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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are very grateful to our alumni and benefactors who give back to Prep and the community. They live the Jesuit mission and make it matter in their lives, and we appreciate their leadership and devotion to many worthy causes.



Make Mission Matter! That's what our Fairfield Prep community does every day! The result was manifest in our 201 graduates of the Class of 2013. As they processed confidently into Alumni Hall on June 2 the excitement was palpable. Thank you to their families who entrusted their Ignatian formation to us over the last four years. Our newest alumni are true products of a Jesuit education, with passion for learning, and love and compassion for one another and the world.

Our Jesuit mission starts at the top. At the national JSEA (Jesuit Secondary Education Association) Colloquium on Ignatian Education in St. Louis this past June, our Principal, Dr. Robert Perrotta, was honored with the Ignatian Educator Award (pictured), praising his outstanding service



and distinguished leadership for the JSEA and the Jesuit mission, and Ignatian vision of its member schools. Prep leads by example, infusing our educational experience with top academics, campus ministry, and Christian service. Our SEED Diversity program, founded by our

Academic Dean, Dr. Donna Andrade, celebrated its 25th anniversary at Prep this year. This program is being used as a national model to develop diversity programs in Jesuit schools throughout the country.

This spring, we awarded the annual Rev. Martin G. Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Educator of the Year award to John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance and College Advising, who has served Prep for 30 years. John is incredibly dedicated to his students; getting to know them personally, encouraging their multi-dimensional development, and helping them navigate the college process—all with the vision of our Jesuit mission. English teacher Barry Wallace was recognized by the senior class as the Inspirational Teacher of the Year (read his eloquent send-off speech to the class), and John Szablewicz received the 2013 *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication, honored as "the man, the myth, the Prep legend," loved by generations of students. We are indeed blessed to have such inspiring and devoted faculty and staff.

The "Prep brotherhood" is demonstrated daily outside of the classroom. Our sports teams continued to excel,

with hockey and lacrosse winning state championships; soccer, basketball, swimming and rugby winning state runner-up; plus an outstanding season for baseball, reaching the state semi-final, and the track team setting records. The Prep fans are showing school spirit everywhere! Our arts program continued to expand in scope, with outstanding performances in the spring concert and spring musical Spamalot, and impressive talent displayed in our annual art show. After-school clubs and activities flourish, allowing our students to develop as multi-faceted individuals. Mission also matters in our many Christian service activities and trips. From Freshman Field Day, where our students interact with urban elementary school children, through immersion trips to El Salvador, Ecuador and Jamaica, our boys learn to give of themselves by connecting with others, providing help, and learning compassion.

We are very grateful to our alumni and benefactors who give back to Prep and the community. They live the Jesuit mission and make it matter in their lives, and we appreciate their leadership and devotion to many worthy causes. I am pleased to announce two (ex aequo) recipients of the 2013 St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award: Dr. Jerry Hemenway '61 and Mr. Ed Krygier '60. Jerry Hemenway co-founded PRN Relief International, traveling with a volunteer team to third world countries to deliver medical care and supplies. Ed Krygier leads Prep alumni volunteer groups to prepare and serve meals to the homeless in New Haven and Bridgeport, aiding thousands over the years with much-needed meals. Read more about these two inspiring alumni and their work in this issue. We invite the entire Prep community to our Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 6 at 12:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, to celebrate the beginning of the school year and honor these outstanding Men for Others. May these months of summer be richly blessed for you and your family!

Sincerely,

Rev. John J. Hannell, S.J.

Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J. President

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D id you miss a big game? Watch it on the Prep YouTube channel. Looking for a job or simply wishing to connect with a fellow alumnus in your career field? Join us on LinkedIn. Show off your summer vacation photos and re-connect with classmates on Prep's Facebook page! Our YouTube channel has 114,172 views. The alumni Facebook page has 2,023 "likes." There are a total of 1,066 alumni LinkedIn the Fairfield Prep Alumni Network. We had a great time this past year with reunions, sports, events and all of the good news from the alumni community living life to the fullest. Stay tuned for exciting fall and winter events this upcoming school year. Thank you for your participation and your continued support of

Fairfield College Preparatory School. Every "like," "request to join," "view," "tweet," and "request to connect," builds the Prep alumni community. We may laugh, we may cry but we never get offline!

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Prep Wins 2nd Straight Class L State Championship

Prep Powerhouse: LAX Rules!

his season began with very high hopes for our team, coming off of a League and State Championship campaign in 2012. Our coaching staff and players set the bar high on what we hoped to achieve. Reclaiming both titles was at the top of the list, as well as competing in all of our games against top ranked regional

opponents Chaminade, Delbarton and St. Anthony's. Many of our senior players are multi-sport athletes, with a large number of them playing on the state championship winning Ice Hockey team

this past winter. For those players, the transition to Lacrosse was challenging, and as a result we suffered losses in two of our first three games against Chaminade (13-6) and the Hill Academy (7-5). While the early signs for our team may have

been concerning to some, there was one early season chain of events that convinced me that this group of players was destined to achieve something special.

On Sunday, April 8, I was at Tomlinson Middle school preparing for a 5K race I had co-organized to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis (a disease my mother has had for 12 years). To my surprise, a number of our players arrived to participate. They said they were here to support me and the cause,



From left: Head Coach Chris Smalkais P' 16, Assistant Coaches Andrew Kirkaldy and Kevin Reda

and I was overcome with emotion at their generosity and sincerity. I realized that Prep had taught them the value of being Men for Others, and the importance that value has in every aspect of one's life. Following that day, our team and coaching staff wore the STRENGTH shirts for many games, and all through the playoffs, and I like to think that they provided inspiration in some of the challenging moments of our playoff run.

The regular season was filled with a number of highlights as we won 17 games and only lost two the rest of the year. We beat the defending Massachusetts state champions Duxbury Dragons 6-2 in April behind a stellar effort from Captain **Tim Edmonds '13** who had 4 goals while still recovering from a knee injury. Later that month we beat rival Greenwich 7-6, led this time by 4 goals

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from Captain Kevin Brown '13 and 15 saves by senior Goaltender Connor Henry '13. Defensively, we were led all year by Captain Andrew Hatton '13 and Anthony Johnson '14, and were bolstered late in the season by the return of Strecker Backe '13 from a wrist Injury. As our regular season came to a close, we gained a victory against another rival Wilton (led by a stellar effort at the faceoff x by Troy Foreit '13) and finished our league season with a perfect 9-0 record.

As the post season began, our team followed the lead of Coach Smalkais as we strove to win each game in front of us to "earn" the chance to play in the next game. We won the SCC championship



13-6 against Guilford, the teams 2nd straight league championship victory. Our state playoff run began with

a motto put forth by Coach Smalkais to win the first five minutes (or 300 seconds) of the game, and work our way forward from there. After opening round victories against Amity (14-4) and Xavier (14-2) we were set for a semi-final game against Ridgefield. In a rematch of the last two state championship games, we fought to a 12-9 victory, one of the most rewarding games of our season. Although we trailed much of the game, we were led by the competitive drive of David White '13, our field general for much of the season, and Kevin Brown, who finished with a



game high 5 goals, and solidified his eventual claim as The Connecticut State Player of the Year.

After beating Ridgefield, our team had one more game (and one more goal) in front of us: a victory in the State Championship game against Staples High School. In similar fashion to the Ridgefield game, we fell behind early in the game and were trailing 8-5 late in the third quarter when we made what turned out to be the decisive change. Coach Smalkais decided to implement a strategy that he fashioned after the "legion of doom" hockey line on the 1990's Philadelphia Flyers, a plan that brought three defensemen into the midfield to change the momentum of the game (a rotation of Andrew Hatton, Strecker Backe, Riley Hoffman '13 and James Marusi '13). After the change, we went on to score 9 unanswered goals en route to a 13-8 lead with just under two minutes to play.

As we gathered on the sideline one last time as a group, I remember saying to the players, "Enjoy these last two minutes together as a team." The ensuing championship celebration, and the season as a whole, is something that they (and we all as coaches) will always remember. As our seniors move on, they will recall this season for the positive impact they made on our team, on the school, and most importantly on each other, and always remember to approach every challenge in life with a little extra STRENGTH.



By Kevin Reda, Asst. Varsity Lacrosse Coach. Kevin was the valedictorian of Fairfield University Class of '13.



LACROSSE HONORS

- Kevin Brown '13 CT Player of the Year, US Lacrosse All American, First Team All State, First Team All SCC, CT Post All Star, New Haven Register All Area Player of the Year, New Haven Register All Area Team
- David White '13 US Lacrosse All American, First Team All State, First Team All SCC, CT Post All Star, New Haven Register All Area Team, CT Class L Championship Game MVP
- Tim Edmonds '13 US Lacrosse All American, First Team All State, First Team All SCC, CT Post All Star, New Haven Register All Area Team
- Andrew Hatton '13 US Lacrosse All American, First Team All State, First Team All SCC, CT Post All Star, New Haven Register All Area Team
- Connor Henry '13- Second Team All State, First Team All SCC, New Haven Register All Area Team
- Sean Henry '13 Second Team All State, First Team All SCC
- Troy Foreit '13 Second Team All State, First Team All SCC
- Strecker Backe '13 Second Team All SCC
- Riley Hoffman '13 Second Team All SCC
- Anthony Johnson '14 Second Team All State, First Team All SCC
- Austin Sims '14 First Team All State, First Team All SCC

2012-2013 VARSITY HOCKEY Prep Wins **15th** State Championship

sually when I reflect on a Prep hockey season, I can pinpoint a few key moments that created the outcome. A big win that got us on a roll ... a crushing defeat that sent us in a tailspin ... an inspirational moment that redefined our purpose and inspired greatness.

In reflecting on the 2012-2013 season, I do not believe there was such a moment.

This team was simply special from its inception. We can look at the numbers and accomplishments: a 23-1 record, 128 goals scored—only 37 against, most wins in school history, undefeated against Connecticut competition, Mount St. Charles Tournament Champions, SCC Champions, Division I State Champions, victories against the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania state champions.

I believe the success of this team was the cohesion of our senior class. David White, Connor Henry, Sean Henry, Nick Bargiello, Kevin Brown, Billy D'Amore, Andrew Hatton, Tim Edmonds and Aidan Rush were consummate leaders and generous Men for Others. Their skill, confidence and commitment bred a spirit that answered the most challenging call of the Prep fight song "Never Say Die." Every practice, every game, every road-trip, every tournament was a challenge that this senior class took personally. And the most amazing part about it all was that they were always able to have fun.

Next year's team will have impossibly big shoes to fill, but with the example this group of seniors set, they will be prepared to try.



By Matt Sather '93, Varsity Hockey Coach, English Dept. Chair and Teacher





HOCKEY HONORS

ALL SCC: Matt Beck '14 Sean Henry '13 David White '13

SCC Championship Player of the Game: Dean Lockery '14

CHSCA All-State: David White '13 (MVP) Sean Henry '13 Matt Beck '14 Connor Henry '13

CHSCA All-Stars: Billy D'Amore '13 Chris Gutierrez '14

CHSCA Hobey Baker: Billy D'Amore '13

Mount St. Charles Tournament All-Tourney Team: David White '13 (MVP) Kevin Brown '13 Billy D'Amore '13 Connor Henry '13

CT Post All-Stars: David White '13 (MVP) Sean Henry '13 Connor Henry '13

NH Register All-State: David White '13 (MVP) Sean Henry '13 Connor Henry '13

Coach Matt Sather:

- CT High School Coaches Association Outstanding Coach of the Year
- NH Register Coach of the Year





hen senior classes finished two weeks prior to graduation junior **Reilly Bloom** kept asking me, "Has it hit you yet? Does it feel like you're done?" I didn't feel like I was done. I saw my friends and classmates often during those two weeks whether it was at state playoff games, prom or graduation rehearsal. Even when I woke up on the day of graduation it still hadn't hit me. I drove to Alumni Hall that morning in my white tux and met up with the Class of 2013 one last time as Prep students.

We stood in the RecPlex, chatting and fixing our boutonnieres as we waited for the signal from Mr. Brennan and Mr. Magdon to line up. Finally, the moment came and we began our slow walk through the hallway toward the gym. I made eye contact with my friend **Tim Frassetto** and gave him a knowing wink. It was go time. We processed into Alumni Hall and I took my time getting to my seat as I looked for as many familiar faces in the crowd as I could. I saw my underclassmen buddies, I saw my friend's parents and siblings, and I found my family. Feelings in me began to rise as I gave them all a smile for they were responsible in helping me reach this point.

After an invocation from Mr. Gualtiere, Father Hanwell, S.J., welcomed the Class of 1963 and graced us with his renditions of some of the hit songs of that year. The Class of 1963 then received their Golden Diplomas and I thought how fun it must be to reconnect with Prep and with their classmates after all of those years. I realized that even though I was graduating I could always come back to see the familiar faces of my Prep brothers.

My buddy Davie Bruton spoke for our class and did a great job

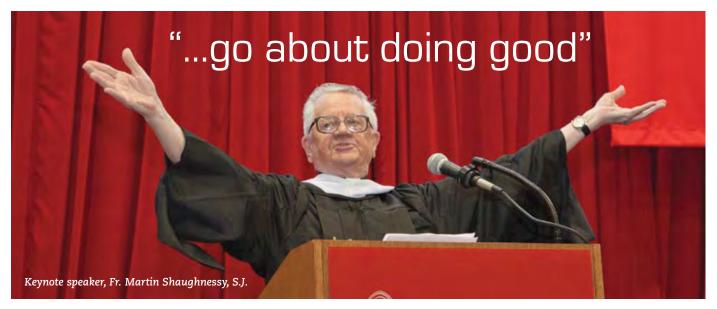
putting our Prep experience into words. Davie reminded us of the brotherhood that we shared at Prep and how each of us played a different part. Whether we were performing in the Quick Center, competing on the field or excelling in the classroom, we had become brothers through our collective actions. Davie spoke of our Prep experience as that inner light which would burn brighter after our graduation. I began to feel it.

The commencement speaker was beloved theology teacher Father Shaughnessy, S.J. The Class of 2013 has the distinction of being the last class to be taught by Father Shaughnessy so it was a special treat to see him again. The Boston-native stressed the point that the evil in our world will not prevail as long as we don't allow it. With that challenge our sendoff was approaching.

It was time to take that final walk, time to receive diplomas. As I walked down from the stage I looked up to my parents with a profound sense of gratitude. After **Ryan Zsebik** accepted his diploma in incredible fashion the Class of 2013 had officially graduated and Alumni Hall erupted in applause. As we prepared to process out of the gym that feeling I had anticipated began to arise. As I reached the door of the gym I saw the familiar face of junior **Reilly Bloom**. Once again he asked, "Has it hit you yet?" It had hit me. What I realized at that moment was that my years at Prep were done, however my relationship with Prep and with my classmates would never end. The Prep brotherhood never ends.

By Matthew Kiernan '13. Matt received the St. Peter Claver, SJ., Award at graduation. Pictured at right (from left): Matt Noone, Matt Kiernan, Mark Giannini, and Kevin Culligan.





 come from Boston—Boston strong! Thank you for inviting me to speak to you—the last class I have taught, going back to 1957.

I have followed your progress at Fairfield Prep especially your wonderful last year in many areas. Last fall they knew that Prep football was back, and then came outstanding teams in basketball, soccer, swimming, and lacrosse. All your sports teams played inspiring games and the hockey team had another championship season. You have found success in the arts, in music and science, in languages and in drama, in Christian service and in retreats. You have become Men for Others in many ways. You are ready for the future.

But, young men, we cannot forget the events in Newtown in December, and the awful attack on all of us in Boston in April of this year. But I know... that evil will never triumph over good. Goodness and justice will always triumph in the end. I look at these tragic events, I look at our wounded planet, I look at hurting people all around the world, and I look at you, and I know that you will help to eliminate evil wherever you find it—that you will help to bring about the kingdom of God—a kingdom where evil is banished and goodness and peace and justice rule the earth. This world is hurting—this planet is wounded, and there are people looking for help, for inspiration for good men who will respond to their cries. You are good men and have the needed energy, the talent, and the knowledge.

Young men—graduates of Fairfield Prep—I will mark my 50 years as a Jesuit priest within two weeks. I spent 42 years of my priesthood at Prep and I am proud of the years spent here. I feel like one of those persons in the old westerns, going off into the sunset in the final scenes of movies—like *Shane* or *The Searchers* but I have one final call to each one here. God has called you to help do his work here on earth—to go about doing good.

God has given each of you the talents, his grace, and the opportunity to change this world. Go forth with his blessings. Bring Jesus to those who wait for him. Bring joy to all you meet. Bring love to all the hurting people on this planet. I will always have you—and all those I have known here at Fairfield Prep—in my mind, in my heart, and in my prayers. (Excerpts from speech)



The Senior Farewell Address by David Bruton

stand here compelled not to congratulate as most commencement speakers do, but to console. Unfortunately, our time here is coming to a close. This incredible place where we've learned to work, to dream, to bond in brotherhood, and to call home will soon be the subject of our nostalgia. Don Draper of Mad Men once explained, "Nostalgia literally means 'the pain from an old wound.' It's a twinge in your heart far more powerful than memory alone." Now, as we explore these twinges, the results of our Prep experiences from most endearing to traumatic, like old photographs, we see the bounds we've made during our four years. From innocent and curious freshmen, anxious to meet new people and find our niche in these halls, to the confident and cohesive band of brothers we are today; it's clear how much we have grown. Some of us even have facial hair to prove it.

In the fall of 2009, I entered alongside all of you, a special group who I am proud to call my brothers. Part of what makes this brotherhood so special is that we have all been through such different Prep experiences. Whether you've brought the Quick Center to its feet with the Prep Players, struggled through hand cramps and D minuses in Bruce Jaffe's legendary American History course, explored new meanings and found new friendships on Kairos and service trips, made mix tapes for us to bump Continued on page 10

COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Christopher G. Bayer with Fr. Jack 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 Christopher G. Bayer

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. Mark H. Giannini

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. Owen J. Gibson

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

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. Matthew T. Kiernan

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

MR. BARRY WALLACE A Very Wise Choice

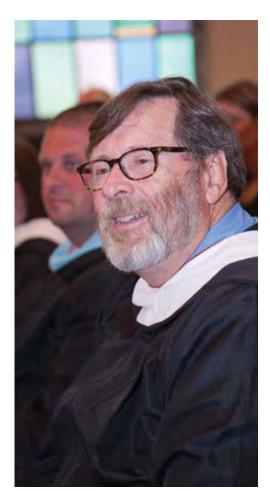
★ Class of 2013 Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award

t is not very often that the words "wisdom" and "second-semester senior" are linked, but this year's senior class was wise enough to select Mr. Barry Wallace as the "Most Inspirational Teacher" of 2013.

For a long time, in addition to his responsibilities around Prep for the last 34 years, Barry Wallace wrote a weekly column for the Fairfield Citizen. If you wander through his catalogue, you will find a myriad of wonderful, colorful stories about his Irish-American family. Stories about growing up in Bridgeport, spending time on Old Town Road and Iranistan Avenue. Stories about summers at the Pine Creek cottages. Stories about his identical twin brother Brian, colorful Uncle Tom, wife Charlene, and daughter Rose. Each week Barry would touch on one subtle aspect of life, but if you take his work as a whole, he was trying to simultaneously define and commemorate "home."

Like family life, teaching is a daily exercise in humility. Entertaining and informing 25 high school boys five times a day is usually an exercise in controlled failure, but it goes a little smoother if you bring a story to your work. What makes Barry Wallace an inspirational educator is the story he brings, the voice that tells it and the way he makes his students feel welcome. They love his perspective, his willingness to take a risk, and mostly his calm, eloquent voice during turbulent times. They love that he listens to them as individuals, especially when they write. They hope to get to know him, and more, hope that he really gets to know them. When they walk into his classroom and see him in his rocking chair, they feel comfortably at home.

But a teacher's job extends far beyond the classroom, and Barry has a special touch around the halls of Prep. His colleagues look forward to any faculty meeting where Barry offers a reflection. Or look forward to the note of congratulations or condolence he slips onto your desk when you're not looking. Or a quick conversation when you catch him peering out a Berchmans' window in between classes. Or the way he can brighten your day with a quick story about his granddaughter, Charlotte. The talks and the notes are inspirational and reassuring; his message drips with care,



concern, insight and wisdom. Depending on your age you see him as your father or brother, and feel like after a tough day, you've finally arrived safely home.

A school, like any organization, feels the need to define itself. We drape ourselves in Cardinal Red and sing the Alma Mater and fight song with gusto. We trumpet our mission statement and mottos and hang banners to our successes. All of that is great. But to know a place, like a person, is to know its story. In his farewell address to the seniors, Barry asked them to "take the best part of our souls" with them (see page 12). For many of us, Barry Wallace helps carry the story of Fairfield Prep, and when he tells it, softly and thoughtfully, we are reminded that Fairfield Prep has the deepest of souls.



By Matt Sather '93, English Dept. Chair and Teacher, Varsity Hockey Coach

THE FAIRFIELD PREP LEGACY LIVES ON!



Alumni fathers and graduating senior sons gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 30 for a group photo. Pictured above:

- Dave '82 and David Bigley
- Joe '78 and Thomas Capalbo
- Bill '84 and William D'Amore

Senior Farewell Address

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along to, proudly represented Prep on one of the many tremendous athletic teams (we've won a state or SCC title in almost every sport over the past four years), or immersed yourself into any of the other incredible opportunities at Prep, each individual of the 201 that sits here today has helped weave this special class into the fabric of this fantastic school.

If it were possible to capture the sentiment of our class in one snapshot, it would be the State Championship game at the Whale this past March. Prep hockey, which had the best year in its history, was caught in a fierce battle against bitter rivals ND West Haven. Down 2-0 early, the boys fought off the nerves and rallied back, the bombsquad emanating a perpetual roar throughout.

- Dave '75 and David Gerics
- Kevin '75 and Christopher Golger
- Tim '73 and Michael Jones
- Joe '80 and Joseph McBride
- Bob '78 and John Meyers
- Dave '73 and Daniel Quatrella

As the boys closed out the game spilling their blood, sweat, and tears, the red FP flag unfurled high across the ice in the ND sea of gold, and an incredibly emotionally refrain of "One for Bradley" rang out. This scene epitomized our class. We are bold, determined, loving. We are brothers.

Though we've come to love this place and these familiar faces, I was reminded by Mr. Cashman, or as he's more lovingly known, CMoney, that every student must at some point outgrow his teacher. He left me with an old Zen story. "An eager student visited his master and thought he had attained enlightenment, so he wanted to go out. It was dark, so his master said, 'It is too late for you to go. Why don't you stay?' But, he was so grateful and so glad that he understood the teaching that he insisted, so the master gave him a light. 'Then take this with you,' he said. Surprisingly, the master then blew out the



- Dave '83 and Aidan Rush
- Rich '78 and Richard Sekerak
- Bob '80 and Christopher Sutay
- John '61 and Hugh Walshe
- Jim '78 and Mark Watson

light. At that moment the student truly understood and he left."

In many ways, today we too blow out the light that Prep has given us. Although by graduating we extinguish the physical light of Prep, the true light shines on without limits. It is in here. Prep is now a part of us, from the countless lessons learned in the classroom, to the painstaking hours of dedication in competition or rehearsal, to the sleepless nights we've all fallen prey to, and to all the friends we've made along the way. Let us be bold and embrace these lessons and build on our wisdom with new, meaningful, perhaps even overwhelming experiences so as to brighten this light that will guide us through the rest of our lives. As we now look forth to the future, we must prepare for failures and shortcomings, understanding that much like growing pains, they are necessary hurdles we must navigate through on our journey to our own heights of success. We must be open to new challenges, while always remaining true to ourselves as we wander down our new paths.

Let this guiding light illuminate our canvas as we paint our future, let it ignite change as we go forth and set the world on fire. The Class of 1963's presence here today reminds us that although we are the graduating class of 2013, we are all Prep Brothers forever.

(Taken from Farewell Address)

KUDOS TO SENIORS

Recognitions











Kevin Culligan





David Gerics



Tim Butala





Daniel Passarel









Tim Peterson

Matthew Rahtelli Tony Sanfilippo III Aubrey Tan

Austin Trotta

Scholarships and Awards

Grayson Barlow - Wakeman Mentor of the Year Award

Christopher Bayer - DAR Good Citizen Award, ROTC Scholarship

Tim Butala - CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, News12 Scholar Athlete

Kevin Culligan - National Merit Finalist

Ethan Doerger - Marquette University Jesuit High School Scholarship David Gerics - First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship

Mark Giannini - Gates Millennium Scholarship, SCC Scholar Leader Award

Chris Golger - Rotary Scholarship, National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete, Fairfield Board of Realtors Scholarship, Southern CT Pop Warner Scholarship

David Maloof - Pax Christi Award

- Tim Peterson SCC Scholar Leader Award
- Matt Rahtelli Western CT Military Officers Association Scholarship, ROTC Scholarship
- Daniel Passarelli Knights of Columbus CT State Scholarship
- Tony Sanfilippo III GE Star Scholarship
- Aubrey Tan Kiwanis Scholarship, State of CT Associates Committee Scholarship

Austin Trotta - UNICO Scholarship

Eagle Scouts Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2013 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Max Bracchi James Campbell Cody Jones

Tim Peterson Matthew Logan Matthew Rahtelli Connor McCann





From left: Leo Redgate '86, Head Basketball Coach; Colleen Keltos, Dean of Admin. Services & Technology; Tim Butala '13; and Maureen Bohan, Math Chair & teacher

Aubrey Tan with State Senator Kane

ubrey Tan '13 received a \$1,000 Associate Committee Scholarship from the CT Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The ceremony was held in the CT Legislative Office Building on May 7th. Pictured with State Senator Bob Kane

Butala CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete

im Butala '13 was recognized at the 30th Annual CT High School Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet held in May. 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 CT Assoc. of Schools (CAS) and the CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC).



Pictured from left: Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., President; Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, Mark Giannini; John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising; and Jon DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service.

Giannini is Gates Millennium Scholar

or his leadership, community service and academic achievement, Mark H. Giannini '13 has been chosen as a Gates Millennium Scholar for 2013. The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is the nation's largest minority scholarship program and is funded by a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. From the largest and most competitive group of candidates in the program's history, Mark was one of 1,000 chosen from a nationwide pool of 54,000 applicants. GMS scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students of diversity across the country who demonstrate academic excellence and strong leadership skills. The full 4-year scholarships assist students in meeting the cost of attendance at the college or university of their choice. GMS scholars who choose to pursue graduate studies in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and science are eligible to receive continued funding. Mark will attend the University of Notre Dame and pursue studies in applied mathematics and chemistry.

Grads entering the military saluted

U.S. Rep. James Himes, left, and Fairfield First Selectman Michael Tetreau, right, flank Fairfield Prep seniors, who have both enlisted in the military service with United States Army



ROTC scholarships. Honored May 28 at a program sponsored by the Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors, from left, Christopher Bayer '13 and Matthew J. Rahtelli '13 were recognized by our town and state leaders.



SENIOR EXCELLENCE

Matthew Rahtelli named Knights of Columbus CT Youth Leader of the Year



M atthew Rahtelli '13 received the "Youth Leader of the Year" award from the State of Connecticut Knights of Columbus on May 4 in Stamford. His many accomplishments included obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and being an active participant with social and service youth organizations at St. Rose Church in his hometown of Newtown. At Fairfield Prep, he was a two sport high school

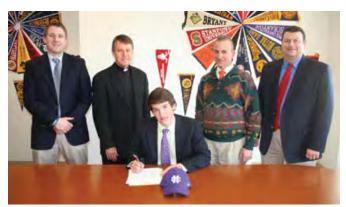
athlete. Matthew was a charter member of the Columbian Squires Circle at Fairfield Prep, restarted the Columbian Squires in Newtown and while serving as Chief Squire, grew the circle to 114 members, the largest one in North America. For the 2012-2013 year, he was elected the Chief Squire for the State of Connecticut.



Pictured from left: Christopher Bayer, Brian Austin-Carter, Brandon Yep (REACH President), Dr. Robert Perrotta (Fairfield Prep Principal), Christopher Meyer and Paul McPeake.

Seniors honored for Service in New Canaan

On May 7, Prep seniors in REACH were honored at a ceremony held at the New Canaan Public Library for their outstanding service to students with disabilities. REACH (which stands for Reach Excel Achieve Courage Hope) was founded by **Brandon Yep**, a graduating senior. The club works at the New Canaan YMCA, voluteering weekly as mentors to youth. The Club is moderated by science teacher Jane O'Reilly. Additionally, senior **Paul McPeake** was honored for his extensive volunteer work at Silver Hill Hospital, which is a private, nonprofit psychiatric hospital in New Canaan that provides treatment for adults and adolescents with psychiatric and addictive disorders.



Tim is pictured with (from left): Tim Dee, Assistant Soccer Coach; Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., President; Robert Perrotta, Principal; and Steve Donahue, Athletic Director.

Tim Frassetto '13 Signs with Holy Cross

Senior **Tim Frassetto** signed his National Letter of Intent with Holy Cross on February 13 at Fairfield Prep. Tim will be playing Division I soccer for the Holy Cross Crusaders.

Tim Frassetto is a determined, hardworking, high achiever who has distinguished himself by his successes both on the soccer field and in the classrooms of Fairfield Prep. Tim has balanced his advanced course of study and played soccer, achieving excellence in both arenas at Prep while fully embracing Prep's mission of service. In junior year Tim traveled to Ecuador with Prep's Global Mission and has committed his efforts locally to the Jewish Home for the Elderly and the Trumbull Food Pantry. On campus Tim has explored his interests through Prep's Business Club. Tim will continue his studies and soccer career at the College of the Holy Cross.



Kevin Culligan '13 named National Merit Scholar Finalist

Fairfield Prep senior **Kevin Culligan** has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist for 2013. Kevin has been an active contributor to

all aspects of school life at Fairfield Prep with his strong academic record, participation in varsity tennis and his unwavering loyalty to the school community. Passionate about politics, he has written articles for *Zeitgeist*, the school political journal. In matters of faith, he has been a stalwart participant and leader on the school Freshman and Kairos Retreats. He has volunteered with the Danbury Grass Roots Tennis program, which provides opportunities for underprivileged children to learn tennis and receive educational support.



Top Seniors

The top seniors were honored with the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Baccalaureate Mass, and earlier in May at the annual Fairfield Rotary Club Student Recognition Luncheon. Pictured with Fr. Hanwell, S.J., from left: Tyler Albarran, Christopher Bayer, Timothy Butala, David Bruton, Patrick Connolly, Owen Gibson, Aaron Huang, Christopher Meyer, Richard Sekerak, and Carter White.

Seniors commit to play College Football

Fairfield Prep seniors **Christopher Golger**, of Fairfield, and **Liam Coyle**, of Trumbull, have announced their plans to play college football next year. Golger will attend and play at Tufts University in Medford, MA and Coyle will attend and play at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. Golger is the son of Kevin and Peggie Golger and played fullback and linebacker for the Jesuits. He will compete against his brother **Brian**, Prep Class of 2011, who is a junior defensive end for Bowdoin College. Liam is the son of Patrick and Tamara Coyle. He played linebacker and was responsible for scoring kicks and kick-offs for Prep. He will be a kicker at Rhodes.



Mark Giannini '13 (left) and Tim Peterson '13 (right) were honored from Fairfield Prep, with Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal.

SCC Scholar Leaders

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 19th annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 25 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Forty-four scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective school and external communities.

Will Steiner '13 signs Letter of Intent with Villanova University

Senior Will Steiner signed a National Letter of Intent with Villanova University on February 6 at a press conference held at Fairfield Prep. Focus, determination and confidence have contributed to Will's outstanding success in the classrooms of Fairfield Prep and on the soccer field as he has led the Prep soccer team to its two most successful seasons in school history. His standout ability, leadership and his performance were recognized early as Will played at the varsity level beginning in his freshman year. Earning the respect of his teammates and coaches, Will was named as a captain of the team for both his junior and senior years. His



Will is pictured with (from left): Steve Donahue '92, Athletic Director; Tim Dee, Assistant Soccer Coach; and Robert Perrotta, Principal

outstanding career at Prep has led to Will being recognized yearly by the SCC, CT Post, New Haven Register and CIAC, and to his being named to the All New England team. As his career at Prep came to a close Will was named as MVP of the SCC Tournament and as an All American, the first in Prep soccer history. Will has committed to play soccer at Villanova University where he will study engineering.

CLASS OF 2013

Ready to Play

Baseball

Chris Collins – Hamilton College Kevin Collins – Hamilton College Jake Gepfert – Presbyterian College Davie Gerics – Pomona College Alex Pinkus – Kenyon College

Basketball

Tim Butala – Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Crew

Joe Grosso – Rochester Institute of Technology

Football

Liam Coyle – Rhodes College Chris Golger – Tufts University Joe McBride – Berkshire School

Golf

George Archer – University of Connecticut Jack O'Leary – College of the Holy Cross

Hockey

Connor Henry – Canterbury School Sean Henry – Canterbury School

Lacrosse

Strecker Backe – Colgate University Kevin Brown – University of Pennsylvania Tim Edmonds – Deerfield Academy Troy Foreit – Lynchburg College Andrew Hatton – University of Michigan Connor Henry – Canterbury School Sean Henry – Canterbury School Riley Hoffman – Williams College James Marusi – University of Massachusetts

Joe McBride – Berkshire School Dillon Ryan – Dennison University David White – Phillips Exeter Academy

Rugby

Mitch D'Eramo – Wake Forest University Dylan Duffy – University of Delaware Greg McTiernan – St. Joseph's University Tim Peterson – Wake Forest University

Soccer

Kieran Bracken – South Kent School Tim Frassetto – College of the Holy Cross Will Steiner – Villanova University Jordan Visosky – Dickinson College

Swimming

Cody Bond – Tufts University Andres Ramos – Davidson College

A Super Senior Send-Off from Mr. Wallace

very year we teach Shakespeare's Hamlet in our Prep English classes. Hamlet is a very confused young man. His world has been rocked by the sudden death of his father, and he is surrounded by adults who make splendid speeches but don't seem to care. He is a prince and should be on top of the world, but instead he feels uncertain.

There is a little bit of Hamlet in most young men facing the adult world for the first time. It is impossible to sort out all your questions at the age of 17. We look to the past for guidance and wisdom, but we have to find our own way. You are setting out on a journey that will be decades in the making. Your time has come upon you. The world is yours now in a special way.

We've prepped you the best we can, but you aren't ready. Nobody ever is for the sheer immensity, absurdity, humor, surprise, agony, glory, and gift of life.

Do you remember Polonius, Ophelia's father, who gives one of the great speeches in the tragedy? Polonius' words are often used during graduation time because they are wise and beautiful and perfect for a speech... "THOSE FRIENDS THOU HAST... GRAPPLE THEM TO THY SOUL WITH HOOPS OF STEEL/GIVE EVERY MAN THY EAR, BUT FEW THY VOICE/ NEITHER A BORROWER OR A LENDER BE/ THIS ABOVE ALL TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE." The problem is that he either doesn't mean these words or can't live up to them in his own life. A wiser man than Polonius, St. Ignatius knew that all of education is empty if there is no inner change of heart to accompany it.

You've heard all of us for four years. We've said what we had to say. We've challenged you, awakened you and also put you to sleep. Teachers, as you know, have no shortage of words. We believe in language and numbers, concepts, images, facts and visions. We believe in beauty and truth. That makes us look silly in a world where the dollar is the bottom line; and where a madman enters a first grade classroom and slaughters children and teachers. But a world that we meet with Christian joy and optimism because that is our way and that is our answer to evil.

I want to know what you are going to say to us — what your response to your education will be. I don't mean today or tomorrow. I mean many tomorrows down the road when the youngest member of this faculty is old, and your grandchildren laugh at your yearbook photo. I won't live long enough to know what becomes of you. I won't know if your lives have been great lives of great opportunity or wasted lives of great privilege. I won't know if you found your better humanity in love and compassion, or gave way to selfishness and indifference. These aren't academic questions. You won't be graded on them. They are the most personal of all questions that you will have to answer. Has my life been worthwhile? What good have I done?

We need to know what you will do, but we can't know.

What of your faith? Will it matter at all to you or will it be a formal exercise in a life of unexamined truths? Will you seek the Living God or fall into conformity with religious platitudes and prejudices? Will you follow Jesus and the best precepts of many faiths and creeds? Or will you join in the hatred and intolerance that divide people from God and from each other?

You are a bright and confident generation, the very best of our American culture. Will you accept the mantle of your intelligence to improve life and secure justice? In science you learned about the manifold miracles of nature; in theology you learned the sacredness of all life on earth. Will it mean anything to you that nature is God's first dwelling and the signature of his love?

In your service you have fed the hungry, clothed the poor, cheered the children, consoled the aged, prayed for the sick and mourned the dead. Has it reached into your soul that the planet is filled with your brothers and sisters, and that you live within the global human family? This is what can make you great your common humanity and your special opportunity to matter in the course of human history.

Will you honor your wives and your partners as equals in love and work? Will you break out of the modern prison of ego and narcissism and reach the many souls that you can touch? Will you get to know your sons and daughters or leave them out of your successful life because you are too busy? Will you find your soul among the lowliest and the neediest? If so you will be the most blessed, and the luckiest of us gathered here.

Will you pick your head up and laugh for joy because you have the good fortune of being alive, being American, and being from Fairfield Prep?

Will you avoid the multiple drug and alcohol addictions that plague our great nation and lead to brokenness and despair in families, friendships, marriages? Will you be a good friend, a good teammate, a good brother, a good son? Will you remember where you came from and play a part in your past as well as your future?

I'll venture one prediction here. You won't live up to all these expectations. Don't worry. None of us ever do. I stand before you as living proof of that. We are human and fallible and God surely has a sense of humor. Don't expect to be perfect and don't expect smooth sailing. Don't wish to be a hero; just do your best.

Life is always worth it. I could never have guessed the joy I feel in my family and my work as a teacher and the privilege of standing before you today. I hope that one day you can feel the same gratitude and fullness. Walk upon this earth lightly, this dream of a blue planet, this Garden of Eden and this vale of tears. Nothing you do will be equal to the gift of life you've been given. It is more than any of us can fathom. But carry the awareness of mystery and awe at your very breathing and the marvelous body and brain you have been endowed with, and a heart that ultimately leads you to Divine Wisdom.

Enjoy your parties and good times. But remember the party does end and you are finally left alone with all you know, all you are and all you believe. It will take courage to live a good life, and it won't be easy. Please take us with you on your long journey. Take the best part of our souls. Remember our words and that we were here for you before the words bound by faith and bearing witness to the light of the world. We were here because we are Prep, the Jesuit high school. From this day you are a part of us forever, as we say goodbye and rest our labors and our bright hopes in the class of 2013.



Taken from Barry Wallace's speech to the Class of 2013 at the Senior Send-Off



SENIOR PRANK! Members of the Class of 2013 literally covered Mr. Brennan's office with thousands of multicolored post-it notes, to leave an unforgettable memory of their years at Prep!

The Class of 2013 made every day memorable



SENIOR LOUNGE! Seniors at Prep go to class, to games, off to service and on to plays, concerts and retreats. Yet with all of these many activities, seniors still need a "place to go." It has been the goal of the Guidance department to provide such a place and this year, through the creative energies of Mrs. Suzanne Gorab and department members that Prep's "Senior Lounge" came to be. Over the second semester seniors enjoyed three nights of dinners, conversation, a dodgeball tournament and a coffee house with live music. Themes for senior lounge evenings were generated by members of the class. The tradition will continue with the FP Class of 2014, so get your ideas ready seniors!



OCCUPY THE QUAD! On one of their last days at school, seniors took over the quad with games, barbeque and good times. Below, they pick up their *Hearthstone* yearbooks.





Seniors treated their teachers to a thank you cake.

Thank you from the Senior Class

Dear Faculty, Administrators, and Staff,

On behalf of the entire class of 2013, we would like to extend a tremendous thank you for all that you have done for us.

Over the past four years, you have helped us develop into what we believe are fine young men. You have been leaders both in the classroom and outside of it. The knowledge we have gained and lessons we have learned are endless, and this could not have happened without you. We would like to especially express our gratitude to those faculty members who wrote college recommendations on our behalf. Although this is a huge undertaking, it is necessary for our futures.

We hope you continue to help Prep's students become Men for Others, and best wishes in the future.

Sincerely,

Student Government Members and the Class of 2013

John Hanrahan honored for his Jesuit ideals



ohn Hanrahan came to Fairfield Prep in the fall of 1983 by way of El Paso, Texas where he taught Social Studies. The Hanrahans are natives of Stamford, CT, and John's brother, **Christopher '85** and his son, **John Paul '98**, are Prep grads.

John taught in the Social Studies Department for 17 years serving as its Chair from 1990 to 1999. In the fall of 2000, John became a guidance counselor first serving as the Director of the Academic Center for one year and then junior/senior counselor through the present. In 2004, John was named Dean of Guidance and College Advising.

During his 30 years of service at Prep, John has distinguished himself as a man of competence, conscience and compassion. He truly exemplifies the profile of an Ignatian Educator by: Animating the Ignatian Vision, Caring for the Individual, Modeling Ignatian Pedagogy, Discerning Ways of Teaching and Learning, and Building Community and Fostering Collaboration.

John quintessentially embodies the Ignatian vision of the school by his selfless service to the Prep community and to its many community service projects and global missions. John has participated in several Urban Plunges, as well as global missions to Ecuador, El Salvador and The Border Links Program. He has attended the Ignatian Teach-In and Kairos, Sophomore, and Leadership Retreats. In addition, he works with members of the Jesuit Volunteer Corp assigned to Bridgeport. This selfless service extends to his involvement in the extracurricular life of the school. For 26 years, he coached freshman, JV and varsity soccer. He also founded the Political Awareness Club that publishes the newspaper "Zeitgeist."

All who interact with John remember him for his open and friendly demeanor and his true care and concern for all. John's office door is always open to faculty, students and parents alike. So much so, that John is often the first one to arrive at Prep and the last one to leave even during vacation times. Anytime I need information on a student, I consult with John. He never fails to amaze me with the depth and breadth of knowledge that he has for not only current Prep students but also alumni. At a recent sporting event attended by many of our alumni, John not only remembered all of their names but also the colleges that they were attending!

As a graduate of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association's Ignatian Leadership Seminars, John is thoroughly familiar with Ignatian pedagogy and the Ignatian vision of the school. He is a highly respected educational leader whose advice is sought on issues of professional development, curriculum, and extracurricular and co-curricular programs. As a member of the Academic Council and in meetings of the Chairs of the Academic Departments, he always provides a student perspective in the decision making process. His counsel is valued and carefully considered by all.

John has the unique ability to build the Prep community by being inclusive and by working collaboratively with a variety of Prep constituencies. He is a major supporter of the SEED program which celebrates our diversity – a key national initiative of the Jesuit Secondary Education. He is integrally involved in creating a safe school environment where students treat one another with respect regardless of their preferences and differences. He serves on the Admissions Committee that reviews over 500 applications for admissions to Prep. He is also a member of the Financial Aid Committee that distributes over 2.2 million dollars in tuition assistance to families in need.

Professional, competent, dedicated, caring, and supportive are some of the adjectives that come to mind in describing John.



I cannot think of anyone more deserving to receive the Award of Ignatian Educator of the Year!

Class of 1963 enjoys 50th Reunion Weekend!



he Class of 1963 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend May 31–June 2, beginning with a golf outing at Great River Golf Club, followed by a welcome reception at the club on Friday, and a breakfast, tours and presentation at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Satuday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., President; homilist Rev. John Higgins, S.J.; and deacon Rev. Mr. Raymond Chervenak '63.

All enjoyed a delicious pig roast dinner held under a tent in Kartovsky Quad on Saturday. Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and the 71st Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1963 processed with the Class of 2013 and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with their classmates.

Notes of Thanks

From Jim Lyddy '63, Class President It's been ten days since our 50th Reunion and the right words still fail me for expressing my gratitude and genuine feelings that I felt throughout Saturday evening and into Sunday's Commencement

exercise. Seeing Bob Sylvester, Roger Ratchford, Tim McGillicuddy, Fr. Higgins and Earl Lavery was awesome to say the least. Reconnecting with our classmates was so incredibly special that I will cherish the experience for as long as I am privileged to live on our great earth...Prep faculty, fellow students, coaches and staff have been and continue to be the foundation my values every single day. I knew this over the years, but it was phenomenally gratifying to witness this again at our 50th Reunion.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEKEND AND EVENT!!! Congratulations to the From John Cushma '63 committee and the staff in the Development office for arranging and hosting a very impressive and festive event...Well it was beyond my wildest dreams, even though I will have to teach you Yankees how to put on a pig roast!! GOD BLESS the class of 1963 and a special thanks to all who attended for making my 50th reunion experience one of the finest in my life. GO PREP!!!!!





Make Mission Matter — At Home

s. Melissa Laguzza, Spanish teacher, assigned a project of service to her AP Spanish classes, and the students responded positively, with projects that went above and beyond—supporting victims of Hurricane Sandy and the Newtown shooting, and working with children were just a few. In light of the tragedies this year, their work symbolized love for their fellow man and the community at large.





Blake Roberts '13

O n December 27, my soccer team and I traveled to The Panther's Den in Monroe, CT to take part in a special 4v4 Holiday Tournament that benefited Sandy Hook Victims. Adidas sponsored the tournament, handing out "Newtown Strong" shirts as well as the many banners that hung in The Panther's Den. It was not only a fun-filled soccer event, but also promoted a great cause as each player paid \$40 or more to enter. Five other teams joined in our age division including a Newtown team. Having played against most of these players in my Prep uniform twice

before, I recognized many and introduced myself. It was hard to put in words for some what it was like to live in Newtown in this difficult time; however I believe we all took something away from our conversations. After four hours of hard-fought games and unimportant score lines, all left with sore bodies but strengthened hearts.



Markus Santiago '13

¬ rossFit is a nation-wide fitness program that has bases all across the country where people participate in highintensity workouts. Often CrossFit branches hold charity events in which people donate to participate in the particular event. With the recent tragedy in Newtown, Newtown's local CrossFit branch decided to hold a charity event to help raise money for the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) of Sandy Hook. My mother and I thought this a wonderful opportunity not only to participate in the one worthy cause, but also to try and help out in another way by running a book drive through the event to donate books to libraries in Staten Island affected by Hurricane Sandy. Hundreds of people showed up to the event, and many of them brought lightly-used books with them. Not only did the event raise nearly \$90,000 for the PTSA of Sandy Hook, but there are thousands of books to be distributed to libraries in Staten Island all made possible by sheer kindness and sense of community among tragedies.

The effect that both of these tragedies had on people is too large to comprehend, and being able to help in any way possible made the load a little lighter for those affected, and I'm happy that we got a chance to make a difference.

Andrew Vegliante '13

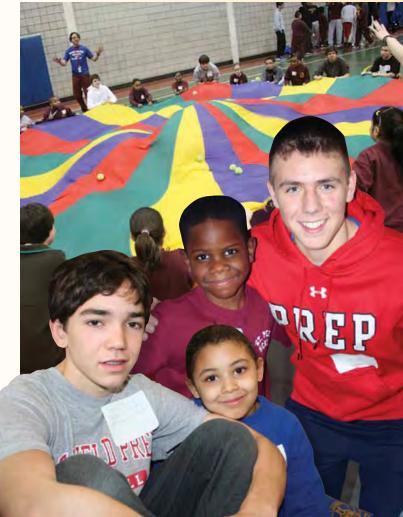
U pon receiving the community service project from Ms. Laguzza, I immediately went to my sister, who volunteers at a school called Giant Steps. Giant Steps is a non-profit organization that teaches children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders important social skills along with basic scholastic subjects to help them form a future they would otherwise be unable to obtain. Most of the children there cannot talk, or lack a solid understanding of sentence structure, and are faced with many different struggles socially along with physical handicaps. I decided that this would be a perfect place to complete my project.

My first day was very difficult. The kids did not know me and therefore were incredibly shy. I myself felt uncomfortable being thrown into a new environment I have never experienced before.

When the day finally ended I was unsure if I would actually return. After much persuasion from my sister, I returned a few days later dreading another long day. This time, however, I figured I would break out of my comfort zone and be as hands-on and enthusiastic towards the kids I could. The kids immediately picked up on my positive and comforting attitude and responded ecstatically. The quiet, shy kids I had seen a few days ago were now swarming me, showing me artwork, joking with me, laughing, but overall seeming to love my change of character. I was amazed to see how just a little more effort on my part could be picked up instantly by the kids.

After a great second day, I was happy to return again to a bunch of smiling, now familiar, faces. I worked mostly with the art program of the school. The children made several pieces of art which were later sold in an art show to directly profit the school. This experience was so eye-opening to me that I have decided to continue working with the school.





Freshmen serve with a smile

F reshman Field Day, held annually in the beginning of March, is Fairfield Prep's Freshman service project. The Field Day event that takes place on Fairfield University's campus is the culmination of weeks of preparation. In January, each member of the Freshman class is assigned a pen pal who is an elementary school student from one of three Catholic elementary schools in Bridgeport. Fairfield Prep has worked with St. Ambrose School, St. Peter's School and St. Augustine's School since the beginning of this tradition. After weeks of exchanging letters, the students from these three schools visit Fairfield Prep and meet their big buddies for the day! The day is filled with obstacle course challenges, football throws, silly photos, and more.

Our goal is to provide positive role models for these elementary school children and to introduce our Freshmen to the wonderful world of Christian Service! As the Director of Christian Service I am fortunate enough to attend almost all of our Urban Plunge Retreats where we bring our Juniors into some of these schools to help out. I am always pleasantly surprised when a 4th or 5th grader remembers his or her buddy's



name from Freshman Field Day!

Jonathan DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service

Make Mission Matter — Far from Home

O ur global trips to Ecuador and El Salvador allow our students to see how less fortunate people in the world live by fully immersing themselves in their society. These reflections are the words of only two of the hundreds of students whose lives have been touched by our mission trips.

Taken from reflection by Matt Wood '14, Ecuador 2013

For starters, this trip truly was an immersion experience for me as I finally saw the other side of the world and how people survive day in and day out. I knew poverty existed; yet I had never seen or experienced it in depth. It was remarkable to not only see how disadvantaged people survive, but also to see

how those who were relatively affluent were able to help by creating different social justice programs. I could not imagine trading in my comfortable life here in the States to live with and help these impoverished people like so many volunteers that we met had done. One thing I found interesting that Mr. Dennis said was that the volunteers may not be trading in their life but beginning to live their life anew. I feel that each experience profoundly impacted my life on a day-to-day basis and it is for this reason that I want to return to Ecuador next year and lead my Prep brothers on an immersion experience.

I remember the first night we flew into Ecuador like it was last night. It was my first time out of the United States so I was a bit anxious and apprehensive especially when the Rostro de Cristo volunteers told our group we needed to close the windows of our van for protection and our safety. This direction furthered my apprehensive feelings and I began thinking to myself, what have you gotten yourself into? However,



throughout the week and each and every day these little feelings of insecurities began to quell as I built community with my Prep brothers, Rostro volunteers, and the Ecuadorian people as a whole.

On the trip we met several neighbors, but the one neighbor that stuck out the most was Carolina. She and her sister owned a small corner market that served as the income for her family. Carolina had moved from a province where she owned a farm to this poor area for work and a better opportunity for her children. Carolina knew about the poverty she faced and was trying to break the cycle. She sent her kids off to a private school and rarely saw them maybe three or four times a year. This impressed me because she put whatever profit and money she made on the store into her children's education. Carolina was just one example of a neighbor who put her children's educations and future success ahead of their own. This action of

self-sacrifice is challenging for many people in the United States because we get caught up in the chaos of our lives, but in Ecuador, it seemed almost mainstream which I found admirable.

After being inspired by not only Carolina but also other neighbors I met on the trip, I was fully blown away when I met Luis from Hogar de Cristo and Sister Patricia from Nuevo Mundo. Both of the generous human beings helped to create opportunities to help the less fortunate and poorer people of Ecuador. Luis helped adults and children with their circumstances at home while Sister Patricia helped children at school in order to break the cycle of poverty...

I feel that after this trip I have begun to believe in the dignity of each and every human person. Everyone is not born into the same circumstances but everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Matt is shown above, front row, 2nd from left.





Taken from reflection by Ryan Matera '15, El Salvador 2013

E I Salvador was not as much a service trip as it was an inner evaluation of our pampered lives as citizens of Fairfield County. The change that occurred in El Salvador was not in the form of a new town community center or the painting of a children's school; rather it was within our minds and hearts. Though I was called by our group leaders to "describe the indescribable," it was often difficult to portray the revelation we experienced.

A typical day for us consisted of hearing from a different group of people, whether it was a middle-aged man working at the cooperation for his family or the 18-year-old Rosie attending college to be able to make a better life for herself. These people each offered different insight on topics ranging from true generosity and the happiness of simplicity to communism and immigration here in the States. Eventually we had the ability to place ourselves in the lives of the Salvadoran people, and our lives back home seemed so superficial and

Ryan Matera '15

filled with things that we will never need. After examining the materialistic things which we revolve our lives around, it suddenly became so clear to me as to why there was so much sadness in our world. It was as if all happiness was a veil of a deepening sorrow caused by attachments to things that will eventually leave us. I was in disbelief at the amount of virtue and hardcore faith there was surrounding them. They all attended church every Sunday, but they all go beyond that, and their faith seeps out into their everyday life. Weekly, several members of the community get together with a priest and discuss random topics about their religion. The week I went it was about balancing faith and happiness, and students were reminded to not only turn to God when times were tough, but also when they were joyous. It was more than talks about God, however. It was not uncommon to be having a conversation with a local when you suddenly find yourself discussing your religion. Their faith was in everything they did, acts both

selfless and selfish. This idea of them living out their faith was shown when I asked the nun who organized our mission down there, Sister Elena, where their church was. She looked at me with a smile and replied, "Everywhere."

In Thomas Moore's *Re-Enchantment* of *Everyday Life*, he points out that being busy is being caught up with things we do not really need nor care about. If we are doing what we truly love, then we are never busy. I try to live this way- investing care and attention into everything I do, even the most banal of tasks- but I am often dreading certain assignments or appointments. Nevertheless, the people of El Salvador have shown me the truth that is all around us, though most people cannot recognize it. I long to return to El Salvador where I can learn to be this way in a world where it is all too difficult. I want to not only experience the love and affection of the friendships I have made and have yet to make down there but I also want to assure that the people with whom I travel , my brothers, see what I saw and learn what I learned so that they too may be able to deny the life which has been set out for us and find true happiness in their existence here on earth - for it does exist in the most deprived of places so why would it not be able to exist here?



SEED Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity Celebrates 25 Years at Diversity Dinner



The annual SEED Diversity Dinner was held on April 10, 2013, in the Brissette Gymnasium. Families were asked to bring dishes that represented their culture or ethnic background, and with over 100 families, the food was plentiful! Approximately 400 guests attended, honoring the graduating seniors and welcoming the incoming freshmen. Speakers included seniors and freshmen,

as well as parents, who gave testimony to the success of the SEED program.



Dr. Donna Andrade (left) founder of the SEED program with Travis and Lisa Gerald, P'15

he Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity Program (SEED) at Fairfield College Preparatory School began in 1987. The 2012-2013 academic year marks the 25th anniversary of the program. SEED was the first diversity program in the nation for Jesuit High Schools. Because of the diversity efforts at Prep, the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) implemented diversity conferences nationwide for the nation's then 53 Jesuit high schools.

The SEED program was first designed to recruit and retain students of color who were under-represented in the student population. In the mid '90s, the SEED program widened its focus to embrace the challenge of addressing the "preferential option for the poor," an essential characteristic of the Jesuit mission (1986, Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.). The goals of the SEED Program broadened to include students of all races who would not have been able to attend Prep due to financial hardship. As a result, the total number of Prep families enrolled in the SEED program grew tremendously. Prep experienced an increase in racial, economic, religious, geographic, and academic diversity.

The program was founded and directed by Dr. Donna Andrade (pictured above) from 1987-2003, at which time she accepted the position of Academic Dean. In 2003, Alecia Thomas (pictured below) assumed a part-time administrative position of the program, while still teaching in the Social Studies department. In 2010, Alecia Thomas accepted the position as full-time administrator for the SEED program.

The SEED program still retains its original successful model of assisting with recruitment and admission efforts, as well as providing retention and support services to students, parents, and faculty.

Alecia Thomas

SEEDS OF WISDOM

Prep students spoke at the SEED Dinner, welcoming incoming freshman families and recognizing seniors on April 10. 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.



Darien Gilling '16

am a freshman here at Prep. I previously attended Park City Prep Charter School in Bridgeport, CT. The

decision to attend Prep was not mine, but my parents. At Prep, in my opinion, there are many academic challenges. For most people their academic challenge is keeping up with the work, while for others their academic challenge is trying to study for a test instead of trying to cram the night before. During your four years at Prep, your life can be either difficult or easy depending on how you manage your time and if you are able to stay on track or not.

The teachers here are always willing to help. The teachers here are not like the teachers we had in middle school. They do not come and find you to tell you that you are doing poorly or that you didn't turn in an assignment. They want you to be responsible and take the time out to ask them for help or come see when you have a question. Taking the time out to go see your teachers tells them that you are concerned about your grade in that particular class.

The relationship between parents and the school community is interesting. Some parents come in to check up on or ask questions about their son or sons. My mom comes in sometimes to check up on me and find out how I'm doing in my classes. Honestly, I am fine with my mom checking up on me, because it shows how much she cares about me and my education.

At Prep there is an event called the Freshman Retreat, which is an overnight stay at Prep where you interact with other freshman and do activities together. The Freshman Retreat for me was an amazing experience. I formed a brotherhood between not only my group members, but with my group leaders.

My words of advice to incoming freshman parents is to encourage your son or sons to participate in school activities or play a sport. Also, allow your son to learn to make decisions and make mistakes so that in the future he will make better decisions.



Nicholas Greco '13

ve only been in SEED for one year but it did so much for me. To summarize the benefits of the SEED program into

one sentence would be to say it's the reason I was able to go to Fairfield Prep my senior year. That one sentence is all that is needed. Without the SEED program and the aid I received from it there would have been no way I could have finished my Prep career. I would have had to transfer and leave behind my friends and most importantly miss out on all the opportunities available to Prep seniors. While I may not have experienced the benefits of the SEED program for all four years, I can say that without a doubt, they are something you shouldn't take for granted. When you realize one day that you were able to go to Prep because of those benefits, you'll realize how lucky you actually are.

It wasn't always easy during my time here at Prep. I needed a lot of help with everything from how to prepare for the whole college process all the way to simply which classes I should take. That help came from the combination of my guidance counselors here at Prep. I'm sure I'm not the only one who's told you but one of the most important things you can do during your time at Prep is to form a relationship with your guidance counselors. Even if it's just making an appointment with them and telling them how your year has



been going so far or asking them for help with a problem you're having I guarantee you it will help.

I don't think there are actually enough words to describe in all how lucky I was to have been in SEED this year, to have formed those types of relationships with my guidance counselors and also what comes next. As I stand here tonight looking out at all of you I can only tell you to take advantage of everything Prep has to offer. Buy into the idea of Prep and embrace the SEED program as much as it has embraced us all as members. To that end I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to both Dr. Andrade and Mrs. Thomas because without them none of this would be possible for any of us.



Orlando Sanchez '16

Out of school, time management and sports is going well for me so far. Most sports have practice every day so l

would go to practice and do my homework as soon as I come home, so that I don't have to stay up all night. It worked for quite a while both during the football season and during the football training I did after my summer enrichment camp.

One thing that helps me with my time management in AND out of school is the Monday SEED sessions with Mrs. Thomas. Basically, what you would do is stay there for an hour and do your homework with your fellow classmates, talk to Mrs. Thomas about your grades, your GPA, and basically, how she could help you with picking up your grades.

Mrs. Thomas is always willing to help you with your homework, no matter how annoying you are and I'm talking from experience here. She's been there for me as a teacher, a helper, somebody who was concerned about helping me, and most of all, she's been a friend to me. She's a great source to have whether you are a student or even a parent.

Parents, Mrs. Thomas is a great woman to talk to about your son. She will give your son advice on how he could do better and she will be there for him whenever he needs help, both academically AND socially. Parents, it is great to have communication with the school and to always check up on him. These four years are going to be challenging for him, but a little help from his classmates, his teachers, and , most of all, his parents will help him get through the journey at Prep.

His knowing that people are there for him, by his side, WILL help him do better in his Prep life.

Student Happenings

Ostrosky '14 is Governor's Scholar and Engineering honoree



A ndrew Ostrosky '14 was selected as one of thirty Governor's Scholars of Connecticut for 2013. He was chosen from more than 150 of the top juniors in Connecticut's high schools, and was honored along with other designees at the Governor's Scholars Luncheon on May 16. Additionally, Andrew was among thirty-three high school juniors in Fairfield and New Haven Counties who were recognized for their exceptional aptitude in science and mathematics at Fairfield University's

School of Engineering 17th annual Excellence in Mathematics and Science Awards. "It is always so great to see these bright, creative and energetic high school students who will be engineers and scientists one day," said Jack W. Beal, Ph.D., dean of the School of Engineering.



Pictured from left: Mr. Matthew Jaques; Gavin Granath '15; Tony Abbazia '14; Charlie Paul '15 and Mr. Jorge Pereira, Redniss & Mead.

Trig*Star Team wins Championship

The 2012-13 Fairfield Prep Trig*Star team successfully defended its inaugural State Championship with a clean sweep in the State of Connecticut's 2013 Trig*Star State Exam. For the second year in a row, **Tony Abbazia '14** took first place overall while **Gavin Granath '15** took second place and **Nick Martucci '13** took third in the statewide Trig*Star competition. Tony will now represent the entire State of Connecticut in the National Trig*Star Exam in June. Congratulations to all the members of the Trig*Star team on their back-to-back State Championships.

Club meetings are open to all Prep students and are held on the second Thursday of every month in Mr. Jaques' room, X305.



Language Students receive Awards

O n May 29, the Foreign Language Department held its annual awards ceremony to recognize outstanding student achievement. Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., President, presented awards to Prep's finest students of French, Spanish and Latin.



The Robotics team with Governor Malloy (I-r): Aaron Simkovitz '14, Wade Dodge '14, Ethan Kee '14, Governor Dannel Malloy, Jimmy Funnel '14, Kyle Foster '15, Kyle Ryan '13, Charlie Paul '15, and Griffin Roth '15. Not pictured: Nick Siveyer '15, Gavin Granath '15, RJ Bellitto '16, Tom Foerster '13, Dylan Hawkes '15, and Ryan Brickner '14.

Prep Robotics Club competes in Tech Challenge 2013

For a third year, the Fairfield Prep Robotics Club, moderated by math teacher Mr. Jaques, competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge — an international robotics competition founded by inventor Dean Kamen. This year's competition, called "Ring It Up!" involved competing in a "vertical tic-tac-toe style" game with three other teams, from area high schools, to score points. Twenty-six teams competed against each other in tournament style matchups. The Northeast Utilities Foundation's Connecticut FIRST Tech Challenge took place on February 16 at Greens Farms Academy in Westport, CT.

Sophomore **Gavin Granath** said, "This year's competition was very competitive compared to the last two years in New Hampshire. However, I think it is less about winning, and more about the skills we've gained here."

The team had a special chance to meet with Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy and Senator Richard Blumenthal, who came to speak about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) opportunities in high school. Sophomore **Dylan Hawkes** recalls, "Governor Malloy came over to our table and said he was very familiar with Fairfield Prep because of his Jesuit connections at Boston College."

Matthew Freed '15 & Victor Riccio '15 receive BrainDance Awards

Two students received awards at the 10th annual BrainDance Award ceremony on May 30. Students of Jane O'Reilly's biology class submitted several entries. **Matthew Freed '15** (photo left) received a second-place award in the mixed-media category, and **Victor Riccio '15** (photo right) received the third-place award in the mixed-media category.

The BrainDance Awards is sponsored by the Institute of Living at Hartford Hospital. The contest is designed to increase the awareness of mental illness and to decrease the stigma associated with mental illness.





Student Happenings



Prep Latin students compete at Connecticut Latin Day...in togas!

n May 3, twenty-nine Latin scholars, accompanied by Ms. Koren Mumma and Mr. Robert Bernier, attended the annual Connecticut State Latin Day at Holiday Hill. The gods smiled upon all with gorgeous weather and great times. When students were not enjoying the traditional breakfast nachos, never-ending lunch, and always popular arrival of the ice cream trucks, they took advantage of many of the day's offerings. Students attended various workshops, including Ancient Weaponry and Laurel Wreath Making, and competed in academic testing in mythology and civilization. They also enjoyed ultimate Frisbee, basketball, volleyball, GaGa, miniature golf, canoeing, kayaking, serenading passersby, and looking for prom dates. Connor Davis '14, R.J. Quigley '14, and Mike Ruther '14 took home 1st place ribbons and eternal glory for winning the soccer tournament. Finally, the 2013 Tug-of-War team, after advancing easily through the rounds and inspiring fear and admiration among all other competitors, suffered a shocking loss in the final round. Fortunately, not even this defeat could take away from what was most assuredly an excellent day.

Fencing Champions

The 2013 CT high school fencing championships were held at Hopkins School on March 2, with over 300 participants.

Nikhil Tasker '13, Rahul Tasker '15, and John Stefanopoulos '15 represented Fairfield Prep. Nikhil advanced to the finals and placed 2nd in the Men's individual epee competition (see competition photo in front left, and pictured at left with brother). Rahul placed 7th in the Men's individual sabre competition. Congratulations to these young men and their awards.

For more information about Prep's Fencing Club contact Ms. Koren Mumma, moderator, at kmumma@ fairfieldprep.org.





Freshmen support Operation Rice Bowl Challenge!

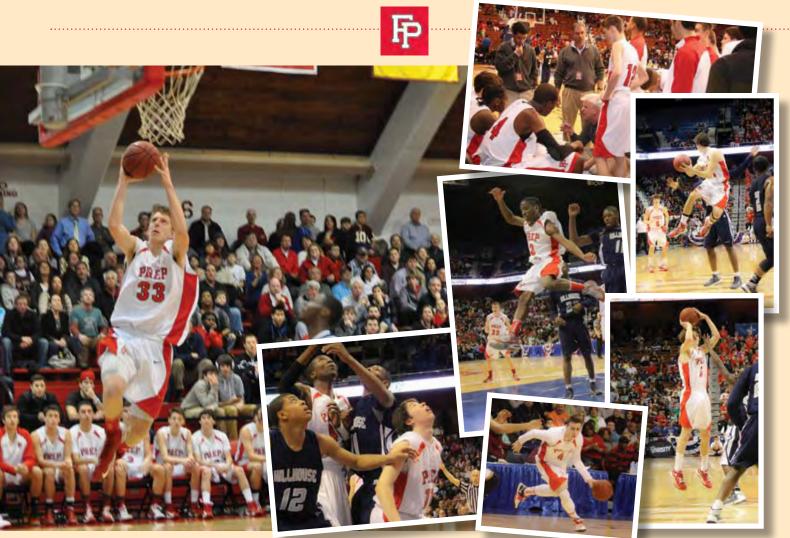
Throughout Lent Mr. Sacerdote's three freshman theology classes engaged in the Operation Rice Bowl Challenge. Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten project of Catholic Relief Services. Each day, each class had the opportunity to make donations to the Rice Bowl. The Challenge ended with Group 2, pictured here, victorious collecting a total of \$462.76. In addition, Group 1 collected \$163.89 and Group 3 collected \$302.03 for a grand total of \$928.68! Seventy-five percent of all monies collected fund hunger projects around the world and twenty-five percent remains for hunger relief within the United States.

Flag Football Intramurals culminate in Championship!

For the second straight year, Fairfield Prep's Intramural Flag Football League provided heated competition. Moderated and officiated by Mr. Corey Dennis, ten teams (divided up by four divisions, AFC North/South and NFC North/South) of 62 Prep players battled on "The Hill" for five weeks until a champion was crowned. In the League, the top two seeded teams earned a first round bye in the playoffs. All division winners earned a spot in the playoffs, in addition to two Wild Card teams. At the end of the season, an undefeated Sophomore-lead NFC Champion "The Black Mambas" competed against the AFC Champion "Team Four" in the Championship Game of the League. While The Black Mambas put together an undefeated season to that



point, they were overcome by the organized and physical "Team Four." For the second straight year, underclassmen have made it to The Championship Game only to fall short to senior teams. Congratulations to "Team Four" for winning the second Fairfield Prep Intramural Flag Football Championship!



Basketball is Class LL State Runner-Up

he Fairfield Prep Basketball team continued their recent success this year. On their way to a 24-3 record, the Jesuits won the Fairfield Prep Holiday Tournament and their second consecutive Quinnipiac Division title, going undefeated in the division for the first time ever. Prep defeated Career Magnet and Wilbur Cross en route to reaching the SCC Championship Game for the first time since 1995. In the CIAC Class LL State Tournament, Prep fought off Newington and defeated State powerhouse Ridgefield High School before traveling to WIIby High School and defeating East Hartford High School in the Semi-Finals to earn their second trip to Mohegan Sun in just three years. In the Class LL Championship Game, Tim Butala '13 scored 14 points and Pascal Chukwu '14 scored 12 points and had 16 rebounds as the Jesuits lost a hard fought game to Hillhouse High School 62-52.

The Jesuits were lead this year by a core group of seniors including Chris Kelly '13, Quinn Lincoln '13, Rich Sekerak '13 and Tim Butala. Keith Pettway '14 directed an offense that was anchored by the guard play of Thomas Nolan '15 who averaged 11.3 Points Per Game (PPG) and Ryan Murphy '16 who averaged 12.5PPG. Prep had four players average double-digits in scoring for the year which embodies their commitment to team play and sharing the basketball. David Zielinski '14 provided relentless defense and timely three-point shooting against opponents throughout the year, and **Ray Featherston '15** and **Ryan Foley '15** provided sparks off the bench throughout the season.

Chukwu ended his first season as a Jesuit by averaging 13.7 Points, 12.1 Rebounds and 6.8 Blocks per game. He earned the MVP of the Fairfield Prep Holiday Tournament, and was named to the MSG Varsity All-CT First Team, New Haven Register All-Area Team, and SCC All-Quinnipiac Team. The Connecticut Post selected Chukwu as their MVP, and he was named to the CHSCA Class LL All-State Team.

Butala, the team captain, ended his illustrious Fairfield Prep career averaging 11.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game and being named to the MSG Varsity All-CT First Team, New Haven Register All-Area Team, Connecticut Post All-Star Team, and SCC All-Quinnipiac Team. The MIT-bound player was selected at a News12 Scholar Athlete and as a member of the CHSCA Class LL All-State Team.



By Tim Dee, Asst. Basketball Coach and Math Teacher

Capt. Tim Butala '13 **Reflects on Season**

noming into the 2012-2013 season there were many questions surrounding the Prep basketball program. How would the team cope with



the loss of star, Terry Tarpey '12? How would the group of younger players and transfers come together to form a team? Well I would say that all of these challenges were overcome and put to rest by this year's squad. Like each of the teams I have been a part of in the past, the team truly came together to be the quintessential example of the cliché term of Prep "brotherhood."

Two years ago, when I was a sophomore coming off the bench, the team made a historic run to the state finals and finished as the runner-up. Last year as a junior the team reached the state semifinals where we lost to Hillhouse Unknown to us at the time it would be Hillhouse that would become the antagonist once again to us this year. As the year went along both our Prep team and Hillhouse handled all competition besides the other with relative ease. We would face each other twice in the regular season, splitting the matchups, and again in the conference finals, where we lost a nail bitter in OT. The stage was set for an epic clash of the titans in the State Championship at Mohegan Sun. Sure enough both teams advanced for one final matchup. Although we once again were defeated by the extremely talented Hillhouse squad, our team had much to be proud of. We finished with the best record in school history (25-3), where the only team we lost to was the State Champions.

As I look back on my four years I would say that although they are marked by the agony of coming so close, they were truly the happiest moments of my life. The most important lessons one learns at Prep are outside the walls of the classroom, Prep basketball showed me what it meant to be a part of a community, what it meant to create a whole greater than the sum of its parts, and to care as much about the journey as the destination. Like the fight song says, "We may laugh, we may cry, but we never say die. Let's go Fairfield. Fairfield, let's go."

Alvarado and team had a great year, but they aren't done yet!

hristain Alvarado '14 had as good a year as any Prep runner of the past. During Cross Country he proved himself in the elite of Connecticut and the Northeast qualifying to run at the Footlocker National Championships. He added 4 new Prep school records (3000 m in 8:26.25 at Penn Relays; 3200 m in 9:07.00 at New England Championships; 1 mile in 4:11.94 at Danbury Dream Invitational; and 2000 m Steeplechase in 6:03.44 at the New Balance Nationals) and won individual championships in the SCC. Class LL. State Open, and New Englands. All this and he was only in his junior year; certainly there is more to come.

What makes Alvarado's success all the better is the opportunity to continue on with several teammates who are also among the fastest that Prep has seen. Adam Vare and James Mullikan are also rising seniors who are the two best 800



runners in Prep's history - Alvarado (pictured) rounds out the top three. Vare's new school record of 1:54.81 at the Danbury Dream Invitational broke the record he set as a sophomore. Mullikan ran 1:55.43 at the Nationals. also better than Vare's old record. Add to this mix the contributions of next year's seniors Raphael Kinney and Alec Hilton; next year's team

Wrestlers pull their weight

Prep Wrestling had a great season under its first year Head Coach Corey Dennis and Assistant Coach Chris Paladino. Despite a 6-17 team record, the team excelled individually with the leadership of captains Conor Ward, David Maloof, Nick Crowle, and Matt Barnett. At 152 pounds senior Conor Ward finished with a 23-3 regular season record: never losing by more than three points, and taking first place in the Fairfield Ludlowe



Prep Tennis serves winners

Prep had an excellent season in 2013 with a record of 12-6, qualifying for the state tournament as a team, sending four singles players and three doubles teams. We were anchored by a good senior class, with Kevin Culligan, Shane Sutera, Scott Ball, Chris Kelly, Charlie Dodge and Nick Vandervoorn. Our sophomore class is at the forefront of a talented group of players boding well for future seasons.

Our regular season finished with a hard fought 4-3 semi final loss to Daniel Hand in the SCC Tournament, resulting in a 3rd place finish. Kevin Culligan and Shane Sutera were both honored with all league selections, and Culligan was honored as well with an All Area Selection by the New Haven Register.

In the State Tournament we had two seeded doubles teams that both lost to finalists. Twelfth seeds Scott Ball and Peter Nestor lost in the third round the eventual State Champs from



From left: Adam Vare '14, James Mulliken '14, Christian Alvarado '14, and Raphael Kinney '14.

promises to turn some heads.

The SCC is one of the premier distance-running conferences in Connecticut and this group of juniors managed to win all distance related events at the league championships (4 x 800, 1600, 800, 3200, and even the 4 x 400). All of these runners will compete in Cross Country next fall with a goal of taking the state championship, and all will have the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level when they graduate. Prep has had outstanding distance runners in the past, but there is no looking back for the



current group, only looking forward.

By Bob Ford Jr., Science Teacher, Cross Country Coach

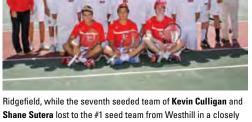
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Individual Tournament. At the LL State Tournament Ward took second place and went on to take seventh at the State Open. He finished his career with an incredible 95-55 record.

Junior Nick Crowle was an amazing force in the 285 pound weight class. He finished the season with a 25-3 record, and won first place, as well as MVP of the Fairfield Ludlowe Tournament. He took third at the LL State Tournament.

Captain Matt Barnett had a career ending injury in his first match of the season, but would come back to wrestle one final match at Senior Night against East Haven. At 145 pounds, Captain David Maloof finished with a 13-10 regular season record. The team was also greatly supported by juniors Robert Fumai, Ryan Zentner and Dave Martens. In addition, the future looks bright for sophomore Matt Freed who finished 12-12 at 120 pounds, freshman Lucas Mendicino who finished 9-14 at 126, freshman Jack Bosken who finished 7-14 at 132, and freshman Austin Prusak who finished at 8-16 at 106.

By David Maloof '13, Co-Captain





very baseball team starts each season with dreams of winning their league tournament and ending as state champion. The Fairfield Prep Jesuits are no different. The nine returning lettermen were initially joined by eleven newcomers and halfway through the season welcomed a twelfth for what was one of the most outstanding seasons in the last two decades of Fairfield Prep baseball. Led by returning seniors **Dave Gerics, Chris Collins, Kenny** Collins, Kyle Mollo, and Chris Sutay the Jesuits started the season with four straight wins before suffering a 7-1 loss to the #1 ranked team in the state, Xavier H.S. (Middletown). Next on the schedule was Notre Dame of West Haven who was also ranked in the "top ten." Prep took the lead early and seemed well on their way to win number five when Notre Dame scored six runs in the fifth to tie the game. Six innings later Shawn Blake '14 drove in Kenny Collins'13 for the winning run with a shot to left center, Kyle Mollo '13 earned the win with five scoreless innings in relief. This well-earned win revealed the defining characteristics of this team, hard-working, poised and most of all resilient

The Varsity Baseball team finished the season with a regular season

Baseball Beats State's Best Advances to Class LL State Semi-Final

record of 14-6. The 14-6 record was good enough to earn the Jesuits the #4 seed in the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament (second time in three years) and the #10 seed in the CIAC Class LL State tournament. Prep defeated Notre Dame of West Haven to advance to the SCC Semi-Final where they were scheduled to play Amity, but unfortunately wet weather caused the cancellation of the remainder of the SCC tournament. Next up for the Jesuits was the opening round of the CIAC Class LL state tournament where they would pay host to Simsbury High School. Down 4-1 going into the bottom of the sixth, the Jesuits rallied for seven runs and defeated Simsbury 8-4, Chris Sutay '13 drove in the winning run and Kevin Stone '15 earned the win pitching five scoreless innings in

relief. The Jesuits went to Ridgefield where they once again came from behind in the seventh to tie the game, **Dave Gerics '13** drove in **Shawn**

BASEBALL HONORS

David Gerics '13 - ALL SCC Quinnipiac Division Honors, New Haven Register's ALL Area Team, C.H.S.C.A. Baseball Academic All State Honors

Shawn Blake '14 - ALL SCC Quinnipiac Division Honors, New Haven Register's ALL Area Team, Selected to play in the C.H.S.C.A. Junior All Star Game

Kevin Stone '15 - ALL SCC Quinnipiac Division Honors Blake '14 with a sacrifice fly in the eighth for the winning run and Alex Pinkus '13 earned the win in relief. The win over Ridgefield earned the team a spot in the state quarterfinal, against the top seed and #2 ranked team in the state, Bristol Central. Prep defeated Bristol Central 6-2, Kyle Mollo '13 threw a complete game four hitter for the win. The win over Bristol Central earned Fairfield Prep a spot in the CIAC Class LL semi-final for the first time since 1993. The season ended in the semi-final with a 3-2 loss to eventual state champion Amity.

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The Jesuits finished the season with a record of 18-7. The eighteen wins are the most by a Fairfield Prep baseball team since 1985.

By Rudy Mauritz '94, Social Studies teacher, Varsity Baseball Coach (top right)

2013 Rugby Recap

The Fairfield Prep Rugby team, captained by Chris Golger '13, Tim Peterson '13 and Conor Ward '13, completed its 32nd season with a final record of 8-6-1. After a slow start the team put together a 7 match win streak to earn its way into the state championship match against nationally ranked Greenwich HS. Prep fell behind 26-0 at half, losing 33-14 to close out the season ranked second in the state.

At the awards dinner **Dan Featherston '13** was named Most Valuable Forward and **Jack Hand '13** was honored as Most Valuable Back. The new captains for the 2014 season were also announced, **Conor Carey '14** and **CJ DuMont '14**.

Two underclassmen, **Alonzo Diaz '15** and **Greg Terry '15** were named to the Connecticut Select Side, Connecticut rugby's version of all state selection.



Sciarretta ties for 1st in Division I Golf

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The Prep golf team experienced a resurgence to state prominence this season. Captains Jack O'Leary '13 and George Archer '13 led a deep squad that was solid for most of the season and very impressive by the end. During the regular season, 15 different players saw action in a varsity level match. By the end of the season, that depth helped to propel Prep to its best State Tournament finish in four years, once again placing fourth in the Division 1 State Tournament. Prep, with a team score of 310, trailed only Pomperaug HS (303), Simsbury HS (307) and

Greenwich HS (308). Prep freshman **Andrew Sciarretta** (pictured left) finished as co-medalist at the tournament with a 2-under par score of 70, earning a spot in the New England High School Championship.

At the Chappa Invitational in May, Prep's two-man team of **Andrew Sciarretta '16** and **George Archer '13** finished tied for 12th place among 82 teams with an even par score of 69. Prep was one of only 16 teams to shoot par or better that day at Longshore.

Swimming & Diving are SCC Champs

t is never easy to follow up a championship season. Add to that the retirement of legendary coach Bruce Jaffe. But the 2012-2013 Fairfield Prep Swimming & Diving Team was up for the challenge and maintained



its status as one of the elite teams in Connecticut. With a strong returning core and the addition of several freshmen and transfers, the team once again rolled through the SCC, finishing undefeated in league dual meets. Thirty different team members scored at the SCC Championships, including a remarkable six divers. The team set a league record for points scored in a Championship meet.

Highlights of the season revolved around duals with rival Greenwich High School. Despite only winning 4 events, Prep took the powerful Cardinals down to the final relay in the dual meet before losing at a packed RecPlex. Prep finished as Runner-up at the LL and State Open despite scoring more points in both meets than in the 2012 championship year. One of the most thrilling moments of the year was produced by the 200 Freestyle Relay team of **Connor Davis '14, Brandon Cole '14, Nick Wargo '14** and **Bryce Keblish '15**. After falling twice by mere hundredths of second to Greenwich during the season, the Jesuits rearranged the order of the relay and finished in a rare tie at the State Open! The winning time of 1:24.81 set a team, SCC, State Open and CIAC record.

Individual honors were numerous with swimmers Davis, Cole, Wargo, Keblish, Jake Hoin '14 and Ed Stolarski '15 all

making All-State. The same six swimmers would compete on the 200 Medley Relay (1:34.76) and 200 Freestyle Relays, achieving Automatic All-American time standards. **Connor Davis** would also win the State Open title in the 100 freestyle (46.27). Diver **Jake Bowtell '14** would also be named an All-American for the third year. Jake set the 6 and 11 dive school records, won the SCC and State Open



Diving titles and was voted the CIAC diver of the year (pictured right).

By Rick Hutchinson '87, Head Coach, Guidance Counselor. Rick was CT Post and NH Register Swimming Coach of the Year.



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Crew has a spectacular spring season!

F ather Paul Holland, S.J., started off the spring 2013 crew season by exhorting the young men of Prep to remember their new boat's namesake, Pedro Arrupe, S.J., as a true Man for Others (pictured is Fr. Holland, S.J., blessing the boat). Throughout the year the rowers took Fr. Holland's words to heart as they pushed each other to new heights and fast boats.

The 2013 regular season was truly one to remember. Under the direction of Coach Ed Feldheim, the team hit the water in mid-March with dreams of reaching the podium at the end of May. In a first for the team, the boys boarded a bus for April vacation and headed south to Oak Ridge Tennessee for a week of double practices. The rowers arrived in Oak Ridge as classmates and peers but they left as one of the strongest teams in memory, truly embodying the ideal of living as Men for Others.

Going undefeated in dual racing, Prep Crew's Junior 8+ proved to be the quickest boat of the fleet. In a repeat performance of the 2012 Stotesbury Cup, the crew proved to be among the eighteen fastest boats out of forty-nine crews. Alas, the boat did not manage to make the final event and placed 15th overall. It would be similar results at the national championship for **Russo '15**, **Ghavidel '14, Martens '14, Hamar '14, Cadoux '14, Lohja '14, Conte '14, Schwartz '14** and **Silver '15**. Racing in the quarterfinals the boat needed to place third or better, which they had for all but the last few feet of the race. In one of the closest races of the day the crew was narrowly eliminated from racing by .03 seconds.

The Freshman 8+ managed to make the semi-finals and place themselves among the twelve fastest schools in the country. **Austin Prusak '16** coxed a beautiful semi-final race and managed to get his boat into 10th place overall. The all freshman crew of **Christakos**, **Visser**, **Lichtenfels**, **Toner**, **Longo**, **Richards**, **Hamar**, and **Wilkher** put Fairfield Prep Crew on the map with our best finish at the National Championship. Thanks to the crew and Coach Haynes for a season to remember.

Great snow means great skiing

t is hard to remember in all this summer heat, but this past winter had great snow! The Prep ski team kicked off the season with a training session at Sugarbush. This not only got the team ready to hit the gates again at Southington, but created a tight bond among the athletes. The team finished



the regular season with a 17-5 record, ahead of the coach's goal for this rebuilding season." Congratulations to sophomore **Greg Osborne** (pictured) who earned a spot on the First All-State team, and to senior **Ryan King** for his All-State Honorable Mention.

Parents—The Backbone of the Prep Community

FATHERS & SONS



Communion Breakfast

As an annual tradition on Super Bowl Sunday, Prep fathers and sons gathered for Mass at the Egan Chapel. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., Chaplain, and was followed by brunch in the Prep cafeteria, with guest speaker Fr. Charles Allen, S.J.



Volunteering for Groundwork Bridgeport

O ver 30 Prep fathers and sons gathered for a spring community service project on April 27. In conjunction with Groundwork Bridgeport, the crew spent the day helping to develop the Reservoir Community Farm — a production garden for Green Village Initiative.

MOTHERS & SONS "Vive le Prep" Fashion Show

A lmost 300 guests enjoyed the Vive le Prep Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild, which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2013. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception with live Jazz music by Prep musicians, a prize-packed raffle,

delicious dinner, and live runway fashion show. Special thanks to M.C. John Brennan, Prep Housemaster; the Prep Jazz Trio; Ellen DiLeo P'13 for the mother-son slideshow; the Co-chairs Stacy D'Eramo P '13, Kathleen Featherston P'09, '10, '13, Becky Festa P'13, Lisa Gentile P'13: Colleen Keltos, Dean of Admin. Services & Technology/Bellarmine Guild moderator, and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting this event. See www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1 for video highlights!







Parents boogie at Year-End Concert

Parents enjoyed the Year-End Concert & Celebration on May 25 at the Fairfield Theatre Company, with a great night of socializing and dancing to live music by *The Distractions*. The Fathers' Club sponsored the event.



Senior Moms celebrate a happy ending

The Class of 2013 "Senior" Moms gathered for a year-end dinner on June 6 at Brooklawn Country Club. The event was organized by Peggie Golger P '11, '13 and Mary Jo McAvey P'11, '13, '17. It was a great night with a great group of moms!



And We're Off...to support Fairfield Prep! Spring Dinner raises funds to benefit Prep

ver 250 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Dinner "And We're Off...to support Fairfield Prep" held on May 4 at the Marriott Stamford Hotel & Spa. Guests 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 to help support tuition assistance, faculty enrichment, student service projects, athletics and more. Additionally, the winning ticket of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was pulled at 10:30 PM. The Prep Community thanks Co-chairs Juany Fumai,

AND WE'RE OFF.

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P'07, '14, and Susan Ownes, P'11, '14, and their committee members, who volunteered their time and talent to make this event possible. We also offer special gratitude to all of our generous sponsors who helped to underwrite the evening. Special thanks to auctioneer David Smith.





Thank you everyone!



Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs: Juany Fumai, Susan Ownes (above)

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plus thank you to all who attended Mr. & Mrs. John Butala

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Prep Music Concert Showcases Talent

The spring performance of The Music of Spring (La Musique de Printemps) was presented on May 15 in the Kelley Theater at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The audience enjoyed performances by the Select and Concert Choirs, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, Jazzuits, and Encords. The concert included a mix of classic songs composed by artists such as Dvorak, Copland, Stravinsky, Ravel, and many more. Prep seniors delivered an inspiring performance of "Home" (by Phillip Phillips), and the Symphonic Orchestra ended the evening with a standing ovation by the audience. Bravo! The program was produced



by Ms. Christine Dominguez, Music Director (pictured). Watch www.youtube.com/ fairfieldprep1 for concert highlights!









Prep Gallery Displays Artistic Abilities



A rrupe Hall was filled with multi-media art and architectural renderings at the annual Spring Art Show held on May 16. Art enthusiasts enjoyed the range and creative uses of different media. Architectural design and urban planning were also showcased. The show was organized by Prep art teachers Dolores Tema and Frank Bramble.



Frank Bramble Art Show

Prep Faculty and Staff attended a reception and viewed a selection of Frank Bramble's original artwork at the Jesuit Community Center on May 31. Frank shared reflections on his beautiful landscapes.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

Knights of the Roundtable Aren't Dead Yet

he best way to look at the bright side of life is through laughter—lots of it. That's exactly what twenty six Prep Players, under the direction of Megan Hoover, brought to the Kelley Theatre at the Quick Center May 9 and 10 with the smash hit Monty Python's Spamalot. Some of the biggest audiences the Players have seen left feeling nothing but pure joy after an evening watching King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table gallop around stage, aided of course by coconuts, in their search for the Holy Grail. On their journey they meet Python's most famous and ridiculous characters: the terrifying Knights of Ni; a rather rude French Guard; and the most foul, cruel, and bad tempered rodent you ever set your eyes on. In the end they learn that each one of us must find the Grail within us. No, nobody swallowed it; it's a symbol! The



show is a comedy, so they find the Grail and end with a wedding and everyone leaves the theater just wanting to sing.

By Megan M. Hoover, Fine Arts Chair, Theater/English Faculty



Teach me to be **Generous**

By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry. This article was originally published in *Jesuits* magazine, a publication of the New England, New York and Maryland Provinces of the Society of Jesus.



Generous Spirit has been instilled in me by my collaboration with the Jesuits. When I walked on the campus of Fordham University in the fall of 1991, I did not realize a decision to attend a Jesuit University would change the course of my life. It was not until my junior year when I was put into contact with Fr. John Mullin, SJ., and I attended my first Emmaus Retreat that I would see my life go in a whole new direction. Padre (as he was affectionately called) had this way of encouraging you. He was the living example of Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity. He was not only my spiritual director but my friend. He encouraged me to serve at Mass as both a lector and Eucharistic Minister and when I was struggling to figure out what to do after college he got me in contact with Fr. Rocco Danzi, S.J. Rocco was doing his regency work at St. Ignatius Church in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. This was a

reunion of sorts since Rocco had taught at my high school (Iona Prep in New Rochelle, NY) as a layman. I went from Political Science major to Youth Minister as I would spend the two years following my graduation in 1995 at St. Ignatius working with young people very different from me. Rocco epitomized the word "generous" in everything he did for those young people. He inspired me to stay on after his final year of regency to continue working.



Thank you from Steve Nicholson nS.J.

or St. Ignatius, gratitude was one of the key elements of the spiritual life. In closing his famous Spiritual Exercises, he invited retreatants to begin their final meditation by asking God for "an intimate knowledge of so great good received, in order that, being entirely grateful, I may be able in all things to love and serve God." As a Jesuit novice working at Fairfield Prep this spring semester, this "grace," as Ignatius would call it, was anything but hard to come by. On the contrary, gratitude for the many gifts of my time at Prep wells up in my heart and mind without any trouble at all.

There was, of course, the time spent in the chemistry classroom. With the guidance of master teachers Tony Canuel, Tom Cunningham, and Brian Lewis, I was able to try my hand at teaching for the first time. It was an absolutely wonderful experience to work with the students, introducing them to new ideas, and solving problems together. Their earnestness and natural curiosity made teaching fun and exciting, and class periods would fly by quickly – at least from my perspective!

There were the many retreats and service opportunities in which I was able to participate, thanks to the openness and encouragement of



Steve Nicholson, n.S.J., teaching in the Chemistry lab (above) and at a Prep basketball game with Fr. Holland, S.J.

Elliott Gualtiere and Jon DeRosa. Getting to know students, parents, faculty, and alumni on a deeper level will remain among my favorite memories of my time at Prep, as well as the most sacred. I was moved and inspired by the deep spirituality and the real goodness of each group of people whom I encountered, and found God readily in these intensive experiences of community building, personal reflection, spiritual growth, and service.

There were sports, musical performances, clubs and extracurricular activities, and so many other incredible things going on, each one a distinct part of the vibrant community of faith, learning, formation, and service that is Fairfield Prep. The

> thing for which I am most grateful: the community that I was so immediately and lovingly welcomed into. To find a place and a group of people at this time in my Jesuit formation in which I could try news things, find support, inspiration, and friendship, and simply be myself through it all, is a greater gift than my words here could express.

To the students, faculty, staff, families, and alumni of Fairfield Prep, I say thank you. We hear in the New Testament that it is far more blessed to give than to receive, but I know that I have received more from you than I ever could have given. Please know of my prayers for you, and my deep gratitude and affection, now and always. AMDG!



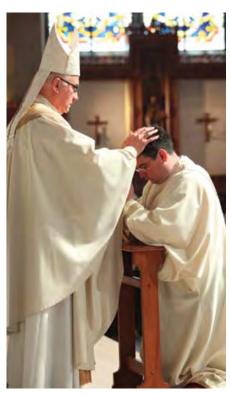
When I left Ignatius in 1997, I headed back to Fordham to pursue a Master's degree in theology. I involved myself once again in the religious and spiritual life of the school and worked as a Resident Director. This decision to return to my alma mater for grad school would again prove fateful as I met my future wife Maura Harrigan on the very first day I returned. Maura and I were married in October of 1999. Fr. John Mullin presided and Fr. Rocco Danzi, S.J., delivered the homily. From our union we have two beautiful boys William and Nicholas. My association with the Jesuits bore much fruit as Maura and I celebrated our 13th wedding anniversary this past fall.

After finishing my course work in theology in 1999, I embarked on my



teaching career at Preston High School in the Bronx, NY. There I worked with Fr. Forbi Kizito, S.J., a Jesuit from Cameroon, who was teaching at Preston while working on his Ph.D. Kizito's generous nature stood out. He always was helping and encouraging others to do the same. Our son William was baptized by Fr. Kizito, S.J., in the summer of 2003. At Preston I was introduced to Fr. Vin Duminuco, S.J., who was beginning a Jesuit Teacher Leadership program through the Graduate School of Education at Fordham University. I was brought back to my alma mater once again. Fr. Vin also gave of himself in so many ways and helped me become a much better educator.

Fr. Vin is a big reason why I am here at Prep. It was around Easter in 2005 that Fr. Vin called me and told me to send my resume to Fairfield Prep because they were looking for a Campus Minister and he knew of my interest in being part of a Jesuit High School. The rest is history after I received a phone call from Fr. Boughton, S.J., (then President of Fairfield Prep). I am in my eighth year at Prep and the lessons learned from Jesuits prior to my arrival at Prep as well as the Jesuits I have worked with at Prep will last a lifetime. Fr. Boughton, S.J., Fr. Eagan, S.J., Fr. Hanwell, S.J., Fr. Holland, S.J., Fr. Levens, S.J., and Fr. Ryan, S.J., (and countless others) taught me how to give generously to the students here at Prep. These invaluable life lessons I have brought to my ministry both as a school educator, husband, son, brother and father. Thank you St. Ignatius and my Jesuit brothers.



Celebrating the priesthood of Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J.

The Society of Jesus of New England announced the ordination of Fr. Bret Stockdale, SJ. He was among seven Jesuits who were ordained on June 8 by Bishop Thomas Donato, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark at the Fordham University Church in the Bronx, New York.

Fr. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, Provincial of the New England Province of Jesuits, said, "The ordination of these men to the priesthood is an especially joyous moment for our Church. As these talented and dedicated men begin their priestly ministry, I thank them for their commitment and service. I am confident that the spirit, courage and generosity of St. Ignatius will both inspire and guide their service to God and His people."

Fairfield Prep welcomes back Fr. Stockdale, S.J., who returns to teach at Prep in August 2013.



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2013 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS Jerry Hemenway '61 and Ed Krygier '60

airfield Prep is pleased to recognize **Dr. Jerry Hemenway '61** and **Mr. Ed Krygier '60** as recipients of the annual St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. The award, established in 2010, recognizes those alumni who exemplify the characteristics that Fairfield Prep seeks to instill in its graduates, specifically open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. The honorees will receive their awards at the school-wide Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 6 in Alumni Hall.



Jerry Hemenway has used his career as a pediatrician to help others, through handson volunteer work both internationally and at home. As a member and board member of PRN Relief, Inc. (Physicians, Residents and Nurses As Needed), he travels with a volunteer medical mission team serving Jamaica twice a year, delivering care, drugs and supplies to a population unable to afford these services. This growing team includes not only local physicians

and nurses from Connecticut, New York and Arizona, but also students from Yale School of Medicine, Sacred Heart University and Molloy College. Over the years, the team has also traveled to the Dominican Republic, Sri-Lanka (post-tsunami), Liberia, Ethiopia and Central America. Although the trips are one week long, the preparation proves to be year-round. Jerry and the team contact pharmaceutical companies and colleagues to give medications or donations to cover the cost of each trip. Twice a year, he receives and organizes enough medication to fill up to 70 suitcases!

In addition to this work, Jerry volunteers every year as a medical staff member at the "Hole in the Wall Gang Camp," for children with serious illnesses, located in Ashford, CT. He also volunteers with Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Camps (three locations) as camp physician, monitoring records and medical logs. He gives time as an Ignatian Mentor to students in the "Ignatian College" at Fairfield University, where he regularly meets during the year with a group of students to discuss various topics relating to the students' lives, spirituality, and finding their calling in life. He served as a board member for 25 years with the Guenster Rehabilitation Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Bridgeport, and is currently a board member of St. Catherine's School for special needs children, located in Fairfield.

Growing up in Fairfield, Jerry attended St. Thomas Aquinas School. At Fairfield Prep, he was co-captain of the Cheerleading Team (with great memories of the 1960 State Championship Football season), and an editor of the Hearthstone yearbook and Bellarmine Letters Quarterly magazine. He feels the Jesuit mindset and presence in the school helped the students mature and believe they were responsible for themselves and others. He was challenged by the Jesuits to discern theological and faith issues. They taught him how to study not only content, but how to approach learning as a lifetime process. He always had an interest in medical care and working with children, and was influenced by his mother who was a nurse. He attended Fairfield University and Tufts University School of Medicine, followed by interning at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of NYC, serving as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy, and pediatric residencies at both Tufts and Bridgeport Hospital. He currently works with Pediatric Healthcare Associates in Southport. Jerry is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of several medical societies.

Jerry and his wife Carol, a nurse who attended Lauralton Hall and Boston College, have three children: **Jerry '86,** a systems engineer; Molly



Dr. Jerry Hemenway volunteering his expertise in Jamaica.

(Lauralton '87), a school teacher; and Sarah (Lauralton '88) who married **Bob Lally '86.** They have five grandchildren, and live in Fairfield.

Jerry reflected on his work, "One of the big mysteries of life is one gradually realizes that you are much happier in sharing than receiving. You give of yourself. It's not so much the things you give, but how you give. You can give people hope, and show them that someone cares about them. As Paul Farmer of Partners in Health has stated, 'We really are a nation of humanity' – there are no borders when it comes to relationships, contact and human responsibility. It's a labor of love."



Ed Krygier has organized and led Fairfield Prep Alumni groups for over 15 years, serving the hungry and homeless in the New Haven and Bridgeport areas. Following a successful career as a CPA and accounting executive, Ed approached retirement and became more active on the Prep alumni board, ultimately chairing the social services committee. Influenced by the late **Bob Trudel '60**, who had been involved

with AmeriCares, Ed wanted to volunteer more. One of the board members discussed how the alumni could promote the Fairfield Prep name and image through a service project in the New Haven area. This opportunity came to fruition, as the Prep alumni group was allowed to provide its first soup kitchen a week before Christmas at the Columbus House, whose mission is to serve people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Ed organized his volunteers to prepare lasagna, salad, fruit, bread and rolls, dessert, and coffee (and later added meatballs and ziti). 75 people in the Columbus House program signed up for the Prep's first soup kitchen. This was the beginning of a growing plan to expand the meals to more of the Columbus House locations. He took on additional dates throughout the year, and increased the number of meals to include not only the Columbus House, (which provides shelter for over 80 women and men, 365 nights a year, serving over 78,000 meals annually); but added the Overflow Shelter (for men only, which is filled to its 75-bed capacity and serves clients with food, clothing, showers, personal care items and case management services); and the Recovery House which offers a short-term stay for men who are in early recovery and who are waiting placement . Over the years, the number of meals served increased from the original 75 meals to 250, and Ed continued to recruit his Prep classmates and other alumni by word of mouth and email. Currently, the Fairfield Prep alumni group is the only volunteer organization that serves meals to all three Columbus House facilities on the date of its soup kitchen.

Additionally, Ed learned of the Harkness House nearby, serving as a transitional house for veterans,who are placed there by the Veteran Administration of New Haven. The Prep alumni group was allowed to donate basic food necessities, like coffee, soup, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, etc. for approximately 14 -16 veterans. Ed also decided to expand Prep's volunteer work to the Bridgeport area by serving lunch on New Year's Day at The Thomas Merton Center. Since it was wintertime, this family center was in need of mens' warm clothing, so Ed solicited the group once again for winter coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, etc. Whether its lunch at the Merton House or dinner at the Columbus House facilities, the same full-course lasagna meal is always served. Recently, he added a breakfast date in the fall to coincide with Prep's National Alumni Day of Service. The plan for the future is to expand the number of breakfast dates at centers throughout the Fairfield/Bridgeport area.

Ed was raised in Fairfield, and attended St. Anthony of Padua Church and School. He was also a member of a Boy Scout troop at St. Thomas Parish with Jerry Hemenway! Following Prep, Ed attended Boston College, attaining a B.S. in Accounting; a Master's degree in Finance from the University of Bridgeport; and became a licensed C.P.A. He started his career with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. in New York, and later in 1971 joined Olin Corporation in Stamford. Ed feels very strongly about the excellent academic education that he received at Prep, "My four years at Prep was the best experience of my academic life. I strongly believe that my Prep experience contributed considerably to my total development as an individual and to my success in my business career. In addition, I developed a number of close friends, whom (to this day) I see periodically on a social basis. That is why Prep has meant so much to me."

Ed and his wife Betty, a retired Registered Nurse, have two children: Kathleen Dunn, a lawyer in Stratford, and **Jeffrey '94,** a doctor in California, and two grandchildren. They live in Stratford, where Ed is an usher and volunteers on the finance committee for St. Mark's Parish.

Ed is very honored by the alumni award, and recommends that Prep men get involved in Christian Service projects after their Prep life: "Be willing to get involved and participate in charitable works. The demand is so great. Volunteer any way you can, on any level and for any organization. Giving isn't only a monetary thing; give of yourself and your time."



Columbus House volunteers prepare and serve meals in New Haven on June 7.

A Gaelic Good Time



Liam Coyle '13 is named Mr. Shamrock at Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee chose Mr. and Miss Shamrock for this year's parade which was held on Friday, March 15. Mr. Shamrock Liam Coyle is a senior at Fairfield Prep. Liam plays football and lacrosse at Fairfield Prep and serves as president of Prep's first Irish Cultural Club. He also performs community service at the ABCD Head Start program in Bridgeport. The Irish Cultural Club participated in the flag ceremony and marched in the parade to represent Fairfield Prep. Liam spoke at the luncheon following the parade, honoring his Irish heritage. Additionally,



Thomas Turner '13 (pictured right), was named Mr. Shamrock Runner Up, and was also honored at the parade and festivities.



Prep Gaelic Football Team wins!

Prep beat Xavier in the first high school championship game of Gaelic football, held at the 25th Fairfield County Irish Festival on June 14 at Fairfield University. Twenty-six students played for Prep, including nineteen seniors; many more seniors came to watch.

The championship plaque was presented to team captains Liam Coyle '13 and Davie Bruton '13. Davie Bruton also won a plaque for man of the match. The coaches were Griffin Reidy '90, Jim Carolan '90, and Paddy Coyle, P'13, '16.





Reunion Weekend

The multi-happening weekend celebrated classes ending in 3 and 8

A pproximately 300 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 3 and 8, held on June 15 at the Barone Campus Center. Guests 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 and 15th reunion classes met for a softball game on Barlow Field. The previous night, many attended the Alumni Jam at The Levee (see photos far right). All enjoyed the actionpacked weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates.

Alumni Class Reunions

Attention Classes ending in 4 & 9! Your reunion is Saturday, June 14, 2014. Golf Outing is June 13, 2014. Save the dates!







Prep golfers enjoy annual outing!



107 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 14 to support Prep's scholarship in honor of former head golf coach Roger Ratchford. The day consisted of friendly competition, great golf and a lot of Prep memories. A special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by John Chiota '86 and consisting of John Chiota '61, Kevin Foley '73, Tom Welch '83, Jim Butler '86, Alex Oracheff '94, Kevin Kozlowski '99, Myles Golden P'16 and David Schmerzler P'16.





Alumni Jam

Young and young at heart alumni enjoyed fellowship, refreshments and live music by **Dan Carlucci '98** and **Dave Carlucci '00**, plus **Tom Brennan '07** with his band Dan & the Wildfire (see www.youtube.com/ fairfieldprep1).







Why Fairfield Prep?



Tom Gaudett '10 with Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., at the President's Dinner, which is held annually to honor Prep benefactors.

he major question that I want to tackle this evening is: Why Fairfield Prep? Why do students from all over the state choose to attend Prep? Why do parents choose to send their sons to Prep, especially those who struggle to afford that tuition payment each month? Why have all of you gathered here this evening chosen to invest in Fairfield Prep?

Prep Values

Fairfield Prep's comparative advantage in education is values, and values are the tools that we use in our adulthood to make better decisions. There are three values in particular that are imparted during one's time at Prep.

Academic Excellence

Fairfield Prep fosters in its students academic excellence and a love of learning. This is not about memorizing the elements of the periodic table or dates in history; rather, this is about education of the whole self. In the classroom, there are high standards and there are opportunities to excel. But perhaps the best indicator that academic excellence is a value at Fairfield Prep is the attention that is paid and the support that is given to those who need extra help in their studies. Some of the best memories that I have as a Prep student are from my days with the SEED Program, especially tutoring students. Through efforts like this Prep demonstrates its commitment to education.

Virtually 100 percent of the senior class graduates and goes onto an institution of higher learning—a remarkable achievement that our community should be very proud of.

Service/Being Men for Others

The value of service, or being Men for Others is particularly important at Prep because of its Jesuit mission and history. We need look no further than the example of the newly-elected Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis calls on each of us to live at the service of other people in our daily lives, paying special attention to those who are the most vulnerable.

Prep men answer this call to service by taking trips to third world countries to minister to the needs of the poor and the needy. Through the Urban Plunge program, Prep men go into urban communities in our own area to serve the vulnerable members of our society. And on a daily basis, through theology, campus ministry, and all that Prep men do, they learn to treat everyone with the dignity and respect that they deserve. Indeed, they learn to truly be Men for Others.

Brotherhood

Finally, a Prep education seeks to instill the value of brotherhood in its students. Whether they are on the football team, the swimming team, or the debate team, Prep men learn brotherhood by working and competing together. Through their extracurriculars, Prep men learn brotherhood by sharing common interests, passions, and goals. And brotherhood is built through institutional programming, such as retreats. Prep men have the opportunity to participate in the Kairos Retreat, during which they seal the bonds of brotherhood that they have made with their fellow classmates.

Overall, Prep men are instilled with a strong sense of brotherhood, which serves as the foundation of the Prep family that all students are a part of long after graduation. And, at the end of four years, because of these values, Prep men become a fraternity of educated men in the service of others.

A Worthwhile Investment

For those who have not been exposed to these Prep values and are not aware of the importance of a Prep education, I say that they ought look no further than this dinner as evidence of what Prep stands for and the values that it teaches. This dinner is a testament to your generosity, a reflection of the Prep values that we all cherish. Your generosity embodies the call to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward.

Your generosity helps people like me who, raised by a single mother and grandmother, could not possibly have afforded the tuition at Fairfield Prep. Your generosity has provided this son of Bridgeport the opportunity to become an educated man, to learn Prep values, and to prove my merit without financial barrier. I now have the opportunity to attend Harvard. For this, I am extremely grateful and indebted to all of those who have invested in my education.

And so let me be very clear about my message here tonight, in case anyone was unsure: your investment in Prep is worthwhile.

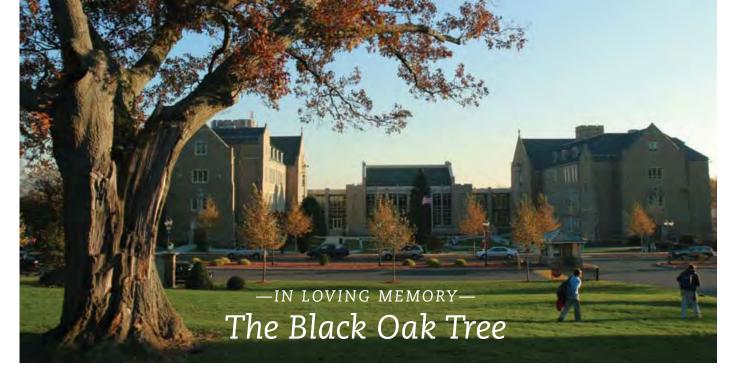
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One day as a freshman and my theology teacher talked to us about an old Prep tradition. Traditionally, students would write at the top left-hand corner of every assignment "AMDG" which stands for "Ad Majorem De Gloriam" (For the greater glory of God). Realizing how remarkable this tradition was, I began to put it into practice for myself. From that point forth, at the top lefthand corner of every page, I wrote "AMDG" as a reminder of my Prep values and in recognition of the fact that, in all that I did, I was serving a cause greater than myself.

I have worn my Prep ring every day since my junior year when I received it. My ring has served as a constant reminder of Prep values and the great education that I received at my alma mater.

You see, unlike most things that are taught in school which are inevitably forgotten, values operate on a different model. Once values are instilled in a person, they are meant to last. As the English author Terry Pratchet puts it, "Build a man a fire, and he will be warm for a day. Set a man on fire, and he will be warm for the rest of his life."

The flame of Prep values has been kindled within me, and I am warm, and will forever be. $_{(\mbox{Taken from speech})}$



significant moment in Prep history passed quietly on January 18, 2013. It wasn't the construction of a new building or the retirement of a legendary Jesuit. The occasion was hardly noticed on a dull gray winter morning. The great oak that graced the lawn of McAuliffe Hall for centuries was cut down after a series of storms left it badly damaged.

The picturesque tree was a remnant from the expansive Lasher estate that ran down a broad lawn and overlooked the blue waters of the Long Island Sound. Although it stood on the hill above Prep, it seemed to center the two brown brick Gothic fortresses as if assuring us that all the intensity of Jesuit energy was watched over by the huge trunk and spreading crown of the tree. Oak groves were the places where the original Christian churches of Celtic Europe were built, and this venerable oak was a major part of our faith and endurance at the Fairfield Jesuit community. I couldn't pass it without thinking of our past and our future.

On its last morning I stood at third floor Berchmans' hallway window watching as a small crew of landscapers finished making the cuts on the massive trunk. What remained was about twelve feet high, a bark statue twisted against its fate in one heroic gesture before it was toppled. The men tidied up neatly and loaded the huge logs gently into a truck leaving a ring of small woodchips and sawdust as the only evidence of what had once stood there.

As I watched with sadness and fascination I sensed that I was witnessing a landmark moment in the history of a place the final change from the sleepy 19th century landscape to the fast-paced urban campus of today. The black oak's demise marked the inevitable growth of the rural college and the emergence of a modern institution with an impressive map of new buildings.

I have to admit to being under its spell as I worked my way from August to June during many school years. I particularly loved watching classes conducted in the spring with students sitting in the circle of shade as the teacher stood and talked to them. In my younger years I was persuaded to bring an English class outside for plain-air lessons under the oak. One of my rambunctious boys climbed into the giant and waved back



The Black Oak in an aerial view from the 1964 Hearthstone. The color photo was taken in November 2006.

from an overhanging limb. I was fearful for his head and my career. After that I admired the oak at a safer distance—from the security of Berchmans 305.

Over the years I watched Mrs. Tema's art classes with their sketch books open on their laps; Mr. Marmrus' Physics groups testing the law of gravity; Mr. Giegengack's Math class enjoying green grass and the geometry of the great outdoors; clubs having yearbook pictures taken; Lauralton girls waiting for boyfriends in the shade. Legendary Prep priests, teachers and coaches all passed under the tree as it encompassed our days and years together from the very beginning. There were natural wonders too. I remember the crisp Sunday afternoon Open House when a family of deer gathered under the oak as the parents visited with their boys. I am sure enrollments went up that year. Flocks of geese rested here and wild turkeys visited for a morning chat. Generations of birds sang from that choir loft and filled classrooms with songs.

The great Oak stood there somehow larger than the buildings and wiser than all the book learning inside. For generations it was hung with the banners and hopes of our remarkable Jesuit school. As Fairfield Prep faces a new millennium, we will need the strength and dignity of our beloved oak. Perhaps a new tree can be planted with the hope that future generations will one day gather in its shelter, boys toss footballs once again, and a great crown spread over us

in blessings and watchfulness for the centuries ahead.

By Barry Wallace, English teacher

Tom Ryan '82 transcends challenges by standing on learned Prep values

Tom Ryan '82 (pictured) spoke at the New York and Boston Business Breakfasts

think I have a very unique story to tell you this morning; one that I think exemplifies success. But I don't mean that necessarily from entrepreneurial perspective although that's a part of it. I mean success on a much more personal level.

Looking back, my Prep story started in 7th grade. I grew up in Norwalk on the same street as my father did **(Tom Ryan '51)**.



He hitchhiked to Prep every morning if you can believe it, and based on his experience, he felt that Prep would be good for me. I initially didn't want to go, but we made a deal that I would try it for a year, despite not knowing anyone.

After the first couple of months, I was solidly entrenched and I met a lot of great guys who, 30 years later, are still my best friends. People always ask me why I'm so passionate about Prep...they ask, "What it is about the school that makes it so unique?" "Why are the guys so close?" After many years of thought, I think I figured it out, at least for me.

You see, Prep is a lot like a fraternity experience but unlike a college fraternity, Prep catches you in your formative years. In other words, by the time you get to college, you've already experienced a lot. But at Prep, what cements the guys together is experiencing all those "firsts" together, starting at 14 years old and ending at 18. You really grow up together like brothers do, and that's pretty incredible. The other part that cements relationships is the common goals we try and achieve—everyone is there to get into a good college, everyone is there trying to excel at sports or whatever passion they have, and everyone is trying to be a better person under God. To that latter point, I'll never forget attending afternoon Masses presided over by Father Brissette, before we played football on Friday nights under the lights at Alumni Field. He had cue cards, inspirational sayings, and by the time we busted out of the locker room we felt like God was on our side. And I think he was, particularly in the late '70s and early '80s when I was there. From what I hear, God has been focused on lacrosse and hockey for the last few years but it's good to see he's focused back on the football field in 2012.

I went on to attend Holy Cross and got my MBA at Vanderbilt, and for the first seven years out of business school I was a senior equity analyst for Bankers Trust which is now Deutsche Bank. I was the guy who researched companies and published the "buy, hold, sell" recommendations that you all read.

My area of expertise happened to be the casino business which is a whole other interesting story, but through those years I met Steve Wynn, had dinner with Johnny Chan and Lyle Berman, both World Series of Poker Champions, and I also took Donald Trump's company public. I've actually flown around with The Donald on his private 737, and if any of you fly in and out of LaGuardia it's an easy plane to see on the runway when he's local. Look for the big gold "T" on the tail.

Anyway, my Wall Street career was really exciting for me, but like my father who left a corporate job to start his own small business, I had always dreamed of being an entrepreneur. For me, the reason was bigger than determining my own paycheck. It was more so to set my life up the way I wanted, where I could work close to home and not have to commute. I could go to my kids' soccer games and other things like that and coincidentally, back in 1998, two of my Prep classmates were thinking similar thoughts.

One of these guys, **Chad Jacobs '82**, was captain of the hockey team at Prep our senior year and my roommate at Holy Cross for four years. Chad ended up marrying my cousin Karen, and his kids and my kids are third cousins. Safe to say—we had a trust factor between us. The other guy was **John Flanagan '82**, another close friend from Prep who was a lawyer who was looking to do something other than practicing law.

Like me, Chad had a Wall Street background and we had seen many public companies hurt their reputations and jeopardize their ability to raise capital, because they really didn't understand how to communicate with, or present themselves to Wall Street or the media. Nor did they understand how to handle crises situations in a manner that reduced risk and preserved shareholder value, not to mention the reputation of the CEO. If you read the Wall Street Journal or watch CNBC, you see examples everyday how NOT to deal with Wall Street every day. Because these issues affect shareholders first and foremost, public companies need an outside perspective on how to handle them, and Wall Street firms don't do this. Moreover, the consultants who traditionally advise CEOs and Board members on these issues have public relations versus Wall Street backgrounds and that's a mismatch.

So Chad, John and I felt that we could fill a niche in the PR world and we set up Integrated Corporate Relations, better known as ICR in 1998. Fast forward 14 years later and ICR has about 120 employees, five offices throughout the U.S. and in China, and our revenues are approaching \$45 million driven off of a client base of more than 350 public companies. Clients include The Gap, Abercrombie & Fitch, Royal Dutch Shell, Lululemon, Pandora, Kayak.com, William Sonoma, Lazard, Legg Mason, and Salesforce.com to name a few. The Boards of Directors, and their CEOs and CFOs, rely on us to help them manage the flow of good and bad information to all their stakeholders (the media, investors, employees, and investors).

But in the beginning, ICR was just three people, and we did everything from take out the garbage, to the accounting, to cleaning bathrooms. It's fun to tell the story of how we started and invariably I always get asked what the most critical decision was in starting ICR. I always say my three biggest pieces of advice are the following:

First, make sure you have a competitive advantage in what you are about to do. In our case it was introducing Wall Street talent to an industry that had traditionally relied on a public relations expertise. If we didn't bring a defensible, competitive advantage to the table, I'm not sure we would have succeeded against the big guys.

The second piece of advice is to get a lawyer for a partner or simply get a good lawyer. A good lawyer can get the right things in place on day one, like how a business is capitalized, an operating agreement which governs how things are going to be handled, your contracts, etc. The other good part about a lawyer like John was his analytical thinking and ability to sort through problems, strategy and solutions in a methodical way.

The third piece of the puzzle in my mind is hiring people who share your values. Looking back over 14 years, I would say the biggest hiring mistakes we ever made were when we sacrificed values for brilliance. What I've learned is hiring "brilliant jerks," for lack of a better term, can ruin a culture, create a giant time and money drain, and ultimately they are never worth it.

As you might guess, Chad, John, and my version of values were, and still are, Prep values. So in the beginning, in addition to our own investment, we needed outside capital and called **Chris Harbert '82**. We got the company off the ground and a short time later we hired Michael Fox '86 to run our corporate communications division. Don Duffy became our president, father of **Dean '11, Dylan '13,** and **Dale '16,** and we briefly hired the daughter-in-law of legendary Prep teacher Ed Rowe. ICR needed a loan so we called Rich Cummings, a Prep parent of **Ryan '99** and **Terry '00,** at Westport National Bank, and **Bob Baptist '82** runs all our 401K investing. And finally, one of our lead attorneys is **John Flaherty '80**. This team, who we trust implicitly, allows us to sleep at night, pure and simple.

The question of values at ICR was never more important, however, than from late 2008 thru the end of 2010. That period really defined ICR as a company and certainly tested our faith individually.

In mid November 2008 I was taking the train back from Grand Central with John Flanagan, who told me his stomach had been bothering him, and he was set to see a doctor that week. I didn't think much of it because we were talking about ICR and clients and our families, sharing a couple of Fosters Oil cans. John looked like a million bucks at the time but unfortunately he was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer the next week—Thanksgiving week—and died 30 days later on Christmas Eve. I had always thought your worst case scenario was having the doctor say that you had 6 months—but John, unfairly didn't even get that. No time really to say goodbye to his 7, 5 and 2 year old. No time to really do anything. It was devastating.

At John's funeral, Chad and I gave part of the eulogy and I noticed that Chad looked thinner than usual. He had been in Honduras at a client's manufacturing facility the month before, and we all thought he had a parasite or a virus. Unfortunately, just six weeks after John's death, Chad was diagnosed with stomach cancer and died 18 months later in June of 2010. He was my best friend.

And if this whole story weren't unbelievable enough, our President Don Duffy and his wife Dana, received a summer 2010 diagnosis that Dana had lung cancer and she lost her battle a few months later in December of that year, leaving Don with a senior and sophomore at Prep, and two younger boys.

That's three key members of the ICR family and three close friends in 24 months.

Equally as devastating was that this all happened while the economy went off a cliff, and 20% of our revenues evaporated, almost overnight.

So how did we respond? Our entire company pulled together during this time in a way that I felt was very unique, in line with the values I mentioned earlier. I've come to learn that Fairfield Prep's values permeate our corporate culture and that's how we survived.

We started by quickly moving to protect the business at all costs because it was our livelihood. We tried to stay focused and started cutting costs without sacrificing any expense that would compromise the client experience. Second, we hired a CFO to analyze the health of the business and the metrics we are measured by. And while we tried to mitigate the damage from the credit crunch and deep recession, we simultaneously had to throw 100% support to Chad, John, and Don's family as best we could. We checked insurance policies.

Thankfully, John's cousin **John Phelan '84**, set us up early on with equity buyout policies in the case one of us passed away. We sat in the room in 2002, complained about the premiums we would have to pay and laughed as we signed the papers because certainly nothing would happen to us. But those policies ended up buying out John and Chad's equity in ICR—with proceeds going to their families. As a relatively small and growing company we would have never been able to fund that. Key takeaway...make sure you have more insurance than you think you will ever need.

We took the key main life insurance money, meant for ICR, to ease the burden of losing two revenue producers, and we transferred it to the families for education. We started a foundation both for John and for Chad so their wives, kids, friends, and the rest of ICR has that chance to keep them alive in their hearts. We assembled a board of directors for each foundation and started fundraising. We also established, funded, and will continue to fund a Prep Scholarship in both Chad and John's name and finally, and maybe most impactful, we made the Margarita the official drink of our company.

So the reason I mentioned all this is definitely not for credit or acknowledgement for me or for ICR. In fact, the first time I have ever told this story is today. But I decided to tell it because Chad, John and I, with the help of our Prep connections and friends, created a great little company that's not so little anymore. It's an entrepreneurial success story but I think it's more of a life success story, one that's deeply rooted in Prep values. I think it highlights how people with similar vision, drive, trust and a lot of teamwork can overcome anything. And I'm happy to report that much like busting out of the locker room and onto Alumni Field after a Fr. Brissette Mass and an **Earl Lavery '50** speech, since our depths of despair in 2009, our revenues are up almost 100%, and in 2010 we reached our goal of being the largest independent financial communications firm in North America as measured by size. I wish John, Chad, and Dana could have seen that, but deep down I know they are cheering us on.

Prep Goes to Boston



Fairfield Prep visited Boston April 3-5 for three great alumni events. The Boston Business Breakfast featured guest speaker **Tom Ryan '82**, CEO of Integrated Corporate Relations (ICR). Tom's story gave the inspirational message of being "Men for Others," and sustaining Prep values through the hardest of times. Additionally, the Prep alumni office hosted pizza lunches at Boston College and Holy Cross offering Prep graduates currently attending those schools a chance to relax and



Alumni Class News

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1950's

Robert L. Berchem '59 received the Alumni Service Award from Fairfield University at its annual Awards Dinner held on April 10, 2013 at the Grand Hyatt hotel in New York City.

James 'Earl' Lavery '50, former Prep faculty member and legendary football coach, will be inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame in October 2013.

Michael H. McCarthy '59 earned a BA summa cum laude from Notre Dame and later a PhD in Philosophy from Yale. Michael and his wife Barbara have lived at Vassar College since 1968 where he taught Philosophy for 38 years. After retiring from teaching he became a full time scholar and writer. Recently Rowman Littlefield published his latest book, *The Political Humanism of Hannah Arendt*.

Edward V. McDonough '58 won the Peugeot Motorsport Cup as the outstanding motorsport journalist in the UK, and for his continued participation in motor racing as a driver. He worked for 37 years in social work and higher education before retiring and starting as a motoring journalist. He has written 13 books and has lived in the UK since 1968.

1960's

Leo P. Carroll '62 has been named Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of CATIC Financial, Inc. CATIC Financial is the parent company of Rocky Hill based Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company (CATIC[®]), which is New England's largest domestic and only Bar-Related[®] title insurance underwriter. William R. Troy '61 currently lives in just 1.5 miles from the Gonzaga Retreat Center in Monroe, New York where he and the Class of 1961 attended a retreat their junior year at Prep.

1970's

Rev. Christopher M. Tiano '79, pastor of the Torrington cluster of parishes has been named the 2012-2013 Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Pastor.

Daniel R. Winschel '74 and A. Carroll Bull were married on January 14, 2013. They dated during their college years at Georgetown before going separate ways for 30+ years until they reconnected in 2010.

1980's

Sean M. Culhane '86 has been promoted to Division Chief of Training Operations in the Institute for Capacity Development (ICD) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). His new position takes effect on July 22, 2013.

1990's

Alexander N. Giobbi '11 started his own Major League Baseball affiliated blog; Prospects2Pros, and radio podcast show, titled The Final Out. Both focus on Major League Baseball prospects.

Kenneth L. Morico '96 received his BA in English and Journalism from the University of Connecticut in 2000. He has worked in California and is now working in Texas.

Fr. William J. Connolly, S.J., Prep teacher



Fr. Bill Connolly, S.J., former Fairfield Prep faculty member, died at the Jesuit Campion Center in Weston, MA, on April 4, 2013. Father Bill taught Latin, Greek, and English during regency, first at Fairfield Prep in 1950-1951, then at Boston College High School in 1951-1953. He helped formulate the idea for what became, in 1971, the Center for Religious Development (CRD), in Cambridge—an intensive training program in

spiritual direction for male and female religious, lay people, and ultimately men and women from other religious traditions. Additionally, he coauthored a book, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*, published in 1982, reprinted numerous times, and subsequently translated into 11 languages, which articulated for the post-Vatican II church a contemporary understanding of the central practice of Ignatian spirituality.



Pictured from left: Bill Newbauer, son Liam, and Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., Fairfield Prep President

Bill Newbauer '85, P'16 wins \$25,000 Tuition Raffle

Bill Newbauer '85, father of **Liam '16,** was the winner of the annual \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The winning ticket was pulled by Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., President, at the Spring Dinner and Auction on May 4, 2013. The prize can be used for any K-12 schools, colleges or universities, located and accredited in the U.S. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the scholarship and student enrichment programs at Fairfield Prep. Congratulations to Bill and his family!

2000's

David J. Carlucci '00 is now a producer with James P. Murphy & Associates in Norwalk, CT.

Evan Shemonsky '09 has been named to the dean's list of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Christopher Stayniak '06 is currently a PhD student and teaching assistant at Boston College.

Trevin York '07 is a currently a Lead Game Designer at Mindblown Labs.

2010's

Matthew J. Benedetto '10 was named Rugby Northeast Conference "Player of the Year" and first team fullback to the All-Conference Team as a junior at Providence College. He has also been named captain at Providence for the 2013-2014 Rugby season.

Patrick W. Corona '12 set a new freshman class record of 4:10.74 in the mile at the United States Air Force Academy.

Colin J. Morris '12 has completed a year of post-graduate study and has announced that he will play football at Union College in the fall.

In Memoriam

B. Norbert Awlasewicz '13 on March 13, 2013.

Stephen J. Boccuzzi '73 on July 22, 2013. He was the brother of Bennett V. Boccuzzi '75 and cousin of Douglas Boccuzzi '88 and David E. Boccuzzi '91.

Albert G. Buday '56 on February 1, 2013.

Robert L. Burns on April 22, 2013. He was the father of **Thomas M. Burns '90**.

Douglas Calby on July 14, 2013. He was the father of **Christopher H. Calby '08**.

Marion Arsenault on March 16, 2013. She was the grandmother of **Patrick J. Carolan '79, James M. Carolan '90** and mother-inlaw of **Patrick Carolan '55**.

Scott A. Clark on July 9, 2013. He was the father of **John N. Clark '14** and husband of **Elaine Clark**, member of the Prep English department.

John O. Clune '60 on September 9, 2012.

Catherine Collins on January 23, 2013. She was the mother of John A. Collins III '74.

Leonard F. Creatura '49 on May 6, 2013. He was the brother of John Creatura '50.

Edmund F. Dailey '46 on June 7, 2013. He was the grandfather of Colin T. Dailey '01 and Christopher Auray '13, uncle of Michael E. Connelly '83, great uncle of Sean Connelly '15 and brother-in-law of the late Paul Connelly '48.

Dennis D. Dammerman on July 23, 2013. He was the father of **David D. Dammerman '87**.

James J. Dolan on February 11, 2013. He was the father of **Brendan Dolan '80**.

Carmen F. Donnarumma on March 18, 2013. He was the father of **Francis M.** Donnarumma '71.

Dorothy Mae Dwyer on January 15, 2013. She was the wife of John J. Dwyer '49 and grandmother of John J. Dwyer '05, Dennis T. Morrissey '11, Colin D. Morrissey '12 and Ryan P. Morrissey '14.

Arlene J. Edmonds on June 4, 2013. She was the grandmother of **Timothy B**. Edmonds '13, John A. Edmonds '15 and Kevin M. Edmonds '17.



Topalian Wedding

Phillip G. Topalian '02 married Erin L. Gallogly on December 29, 2012 in Mystic, CT. Thomas Topalian '05 served as the best man, Stephen Giambalvo '02 and Rick Benson, Jr. '02 served as groomsmen. Other prep graduates in attendance were Daniel Fahy '02, Pete McSherry '02, John Quinn '02, and Matthew Oehlsen '05. Phillip is a 2nd Lt. in the United States Marine Corps and lives in Pensacola, FL.

Robert J. Ellrich PhD '48 on September 23, 2011.

Joseph L. Emons '63 on March 25, 2011.

The Honorable G. Sarsfield Ford '51 on May 19, 2013. He was the brother of John C. Ford '46, father of Terrence Ford '85 and father in law of Timothy Roach '78.

Gregory Franchuk on February 12, 2013. He was the father of **Nicholas Franchuk '16**.

Robert T. Gagner on January 14, 2013. He was the father of **Drew A. Gagner '84**.

Virginia Gallogly on September 6, 2012. She was the grandmother of Kevin L. Burt '10 and Peter F. Burt '12.

Douglas M. Garni '90 on February 23, 2013.

Michael J. Gavin on February 26, 2013. He was the father of Martin A. Gavin'73, Blaise C. Gavin '75, and Michael Gavin, Jr. '03.

James J. Gehring '64 on February 17, 2010.

Harold C. Gleason '48 on February 19, 2013.

Francis P. Halas on March 25, 2013. He was the father of **Francis P. Halas '67**, **Walter P. Halas '69**, **Paul J. Halas '74** and grandfather of **Daniel J. Pangrazio '98**.

Dennis Hallas '64 on June 20, 2013.

Michael W. Hafele '62 on February 20, 2013. He was the brother of Fred Hafele '58.

Zachary D. Hauser '06 on May 6, 2013. He was the brother of Matthew Z. Hauser '91.

Rev. David Howell '57 on April 4, 2013

Fr. Daniel P. Jensen M.M. '53 on July 14, 2013.He was the brother of Charles Jensen '52.

Renee Keane on June 21, 2013. She was the wife of **George F. Keane '47** and sisterin-law of the late **James R. Keane '46**.

Thomas L. Keaveny II '53 on May 31, 2013.

Doris Kelly on January 12, 2013. She was the mother of **John C. Kelly Jr. '77**.

James J. Kelly on March 7, 2013. He was the grandfather of **Christopher J. Kelly '13** and **Thomas J. Kelly '16**.

George F. Lacovara '52 on March 13, 2013.

Thomas P. Lally on February 2, 2013. He was the father of **John E. Lally '84** and **Robert P. Lally '86**.





Gleason Wedding

Conor Gleason '01 married Shauna Bellow on May 25, 2013, at the Full Moon Resort in the Catskills. Pictured from left: Greg Martino '01, Jeff Moore '01, Conor Gleason '01, Parker Gleason '04, Dave Carlucci '01, Daniel Game (Nuevo Mundo exchange student 2000), and Tom Sacerdote, Prep theology and social studies teacher.

Mariano Malena on March 13, 2013. He was the father of **Mariano Malena '01**.

John A. McKenna on January 7, 2013. He was the father of John A. McKenna '73, the late Peter R. McKenna '75 and David M. McKenna '76.

John J. McMahon '64 on January 31, 2013.

Raymond F. McPadden Jr. on February 9, 2013. He was the son of **Raymond F.** McPadden Sr. '52.

William C. Miro '72 on February 10, 2013.

Mary Margaret Monahan on January 18, 2013. She was the mother of **Rear Admiral Brian P. Monahan MD '78** and **Dr. Kevin M. Monahan '81**.

Beatrice Nucera on August 30, 2013. He was the wife of Joseph P. Nucera '48 and sister-in-law of Philip S. Nucera '52.

Noreen L. Papa on June 29, 2013. She was the wife of John M. Papa '82 and sister-inlaw of David M. Papa '87.

William J. Pinciaro '56 on June 10, 2013. He is the brother of Ronald L. Pinciaro '63.

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Wheeler Wedding

Brian P. Wheeler '98 married Claudia Acosta on March 1, 2013 in Miami, FL. In attendance were Prep classmates Brian E. Vendley '98, Justin L. Galletti '98 and Brian C. Gulotta '98.

In Memoriam

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Eugene P. Pulaski '52 on March 18, 2013. Frank J. Riccio '60 on March 3, 2013. He was the father of Frank J. Riccio II '92.

Sassin Saloomev on February 16, 2013. He was the father of Peter S. Saloomey '68 and Robert J. Saloomev '71.

Doxie Scinto on July 8, 2013. She was the grandmother of Robert A. Scinto '00.

Ryan T. Walsh on May 13, 2013. He was the son of Eugene C. Walsh '64.

Constance Whiteman on May 9, 2013. She was the grandmother of Simon Whiteman '15 and mother of Jamie Whiteman of the Prep math department.

Weddings

James H. Crowley IV '94 and his wife Suzanne welcomed their son James Henry Crowley V on December 26, 2012.

Conor T. Gleason '01 married Shauna Bellow on May 25, 2013. See photo on page 45.

Kenneth L. Morico '96 married Vera Sunarto on November 17, 2012. They reside in Houston Texas

Christopher Staysniak '06 is engaged to be married in October 2013. His brothers Stephen M. Stavniak '02 and Geoffrev Stayniak '06 will be his best men and Fr. James Bowler, S.J. will be officiating.

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Births

Christopher R. Gill '91 and his wife Holly welcomed their first child, Richard Oliver, on January 18, 2013.



Michael H. Hwang '93 and his wife Kathleen welcomed their first son Rei John Hwang on February 2, 2013 (pictured above).

Marshall N. McIntosh '91 and his wife Mollie welcomed their fourth child, Brady Andrew, on January 31, 2013. Brady joins big brothers Ryan, Robbie and Luke.

Colin M. Rochford '99 and his wife Heather welcomed their son Findley Michael Rochford on December 26. 2012. Finley is also the nephew of **Devin S. Rochford** '03 (pictured).



Engagements

Joseph C. Crowley '00 is engaged to Serena Cosand. A November 2013 wedding is planned in Napa, California.

Latin Scholars Fairfield Prep R.O.M.E.O.s Retired Old Men Eating Out

St. Pat's **Parade**

he Latin Scholars alumni group and students in the Prep Irish Culture Club participated in the Bridgeport parade in March.



Alumni



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mma Beyerly, daughter f Sandy Beyerly, former Director of Library Services, avidly perusing her Prep Today magazine!

Simonetti's Shakespeare in Shelton

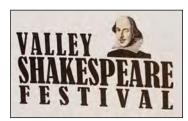
• om Simonetti '01 has founded the first Valley Shakespeare Festival in Shelton. For three days in July, a "Shakespeare in the Park" of Comedy of Errors was staged at Shelton Veterans Memorial Park. "This is something I wanted to do since I was 17," said Simonetti. He said that was the age when he saw a performance of a Shakespeare play and fell in love. Simonetti said as a camp counselor, he was able to bring his students to the theater. He was able to get the youth into a play where he was the lead. "That's when I knew I had to do this," he said. Shelton is "a town that loves the arts," said



Simonetti. "This is something Shelton will stand behind." According to festival organizers, community benefits to the event include having high school and college students participate in internship and apprentice programs; a Shakespeare for Seniors program with activities; and

promoting the Naugatuck Vallev's economic resources and businesses. For more information visit vsfestival.org.

Source: Shelton Herald



FACULTY AND STAFF

Suzanne Tucci, secretary in the Admissions Office retired on April 5, 2013 after 26 ½ years of service to Prep.

Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., returns to Fairfield Prep as Chaplain, following a year sabbatical, where he traveled internationally.

Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., was among seven Jesuits who were ordained on June 8 by Bishop Thomas Donato, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark at the Fordham University Church in the Bronx, New York.



Christine Dominguez, Director of the Prep Music Department, married William Evans on July 20, 2013.

In Memoriam Scott A. Clark on July 9, 2013. He was the father of John N. Clark '14 and

husband of Elaine Clark, member of the Prep English department.

Fr. William J. Connolly, S.J. on April 4, 2013, former member of the Prep faculty (1950-1951).

Catherine "Kay" Donovan on April 2, 2013. She was the aunt of Fr. John J. Hanwell, S.J., Fairfield Prep President.

Ann T. Hanwell on March 21, 2013. She was the mother of Fr. John J. Hanwell, S.J., Fairfield Prep President.

Robert C. Koteles, Sr. on June 4, 2013. He was groundskeeper at Fairfield University and worked lovingly in rebuilding the Fairfield Prep baseball field.

Catherine Wallace on April 12, 2013. She was the mother of Barry Wallace of the Prep English department.

Constance Whiteman on May 9, 2013. She was the mother of Jamie Whiteman of the Prep Math department and grandmother of Simon Whiteman '15.

Fr. Tiano '79 is Distinguished Pastor

Dr. Dale R. Hoyt has named **Father** Christopher M. Tiano '79, pastor of the Torrington cluster of parishes, as the 2012-13 Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Pastor as the 2012-13 Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator.

Father Tiano, who administers St. Peter/ St. Francis School in Torrington, is himself a product of many years of Catholic education, and its value is an intrinsic part of his

background. As pastor of St. Peter/St. Francis School, Father Tiano is committed to promoting the school, enhancing its educational offerings, and sustaining the viability of Catholic school education in Torrington

Mike Galbo '03 Announced as Hospital Quest Prizewinner

Mike Galbo '03, with his team from Aidin, was recipient of First Prize in the Hospital Quest competition. His group developed an app to help patients find the best post-acute care available. Integrated



with the discharge management process, this app automatically generates lists of available post-acute care providers, which minimizes administrative tasks for social workers and enables them to devote more time to patients. Mike is Chief Operating Officer and founder of Aidin. He is an energy engineer and front-end developer with experience in energy management operations and deployment of cutting edge technologies. Prior to joining Aidin, Mike managed several Fortune 100 accounts at EnerNOC, an innovative energy IT company. Mike formerly led a research team at Boston University that developed technology to convert waste into hydrogen. Mike received his B.S. in Energy Engineering at Boston University and his B.A. from Holy Cross College.

SEED Alumnus – Nathan Tulloch '10

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am Nathan Tulloch, from the class of 2010. Currently I am attending Fairfield University and I am a Political Science Major. At Prep I participated in track, SEED,

the African American culture club and intramural basketball. Prep prepared me to aim high and persevere until I have acquired

all my goals. The education I have obtained from Prep has transformed me from a lackadaisical individual to a person who is assertive and confident. Fairfield Prep has taught me timemanagement, leadership skills and most of all that the price of excellence is discipline.

The most important advice I can pass on to you young men of the future is to take advantage of every opportunity that is afforded to you. Maximize the opportunity that is now before you. You are blessed and privileged to be attending Fairfield Prep. There is untapped potential within us all, however, it can only be attained once you are tested. Nothing worth having comes easy.

ENTREPRENEUR'S CORNER



N Stuff Is Hot Stuff

bove the Old Post Tavern in Fairfield is a lab filled with young creative minds. Among this group is a recent Prep grad working on his passion. The site location is Conclave Labs and it has provided an opportunity for **Oliver Dumoulin '12** to work on his own website. The

new music website is called N Stuff and was created in 2012 by Oliver Dumoulin (left) and Miles Casas (right) who met at Fairfield Prep. Through hundreds of



text messages and hour-long phone calls, Oliver and Miles communicated with each other about new and exciting music releases. Dumoulin and Casas credit Fairfield Prep for the valuable life lessons that they applied to create the site, "Fairfield Prep taught us that in order to be successful, you need to put in the time, effort and determination."

The site provides each musician's name, song title, and the option to play a new hit song online. N Stuff provides a unique and artistic platform for young generations to browse for songs, artists, albums, and to share their thoughts on each one with the world. Dumoulin and Casas are dedicated to improving user interaction and content. They write detailed descriptions of the artist's style for each featured song giving the reader a nice preview.

Oliver and Miles are becoming successful millennials, building popularity with faithful followers from all around the world. The site even includes interviews with famous DJs, an ambassador program, and featured artists. Dumoulin has met and been in contact with many artists such as Avicii, Steve Aoki, Swedish House Mafia, and Krewella. House N Stuff collects upwards of 75,000-100,000 visitors each month and over one million visits per year. The site has reached all seven continents in the world including over 75 countries. Dumoulin is using LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, giving fans many options for discovering and sharing new music.

Oliver gives advice to younger Prep alumni that are trying to start their own website, "It's not as hard as you think to start a website, the hard part is maintaining it. Do your research. Make sure you have content and the proper manpower. Once you're ready, execute."

He is always looking for alumni to help write content for N Stuff. If any Fairfield Prep students are interested they may visit his website at www.nstuff.com or email Oliver at mail@nstuff.com.



Benedetto '10 is Rugby Player of the Year

at Benedetto '10 (pictured far right) was named Rugby Northeast Conference "Player of the Year" and first team Fullback to the All Conference Team as a junior at Providence College. The "Black Pack" Rugby team finished their undefeated season as Conference Champions (9-0 record). Rugby Magazine has announced the only All American Rugby team honoring Division II collegiate men. Benedetto was selected as DII All American fullback. He has been named Captain at Providence for the 2013-14 Rugby season.



Baseball Alumni take the field

lumni Baseball players dusted off their cleats and gloves to take the field at Alumni A Diamond on the campus of Fairfield University on June 9. Players from different generations loosened their arms with long toss, tested their strength with batting practice, and shagged fly balls in the outfield on a clear summer afternoon. Legendary Head Baseball Coach and former Math teacher Ed Rowe shared stories with his former players enjoying good laughs and memories. Special thanks to John Pellegrino '87, from Super Duper Weenie, who provided a generous gift of free hot dogs and food for alumni, friends and family. Thank you to all who participated in this fun Prep tradition.



Hockey Alumni face-off

lumni Hockey players carved up the Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport on March 9, Awhere great memories of Prep victories are frozen in time. Teams were split into Odd vs. Even class years facing off to contribute to the Rev. Walter Pelletier, S.J., and Rev. Robert Sproule, S.J., Scholarship. The Evens won the 2013 Alumni Hockey Cup after a hard fought game. Later, alumni cooled down sharing Prep hockey memories, delicious pizza and cold drinks at Colony Grill in Fairfield. Are you interested in becoming an Alumni Hockey leader? Email Rory Bernier '06 at rjbernier@fairfieldprep.org.



Becker '10 to Captain Bulldogs

Yale senior **Ed Becker** has been elected by his peers to be the Yale men's swimming and diving captain for the 2013-2014 season. Becker has been a regular contributor in the butterfly and freestyle events throughout his career. At the 2013 Ivy League Swimming and Diving Championships, he posted two times that ranked among the top three for the season for the team — a 1:49.26 in the 200 fly (second only to the 1:46.04

posted by rising junior Alwin Firmansyah) and a 1:40.03 in the 200 free. Both of those times were career bests for him. Becker also placed among Yale's top four times this season in the 100 fly (51.10 in the meet vs. Dartmouth and Penn) and 1,000 free (9:34.76 at the lvy League Championships). Becker is an economics major in Branford College.

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Windy City Reception

A n enthusiastic group of Chicago area alumni gathered at the Public House on the evening of June 18 with Prep's President, Fr. Hanwell, S.J., to socialize and catch up on the latest developments from back on campus. Special thanks to the Chicago alumni chapter for organizing this yearly reception. For information on other Prep activities in the Chicago area, please contact chapter representatives lan Brennan '02 (ian.brennan2002@ gmail.com), Mike Marella '96 (mmarella@rwbaird.com) or Colin McLeod '04 (cmm504@ amail.com).



Alumni Lacrosse

n June 1, alumni lacrosse players U reunited at Alumni Field for a pick-up game and to reconnect. Prep Head Coach Chris Smalkais stopped by to visit. .





Alum at West Point

/ ill Firisin '11, West Point cadet, visited Prep and spoke with Stephen Schwartz '14 about his military college experience.

Prep Cousins

🗖 reg Marshall '73, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing (left), with cousins Dan Quatrella '13 and Dave Quatrella '73 at Graduation on June 2.

Give unto others...

Giving Made Easier

W ith the launching of the 2013-2014 Annual Fund on July 1, making a gift to Prep has now become easier than ever! Fairfield Prep is happy to announce our new online giving option, "Recurring Gifts" that lets you, the donor, set up a payment schedule for your gift that works with your budget. Schedule a payment monthly or yearly – it's up to you! After setting your giving parameters, your gift will be processed automatically – no letters, emails or phone calls asking for your support! For more information on this great new giving feature, and to set up your personal payment schedule, please visit www.fairfieldprep.org/give.



Leave your mark on Fairfield Prep

As your Fairfield Prep education been a major influence in your life? If so, you can have a significant impact on Prep in return. By making a bequest to Fairfield Prep, you will help ensure that future students will be able to benefit from the distinctive education that made such a difference to you.

The Prep Development Office offers information and assistance in creating an effective will and estate plan. Such a plan can provide financial security to your family at the same time that it endorses and perpetuates Fairfield Prep's educational philosophy and programs. Please contact Bob Donahue, Director of Development, at (203) 254-4237 or rdonahue@fairfieldprep.org.



Funds raised for Brennan Scholarship

225 guests, including 72 teams, attended the "RCB One Love Cornhole Challenge," which raised over \$15,000 for the Ryan Charles Brennan Memorial Scholarship at Fairfield Prep. The event honored the late **Ryan Brennan '11**, and was hosted by Mary Ellen and Chris Connelly, P'15 on May 25. Additionally, the annual Memorial Golf Outing sponsored by **Michael Brennan '92** and Brennan's Shebeen raised over \$10,000 for the scholarship in 2012.



Corona Brothers are All Prepsters

Pictured are the three Corona brothers (**Patrick '12, Tom '07,** and **Will '14**) at Tom's graduation from Fairfield University May 19, 2013. Patrick '12 is at the Air Force Academy and Will '14 is currently on the Prep swim team. Patrick and Tom were both star Cross Country/Track team members.



Carol Macleod, Vicki Smith, Kathy Russo, Donna Galbo, Sherry Rago, Judy Urquhart, Jean Meisenheimer, Kim Marshall, Carol Macleod, Jane Lee, Chris Larsen. Inset is Mary Lynch.

These Prep Moms forged bonds that lasted long after their sons graduated

t's now been over ten years since twelve Prep moms were actively involved in Prep's annual Fashion Show—where the dynamic between them was so great that they decided to extend the good time beyond that day. A few weeks later in June of 2002, those same moms with sons graduating from '02 to '05 seized an opportunity to reassemble to celebrate Chris Larsen's birthday.

Such was the incipience of the Birthday Club—twelve moms with eighteen sons between them, spanning graduation years '96 to '06 who have met multiple times each year not only to celebrate birthdays but for dinners, lunches, plays, concerts, holiday get-togethers, and summer festivities.

They've shared memorable milestones including college graduations, weddings, births, and the loss of friends and family. They've been there for each other during periods of stress and illness, and have seen each other through trying times.

They share the sentiment that their boys were not the only ones to gain life-long friends, fellowship, love and support from their days at Prep. The bonds forged during the years their sons graced the halls of Prep have taken on a life of their own and are a testament to the ties that bind and the spirit of family at Fairfield Prep!

This past August, once again at an outing spearheaded by Chris Larsen, the group assembled to celebrate their ten year anniversary!

Fabbri brothers launch Prollie, a social analytics platform

he Fabbri brothers, **Red '02** and **Mike '04** have cofounded Prollie.com, a social search platform that tracks how "well" people use social media platforms and makes connections with others who share the same interests and passions. The technology does not evaluate users on metrics like the number of followers or retweets.



Rather, it focuses on the "Interest Graph" to qualify people based on their social output.

"Right now, social analytics sites measure 'influence,' not the quality and ability of people

online, and social search is based around the content itself (tweets, updates, posts) not around the people making it," founders (and brothers) Mike and Red Fabbri said in an email. "The new trend for consumers and marketers is moving towards the Interest Graph, linking people by what they love, not by who they know (i.e. Facebook Social Graph Search), and we stand to be the only analytics tool and search site to really tap into this trend. We evaluate people based on quality and let you search for them based on your passions."

The Fabbri brothers founded Prollie to address their own pain points. They both had careers where they made heavy use of social media. Mike worked as a social media strategist for luxury brands like Ray-Ban, and Red headed up social



media strategy at NBC Universal. They said they wanted to make a tool that helped them find people based around topics, rather than the "friend of a friend" model, and they left their jobs to build a better social search. Unlike startups like Klout, Kred, and PeerIndex which measure 'influence,' the Fabbris put Prollie in the realm of Google, Bing, and Ark, because it centers on interest-based search.

"Social media shouldn't just be about the number of people who follow you, or the quantity of reblogs you get," they said. "It's about you, no matter who you are. It's about your personal mastery of the medium, the emotion you put into it, and the passions that you want to trumpet to the world." Prollie is still in beta mode; join at prollie.com

Source: Venturebeat.com

Keith '80 & CT Challenge honored by NCAA



J eff Keith '80, co-founder of the Connecticut Challenge, was honored on May 25 at the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Final Four in Philadelphia, PA. Matt Vossler '80 was on the field with Keith accepting a \$5,000 check for the CT Challenge, awarded by Buick (see photo). Vossler is on the Board of Directors of the CT Challenge and has helped Keith architect the organization, which empowers cancer survivors

by creating and funding unique survivorship programs and research. In 2012, programs funded by the CT Challenge impacted the lives of over 54,000 cancer survivors. Both Matt and Jeff played lacrosse at Fairfield Prep and graduated from Boston College in 1984.

The selection of the CT Challenge by Buick followed the release of the Buick Human Highlight Reel show, which was featured on CBS Sports during the pre-game of the 2013 NCAA Men's Final Four Basketball Tournament in April (See http://ncaa.org/buick). Buick chose Jeff for dedicating his life's work in the fight against cancer and the impact that the CT Challenge has on the lives of thousands of cancer survivors. Keith lost his leg to cancer at the age of 12 and went on to become an accomplished athlete and Division 1 lacrosse player at Boston College, graduating in 1984. In 1985, Jeff became the first cancer survivor and amputee to run across America, raising \$1 million for cancer research. In 2005 he founded the CT Challenge organization to empower cancer survivors to live healthier lives through new programs in exercise, nutrition and psychosocial support.

Dr. Williams '89 awarded tenure



A fter graduating from Fairfield Prep, **Yohuru** Williams '89 earned a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Scranton before continuing on to Howard University where he earned a Ph.D. Yohuru is the author of *Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights Black Power and Black Panthers in New Haven* (Blackwell, 2006) and *Teaching U.S. History Beyond the Textbook* (Corwin, 2008). He is the editor of A Constant Struggle: African-American History *from 1865 to the Present, Documents and Essays* (Kendall Hunt, 2002), and the co-editor of *In Search of the Black Panther Party: New Perspectives on*

a Revolutionary Movement (Duke University, 2006), and Liberated Territory: Toward a Local History of the Black Panther Party (Duke University, 2009). He also served as general editor for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's 2002 and 2003 Black History Month publications, The Color Line Revisited (Tapestry Press, 2002) and The Souls of Black Folks: Centennial Reflections (Africa World Press, 2003). Dr. Williams has served as an adviser on the popular civil rights reader Putting the Movement Back into Teaching Civil Rights. Dr. Williams' scholarly articles have appeared in The Black Scholar, The Journal of Black Studies, The Organization of American Historians Magazine of History, Delaware History, Pennsylvania History, and the Black History Bulletin. He has taught Origins of Modern World, Europe & World in Transition, 20th Century United States, American Constitution and Legal History, African-American History from 1865, and a special topics course: the Long Black Freedom Movement.

A glorious final round for Zach Hauser '06

By Jim McCabe, reprinted from Golf Week magazine, June 21, 2013

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — It's a caddie's story, though it's not so much about birdies and bogeys, or even golf, for that matter, except for where it played out its final scene. Pebble Beach.

A second-year medical student at Touro University in Vallejo, Calif., **Zach Hauser** back in February went to watch his oldest brother, Matt, play his trade as Johnson Wagner's caddie at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Zach stayed with his brother and on Saturday night, after Johnson missed the cut, they had dinner, knowing Sunday would take them in different directions. Matt had accepted an offer to play Cypress Point, and Zach wanted to watch the final round. "Over the last 15 years, Zach had gotten to know a handful of caddies, so that Sunday he went out to follow some of them," Matt said. "I told him where to go, which holes to watch at."

The weekend was so right, even to the goodbyes. "I said to myself, 'We'll do this every year.' He was living out there, we'd play Pebble, it would be great," Matt said. How did he know it would be the last time he'd see his brother? "In retrospect, I would have gone out and walked Pebble with him." Matt paused, then added: "Pebble will always have an extra-special place in my heart."

Zach Hauser died May 6 of a diabetic seizure. He was 25, "a big teddy bear," in the words of PGA Tour veteran J.J. Henry, and for all the minutes Matt Hauser spends sorting through his emotions, he knows this: "Zach was a hero."

Chances are, Zach Hauser had more courage, more grit, more determination than me, you, and another 1,000 people combined. He was born with a congenital malformation and when the Apgar test, which measures vital signs, was applied, "he scored a one," Matt said. That spells horrors, and it's why Zach Hauser spent nearly the first two years in a hospital. It's why Matt Hauser as a young teenager was introduced to the workings of a colostomy bag.

"Being 14 years older, I was like half-brother, half-father," Matt said. "Basically, he fought from the day he was born. He just dealt with so much as a kid." Beyond the congenital situation, Zach Hauser at age 9 was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. It was a free ticket for self-pity, "but he never complained a day in his life," Matt Hauser said. Instead, Zach played on a 13-year-old Babe Ruth team from Fairfield, Conn., that went to the national World Series. He played varsity football and baseball at Fairfield Prep. He loved. He lived. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire, but Zach Hauser wasn't about to stop there. His heart was huge; so, too, his dreams.

"Growing up, kids were sort of mean (to Zach) and because of



were sort of mean (to Zach) and because of (his health issues) and because of his sister, I think he had a better understanding what people go through," said Matt, 39 (pictured), whose sister Molly, 32, has Down syndrome. "He just always wanted to be a doctor. He had this passion to help other people." Zach was studying osteopathic medicine.

Apparently, he already had earned a Ph.D. in friendship. When Matt, his mother, Gretchen, and brother Rory went to Touro to gather Zach's personal possessions, they were given a 15-minute video of tributes from classmates and friends. "I knew about his life, but didn't realize how well he was doing, how much (his friends) loved him," Matt said. "It was inspiring. It reiterated everything I already knew."

Zach was 10 when his oldest brother joined Henry on the PGA Tour circuit. Henry and Hauser have been best friends forever, kids from Fairfield, golf being the glue that always kept them together. Though he works now for Johnson, Matt Hauser and Henry remain "Pete and Repeat," and Zach was an inspiration to both. They weren't alone, either. Through visits to Doral and the old stop at Westchester Country Club and the annual

party at TPC River Highlands in Connecticut, Zach had become well known and well liked.

Hauser feels that connection. He saw "ZH" emblazoned on so many hats during The Players Championship, which Matt missed. When he returned for Colonial, he received warm words, handshakes, hugs. "It says a lot about Zach and the support I've got out here, from players and caddies and how special this (PGA Tour) family is." What hung on a wall in Zach's room at Touro was a poster of Gandhi with the quote "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." It fit his brother, Matt said. "Zach lived an unbelievable 25 years. He just loved knowledge." Seems he did a wonderful job imparting that knowledge, too.



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Blank Canvas—Paint Our Future

The extraordinary Class of 2013 has shown a unique appreciation for their Prep experience and have fully embraced their Freshman Retreat theme: "Blank Canvas—Paint Our Future." The Class of 2013 has truly grown beyond evaluating their years at Prep by achievements which can be measured—championships, publications, concerts, dramatic productions and by the list of colleges to which members of the class have been admitted. The true uniqueness of the class has been their ability to value the steps taken together toward a common goal in support of one another. The community they have formed as a class has demonstrated the remarkable ability to support one another, to value their unity and to appreciate their growth individually and as a class. They understood the concept of community. We really are a brotherhood here at Prep.

Taking a long look at the Prep Class of 2013, their graduation was much more than the completion of their course of studies. They have graduated in their service lives to understand that reaching out to others is not a requirement but an attitude—a way of life. They have learned that faith is to be lived as they have invested in campus ministry leading retreats and service missions. They have learned to look beyond grades to value learning—and that's not an easy one. They have energetically sought and admirably managed leadership. They have learned to wrestle with challenge in the classroom, in their activities and on the fields—choosing it for the growth opportunities which those challenges provided. They were concerned with their legacy as a class. They have genuinely lived the Prep mission.

The Class of 2013 now moves forward with a unique set of experiences and a genuine sense of the value of community. Their freshman retreat theme "Blank Canvas—Paint our Future" has truly been prophetic. They have lived their Prep years with open minds and willing spirits, fully prepared to "paint their futures."



By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

CLASS OF 2013 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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SAVE THE DATES for these special Fairfield Prep events!

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE... Fairfield Prep Golf Outing Friday, June 13, 2014

Great River Golf Club Milford, CT

Watch for details in the mail and online!





Reunion For classes ending in 4 & 9 **Saturday, June 14, 2014**

Reception & Dinner Barone Campus Center, Fairfield University

50th Class Reunion Weekend will be Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2014

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