class of 2012 will continue their football careers, having committed to play football in their respective colleges. Varsity Head Coach Tom Shea '73 and Assistant Keith Hellstern expressed pride in the talent, growth and motivation of these athletes as they congratulated them in a recent ceremony.

Pictured in front row, L to R: Shane Dempsey - Easton (Salve Regina University), Joe Herlihy - Shelton (Catholic University), Tom Brewster - Fairfield (Colby College), Justin Haley - Fairfield (Bates College), Dr. Bob Perrotta, Principal. Second row, L to R: Coach Shea, Xavier Frey - New Canaan (Tufts University), Michael Niche -Wilton (Gettysburg College), Serge Jean-Baptiste - Norwalk (Stonehill College), Asst. Coach Hellstern.



Prep Scholar Athletes sign National Letters of Intent

Three Prep Scholar Athletes signed national letters of intent in the fall semester. Through their strong character and outstanding academic and athletic efforts, each senior has earned the opportunity to continue to compete in his sport while achieving a college degree. Pictured from left above, front row: **Terry Tarpey, Conor Barr** and **Charles Keady**. Back row: Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., President; Leo Redgate '86, Varsity Basketball Coach; Chris Smalkais, Varsity Lacrosse Coach; Steve Donahue, Athletic Director, and Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal.

Terence M. Tarpey has built standout records in both his academic life and basketball career at Fairfield Prep. Terry has been involved in Prep's Jeopardy Club and served at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club. His athleticism, determination and leadership have made Terry a standout in Prep's basketball program where he has played at the varsity level for all four years and served as team captain this year. Terry will attend the College of William and Mary where he will continue his basketball and academic careers. See basketball honors page 24. **Conor B. Barr** has distinguished himself in achieving highly successful careers in his athletic and academic life at Fairfield Prep. Conor has participated in lacrosse as a three-year varsity team member and in football at the varsity level in his senior year. He enjoyed Prep's Debate Club, Stock Market Club and has contributed to the Campus Ministry program in volunteering to be a Freshman Retreat leader in his junior year. Conor will study Criminal Justice and play lacrosse at Drexel University in the fall of 2012. See lacrosse page 27.

Charles C. Keady is an enthusiastic and dedicated student athlete having achieved a strong academic record and standout history of athletic involvement in two varsity sports at Fairfield Prep. Charlie has demonstrated leadership as Vice President of Prep's Business Club and as a two-year member of student government. He was a member of the Cardinal Key Society. Charlie played football and lacrosse at the varsity level for three years and will continue his lacrosse career while studying business at the University of Michigan. See lacrosse honors page 27.

CLASS OF 2012

Ready to Play

Baseball

Max Araya – Middlebury College Austin Bonadio – Mount St. Mary's University Kevin Sinclair – Fairleigh Dickinson

University

Michael Smeriglio – Franklin and Marshall College

Miles Turner - St. Joseph's University

Basketball

Terry Tarpey – College of William and Mary

Crew

Duncan Campbell – George Washington University

Tim Mapley – McGill University James Nealon – Georgetown University Michael Osborne – Queen's University Andrew Richmond – University of Virginia Peter Tortora – Yale University

Cross Country

Patrick Corona – United States Air Force Academy Conor Rog – University of Virginia Brendan Terry – University of Vermont

Football

Serge Jean-Baptiste – Stonehill College Thomas Brewster – Colby College Shane Dempsey – Salve Regina University Xavier Frey – Tufts University Justin Haley – Bates College Joseph Herlihy – Catholic University Michael Niche – Gettysburg College Colin Morris – Loomis Chafee

Hockey

Evan Antisdale – Rice Memorial Anthony Unker – Williston Academy

Lacrosse

Conor Barr – Drexel University Matthew Brophy – Deerfield Academy Charles Keady – University of Michigan Michael Seelye – Gettysburg College

Sailing

Scott Booth – Roger Williams University Marek Zaleski – Harvard University

Soccer

Charles Duffy - Manhattanville College

Swimming

Matthew Connelly – Occidental College Keith Dougherty – Ithaca College David Mullany – College of the Holy Cross

Tennis

Wesley Craft – Gettysburg College Tyler Smith – Wheaton College

Class of 1962 enjoys Reunion Weekend and pledges \$324,400 to benefit Prep

he Class of 1962 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend, beginning with a golf outing at Great River Golf Club and welcome reception at the Patterson Club on Friday, and a breakfast, tours and presentation at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with: principal celebrant Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., president; concelebrants Fathers Eagan, S.J., Gallarelli, S.J., and Holland, S.J., from the Fairfield Jesuit Community; homilist Fr. Richard Roos, S.J., '62; and deacon Rev. Mr. Paul Kurmay '62.

All enjoyed a dinner held in Brissette Gymnasium, where the class presented Fr. Hanwell, S.J., with a record-breaking class pledge gift in the amount of \$324,400 which will be used to benefit Fairfield Prep's Jesuit Educators Academy and Annual Fund. Sunday featured a breakfast and the 70th Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1962 processed with the Class of 2012 and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reconnecting with their classmates.



Bob Riordan, Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., Steve Donahue, and Dan Paduano.





ese, Anthony Fox, Jim Cook, Steve Donahue '92, Prep Director of Athletics, with his dod Steve Donahue '62



Fr. Richard Roos, S.J., '62 receiving his golden diploma.

Quick Facts about the Class of 1962

- Tuition freshman year was \$325
- Principal: Fr. Joe McGrady, S.J. Asst. Principal: Fr. Ed Fayne, S.J. Dean of Discipline: "The Sheriff" Fr. Frank Allen, S.J. Guidance Counselor: "Little Caesar" Fr. Tommy Murphy, S.J.
- There were 29 Jesuits and 14 lay teachers their senior year.
- Senior Class officers were: President: Frank Cassulo Vice-President: Dan Paduano Secretary: Tom Baker Treasurer: Mark Peddle (All four returned for the reunion.)

Holding the FP is Rich Ekstrom. Above l-r: Dave Marchese, Anthony Fox, Jim Cook, Bill Hughes, and Jan Wojcik.



Tom Baker '62 honored to be in the Prep family

F ifty years on any timekeeper's watch is a milestone of sorts, measured by diamonds or gold or sentimental Hallmark cards. Considering that I had graduated from Prep a half a century, and a whole lifetime ago, was a sobering thought.

As I walked up the steps to the Patterson Club for the Friday night opening cocktail reception, I was relieved to be given a name tag with my picture from the 1962 *Hearthstone* yearbook. Some thoughtful soul on the reunion planning committee realized that the addition of pounds and loss of hair might make recognition difficult for many of us who hadn't had contact since our graduation that evening of June 11, 1962.

Friendships were rekindled throughout the weekend, and patient spouses looked on as their husbands relived adolescent memories. But the crowning moment was yet to come on Sunday morning, when the thirty-one of us from the Class of 1962 marched into Alumni Hall behind the graduating Class of 2012, resplendent in their crisp white jackets and red bow ties.

I don't think any of us was prepared for the wave of emotions that would wash over us as we filed into the auditorium and took our place of honor before an audience of beaming parents, family and friends.

When the graduating Class of 2012 stood and turned to face us, erupting into a standing ovation and joined by the crowd of 4,000 in the bleachers, there wasn't a dry eye among my classmates. The sense of pride and humility was overwhelming.

I looked at the smiling faces of the young men applauding before us and knew that they had their entire lives ahead of



Tom Baker, author, shown with classmates from left: Frank Cassulo, Dan Paduano, Tom Baker and Mark Peddle.

them, just as we had fifty years ago.

It was likely that they would become successful businessmen, educators, soldiers, poets, politicians and perhaps even priests. They would probably raise families, experience the joy of love, the sorrow of death around them, and some would have the privilege of watching from the bleachers one day as their sons graduated from Prep.

Cameras flashed as, one by one, the graduates received their diplomas and shook Fr. Hanwell's hand.

Only once did the crowd ignore the request to withhold applause until the end of the ceremony. As Kevin Sinclair walked on stage, the auditorium including Kevin's classmates, erupted into a thundering ovation of applause and cheers. It wasn't until later that I learned that Kevin Sinclair's father had passed away the night before.

The courage this young man showed by attending commencement, and the outpouring of support and compassion by his classmates and their families, made me realize for the first time what a true honor it is to be part of the Fairfield Prep family.

A Note of Thanks

A brief note to express my gratitude for all your labors in putting together our 50th reunion. The huge success of the weekend was reflected by the numerous positive comments by those attending, especially the wives. It was truly an experience Jeanne and I thoroughly enjoyed and have already and will continue to boast about. Thanks again...



As always, God Bless! Vincent Tomkalski '62 With Classmates George Mealia on left and Bill Hughes on right



Frank Allen, S.J. aka The Sheriff

lmost every time the name A of Frank Allen, S.J. comes up in class memory, people mention his sharp elbows in playing basketball. For now, remember the day in the senior lounge we gave him—Prep's dean of discipline—"The Sheriff"—a bundle of gifts that included a badge, a cowboy hat, a pair of six guns in holsters, and a hobby horse head on a stick. There's a picture in our yearbook of him holding up the gifts with a huge smile on his face, with some of us cheering in the background.

For the last several years, Father Allen has lived at Campion Center, a Jesuit house near Boston which serves as the New England Province's home for retired Jesuits. Recently, sitting in his room at Campion, Father Allen said his years at Prep were the happiest he had as a Jesuit, and he had particular affection for the students there in his final years. Just as we did, he left Fairfield in 1962 to become an assistant principal at Boston College High School. He said he always wanted to become a Latin teacher, not an administrator. When he got around to remembering the day on which he became officially vested as Prep's Sheriff, he paused, and pulled out of his desk an old picture of himself standing in gym clothes wearing his badge, hat and guns. He carried it with him for 50 years. How's that for memorabilia? From "Class Act" by Jan Wojcik '62 and Rory Bernier '06, Director of Alumni Relations



CHANGING THE WORLD AND OURSELVES

F or more than a decade, groups of Fairfield Prep students have been sacrificing their April vacation to travel to Duran, Ecuador for an immersion trip. For eight days students experience what it is like to live among the people in Duran. They visit families in their homes, help with after-school programs, visit the sick patients of Hansen's Disease and play plenty of soccer! Participants are encouraged to be open to new experiences. The young men speak Spanish, go on market runs to purchase food, cook, and eat with the locals, and learn to be happy Ecuadorian style by "living simply." The participants journal their experiences for future reflection.



Surprisingly, most Prep men find their transformation actually occurs after they've returned home. A trip like Prep's to Ecuador teaches our young men to remain open and willing to the challenges of the Holy Spirit. This in turn releases blessings upon their lives and others that are limitless.

Corey Dennis, Prep Theology Teacher and 2012 faculty chaperone, above in yellow headband

Excerpts from reflection by Tim Frassetto '13, Ecuador 2012

As I arrived at Prep early that Friday

morning I was greeted by the half-asleep faces of my classmates, Mr. Dennis and Ms. C. I knew this was the start of something big. Everybody had been telling me, "This week in Ecuador will change your life."

After a day's worth of traveling we landed in Guayaquil, Ecuador. We were greeted with a load of cheers from the volunteers at Rostro de Cristo. As we stepped into the parking lot, a gust of hot, humid air hit my face. Armed guards eyed us from their watch tower above. As we packed into the car, Liz, the head volunteer from Rostro de Cristo, told us that we would travel back to the AJS community center in silence and take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the Ecuadorian environment that was so foreign to us. We passed stray dogs, malnourished children, and run-down houses. Growing up in Fairfield County sheltered me from these—at first frightening sights. Lizards crawling up the wall, sleeping in mosquito nets, and not being able to drink the tap water were all new to me but trivial compared to what was to come. During this week, I would overcome barriers and make lasting friendships with total strangers.

We spent many afternoons at the Manos and Semillas after-school program. Daily the kids were each given a multi-purpose vitamin, bread, and a banana. For many, this would be their only meal until they returned the next day. But I learned that kids are kids no matter where they come from or how many possessions they have. They universally want to be loved. Traveling

to Manos, which was located in an invasion community called Veinte-Ocho, was a complete eye opener. Built upon the town dump, people flock there to dive through the trash for food and supplies for their families. The trash is burned openly there, releasing toxins into the air which the people inhale every day.

The Damien House, a Hansen's disease hospital established by Sister Annie, was another place where we served. In Ecuador there is a popular misconception that Hansen's disease (leprosy) is contagious. Many of the afflicted have had their homes burned down by their family and friends so they would not be able to return. I never thought I would be hugging and kissing people suffering from leprosy before. Looking back I fondly remember laughing, singing, telling jokes, hugging and kissing my new friends there. My favorite memories are of the times with

the neighborhood kids at the AJS house. Giving them piggyback rides, playing soccer, and just

talking was fun for them, and I had a blast, too.

I now know what everybody meant when they said this trip would "change my life." I have experienced things that words cannot describe. The hardest part of the trip was coming home and trying to explain to my parents and friends what we did and how much fun we had. It was certainly a trip of a lifetime that I will never forget.

Tim Frassetto '13 is pictured at right.







Notre Dame Vision continues to inspire Fairfield Prep students

or the fifth straight summer Fairfield Prep sent a student and faculty contingent to South Bend, IN and participated in the Notre Dame Vision Conference for high school students. The first summer Fairfield Prep participated back in 2008 we had five students participate along with me. This

year we had forty students plus four faculty/staff members. This event is part retreat as our students explored their faith and prayer life, participated in small group



discussion and reflection, listened to witness talks given by Notre Dame University students, and heard from guest speakers. Quoting from the Notre Dame Vision promotional material, "Notre Dame Vision is committed to helping young people recognize God's call in their lives and respond to that call with courage and faith."

There is an emphasis on allowing students to focus on how they can use their gifts to better the world. Colin Flynn '15 in his reflection says, "Because of ND Vision I now want to use my gifts to help other people... We have to discover our God-given gifts and use them in a beneficial way." This student's perspective exemplifies the impact of this program.

My hope is that the ND Vision experience will inspire participants to get more involved with our Campus Ministry and Service programs and incorporate the lessons learned into their daily lives. A former Prep participant shared that his experience, "Taught me to love my family more, love my friends more, and love God more. It also helped me to figure out the three important L's of life. Live your life. Lead your life. Love your life. The best way to live your life is to love your life."

The Fairfield Prep community benefits on so many levels from this meaningful and powerful experience. Our students and adults come back changed because of it. I hope we can continue to offer this for years to come.



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

Student Happenings

Justin Flayhan '14 wins Art Contest

Justin Flayhan's entry in the annual Anti-Tobacco Graphics Competition (shown below), won first place. His entry will be used for a regional multi-media campaign which will include website links, bus ads, school and library based posters. bookmarks and book covers.



Delvone Davis '12 and **William Hauer '12** additionally received an Honorable Mention on a collaborative piece. The students prepared the entries as a class assignment by **Mrs. Dolores Tema**, art teacher.

The competition is sponsored by RYASAP, which is an urban/suburban



collaborative for solving community problems in greater Bridgeport and throughout Connecticut.

Photo above: Justin (center) surrounded by Mr. and Mrs. David Flayhan, with Kathleen Griffin, Local Fairfield Prevention Council Chairperson.

Butala '13 honored by Engineers

Tim Butala '13 was among select high school juniors from Fairfield and New Haven counties who were honored for excelling in math and science studies by Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Stratford, Conn.-based Sikorsky



Aircraft Corporation. The 16th annual 'Excellence in Mathematics and Science Awards' were presented on the Fairfield campus, and recognized students from public, private and Catholic schools at a time when fewer young people are showing interest in those disciplines. Tim is shown receiving the award from Susan Hitchcock, Director Community Relations Sikorsky Aircraft Co. and Jack Beal, Dean, School of Engineering Fairfield University.

Sophomores pump gas to benefit Relay for Life

N with the American Cancer Society, and planned a fundraiser they worked on March 31. In conjunction with the Fairfield Shell station located on the Post Road, they pumped gas for tips. The students divided themselves into two shifts and worked a 9-5 day. Even though it was cold and rainy, they persevered and raised contributions for their team. Overall, they received a positive community response and raised



almost \$700 in one day! The sophomores include:

Alec Hilton, Andres Ayala, Jack DeMarco, Billy Narvaez, Alex Decoteau-Fredricks, Bojken Lohja, Raphael Kinney, Brian O'Donnell and David Evans.





Future Global Leader Winner

Charles Mastolini '13 has been announced as a winner of the 2012 Future Global Leader Award, as one of 34 winners from the participating Fairfield County high schools which include approximately 50,000 high school students. The Future Global Leader Award Program is

sponsored by the World Affairs Forum. Established in 2009, the program honors students at participating high schools who demonstrate outstanding leadership in understanding global issues and solving global problems.



Trig Star Team sweeps Competition

The Fairfield Prep Trig Star team recently completed a successful inaugural season with a clean sweep in the state of Connecticut's Trig Star State Exam. Tony Abbazia '14 took first place overall while Gavin Granath '15 took second and Nick Martucci '13 placed third. Tony took the National Trig Star Exam in May, representing the entire State of Connecticut.

The Trig Star team is moderated by **Mr. Matthew Jaques** and meets monthly to practice trigonometry problems and prepare for the Trig Star State Exam. (From L-R): **Mr. Matthew Jaques, Tony Abbazia '14, Nicholas Siveyer '15,** Mr. Jorge Pereira, (Redniss & Mead), **Justin Han '14, Gavin Granath '15** and **Charlie Paul '15**.

Business Club Learns Fundamentals

The Business Club teaches the fundamentals of business in a manner that is engaging and fun. Students are stepped through the process of writing a business plan at monthly meetings and compete in a public presentation of their plan to a panel of judges comprised of Prep alumni. This year's panel included **Chris McLeod, Dave Roche** and Club Moderator **Tom Shea**, all of the class of 1973. Chris is the former President of 454 Life





Sciences, and investor, board member and advisor to start up companies in the life sciences sector. Dave is the Vice President of Human Resources for ShopRite Grade A Markets, Inc. The winning team in this year's competition proposed an inventive plan for digital auto advertising signage on cars. The winners won a cash stipend. Winners from left: Juniors **Tim Butala, Matt Noone, Pat Connolly,** and **Chris Kelly.** Judges from left: **Tom Shea '73, Chris McLeod '73** and **Dave Roche '73**.



Student Happenings



Board of Governors go Back to School!

On March 30, eight members of the Fairfield Prep Board of Governors visited classes for a day, "shadowing" Prep students. The participants were impressed with their experience and enjoyed their day back in the classroom. They had the opportunity to witness great teaching and interact in the life of our school. The Board members included **Phil DiGennaro P'07, '09, '13, '15, Meg Florentine** (Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education), **Tim Hogan P'92, Fr. Paul Holland, S.J.** (Rector and Faculty Chaplain), **Tim Murphy '85, Peter O'Connor '95, Bob Russo '65, P'92, '03** (Board Chair) and **Lynne Vanderslice P'09**.

Kyle Ryan '13 wins eight awards at Connecticut Science Fair

Congratulations to junior **Kyle Ryan** for receiving eight top awards, recognitions and opportunities at the Connecticut State Science Fair held from March 14 to 17 at Quinnipiac University.



 Dominion's Millstone Power Station Physical Sciences Awards:

3rd Place, Physical Sciences Senior High Individual: \$200 and Trophy • Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology Awards: 1st Place, High

- School: \$500, Trophy, Medallion
- Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority Alternative/Renewable Energy Awards: 2nd Place, High School: \$300 Cash and Trophy
- Goodrich ISR Awards for Excellence in Engineering: \$1,000 Cash and Plaque
- Alexion Biotechnology Awards: 2nd Place, Biotechnology, Senior High: \$400 and Trophy
- Yale Science & Engineering Association, Inc.: Certificate, Medallion, \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- Yale Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society: Dinner for four with members of Yale Chapter of Sigma Xi
- Lunch with a Patent Attorney: Sponsored by Travelers Insurance

This is Kyle's fifth year as a Finalist, earning him special recognition from Fair Director Bob Wisner. Kyle would like to acknowledge Dr. Lewis, Mr. Dotolo and his fellow students who encouraged him along the way.

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Nikhil Tasker '13 finishes 3rd in Fencing Championship

On March 3, Nikhil Tasker '13 represented Fairfield Prep at the Connecticut High School Championships for Fencing at Hopkins School. Nikhil competed in the Men's Individual Epee event against 60 students from around Connecticut. He finished 3rd

place in the state. Nikhil will be competing in national competition this summer. The Fencing Club is moderated by **Ms. Koren Mumma**.

Students "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes"

On Sunday April 29, 12 Prep students participated in the 6th annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" in Milford, Connecticut. The team, O'Reilly's Bio Class (students of Mrs. Jane O'Reilly) raised \$730 for the Milford Rape Crisis Center, wearing women's shoes to brave the walk. The Center uses the funds to further the mission of eliminating sexual violence through prevention education and through direct, no cost services to victims of sexual assault and their families. Pictured is Bernardo Moreno '14.



"JesuiBots" compete in Tech Challenge

On March 9, 2012, a team of aspiring scientists and engineers of Fairfield Prep went to New Hampshire to compete in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition. For the past four months, the club under the guidance of Mrs. Deirdre Cannan, built and perfected a small robot that competed against other robots to move and score points. The Prep team was one of over 1,000 teams vying for a spot in the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri.

This year's competition, Bowled Over!, challenged students to design, build and program a robot that can work in tandem with an alliance team's robot to score the most points during the challenge period. The JesuiBots came in tenth place out of 20 teams in a tournament style match up.



L to R: (front) Kyle Ryan '13, Dylan Hawkes '15, Adam Kee '12, Jacob Simkovitz '12. (Back): Aaron Simkovitz '14, Tom Forester '13.

Not pictured: Ethan Kee '14, Kyle Foster '15, Ryan O'Keefe '12, Ben Morrison '12, Jimmy Funnel '14, Charlie Paul '15, Gavin Granath '15, and Griffin Roth '15.

The Taming of the Beast

Prep Players Tackle Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate"



he Prep Players and I referred to "Kiss Me, Kate" as THE BEAST because it challenged us in so many ways. Cole Porter is never happy with simply one key per song; each must have seven obscure keys in which composers rarely ever even consider to write. There is a huge swing dance number not a skill the cast came into the process with. On top of all this, half the scenes are straight out of Shakespearemeter, couplets, and all.

So, how does one tame such a beast? With a whole lot of "Yes, let's!" There is a game we play in rehearsal called "Yes, let's!" that captures the essence of everything that I ask of all involved in any Prep Players show. The cast gathers in the space and, when moved, each member in turn invites the group to join in an activity any activity. Every person in the room must accept the invitation and engage in whatever has been proposed without question.

So, picture thirty-five students spread out in a classroom that has been cleared of all its desks. Unprompted, one invites the rest to hunt moose, and they all grab their imaginary hunting caps and guns and begin to stalk game in the wilderness. In the next moment, another declares "Now everyone dance the Macarena." This they all do, until the next among them calls the whole room to meditation. As quickly as the room had erupted in the madness of a silly dance fad, it transforms into a peaceful, contemplative hum.

Everyone leaps into everything that is asked without hesitation. There is no self-consciousness, no ego, nothing but pure joy in every ridiculous thing that they do.

When I selected "Kiss Me, Kate" as our spring musical, I essentially said to the cast, "Hey guys, let's take on the hardest play ever and turn it into something wonderful!" Without wavering each of them, screamed, "Yes, lets!" and leapt into the process with abandon.

For all the preparation I do ahead of time—the blocking, choreography, scheduling, designing—the show cannot become a reality without the dedication, willingness, talent, and effort of the Prep Players. They take all that I give them



and make it their own. They create the world of the play and welcome you into it on opening night. No one works harder than these guys. You have no idea how many times I tell them to do it again or ask for more, and they do. They develop as performers and grow into a united ensemble.

I am so proud of all they give and how much they grow. It takes a lot to make that leap, to lose that ego, to surrender to the process, to tame the beast.



By Mrs. Megan Hoover, Arts Chair, Drama and English teacher



And the TONY goes to...

P rep Players not only tamed the beast, but they were recognized for their efforts. The Connecticut High School Music Theatre Awards nominated the following members of the ensemble for their performances:

Kyle Banquer '12 Outstanding Ensemble Member

Eric Hoffman '12 and Tommy Dolan '12 Outstanding Ensemble Group

Ms. Christine Dominguez, Music Director Outstanding Student Orchestra

Juwan Crawley '12 Outstanding Featured Performer Winner of his category (pictured center)



A Record Run for Basketball

Semi sweet ending to basketball's 22–4 season

airfield Prep's Boys Basketball Team had another deep run into the CIAC State Tournament this year making it all the way to the Semi-Finals. Returning only one starter from a team that made a state championship appearance in 2011, Prep ran out of the gates to a 4-0 start lead by senior captain Terry Tarpey '12 and junior Tim Butala '13. Featuring a very young squad, the team took some early losses and learned from them. Prep began a 14 game winning streak after Christmas, attracting significant attention throughout Connecticut. In Prep's home victory against East Haven High School on January 10th, Tarpey hit a free throw to score his 30th point of the game, and 1,000th point of his distinguished Prep career. Prep clinched the Quinnipiac Division title with a 67-65 victory at rival Xavier High School on a go – ahead three pointer with twelve seconds left by freshman Thomas Nolan '15.

By virtue of its 18-2 regular season record, Prep earned the second seed in the SCC Conference Tournament. In the quarterfinal round against Xavier, Prep emerged with a 69 – 61 victory behind 31 points from Tarpey and a gritty effort underneath the basket by senior **Ben Sullivan '12**. Prep's semifinal matchup was a rematch of the 2011 SCC Semifinals against Career Magnet. Despite a strong effort by the team, they were defeated by the eventual conference champions 73-53.

Prep earned the sixth seed and a matchup with Norwalk High School in the first round of the state tournament. After a back and forth first half, Prep rode the defense of Mike Matera '12 to pull away in the third quarter to defeat Norwalk 63–58. Prep's second round matchup with Westhill High School was another back and forth battle. However, in the end, Tarpey's 26 points and Matera's defense shut down Westhill, and Prep came out victorious, 62–53. Prep's quarterfinal matchup against New Britain High School was highlighted by another

26 point performance by Tarpey and a strong defensive effort under the basket by Sullivan and Butala. Prep's season came to an end as they were defeated in the semifinals by Hillhouse High School 60–47. The team's final record was 22–4, one of the best in school history.

Throughout the season, **Ryan Blake '12** proved to be one of the best shooters in the area. **Rich Sekerak's '13** defensive presence pushed the Jesuits to victories, and **Dave Zielinski's '14** energy ignited Prep whenever he stepped foot on the floor. **Xavier Frey's '12** leadership on and off the court proved to be key for the Jesuit's deep run. **Tim Butala '13** earned SCC All-Conference Honors.

Tarpey's tributes

Terry Tarpey finished the season with three triple doubles and averaging a double-double with 25.6 points per game and 12.1 rebounds per game. He earned SCC All-Conference Honors, and was named the Connecticut Post Boys Basketball MVP and the MVP of the Connecticut High School Coaches Association L-LL All-Star Game. Tarpey was also named to the New Haven Register All-Area Team, and was named to the CHSCA All-State Team for the second year. He will play Division 1 college basketball at William and Mary next season.



By Tim Dee, Asst. Basketball Coach and Math Teacher



Ben Sullivan '12









Hockey is SCC Champion

19-4 season iced at state semi-finals

The Varsity hockey team enjoyed another successful season in 2011-2012, finishing the year with a record of 19–4 and advancing to the Division I semi-finals at Yale University.

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Along the way, the team enjoyed several high points including a ten game winning streak through January and early February, and victories over Massachusetts rivals Boston **College High School and Catholic** Memorial, becoming the first team in Fairfield Prep history to "sweep" Massachusetts competition. The team also traveled to the **Prudential Center in** New Jersey to take part in the first Jesuit Hockey Shootout hosted by St. Peter's Prep. The team represented Fairfield Prep beautifully by bringing home the championship shield.

This year's success was due in large part to a great team concept fostered by seven dedicated seniors: AJ Unker, Tom Worsfold, Matt Brophy, Pat Hayes, Conor Peterson, Evan Antisdale, Riley Wikman.

Next year's team will feature nine returning seniors and fifteen letterman led by captains elect: David White, Sean Henry and Connor Henry.





Captain Matt Brophy holds champion shield from the Jesuit Hockey Shootout in New Jersey.





Hockey Honors

Final Record: 19-4 **Defeated Boston College High** and St. Peter's Prep to win the Jesuit Shootout Coach Sather earned his 200th victory **CHSCA All-State Honors:** AJ Unker '12, David White '13, Tom Worsfold '12, **Riley Wikman '12** New Haven Register All-State: David White '13, AJ Unker '12 New Haven Register All-Area: David White '13, AJ Unker '12, Tom Worsfold '12 CT Post All Stars, Player of the Year: David White '13 **CT Post All Stars:** AJ Unker '12, Tom Worsfold '12, **Rilev Wikman '12** CT Hobey Baker Winner for Sportsmanship and Excellence: **Conor Peterson '12** CHSCHA Junior All-Star Game: Liam Ferguson '13 **CHSCA Senior All-Star Game: Riley Wikman '12** Team MVP: Riley Wikman '12 Team Most Improved: **Tim Edmonds '13** Coaches Award: Patrick Hayes '12







Fairfield Prep's Perfect Ski Season

The Fairfield Prep varsity ski team completed their stellar ski season in perfect order by beating all rivals at Mt. Southington, with a perfect 22-0 regular season to win the 2012 Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League (CISL) under first year coaches Cary Nadel and Jason Twedt.

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Prep raced past its toughest competitor, cross town rival, the Fairfield Ludlowe-Warde combined team by a score of 290.27 to 296.62.

Lead by senior captains Brendan Collins, Mike Osborne, Robbie Nick, seniors Jack Arrix, Matt Craighead, Will Sargent, and freshmen Greg Osborne and Logan Racz swept their nearest competitor by more than 9 seconds. Prep skiers placed four of their six point scorers in the top 11 out of 125 racers with **Greg Osborne** leading the way (47.96, 6th place). Closely following (0.05 seconds) Greg was his brother **Mike Osborne** (48.01, 7th), **Logan Racz** (48.88, 10th), and **Robbie Nick** (49.07, 11th). Also scoring points for Prep was **Ryan King** (24th) and Will Sargent (30th).

The Prep varsity team concluded its season as state Runner-Up, and Greg and Mike Osborne both qualified and were selected to represent Team Connecticut in the New England High School Ski Championships.



Skiing wrap-up

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have had the pleasure of skiing for Prep all four years, under four different coaches. I hope our new pair of coaches, Cary and Jason, stay for a long time. This year we had a strong team with fast seniors and a handful of fast juniors and underclassmen who were consistently improving the team. We were fortunate to add a number of talented freshmen to the team whom I am confident will continue to grow and contribute to the team. This year we had an undefeated regular season and came in second place in the state finals. Our team also had six of our skiers compete in the state shootouts and two of them move on to compete on Team Connecticut in the High School Regional Championships against nine teams from all over the east including Maine, New Hampshire, New York, etc.

With the leadership of three cocaptains and two new coaches, the team was able to train and race with great success and even traveled to Sugarbush Mountain in Vermont for a team trip in December. Although it's very bittersweet that I'm leaving Prep, I have been blessed to be a part of such a great group of teammates and have many memories to look back on. — **Michael Osborne '12**, co-captain (pictured above in a race for Team CT at the Eastern Regional Finals in NH)

Wrestling team recognizes Academic All-State Wrestlers, posts competitive season

he Prep wrestling team had one of the strongest seasons in Prep history. With a 9-13 record, the team made immense progress beating major rivals Cheshire, Law and Amity. A great achievement was having four Academic All-State wrestlers: Seniors Joey Roberts and Shane Dempsey, Junior Conor Ward, and Sophomore Nick Crowle. Having four wrestlers qualify for the State Open is something that has not happened in recent Prep history. Other highlights included: Joev Roberts' 100th career win; Shane Dempsey was the #1 seed at the LL Tournament; senior Thomas Voreyer won the Ludlowe Tournament for a second time; and senior Jake Pesci's domination of the 195 weight class. The future of Prep wrestling looks bright under the leadership of Coach Corey Dennis.

Prep placed 4th at SCC's with seven wrestlers: Shane Dempsey – 2nd place, Joey Roberts – 3rd place, Conor Ward – 2nd place, and Nick Crowle – 2nd place. The team placed 10th at Class LL's with seven wrestlers: Joey Roberts – 2nd place, Shane Dempsey – 6th place, Conor Ward – 4th place, and Nick Crowle – 6th place. Joey Roberts was recognized on the Connecticut Post All-Star Wrestling Team.

Upcoming wrestlers to watch out for are the new captains, **Conor Ward '13, Nick Crowle '14, Matt Barnett '13, and Dave Maloof '13, as** well as freshman **Matt Freed.** After such a good season, the team hopes to return next season with improved skills and new wrestlers willing and able to rise to the occasion.



Academic All-State Wrestlers, from left: Shane Dempsey '12, Conor Ward '13, Joey Roberts '12 and Nick Crowle '14



Wrestling team huddles together before a match at Alumni Hall.



Lacrosse Wins Class L State Championship

A year ago Fairfield Prep let a three-goal lead evaporate in the fourth quarter of state championship against Ridgefield. Payback is sweet. The Jesuits held off another fourth-quarter rally from Ridgefield for an 8-6 victory in the Class L state championship game at Brien McMahon High School.

Goalie **Mike Seelye '12** was phenomenal with 12 saves. Seelye remarked, "Someone said after the game last year that they knew Ridgefield would win and I've never forgotten that. We wanted this." Seelye, who finished with 12 saves, kept Ridgefield off the scoreboard for almost 27 minutes after a goal tied the game 1-1. The scoring drought allowed Prep to build a 4-2 lead at halftime. "There was great defense all around me," Seelye said. "Ridgefield had 4-5 fastbreaks that the

defense shut down before they even got shots off." Ridgefield entered the game with over 500 points on the season, a state-high in 2012.

With the way the game started, it could've been Prep's **Matt Brophy '12** who scored 500 points this season by himself.

The senior attackman scored all four first-half goals for the Jesuits. "It wasn't just me, it was all the guys," Brophy said. "Only the first one was unassisted and my teammates made it easier for me."

The championship was Fairfield Prep's fifth in seven years, but the Jesuits came up short in the state title game for two straight seasons. "It hasn't sunk in that we finally did this," Brophy said. "We lost my sophomore and junior years by one goal and we couldn't let that happen again." Ridgefield almost stunned the Jesuits again with four of the last five goals cutting a 7-2 lead down to just two goals. However, the Fairfield Prep midfield and defense came up strong late. "It was a total team effort. We got to a lot of ground balls and fought for them," Brophy said. "**Conor Barr '12** had a huge game; he forces turnovers like a machine." — Source: MSG Varsity



Lacrosse Honors

ALL SCC: First Team: Midfield: Matt Brophy '12, David White '13, Austin Sims '14 Attack: Kevin Brown '13, Tim Edmonds '13 Defense: Andrew Hatton '13, Charlie Keady '12, Strecker Backe '13 Short Stick Defensive Midfielder: Thomas Brewster '12 Second Team: Goalie: Michael Seelye '12

ALL STATE:

First Team: Midfield: Matt Brophy, David White Attack: Kevin Brown Defense: Andrew Hatton SSDM: Thomas Brewster Second Team: Midfield: Austin Sims Attack: Tim Edmonds Defense: Charlie Keady

ALL AMERICAN:

Matt Brophy, Kevin Brown, Andrew Hatton

Matt Brophy was named CT High School Player of the Year Fairfield Prep Lacrosse was named U.S. Marine Corps CT Lacrosse Team of the Year

CT POST ALL STARS:

Matt Brophy, Charlie Keady, Andrew Hatton, Kevin Brown, Michael Seelye

NEW HAVEN REGISTER ALL AREA TEAM:

Matt Brophy, Andrew Hatton, Kevin Brown, Michael Seelye Matt Brophy named NHR Player of the Year



Prep Crew Turns a Page

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The vision has materialized. A concerted effort has produced from merely a notion—a brazen red fleet of boats, and, in them, moving steadily toward the lead, gentlemen from Fairfield Prep.

The first goal had been to build the machine. Athletes, parents, administrators and coaches pushed the envelope to get us here.

As I step aside after seven years and fourteen seasons. Prep Crew's course seems clear. This second varsity season provided a template for future competition in scholastic rowing, where Fairfield Prep belongs. From a foray to Kent Schoolwhere crews from the oldest boys' program only edged ours a bit-to Philadelphia five times-to vie with the likes of St. Augustine Prep, St. Joseph's Prep, St. Andrews School, Canisius High, Loyola Academy and many others-Fairfield Prep proved they can compete with the best school programs in the country.

Prep's founding crew—in their second year rowing—qualified for and competed at the US Rowing Junior National Championship Regatta, beginning an unbroken streak thereafter in annual qualification by various Prep crews. In 2010, a bronze medal in the pair and a national rank of tenth in the lightweight four+ showed Prep was fast, and also that most of the crews beating Prep were from clubs.

Coach Feldheim, who has the helm now as Prep's head coach, initiated the move toward more scholastic rowing. Having been twice now to the Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship, Prep Crew is gunning for a top spot. Beyond that, the school spirit engendered returns an atmosphere where tradition and foundational principles have bearing. On a team, qualities like loyalty and duty and men-for-others become paramount. By maintaining high moral and ethical values, Prep sets its own standard. It is within our purview to achieve grace, regardless of boat speed.

Indeed, the lessons learned losing boat races produce winners. Men are made—together in boats through adversity and small triumphs. Accomplishment occurs when men put aside selfishness and judgment to gain patience, forgiveness and compassion.

I am proud our alumni have moved on to row or cox boats at UPenn, Georgetown, Notre Dame, University of Michigan, Boston College and many other fine schools. Two of our founding crewmen went the same year to the U.S. Naval Academy; one finished as captain of



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Prep's Varsity 8+ Defends the Founder's Cup

Pictured from left: Michael Osborne '12, Dan Boyle '12, Joe Grosso '13, Walker Haynes '12, Emerson Ball '12, Brian Austin '13, Nick Martucci '13, and Scott Ghavidel '14. Coxswain holding Cooper Cup - Jimmy Nealon '12.

the lightweight crew team, the other captained the sailing team. Fairfield Prep Crew has impact.

Beyond the incredible support from parents and administrators, many fine assistant coaches bolstered my tenure. Coach Cis Fischetti was my sounding board and trusted accomplice from the first day to the last—without her wisdom and insight I truly couldn't have done it.

Prep Crew is a spirited program,

rooted in values that honor the nobler traits in men. It is an unattainable ideal we never cease pursuing. Coach Feldheim understands the footing—the essence of our goal. He will carry it as he steers this vessel on a fine, new course.



By John Turner, Head Coach Fairfield Prep Crew; 2004-2012

Varsity Golf swings solid

A fter struggling through a season of inconsistency, the Prep golf team acquitted itself nicely in the SCC and Division 1 tournaments. In the league (SCC) tournament, Prep finished 5th, behind Xavier, Amity, Hand and Shelton. In the Connecticut Division 1 tournament, Prep finished 13th. At the team dinner following the season, these awards were presented: Most Improved: James Nemia, Coach's Award: Ben Morrison and George Archer, Most Outstanding: Matt Mastronardi.



L to R: Coach Bob Bernier, Brian McAvey '13, George Archer '13, Ben Morrison '12, Matt Mastronardi '12, James Nemia '14, Liam Ferguson '13

Baseball season ends on high note

A lthough the 11-11 record might indicate otherwise the Varsity Baseball team had a very successful season. Led by Seniors Brett Young (All-SCC Quinnipiac) and Austin Bonadio on the mound, Max Araya and Kevin Sinclair splitting time behind the plate and Seniors Alec Creta and Ryan Wright playing superb defense at shortstop and centerfield, the Jesuits finished the regular season with a record of 10-10. The hallmark wins of the regular season were a 2-0 victory against Sheehan H.S. and a 5-3 thriller against Notre Dame of West Haven. The greatest achievement



of the season took place in the first round of the CIAC Class LL State Tournament with a victory over the defending LL state champion Newington. **Brett Young '12** (right) threw a complete game shutout, and **David Gerics '13** (left) led the way at the plate with three hits in Prep's 4-0 upset win. For the second year in a row the team's season ended with a loss to East Hartford by a score of 2-0. **David Gerics** led the team in five offensive categories, including hits, RBI and stolen bases.







"Once more in to the breach"

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By Jack Connolly '65, Team Manager

The Fairfield Prep ruggers ventured to northern California over their spring break to face Elsie Allen of Santa Rosa (Varsity win, JV loss), Jesuit of Sacramento (Varsity loss, JV loss), and Bellarmine Prep of San Jose (Varsity loss, JV win).

Despite the 1 and 2 record the boys all had a great time. In addition to the rugby, the team enjoyed many sightseeing adventures.

One morning the team ran over the Golden Gate Bridge, paced by Sophomore **Matt Scholl**, before traveling out to Muir Woods and then practice at Stanford University. Stanford Head Coach Matt Sherman schooled the team in the intricacies of the drift defense, and led them in several different drills.

Another day the team traveled to Berkeley for a Cal practice and tour of the campus and athletic facilities.

Rounding out the rugby tour was our trip to Bellarmine Prep where the Varsity and JV split.

Our final day was marked by a tour of Alcatraz followed by a team

dinner where we celebrated the birthdays of **Rusty Gough '12, Mike Collins '14, Mike Hennessey '14** and **Matt Scholl '14** before boarding our flight back east.

Rugby Recognition

Eight of Prep's rugby players have been selected to the Connecticut Select side rugby squads, the rugby equivalent of All-State. Prep rugby players who will represent Connecticut: U-17 Conor Carey '14, Paul McPeake '13, and Jack Hand '13 (also a U-19 reserve); for U-19 Joey Roberts '12 (named captain of the Connecticut team), Shane Dempsey '12, Joe Herlihy '12, Jake Pesci '12, and Tim Peterson '13.

Rugby End of Year Awards

Shane Dempsey and Joey Roberts – Most Outstanding Backs

Joe Herlihy – Most Outstanding Forward Rusty Gough

– Most Valuable Player Jake Pesci and Jack Curry

Awarded Jerseys

Breaking Records

Cross Country and Track & Field continue winning streak

Prep Cross Country and Track enjoyed a record-setting year. Starting with the Cross Country team's State Championship, senior captain **Connor Rog** set a new state record for the 5000 m course at Hammonasset State Park. Then the team set seven additional new standards in Track & Field.

During the winter-indoor season Rog beat two old records in one race at the New Balance Indoor National Meet: 8:31 for 3000 meters and



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9:09 for 2-miles. At the same meet the relay team of Rog, senior **Patrick Corona**, and sophomores **Christian Alvarado** and **Adam Vare** ran 10:18 to finish 9th in the country in the Distance Medley Relay (1200, 400, 800, 1600) beating our previous best by 20 seconds.

The streak continued in the Outdoor Track & Field season with the team of **Rog, Alvarado, Corona**, and senior **Michael Whelan** running 18:26 in the 4 x 1600 meter at the Meeneghan Relays during April. In May, **Adam Vare** ran a 1:55.5 in the 800 meter at the Danbury Dream Invitation to break **Chris Scapillato's ('98)** 15-year-old record. **Corona's** 1:56.5 in the same meet would also have beaten the record, but **Vare** got there first.

Vare, Alvarado, Rog, and **Corona** teamed up to break the previous best 4 x 800 meter standard, running 7:50.6 at the Class LL Championship. This team was 2nd at LL, 2nd in the State Open, and 2nd in New England. **Rog, Vare,** and **Alvarado** all qualified for individual New England Championship events.

Christian Alvarado (photo right) capped the season off by winning the State Open Steeplechase Championship in 9:42.3, again a school record.

In the words of Coach Bob Ford Sr., "Relay records need three things to happen – individual talent, hard work and a commitment to your teammates."



This group demonstrated all three during the year with a big payoff. Future teams have quite a challenge.



Connor Rog is off to the University of Virginia and **Patrick Corona** heads to the Air Force Academy. **Alvardo** and **Vare** return to Prep as juniors to continue their record hunt.

By Robert Ford Jr., Cross Country Coach

Tennis in SCC quarterfinals

The Fairfield Prep Tennis Team went 11-6 during the regular season under first year coach Harold Prather. The team made it to the quarterfinals of the SCC Tournament falling short in a close match with eventual champ Amity. Wes Craft '12 and Kevin Culligan '13 were named All SCC.





SEEDS OF WISDOM

Prep students spoke at the SEED Dinner, welcoming incoming freshman families and recognizing seniors on May 2. SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) is a school-wide, multi-racial/cultural, multi-class, and multi-religious organization open to everyone in the Prep student body. Following are excerpts from the students' speeches, giving advice to new students, about their Prep experience.

Michael D'Amato '12



am a member of SEED and the National Honor Society. I have achieved both Magna Cum Laude, and more recently, Summa Cum Laude. I also received the Rensselaer Medal Award. I have been a

member of the football team for all four years at Prep. Next year, I will be studying mechanical engineering at Duke University.

I have been a member of the SEED program since Freshman year. SEED stands for Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity. The great thing about this program is that it encompasses all forms of diversity, and in my case, this means financial diversity. My mother is a proud single-mom that has been working at least two jobs for as long as I can remember. Along with constantly working to pay the bills and for school, she has always worked hard to push me at the right moments to be the best that I can be. One such moment was when I decided to attend Fairfield Prep, rather than to continue my education through the Milford public school system. My mom knew this would set me up for the best education possible both while I was here and later on in college. I was more concerned that I would not see my friends everyday and that I would soon be attending an all-boys school. But fortunately, I began to see what the advantages of attending this fabulous school were.

The Prep community is another great aspect of this school. You will find that your teachers are there to help not only academically, but in some cases personally. This goes for all members of the faculty, including guidance counselors, and teachers that you might not even have. My advice to the freshmen is to take the most out of these next four years as you can. Remember that the decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life. Now that doesn't mean that all you should do is study and never have any fun. What this means is that you should strive for a balance between setting yourself up for a successful future, and having a great experience in the process. For me, this meant both excelling academically and building strong lifelong relationships with my friends and teachers.

Mark Giannini '13



T oday I was asked to talk about leadership roles, time management, and other skills that an incoming freshman will need to be successful at Prep. But to be honest, what I really want to speak

about is Prep's greatest facet and the thing which I believe can be found at no other school—our strong bond to each other and the brotherhood we share.

Prep is a school that excels in academics and athletics but no aspect is as important as the community that's fostered. This is a place that cannot be understood from a distance. You will never know the real Prep until you attend.

I applied here just because my friend was applying. I knew nothing about Fairfield Prep at all. When accepted, I simply expected a high-quality education and a better chance of going to the college of my dreams. What I was introduced to was a tight-knit school where I could reach out for help at anytime and where any challenge could be overcome. I have been on the El Salvador trip and the Urban Plunge. Both shaped and molded me as a person. I have received a special awareness to problems and conditions that other people live in that I couldn't understand until I saw it with my own eyes.

In El Salvador I saw poverty that I couldn't believe. Things that we take for granted in the United States are a huge honor and achievement for them. One woman whom we visited said that she was never more proud than when her son went to school and got on track to graduate from high school. Because so many people don't have a chance to get an education there, his accomplishment was truly special. In the United States an education is something we all are given. This really made an impact on me and I realized just how lucky I am.

... I want to take advantage of everything that Prep has to offer. I especially want to remain a part of this special Prep brotherhood that, as my friend Tom Black put it, truly makes him proud to say he attends Fairfield Prep. Now go out next year and really commit yourself to Prep's greatest aspect. If you do, these next four years could be the best of your life.

Benjamin King '15



made the decision to attend Fairfield Prep, not only because I wanted the best education possible, but I also wanted to meet new people. I also felt quite comfortable on Shadow Day when I was able to

spend the entire day at Prep.

Being able to come to an environment totally different than mine and feel at-ease with the people around me really put Fairfield Prep at the top of my list. The Academic Enrichment Program Camp introduced me to several incoming students with whom I am still friends. I also had the opportunity to meet Prep's faculty and get a better feel for their academic expectations. The Enrichment Camp afforded me the opportunity to mentally and academically prepare myself for what was to come in August of 2011.

Not having girls attend the same high school was a dilemma for me at first. But after a while you get used to it. I still manage to keep in touch with my female friends from my middle school.

The Freshman Retreat was the most influential part of my Freshman Career. It's amazing to think that the students you hang out with everyday are the people you think you know. However, you have no idea. During the Witness Talks, I learned more about my friends in five minutes than in half the year I'd spent with them. My biggest transitional moment was the Monday after the Freshman Retreat. After spending the night on Prep's campus with our group and leader you begin to establish a link between you and the people in your group. You might not realize it at first, but gradually you begin to see that you no longer view those friends through the same lens. They began to expose themselves which makes your relationships with them a whole lot better and meaningful.

The only advice I have for the incoming freshman class is to enjoy every moment of your freshman year. Those ten months of your freshman year go by so quickly that I urge you do your best as you continue to meet new students and faculty and at the same time get to know yourself a little better. I realize that the friendships that are being cultivated have a bond beyond the mere surface.

We enter Fairfield Prep as boys and will leave as men.



Spring Concert features "An Evening with the Masters"

he Fairfield Prep Music Department showcased talented student musicians in the Spring Concert held on May 16 at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The concert included Concert and Symphonic Bands, Select and Concert Choirs, and Jazzuits and Encords. Some of the masterworks presented were composed by Rachmaninoff, Sousa, Verdi, Vivaldi, Webber and Wagner. The emotional finale, performed by Prep Seniors, was "Man in the Middle," by Michael Jackson. The concert was directed by Ms. Christine Dominguez. See www.youtube. com/fairfieldprep1 for highlights.



Art Appreciation

Spring Art Show reveals student talent

Visitors enjoyed an extensive display of students' art and architectural work, displayed throughout Arrupe Hall on May 17. The annual show was organized by Prep Art Teachers Dolores Tema and Frank Bramble.





Parents boogie at Year-End Party

Prep parents gathered at the Fairfield Theatre Company for a great night of friendship, refreshments, music and dancing at the 3rd Annual Year-End Concert & Celebration on June 9. The Distractions returned and got everyone on the dance floor. Special thanks to Fathers' Club President Matt Terry '82, P' 11, '12, '15, and his committee.



THE DISTRACTIONS



Prep-Red Carpet Chic at Hollywood Spring Fashion Show!

ver 280 attended the annual Fairfield Prep 2012 Spring Fashion Show, featuring Senior mothers and sons on the Red Carpet sporting Mitchell's fashions. The theme was "Prep Goes Hollywood!" Mr. John Brennan MC'd the festivities. The event was held at the Inn at Longshore in Westport. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Trish Migliore P '12 and Barbara Keady P '12 and their committee. All the mothers of Seniors received a rose and were invited on stage for recognition. Go online to view a slideshow and video highlights of the fashion show.

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Spring Dinner builds Scholarship Fund

ver 250 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Dinner "Off to the Races" held on May 5, 2012, at the Marriott Stamford Hotel & Spa. Attendees watched a live broadcast of the Kentucky Derby, followed by 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. Susan Sanseverino of Stamford, CT was the winner of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The Prep Community thanks Co-chairs Juany Fumai P '07, '14, and Jean Richmond P '05, '07, '12, in addition to 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.





ntucky Derby excitement spreads throughout the crowd during the live TV broadcast.

Thank you everyone!



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GRATITUDE FOR A LIFETIME OF Jesuit Connections

y many years of association with the Society of Jesus have been a source of extraordinary blessings for me. These include an incomparable, life-changing high school experience, a deeply satisfying career, and, most important, the chance meeting that led to my happy marriage and to my two delightful, loving daughters. In a real sense, my Jesuit journey started before I was born.

My father, Harold Hugh Marshall, was a member of the eighth graduating class of Fairfield College Preparatory School, a new Jesuit school that was founded in 1942. The decision that I would someday follow my father at Prep was made very early. The spring 1955 issue of the school's Bellarmine Quarterly publication posted this entry: "Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marshall '49 on the birth of Gregory, also for the class of '73." Without even having submitted an application, at the age of six weeks I had received my acceptance!

The prediction inherent in that congratulatory message was fulfilled 14 years later when I entered McAuliffe Hall as a member of Fairfield Prep's class of 1973. A number of the priests I encountered remembered my father well. I remember the excitement I felt when I realized that my teachers expected greatness from us. Their conviction that we would meet that expectation gave us confidence and, in the end, produced the desired result. Moreover, in many respects the level of intellectual inquiry I enjoyed



(L): The Marshalls with Fr. Charles Allen, S.J., in Loyola Chapel at their wedding on April 11, 1987.
(R): The Marshalls with their daughters and Fr. Allen at the chapel at Academy of Our Lady of Mercy – Lauralton Hall. Fr. Allen celebrated the liturgy at the Baccalaureate Mass for the class of 2010. Greg's mother and his daughters are graduates of the school.

during those four years as a Prep student exceeded much of what I would later encounter in college and graduate school.

My favorite subjects at Prep were Latin, Spanish and Theology. Later, majoring in Spanish at UConn, I found that I had been well prepared. After graduating, I did a two-year stint as a social worker with a predominantly Spanishspeaking clientele in innercity Bridgeport, CT. Due in great part to the Prep language program's focus on developing listening and speaking skills, I readily adapted to the conversation with my clients in Spanish.

In late 1978, I learned that my former Spanish teacher at Fairfield Prep, Robert Perrotta, was leaving that position to take the academic dean's spot. Having already begun graduate studies toward a master's degree in education at Fairfield University, I applied for the Spanish teacher's position.

Prep offered me the teaching job contingent upon my completing a five-week student teaching program under Bob Perrotta's mentoring. Almost 10 years after entering McAuliffe Hall as a Prep freshman, I came back as a teacher, working in the very same classroom where I first learned Spanish.

In the fall of 1979, I began a 22-year career as a Spanish teacher at my alma mater. I would eventually add department chair to my resume, teach English for 10 years in the summer program, and later teach English parttime in the Fairfield University graduate school.

In my early years as an educator, the foreign language department would receive an intern each semester from the Fairfield University Graduate School of Education. In the fall of 1984, a new intern named Amy Richards was assigned to Prep. We met, dated, fell in love and were married by Prep's headmaster at the time, Fr. Charles Allen, S.J. (now the executive assistant to the president at Fairfield University). Our wedding took place on campus in Loyola Chapel. Amy taught at Prep for two years before moving to the public school system.

She is today a very successful elementary school principal.

Neither of my daughters was able to follow me at Fairfield Prep, a school for boys, but I am pleased that both are pursuing undergraduate degrees at Jesuit institutions — Mary-Megan at Fairfield University and April-Ann at Loyola University Maryland.

I am now in my 32nd year at Fairfield Prep. I happily serve as dean of enrollment and marketing, speaking each year to eighth-grade boys about the advantages offered by Jesuit education at Fairfield Prep. For one whose career, marriage and family ultimately spring from the decision my grandparents made to send my father to Fairfield Prep in the 1940s, there could be no more fitting a role.

My lifetime of association with the Jesuits has had a profound, beneficial impact on all areas of my life, and for this I am most grateful to the Society of Jesus. A.M.D.G.!

By Gregory Hugh Marshall, Dean of Enrollment and Marketing


Here a grad, there a grad, everywhere a Prep grad

By Roger L. Ratchford, Ed.D. '51

N early forty years of greeting students for the first time as they entered my classroom has led me to believe that teachers never know what lies in store either for themselves or for their students. A case in point is one of my French classes in the late '60s. Into my class walked a couple of young men with eager faces and malleable wills (don't they all have these attributes?) to respond to my ministrations and leave at the end of the year better prepared to endure the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," or perhaps even the demands of their next teacher. Such is the nature of the teaching mind.

These two young men both entered into religious life, and played a role in one of my most profound experiences. How little did I know that one of them would provide me with a bit of information to which he was privy, while the other worked next to some of the world's greatest treasures of religious art which he was willing to show to his former French teacher at Fairfield Prep.

This whole scenario was occasioned by a pilgrimage to Rome, visiting churches and, of course, the Vatican, under the expert guidance of **Fr. Richard Cipolla**, whom I met while he was teaching at the Prep and who now is a Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Church in Norwalk. He is currently one of the priests at the church who says Mass in the Extraordinary Form which my wife and I cherish very much and which led us to sign up for the pilgrimage to Rome. Another of my students, **Fr. Dave Leopold '67** and currently the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Georgetown, CT was also with the group of pilgrims. We knew from that assemblage that the week in Rome would be exceptional.

The Vatican was certainly going to be a highlight of the trip. My former student, **Monsignor William Millea '70**, had appeared on TV as one of the Masters of Ceremony during the Christmas Mass of the Pope from the Vatican. How would I contact him there? The Prep Alumni Directory only had a Connecticut address. I contacted **Monsignor Andy Varga '70**, who had likewise spent a year in my French class with Monsignor Bill. Pastor of St. Luke Church in Westport, Monsignor Andy gladly forwarded his email to me, wishing me "Bon Voyage."

An email exchange assured me that Monsignor Bill would be in Rome. We planned to meet Tuesday at the Porta Sant'Anna, which provides entry to the offices of the Vatican Secretariat where he would give us a personal tour, and have dinner.

Sunday and Monday were totally given to visits to many of the significant churches near our hotel. One of the most famous of the places was the Pantheon, once a Roman temple and now a church with an unusual open dome. Other churches on our list contained the relics of various saints who had a role in the history of the church and the Jesuits, including the Gesu. We prayed before the relics of St. Ignatius, St. Aloysius, and St. Robert Bellarmine. Evenings were spent tasting the exquisite food offered by some of Rome's best restaurants. Perhaps it was an appropriate reward for the trials of negotiating Rome's cobblestone streets and the head-spinning nature of a one-week pilgrimage to some of the best churches in the Catholic world.

Our arrival at the Porta Sant'Anna occasioned a brief visit to the waiting room of the Swiss Guards. They were very courteous while we awaited the arrival of Monsignor Millea, whose name they pronounce as Mil-lay-a. Our Prep grad is a highly respected personage with the Swiss Guards. One to whom I was introduced by the Monsignor as his "former French teacher" was from a French canton, and we exchanged some lively French. I was indeed fortunate to be counted among Monsignor Bill's friends.

Monsignor Bill's office is located in the upper reaches of the Vatican and overlooks the piazza and the front of the basilica. The three of us sat in the Sistine Chapel, without crowds, marveling at the masterpieces on the ceiling. He also led us into a room at the end of the chapel where newly-elected popes go to don the vestments of a pope.



Monsignor William Millea '70, gave Gail and Roger Ratchford a fantastic private tour of the Vatican.

Next we visited the Pauline Chapel, which contains Michelangelo's Crucifixion of St. Peter and the Conversion of Saul. These paintings are not normally seen by the general public because the Pauline Chapel is off-limits to tourists. Monsignor Bill, my wife and I knelt at the altar rail to say a prayer.

Although our devotional appetites were easily resolved by the spectacular nature of our visit to the inner reaches of the Vatican, we also were treated to a lovely dinner where Monsignor Bill and I discussed Fairfield Prep. He remembered fondly his Latin teacher, **Manny Ondeck '49,** who had recently passed away, and of course, we smiled at some of the references he made to things that had occurred in my French class, when both he and Monsignor Varga had sat before me as eager learners. I was happy to be among his fond recollections. Just as fond as I am of my memories of my former students, now called Prep Grads.

William E. Evans Jr. '73 to be honored with the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award

airfield Prep is pleased to recognize Bill Evans '73 as the third recipient of the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. The award was established in 2010 to recognize those alumni of Fairfield Prep who exemplify the characteristics that Prep seeks to instill in its graduates, specifically open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. Bill has demonstrated these qualities through his extensive volunteer efforts and programs to support the people of Nicaragua, and currently works as the president of CT Quest for Peace, leading an organization which is actively providing relief via humanitarian cargo aid, education, medicine and healthcare to poverty stricken Nicaraguan communities. He will receive his award at the school-wide Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 7.

Bill was nominated by Eric Wuchiski '89, who met



Bill through business. Bill owns William Evans Painting, and Eric is the president of Wuchiski Builders, Inc. Eric's nomination included these excerpts about Bill's passion for his work with the Nicaraguan people and how he is truly a Man for Others.

A lthough I have only known Bill for slightly less than two years, it would be hard to imagine another person that is more qualified for this award. I met Bill by chance on a professional level when we began working on jobs together. I was immediately struck by his kind and gentle manner. About eight months ago, I found out what a truly amazing man he is. I was at Bill's shop in Bridgeport and noticed that barely 25 percent of the space was dedicated to his painting business. The remainder was an absolute heap that looked like hundreds of abandoned tag sales, everything from furniture to clothing to housewares to even medical equipment. Out of curiosity, I asked Bill, what the story was behind all this junk. Over the course of two hours, he proceeded to tell me, and I left that conversation profoundly amazed.

Back in the '90s, Bill was at a Sunday church service where volunteers were requested to help move items from around the state for charity. Having a box truck for his business, he volunteered. In the following months he spent a few similar weekends. and became more involved. Eventually he was invited by one of the leaders to accompany them on their next trip to Nicaragua. The experience opened his eyes and changed the course of his life.

Now 15 years later, Bill is the president of CT Quest for Peace. He heads and oversees an organization that contributes time, resources. and financial aid to a dozen missions in Nicaragua (a few of which he started on his own), many of which are Jesuitbased, and which include schools, a trade learning center, medical facilities, a maternity hospital, a burn center, and an orphanage. Through many of his own efforts, this organization sends tons of needed supplies, supports nutrition programs, has started scholarship programs, and contributes to loan programs.

Locally he is involved with many charitable acts through the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. There Bill has encountered countless people, in particular struggling women, who need a helping hand. He met one woman, a Somalian refugee, here in Bridgeport, who was struggling to help support her family. Then one day while his organization was spending a weekend packing a container being sent to Nicaragua, a gentleman began lingering around. Bill came to find out this was the Somalian woman's husband, looking to help out (see bottom photo on page 37). He asked Bill why the computers were not being packed. Bill explained that they needed to be tested before they were packed. The man then arranged for his high school-aged son to come the next day and use his knowledge of computers to check them out. Since then, Bill has learned that this



Bill holds open a door of a CT Quest for Peace truck being loaded with supplies for missions in Nicaragua.



Nicaraguan children at a dump where they and their families scavenge for food and supplies.

family had escaped here from Somalia with literally nothing. The mother (Binti) had seen three of her six children murdered in front of her own eyes. They were struggling to survive here in the U.S. and accepting help where they could. Editor's note: Binti and her husband Adam continue to work at Bill's warehouse, packing and organizing shipments. With Bill's help, the family has been able to settle in Bridgeport, and their three children have attended or are currently attending college.

Bill has a deep appreciation for the Catholic Church. Aside from being a longtime parishioner, he has also spent time teaching catechism lessons at his local parish.

Bill sees everyone as a spiritual being. Many years ago, a particular scripture, Matthew 25: 35-40, motivated Bill. It reads: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

I could virtually write a book on ... how committed Bill is to justice. However, I will simply share one story...

On a trip to Nicaragua, one of the Teresian Sisters, with whom his organization has a working relationship, invited Bill to visit a maternity hospital in the small town of Somotillo. There he saw a fourteen year old girl having pre-birth contractions. Just as striking as her age, was the fact that she was lying on a foam mat on a dirty floor. There was little the nurses could do for her without having medications, or necessary equipment. They did not even have a bed in the hospital for her. When Bill arrived home, he got the word out on the needed supplies and began working with a few medical outlets such as elderly rehab facilities that were upgrading their equipment. Over a few months he was able to procure a number of hospital beds and supplies such as bedding, lighting, syringes, gloves, and a scale.

Remarkably, Bill was even able to score two ultrasound machines. He spent a weekend to drive to Boston and back to pick one up. I can barely imagine the pride and joy Bill must have had to see these items shipped off to Somotillo.

B ill Evans grew up in Stamford, one of seven children. His three brothers also attended Fairfield Prep: Matthew '73, John '74 and Mark '78. He attended Worcester Polytechnical Institute, graduating with a bachelors in chemical engineering. He carried on the painting business he and his brothers started to help pay their tuitions to Prep and college. He and his wife Joyce have four children Bryan, Abby, Tim and Molly, and live in Westport. When asked about a message he would like to share, Bill said, "Jesus's message to all of us is to look after one another and care for one another."

For more on Bill's work: www.Ctquestforpeace.org









Above from top: In Nicaragua – teaching computer skills; a dental clinic; donated pharmaceutical supplies. In Bridgeport – walkers waiting to be shipped; Somalian refugees work packing supplies.



Reunion Weekend

The multi-happening weekend celebrated classes ending in 2 and 7

A pproximately 250 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 2 and 7, held on June 16, 2012 at the Barone Campus Center. Attendees attended a Mass celebrated at the Egan Chapel, followed by a reception in the Oak Room and dinner served in the dining room of the Barone Campus Center.

Earlier in the day, members of the 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th reunion classes met for a softball game on Barlow Field. The previous night, many attended the Alumni Jam at The Levee, featuring live music by Dan Carlucci '98 and Dave Carlucci '00. All enjoyed the action-packed weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates.

Alumni Class Reunions









Attention Classes ending in 3 & 8! Your reunion is Saturday, June 15, 2013. Save the date!





Alumni Softball Game



Games featured the 5 year vs. 10 year class (2007 vs. 2002) and the 15 year vs. the 20 year class (1997 vs. 1992).













Alumni Jam Thanks to Dan Carlucci '98 (left) and Dave Carlucci '00 (right)







Alumni receptions on the road again

New York City





A Night of Laughs for Lou!

N ew York City was the scene for a private Prep event to benefit the Lou Saracco Scholarship fund. On April 26 Alumni enjoyed a hilarious evening which included a performance by our own Alumnus and highly talented comedian John Quinn '02 (pictured left) who performed with three other professional comedians.



NYC Business Breakfast

A lumni and friends enjoyed breakfast and an informative presentation by alumnus **Charles McGill '59** (in blue tie above), a leading expert in mergers, acquisitions and corporate strategies. The event was held at the Union League Club on June 6. Guests networked and learned about

Mr. McGill's financial experience with corporate restructurings, and for creating and building consumer products, restaurant, food service, and information services business groups.



🖻 Chicago

Reunited in Chicago

The Chicago alumni chapter held its annual cocktail reception at Theory Sports Bar & Café in

downtown Chicago on June 20. Prep's President, **Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.**, welcomed an enthusiastic group of alumni to socialize and to hear the latest happenings from back on campus. Also in attendance was special guest **Fr. Jim Arimond, S.J.**, former Headmaster of Prep (1989-1996). For more information about other Chicago area alumni activities, please contact chapter representatives **Mike Marella '96** (MMarella@rwbaird. com) or **Ian Brennan '02** (ian.brennan2002@gmail.com).

🖻 Boston



Business Breakfast features Keller of ESPN

Traug Keller '78, P'11, SVP, ESPN Inc. spoke to a group of Prep Alumni on April 12. Attendees enjoyed Traug's presentation about the history and success of ESPN. The breakfast meeting was held at the Boston College Club in the heart of Boston's financial district.







Pizza Lunch at Boston College

On April 11, several Boston area college-aged alumni gathered with Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., President and Rory Bernier '06, Director of Alumni Relations, to enjoy a casual pizza lunch. Pictured I-r: John Genco '08, Matt Fornshell '11, Ryan Cahalane '10, Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., Connor Marr '10, Sean Keane '11 and Dan Morrison '08.



Alumni Class News

1950s

Leonard R. Benedetto '58 received the George Popp Man of the Year award on May 14, 2012 from the Bridgeport Old Timers Association. (See story on page 45.)

Robert F. O'Keefe '51 and his wife Maureen were recognized and awarded the Outstanding Catholic Philanthropist Award at the ACAAP (Association of Catholic Admissions & Advancement Professionals) Conference held at the College of the Holy Cross on March 15, 2012.

James A. Sedensky '54 retired from the Wayne State School of Medicine faculty after 33 years. He is currently researching constitutional development for selfeducation.

Robert E. Witt '58 has been named the Chancellor of the University of Alabama three campuses and health system. (See box at right.)

1960s

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Robert D. Kiraly '68 works for NBC Olympics, Inc. He will be a part of the broadcast coverage of the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London. This is his 8th Olympic Event.

Francis Pfeiffer '62 has been named the 2012 Girls High School Swim Coach of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. Fran is currently the swim coach at Lauralton Hall. **Robert W. Riordan '62** retired from a manufacturing company partnership in 2007. He is enjoying his time with his wife Mona and their families including four grandchildren.

1970s

Robert J. Fortuna '75 and his wife Terry welcomed their first grandchild to the family. Their son Ryan and his wife Gretchen welcomed their daughter Sage Ann Fortuna on February 16, 2012.

David W. Tschanz '70 is publishing a book titled The Nabataeans: a Brief History of Petra and Madain Saleh. The book is intended to provide a popular history of the Nabataean civilization. David moved to Saudi Arabia in 1989 and has advanced degrees in history and epidemiology and has been fascinated with Petra since the early nineties having written a series of articles and earlier booklet on the Nabataeans. He has made over 40 visits to both sites including trips leading study groups. He has over 950 published articles and eight books on topics ranging from military history to computer technology to ancient civilizations.

1980s

Michael D. McCart '87 recently received the Heroes Among Us Award from the Boston Celtics for his volunteer work with the Horizons for Homeless Children.

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Robert Witt '58 Selected as Chancellor

The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System has named UA President Dr. Robert E. Witt as the new chancellor of the System's three campuses and the health system. Witt

replaces Dr. Malcolm Portera, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

"Since 2003, The University of Alabama has thrived under the vision and leadership of Dr. Witt," said Bonner. "During the next few months, I look forward to working with the UA family to keep our University on a trajectory of growth with quality, and to maintaining our long-standing commitment to excellence in every endeavor. Our outstanding faculty and staff demonstrate their commitment to our students and their success on a daily basis, and I am honored to have this opportunity to serve as interim president during this time of transition. We look forward to working with Dr. Witt in his new role as chancellor of the UA System, and wish him much success in the years to come."

1990s

Nicholas W. Glomb '91 completed his pediatric residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC in June, 2012. He will then be heading to Houston, Texas where he will begin fellowship training at Texas Children's Hospital (Baylor University) in July. He will be pursuing a combined fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine and global health.

2000s

Bryon Gentile II '00 has completed his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School where he served as Chief Resident in his final two years of training. In July 2012 he began fellowship training in cardiology at UMass.

Justin R. Gregg '04 graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine on May 11, 2012. In June, he began his five year residency in urology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Luke J. Kerrisk '08 graduated and was commissioned as an officer in May from the United States Naval Academy. He graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Luke was also captain of the Navy Lightweight Crew Team.

Craig T. Kinsley '07 qualified for the Javelin Team at the United States Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. He is scheduled to compete in the 2012 London Olympics. (See story on page 45.)

Jonathan P. Lakeland '08 was a featured soloist on an album entitled "Living Voices" that reached #22 on the Billboard Music Charts in Classical Music. He has also performed at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. He is currently working on a piece entitled "Annelies," the only piece of music that has been granted permission by the Anne Frank Estate to use the actual words in Anne's diary.

Casey B. Mott '08 graduated and was commissioned as an officer in May from the United States Air Force Academy. He will be based in California.

Ryan T. Nelson '06 was awarded his "Wings of Gold" and designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., on April 13. This marks Ens. Nelson's successful completion of flight training and designates him a helicopter pilot. (See story on page 47.)

Colin E. Nevins '08 graduated and was commissioned as an officer in May from the United States Naval Academy. He is an Ensign in the Navy and is attending Harvard in the fall on a Navy medical scholarship. Colin was the valedictorian and graduated with distinction and as a Chief of Naval Operations Distinguished Midshipman. Colin was also the captain of the Navy Offshore Sailing team.

Kyle P. Nevins '04 is a CPA and is working for Deloitte. He is also attending graduate school at Fordham University.

Paul A. Tropsa '08 played hockey for the University of Delaware. The Blue Hens defeated Oakland University 5-1 to capture their first ACHA Division I National Championship.

Max Wright '08 graduated from Loyola University/Chicago in May 2012. He received a special award for the highest GPA in the Political Science major in the Liberal Arts School and was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society.

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Remembering Quinn Rooney '10

Quinn Patrick Rooney, age 19, passed peacefully at home on June 22, 2012 after a long and valiant battle against diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, a rare type of brain tumor. Quinn was the beloved son of Chris and Susan (Wright) Rooney and a loving brother to Joe, Brendan '12 and Katie Rooney.



He was born in New Haven and was a lifelong resident of Stratford, Connecticut. He graduated from Fairfield Prep in 2010 and attended both Loyola University of Chicago and Fairfield University.

At Prep, Quinn was involved in Campus Ministry, attending the Ignatian Teach-In on Justice and a Kairos Retreat, and participated in Christian Service with the Global Mission to Ecuador and Urban Plunge. He was also part of the Liturgical Music Group and volunteered as a Freshman Retreat Leader. Quinn was passionate about theatre, and participated in six Prep Players productions in his time at Prep. He made audiences laugh as Big Jule in Guys and Dolls, the Emcee in Lucky Stiff, and Walter Hollander in Don't Drink the Water. He was an integral member of the ensemble, a true leader who brought a sense of warmth and openness to the group.

He was committed to pursuing what he loved; he went on to study Theatre at Loyola, working on several productions in his time there. He was known throughout the Prep community for his kindness and upbeat outlook, for which he will be remembered and missed.



From I-r: Woody Schemp '60, Joe Connolly '60, Matt Webber '93, Jim Duffy '61, Ed Krygier '60, Nick Perna '60, Ron Grywalski '64, John Drury, P'94, '89.



Ed Krygier '60 led the way in combating hunger!

Tom Savard '72 (left) prepares a delicious salad at the Columbus House as his father, Harold '44, handles the fruit behind him. Ed Krygier rallied Alumni on May 4 to serve dinner to the less fortunate at the Columbus House in New Haven. Ed Krygier's leadership continues

to inspire fellow Alumni to give their time to service. If you would like to participate in a soup kitchen, contact Ed at ejbuford@optonline.net.

MILEPOSTS

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IN MEMORIAM

J. Bruce Alessie '57 on January 5, 2012.

Ann Avallon on March 12, 2012. She was the mother of **Edward J. Avallon '63, Philip S. Avallon '76, Richard T. Avallon '64** and grandmother of **Aaron R. Avallon '96**.

Eugene J. Caires '59 on March 19, 2010.

Francis J. Carbone '58 on February 12, 2012. He was the brother-in-law of John A. Lucas '56 and the uncle of John C. Lucas '87.

Daniel J. Cervone on January 30, 2012. He was the brother of **Don J. Cervone '87**.

George A. Champagne Jr. '56 on February 20, 2012. He was the brother of Ronald O. Champagne '59.

Dorothy Rogers Clemens on November 18, 2011. She was the mother of **David R.** Clemens '87.

Michael J. Colohan '58 on July 4, 2012.

Charles J. Coolidge Jr '51 on December 1, 2008. He was the cousin of the late Robert T. Horan '51 and of John R. Csizmar '57.

Elmer R. Craw on January 28, 2012. He was the father of **David R. Craw '78**.

Ruth Curran on March 17, 2012. She was the mother of **Christopher P. Curran '77 and Jim M. Curran '78**.

Joseph E. Dunn '57 on November 12, 2011.

Michael Farrell on March 23, 2012. He was the father of **John T. Farrell '96** and former Prep math teacher **Joseph F. Farrell '00**.

William J. Fitzpatrick, Jr. on May 28, 2012. He was the father of William J. Fitzpatrick III '67, Paul R. Fitzpatrick '70, brother of Robert H. Fitzpatrick '47 and John T. Fitzpatrick '44, and grandfather of Kevin M. Fitzpatrick '06 and Michael W. Bologna '06.

Dennis Foley on March 18, 2012. He was the father of **D. Patrick Foley '68, Kevin M. Foley '73, Timothy J. Foley '81** and grandfather of **Kevin M. Foley '04**.

John E. Foley '47 on June 1, 2012. He was the brother of Robert J. Foley '50.

Laurence R. Gaboury on March 20, 2012. He was the uncle of **Mario T. Gaboury '74**.

Beverly Garcia on May 29, 2012. She was the grandmother of **Mark A. Dunkin '06**, **Kevin A. Dunkin '11** and **Ryan A. Dunkin '14**.

Edwin S. Gaynor '44 on February 17, 2012. He was the father of E. Hewitt Gaynor '79.

Paul G. Gazso '64 on March 31, 2012. He was the brother of the late Richard P. Gazso '61 and father of Paul R. Gazso '94.

John Goncar '48 on January 20, 2011.

Bradley J. Helt '13 on April 9, 2012.

Robert T. Horan '51 on July 28, 2011. He was the cousin of the late Charles J. Coolidge Jr. '51 and brother-in-law of John R. Csizmar '57

John S. Kartovsky '46 on June 14, 2012. He was the uncle of Joseph L. Staneck '64.

David F. Kecko '76 on January 30, 2012. He was the father of Mark M. Kecko '94 and cousin of David R. Craw '78.

Kathleen Killion on June 3, 2012. She was the grandmother of **Conor M. Carey '14, Brendan P. Carey '16** and mother-in-law of **Michael G. Carey '84**.

Andrew Koehm on March 13, 2012. He was the father of **Jonathan Koehm '82** and husband of former Prep Latin teacher **Mary Koehm**.

Eugene S. Loughlin Jr. '47 on May 6, 2012. He was the brother of Timothy M. Laughlin '56 and cousin of Shawn J. McDonnell '72.

Mary Lucey on February 14, 2012. She was the mother of **D. Michael Lucey '61**.

Robert W. Lysik on April 1, 2012. He was the father of **Robert M. Lysik '85**.

David J. Martin '54 on January 20, 2012. He was the father of Cameron D. Martin '91.

John J. McGovern III '54 on March 28, 2012.

Julia McGovern on May 25, 2012. She was the mother of Gary E. McGovern '81 and Gregory McGovern '79.

John W. McPadden '49 on December 10, 2011. He was the grandfather of John W. McPadden '13 and Daniel McPadden '15.

Thomas A. Moore on January 27, 2012. He was the father of **Peter T. Moore '90**.

Charles Mullins '67 on March 29, 2011.

Claire L. Neuberger on April 10, 2012. She was the wife of Walter B. Neuberger '99 and daughter-in-law of Robert J. Neuberger '52.

William E. O'Brien on February 20, 2012. He was the father of **Robert S. O'Brien '74**. He was a member of the Bellarmine Fathers Club and helped with the first Prep auction.

Joseph N. Perna on May 29, 2012. He was the brother of **Nicholas S. Perna '60**.

Philip P. Petron on May 7, 2012. He was the father of **Peter P. Petron '83, Alexander W. Petron '85** and **Christopher G. Petron '88**.

Robert F. Pitt on May 9, 2012. He was the father of **Robert F. Pitt Jr**.'71 and brother of the late **Harold T. Pitt '44**.

Quinn P. Rooney '10 on June 22, 2012. He was the brother of Brendan M. Rooney '12.

Gregg A. Sauer on June 12, 2012. He was the uncle of **Christian G. Sauer '08**.

Anthony F. Slez '64 on March 17, 2012.

Dolores H. Schmeck on September 16, 2011.

She was the wife of George M. Schmeck '51. John F. Spain '57 on June 22, 2011. He was

the brother of **Peter L. Spain '60**.

Raymond S. Tomasko '49 on February 4, 2012. He was the brother of Stephen M. Tomasko '62.

Alice Vollmer on January 29, 2012. She was the mother of **Scott E. Vollmer '82** and a member of the Bellarmine Guild.

Rita Wilchinsky on February 15, 2012. She was the grandmother of **Conor P. Ryan '08, John C. Ryan '01, Kevin W. Ryan '03** and mother- in- law of **Richard R. Ryan '71**.

Estelle Vuolo on April 12, 2012. She was the mother of **Robert M. Vuolo '62** and **Donald N. Vuolo '63**.

William M. Wright '67 on February 26, 2012. He was the uncle of Michael J. Wright '12.



ENGAGEMENTS

John A. Jorden '02 to Stephanie Springer. (See photo at right.)

Colin E. Shukie '06 to Christy Darr. (See photo at right.)

WEDDINGS

Patrick E. Donahue '96 married Emily Pugh on April 21, 2012 in Pt. Reyes, CA. William C. Donahue '95, brother of the groom, served as best man. Other Prep graduates in attendance included Terrence M. Donahue '59, John P. Donahue '81, James M. Donahue '83, Brian T. Donahue '84, Robert F. Donahue '87, Paul S. Donahue '93, Brian V. Carey '96, Kevin McKelvey '96 and A. Bruce Audino '97.

William C. Donahue '95 married Danielle Boden on July 14, 2012 in Sebastopol, CA. Patrick E. Donahue '96, brother of the groom, served as best man. Other Prep graduates in attendance included Terrence M. Donahue '59, John P. Donahue '81, James M. Donahue '83, Brian T. Donahue '84, Robert F. Donahue '87, Paul S. Donahue '84, Robert F. Donahue '14, Stephen R. Curry '95, Kevin McKelvey '96, and Matthew C. Wollen '96.

Stephen J. Giambalvo '02 and Caitlin D. Zimmer were married on June 18, 2011 at the Eolia Mansion, Harkness State Park in Waterford, CT. Prep alumni in attendance were Quinn Zimmer '08 (pictured), Jason Atwell '02 (pictured), Phillip Topalian '02, John Quinn '02, Michael Barrett '02 and Robert Maiorano '06.

Justin R. Gregg '04 married Rebecca Mills Blades on June 9, 2012 in Houston, Texas.

Michael K Hwang, DMD, '93 married Kathleen Batchler of Brookfield, CT at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Norwalk, CT on April 14, 2012. Frank DiMaria '93 was best man and Jim Booth '93 was a groomsman.

Jason H. Mis '98 of the Prep Social Studies department married Kerry Keane on June 30, 2012 at the Burr Mansion in Fairfield. Several Prep alumni in the wedding party included Benjamin J. Mis '95, Michael Smith '98, Sean Driscoll '98, Michael Kirkland '98 and Rob Panish '98. (See page 44.)

John A. Urquhart III '00 married Molly Fay on August 13, 2011 in Jamestown, Rhode Island.

BIRTHS

Kevin J. Altieri '00 and his wife Tracey welcomed their daughter Eleanora Eileen on February 24, 2012. Eleanora joins her big brother Peter.

A. Bruce Audino '97 and his wife Carolyn welcomed their first child, Sophia Park, on June 5, 2012.



Robert Barron '73 and his wife Jennifer welcomed Kelly Frances Barron (above) on January 27, 2012.

Peter J. Bonitatibus Jr. '89 and his wife Lexie welcomed their son Peter Cesidio on November 11, 2011. He joins his big sisters Lira and Pisa.

Mark L. Falango '91 and his wife Christine welcomed their daughter Lilly Rose on January 30, 2012.

Edward P. "Ted" Fitzgerald '88 and his wife Gwynne welcomed Adele Rose on March 2, 2012. Adele joins big brother TJ and sister Madelyn.



Colin J. Gilbert '97 and his wife Katelin welcomed their son Declan Joseph (above left) on April 3, 2012.

Sean M. Gleason '97 and his wife Karen welcomed their daughter Madeleine Mae on June 15, 2012 (above right).



John Jorden Engagement

John A. Jorden '02 is engaged to Stephanie Springer. A fall 2013 wedding is planned in Napa, California.



Timothy J. Francis '95 and his wife Soo Jin Francis welcomed their daughter Hana Diane Francis (above) on March 26, 2012.



Edward Z. Gormbley '95 and his wife Catherine O'Donnell welcomed their son Conner Logan (above) on May 31, 2012.

Giambalvo Wedding

Stephen J. Giambalvo '02 and Caitlin D. Zimmer were married on June 18, 2011 at the Eolia Mansion, Harkness State Park in Waterford, CT. Stephen and Caitlin met in the 6th grade at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Fairfield, CT. Prep alumni in attendance were Quinn Zimmer '08 (pictured right of groom), Jason Atwell '02 (pictured 2nd right of groom), Phillip Topalian '02, John Quinn '02, Michael Barrett '02 and Robert Maiorano '06.



Colin Shukie Engagement

Colin E. Shukie '06 is engaged to Christy Darr. They both graduated from Georgetown University in 2010. A July 2012 wedding is planned.



Oliver Perez '98 and his wife Jamie welcomed their son Ryan Alexander (above) on June 16, 2012. Ryan joins his big sister Norah.

Daniel P. Redgate'96 and his wife Erin welcomed Liam Daniel on April 19, 2012. Liam joins big sister Kathryn.

Matthew S. Sather '93, English Department Chair and Teacher, and his wife Ann and big sister Mary welcomed Abigail Grace on February 4, 2012.

Michael J. Tortora '89 and his wife Tiffany welcomed Josie Grace on April 9, 2012. Josie joins big brother Michael and sister Ava.

FACULTY AND STAFF MILEPOSTS

IN MEMORIAM

Edward X. Canning on May 28, 2012. He was a former member of the Society of Jesus and Fairfield Prep faculty.

Michael Farrell on March 23, 2012. He was the father of John T. Farrell '96 and former Prep math teacher Joseph F. Farrell '00.

Andrew Koehm on March 13, 2012. He was the father of **Jonathan Koehm '82** and husband of former Prep Latin teacher **Mary Koehm**.

WEDDINGS



DeRosa/Cyfeku Wedding

Dina Cyfeku, Guidance Counselor and Jonathon DeRosa, Director of Student Activities and Christian Service were married on June 23, 2012 at the Egan Chapel. Fr. John J. Hanwell, S.J., President, celebrated the Mass.



Mis Wedding

Jason H. Mis '98 of the Prep Social Studies Department married Kerry Keane on June 30, 2012 at the Burr Mansion in Fairfield. Several Prep alumni in the wedding party included Benjamin J. Mis '95, Michael Smith '98, Sean Driscoll '98, Michael Kirkland '98 and Robert Panish '98.



BIRTHS



Kevin J. Altieri '00 a member of the Social Studies Department and his wife Tracey and big brother Peter welcomed Eleanora Eileen (above) on February 24, 2012.



Kristin Ancona-Sherman of the Prep Foreign Language Department and her husband Rusty welcomed their daughter Lindsay Ann Sherman (above) on May 31, 2012.



Matthew S. Sather '93, English Department Chair and Teacher, and his wife Ann and big sister Mary welcomed Abigail Grace (left) on February 4, 2012.



Brendan Shea '08 is Rugby MVP

Brendan Shea '08 and Wake Forest University Class of 2012, was named 2012 First Team All-ACRL (Atlantic Coast Rugby League) and Wake Forest University Men's Rugby 2012 MVP. Brendan is shown reaching for the ball. Below left is his brother **Conor Shea '11**, playing rugby for Georgetown in a game set up by the two brothers.



Mick O'Donnell '58 burning NASCAR rubber

M ick O'Donnell '58 of Goldsboro, N.C. gets ready to take three laps around the NASCAR track in Charlotte recently with the Mario Andretti Racing Experience. The 72-year-old decided to take advantage of the ride-along, and now vows to return next year to do it again. Pictured above, Mick gets fitted for a helmet as he prepares to take laps around the NASCAR track.



Hey Mr. Marshall—Nice Harley!

G reg Marshall '73, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing, ran into Jim Pasquarella '67, a Harley rental agent who rented him a bike on vacation in Charleston, South Carolina.

Butch Benedetto '58 honored with Man of the Year Title

The Greater Bridgeport Athletic Association (Old Timers) honored Leonard "Butch" Benedetto '58 with the George Popp Man of the Year at the 55th annual Awards Dinner held on May 14 at Testo's Ristorante in Bridgeport.

Benedetto served for 30 years on the Bridgeport Fire Department and for 11 years as a state marshal before retiring in 2004. A native of Bridgeport's North End, he was honored for his long-time active and supportive membership in the organization, especially at the monthly meetings, all the special events and for diligently securing ads for the program book.

Butch played on the North Side Pirates Little League team from 1949-52 that was coached by his father, Leonard Sr. Next he went on to play for Singers in the National Junior League and with the Fairfield and Grosso-Seavey American Legion teams.

Benedetto went on to star in baseball at Fairfield Prep from 1956-58 as a pitcher, shortstop and outfielder. He co-captained the Jesuits in 1958 to a stellar 18-2 record. He also played with the Highlanders in the Senior City League for manager Fritz Luciano



Butch in the 1958 Hearthstone

and coaches Ken Abriola and John Pace.

In 1958 Butch toured New England and Canada with the New York Yankee Rookies, leading the team in hitting with a .400 average. He signed a bonus contract with the Boston Red Sox and played in their minor league system from 1959-62.

Through the years he umpired high school and college games and coached boys and girls grammar school basketball teams at Trumbull Catholic Regional. He received the Old Timers Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award in 2000 as did his late father, Leonard Benedetto Sr., in 1980.

Source: Ct Post



1960 championship jacket worn by 2015 grandson for Spirit Week

During Spirit Week at Prep in March, Brandon Mehlhouse '15 donned his grandfather's football letter jacket from the State Champion 1960 team. His grandfather is Richard Amon '61. Through the decades, the Prep spirit is alive and well!

Basketball alumni come back to Prep

R^{obbie} Bier '11 and Matt Daley '11, Prep basketball alumni, came back to Alumni Hall to cheer for the Jesuits.





L-r: Robert Ford Jr., Craig Kinsley '07 and Robert Ford Sr.

Kinsley '07 heads to the Olympics

is junior year at Fairfield Prep was the first time he picked up the javelin. Two months later, **Craig Kinsley** was a high school state champion in the event. The former multi-star athlete, who played baseball, ran cross country and participated in track and field – winning two Class LL state titles — can now add Olympic athlete to his resume. Monday night (June 25) at the U.S. track and field trials in Eugene, OR, Kinsley qualified for the London Olympics in the javelin with a throw of 262-02.



"Well, it's wonderful," Prep cross country head coach Robert Ford Jr. said, who coached Kinsley. "Knowing him and watching the success is great." Kinsley, who graduated from Prep in 2007, had already been in good position to qualify for the Olympics prior to Monday. The Brown University graduate, met the Olympic "A" Standard earlier this month, which qualified him for the team.

"Craig got all his ducks in a row," Ford explained. "Got to meets, threw what he needed to throw. Very pleased to see him go." Ford, who said he keeps in regular touch with Kinsley, spoke with him Tuesday morning. "He's a happy guy," Ford explained. "It's not completely unexpected."

Kinsley holds the javelin, high jump and decathlon records at Prep. Ford said his versatility is what makes him such a good athlete and thrower. "(He's) not a new comer to the sport," Ford said. "The timing has been really good for him."

At Brown, Kinsley won the Ivy League title all three years, was the 2010 NCAA Division I Champion in the javelin and was a three-time All-American. Ford said he's anxious to see how he competes at the Olympics.

Source: Fairfield Minuteman Sports



Odds vs. Evens laced up their skates and battled for Alumni Hockey Cup!

O n February 11, players recounted early morning practices and hard fought games at the Wonderland of Ice. The Odds won and recorded their victory on the Alumni Cup that reads "The older we get the better we were." Afterwards Hockey Alumni enjoyed lunch and watched the Varsity Hockey team defeat ND-Fairfield 8-1. Brian O'Connor '83 organized this enjoyable event.



Alumni Lacrosse Players Reunited and enjoyed a friendly match with fellow classmates at Alumni Field on June 4 at the annual Alumni Lacrosse Game. Brian Cullinane '04 organized the event.





Garrett Brown '06 signs with San Diego Chargers

G arrett Brown '06, former standout defensive tackle at Prep and for the University of Minnesota was officially signed by the San Diego Chargers. The 6-foot-1, 309-pound Brown was formerly with the Kansas City Chiefs. Source: New Haven Register

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Ironmen from the Class of '85

Prep classmates **Mike Reardon '85** and **Terry Rychlik '85** recently completed the Texas Ironman triathlon on May 19, 2012 in The Woodlands, TX. The competition consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. Rychlik finished the course in 12:44.18 and Reardon was not far behind with a time of 14:46.13.

Captains still swimming

Former Prep Swim Captains Mike Noone '11, Andrew Golankiewicz '10, Patrick White '08 and Brian Power '09 met at the Patriot League

COLGATE MAXY WIMMING COLGATE MAN SUMMING

Swim Championships held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD February 16-18, 2012. Mike and Brian swim for College of the Holy Cross, Andrew swims for the USNA and Patrick swims for Colgate University.



Rotanz scored five goals

Robert Rotanz '08 was named first team All-American by the US Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Rob lead Duke in scoring, and in the NCAA tournament game against Colgate, he scored a career-best five goals. He was named All ACC and graduated with honors from Duke.

Alumni Stepped Up to the Plate at the Alumni Baseball

Game! Alumni experienced déjà vu when they grabbed their old gloves and re-lived their competitive days on Alumni Diamond. Head Coach **Ed Rowe '59** remembered back to when he threw batting practice, gave the signs, and inspired his players. Alumni were inspired by memories and enjoyed a day of getting back to the game they love. **John Pellegrino '87** generously donated Super Duper Weenie hot dogs for alumni, friends, and family.



CHARITABLE GIVING: Leave A Legacy To Prep

B esides the immense satisfaction that comes from helping others, charitable giving can provide tax benefits for the donor and his or her estate.

Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)

Looking for a way to generate income, reduce estate and income taxes, defer taxes on gains and make a significant charitable contribution without reducing the family inheritance? A charitable remainder trust and a wealth replacement trust can allow an individual to make a gift to Fairfield Prep while retaining an interest in the gifted asset during his or her lifetime.

CRT Mechanics and Tax Aspects

It is best to fund a CRT with an asset that, if sold outside the trust, would produce substantial long-term capital gains tax. After the trust is executed, the donor transfers this appreciated, low or non-income producing asset to the CRT. The CRT sells the asset and gives the donor an income stream for life, for a term of years, or for joint lives. At the death of the donor (or the donor's named non-charitable income beneficiary if other than the donor) the remaining trust assets pass to Fairfield Prep. Here's how it works:

- Upon creation of the trust, the donor gets a current income tax deduction based on the present value of the future amount passing to the charity.
- No tax on the gain is paid by the trust when it sells the asset, since the trust is exempt from such tax when it sells the asset.
- The donor receives an income stream and pays income taxes on the income as received
- At the end of the trust term the remainder passes to the designated charity and estate taxes may be reduced, since the asset placed in the trust has been removed from the estate.

"Wealth Replacement" Trust

As indicated, the remaining assets in the trust eventually pass to Prep and not to the donor's heirs. The income tax savings produced by the charitable donation combined with the income generated by the trust can be used to pay premiums on a life insurance policy owned by a properly formed irrevocable life insurance trust sometimes known as a "wealth replacement" trust. The life insurance policy in this trust replaces the value of the assets that pass to Prep in the CRT. Since the life insurance is purchased and owned by the irrevocable trust, the proceeds should be income and estate tax free. The donor's family is, therefore, made whole. Please



consult your tax advisor for details.

Submitted by Joe Bogardus '05, Financial Planner, Barnum Financial Group at jbogardus@metlife.com



Esn. Ryan T. Nelson '06, USN with his parents, Marcia and Dick Nelson, and his brother Lt. Jonathan R. Nelson '03, USN.

Ryan Nelson '06 earns Navy Wings of Gold

E ns. Ryan T. Nelson (Prep Class of 2006) was awarded his "Wings of Gold" and designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., on April 13. This marks Ens. Nelson's successful completion of flight training and designates him a helicopter pilot.

Ens. Nelson has been assigned to the Navy's newest addition to the fleet, the MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopter (AKA "Romeo") Seahawk. He will report to his Fleet Replacement Squadron HSM-40 "Airwolves," the Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, based at Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, FL.

Ens. Nelson is a 2010 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and the Holy Cross NROTC Unit.

Source: The Ridgefield Press



Timothy Tilghman '00 Assembly speaker

O ur Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly speaker in 2011 was the dynamic LT Timothy S. Tilghman '00, USCG. He has been stationed in Iraq and working with the Government of Iraq and the Department of Defense assisting the Iraqis with governmental oversight of some of their strategic maritime infrastructure.



Kevin Dewey '05 served in Afghanistan

T Kevin C. Dewey '05, USN, (wearing sunglasses) just completed a tour in Afghanistan as an EOD specialist.



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Dear Prep Class of 2012, Lighten Up!

our transition from life as a Prep student on graduation day was a graceful one and a fitting tribute to your character and spirit as a member of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2012. Bright, motivated, invested and involved, high achieving and multi talented are qualities which characterize all Prep classes and are fully identifiable with your outstanding class. Truly unique about your class, is that you have lived the advice Fr. James Martin, S.J., offered to you so cleverly in his graduation address. "Lighten up!" Find humor in life, stay balanced and humble while achieving success, understand your humanity and your shared reliance on God—all advice you have lived while facing the many challenges of your Prep years. Classes often define themselves by their athletic and artistic successes and you have certainly distinguished yourselves in these areas. Your strength is how you have faced the increasingly demanding levels of academic and personal responsibility with confidence and grace.

Your ability to care for all of your Prep classmates—through trial and triumph—is a hallmark of your class and a wonderful legacy for those who drew comfort from that care. You have earned the respect of the surrounding community by your willingness and energy to care for others. On campus, your response to the needs of others by your presence and support has been a common theme, spoken about so well by Rob Salandra in his graduation address comments on brotherhood and expressed wonderfully through your gentle affirming applause as you offered support to a classmate and his family on graduation day. As you enter the larger brotherhood as Prep alumni, I am confident that you will continue to live with this caring spirit as you offer your "light," your strength and your support to one another and to all those you touch. You've found that graceful balance that has allowed you to shoulder responsibility while maintaining the capacity to laugh and experience joy. Congratulations on all of your success, now go forth and "lighten up!"

By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

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