

# Prep Today



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Fairfield Prep,

**A**s I write to you, the land around Berchmans Hall is in the beginning of major construction as excavators dig deep 18 feet down into the ground to start building our new Student Life Center, an extraordinary new multi-purpose facility which will transform our daily school life and provide much-needed space for student activities, assemblies, dining, reunions and other uses. You will hear more about the *Foundations for the Future: 75th Anniversary Campaign for Fairfield Prep* in the coming year. This important initiative follows recommendations made by our insightful strategic plan, which will keep Prep current, competitive and committed to our mission of providing the best opportunities for all our young men.

Additionally, we are launching a 1:1 iPad Program for all students this fall, which will utilize the newest methods in teaching and e-text books to maximize our student learning experience and allow our teachers to expand their methodology to include the latest online research, watch live and video demonstrations, and make education interactive and engaging. Each department is working to adapt our rigorous curriculum to utilize the myriad functions and features of exploring and mastering subject matter in the digital age.

Thus, an exciting era of great change has begun at Prep. We are indeed embarking on a real renaissance!

As we embrace these new changes, we also bid a fond farewell to wonderful teachers and staff members who have chosen a voluntary retirement benefit offered to those who served over 20 years at Prep! We will miss these talented, devoted professionals who contributed so much to the heart and soul of our school: Frank Bramble, John Brennan, Tony Canuel, Connie Carrington, Dave Driscoll, Ed Giegengack, Rich Magdon, Harvey Mamrus, Louise Miller and Barry Wallace. Also, Tom Cunningham retires from Prep after 10 years here (with 41 total years teaching!) We salute these fine individuals who have served Prep for over 330 cumulative years; we are eternally grateful to them, and wish them Godspeed! Finally, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Brian Lewis, physics teacher, who died suddenly in April, and who had planned for retirement at the end of this year. Our prayers are with his family, friends, students and colleagues – we truly miss his sharp wit and scientific genius!

As we begin the new academic year with our traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit, we will also “look back” to honor some of our great

alumni who have lived the Jesuit mission of Men for Others through their exemplary lives of service. We are so pleased to honor three outstanding alumni with the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. The awards will be presented at the opening school Mass on September 5 to: **Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Potter '46**, a priest who has devoted so much of his life to building churches and providing support, food and education for children in many communities of the Juazeiro Diocese area in northeast Brazil; **Mr. John L. Altieri Jr. '64**, who has worked via his law profession and personally to support social justice initiatives and volunteer time, talent and resources to the Malta House, a home and program supporting homeless pregnant women and their newborns; and **Mr. J. Richard “Dick” McCarthy '64**, posthumously, for his lifetime of legal work and his passionate, caring acts, representing and helping seniors and disadvantaged children and families, and lending help and friendship to the poor and lonely in our society.

We proudly watched our Class of 2014 process into Alumni Hall with their white jackets on June 1, impressed by their tremendous academic, athletic and spiritual accomplishments. Our commencement speaker Bishop Frank Caggiano, Jesuit-educated himself, said, “...being here at Prep, you have been identified, been educated, and formed in faith because you are being called to become leaders of our society and of the Church.” We certainly see our young men aspire, strive, and achieve to become leaders in order to make a difference in our world. This issue includes highlights of our second semester, reporting our students’ successes in the classroom, on the fields, through the arts, in addition to extracurriculars, Christian service immersion trips and more. We are quite proud to boast our third Gates Millennium Scholar recipient over the last five years, **Jairo Martinez '14**, who represents our bright students and their even brighter futures.

As always, we are so grateful for all the generous support from our Prep Community. May this summer season be richly blessed for you and your family!

Sincerely,

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

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President

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From left: Fairfield University President Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J.; Fairfield Prep President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J.; and Board Chairman Dr. Bob Russo '65.

## Fairfield Prep celebrates groundbreaking and blessing of Student Life Center

Fairfield Prep celebrated the groundbreaking and blessing of a new Student Life Center on June 18 in Pelletier Quad. Attendees included Fairfield University President Fr. von Arx, S.J., members of Prep's Board of Governors, administrators and staff, and members of the Fairfield Jesuit Community. Prep President Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., announced, "Today is a great moment in the history of Fairfield Prep. The Prep community breaks ground together for our new Student Life Center as we believe so heartily in our great mission that our students are our future and that their future is our responsibility."

The Center will serve as a crossroads for important campus activities. This state-of-the-art,



technology-enriched, multi-purpose facility will feature a number of specialized, but functionally related spaces. The Center will foster a synergy between the academic and co-curricular lives of the school by providing students the opportunity to meet, to interact, to explore, and to cultivate their interests outside of the classroom. The facility will include an enhanced dining area to accommodate 500 students and other school sponsored functions; an assembly area for formal and informal meetings; and office space to support various student-based programs such as Campus Ministry, Student Activities and Community Service. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2015.



## Foundations for the Future

75th Anniversary Campaign  
for Fairfield Prep

The school has embarked on the beginning of our new *Foundations for the Future: 75th Anniversary Campaign for Fairfield Prep*. The building of the new Student Life Center is one part of a multiple goal plan which will revitalize our school and help us to continue to provide a foundation for the future of Men for Others for generations to come. The campaign will provide support in three critical areas:

- Strengthening student bonds and the campus community with enhancements to our facilities.
- Expanding the Jesuit Educators Academy to further improve an already outstanding faculty.
- Increasing endowment for financial aid.

You will hear more about this important campaign in the coming year.



# A Grand Finale

It's difficult to explain what it feels like to be a senior between the last day of classes and graduation day. It isn't like on TV where you run out of school, hop in the back of a convertible, and ride off to the beach with your friends as hundreds of sheets of loose-leaf paper rain down from the sky. In real life when the final bell rings, the skies don't open, the earth doesn't split, and the world continues to spin.

After the last day of school, my classmates and I seemed to be floating in limbo. No longer high school students, but not yet college boys. But that wasn't enough for me.

The end of senior year has a tendency to make people sappier than usual. I am no exception. Blindsided by this unordinary deluge of emotion, my expectations for graduation day skyrocketed. I demanded a grand finale, a dramatic sendoff that would serve as the cherry on top of my four years at Prep.

As I put on my tux on the morning of graduation day, I wondered when it would come, the moment when I could officially put the bow on top of my Prep experience and move on.

I arrived at Alumni Hall and lined up. We took pictures in our tuxes before processing into the gym and taking our seats. The music played. I saw all of my friends and family in the crowd. I took my seat, but nothing clicked. There was still no moment.

Fr. Hanwell addressed the crowd and was not shy about incorporating several songs into his speech. There was a brief second during his address when I thought I had found what I was looking for. I felt a weakness in my knees, a faintness in my head, and thought, "This might be it!" But alas! I was wrong. Fr. Hanwell's rendition of "Chapel of Love" had me swooning like a 16-year-old girl at a Justin Bieber concert and I mistakenly confused that with the joy of a final goodbye.

It wasn't until **Andrew Ostrosky**, our class representative, spoke that I finally got what I was looking for. Andrew opened with an affectionate impersonation of our Headmaster, Mr. Brennan, in one of his clumsy morning announcements.

When I heard Andrew impersonate our Headmaster pronouncing the name of a transfer student from Nigeria in his thick Brooklyn accent, I realized that I didn't need a grand finale.

I was looking for an all-encompassing, quintessential Fairfield Prep moment that I could hang my hat on, and say, "With that, so long Prep!"

However, hearing Andrew joke about our daily morning announcements, I realized that the finale I was looking for would never come. It didn't have to.

What made Prep so special to me were the little things, the moments and the people that I experienced every day. It was the morning announcements, the extra-help sessions after school, the Bomb Squad, and even Frank from the cafeteria yelling at me to have my money ready while waiting in the lunch line. It would be impossible to pack all of that into one final goodbye.

So as I stood on the lawn in my white tux, diploma in hand, I looked back at Prep and was completely at peace with the fact that my convertible was never going to show. It didn't matter. I was completely content with my little moments.

By **Tim Kiernan '14** pictured at left with classmate **Adam Stanco '14**





## Families celebrate at graduation with the newest Prep alumni



## Multi-generational O'Keefe legacy

From left: **Robert O'Keefe '51**, **Robert O'Keefe '14**, **Tim Butala '13**, **Patrick O'Keefe '80**, and **Sean O'Keefe '09**



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## Morrison brother graduates

**Sean Morrison '14** with twin brothers **Ryan** and **Chris**, Class of '10.



# A noble calling – a Jesuit calling

*Commencement keynote speaker, Most Rev. Frank Caggiano, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, with Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J.*

**E**very single one of us salutes you and thanks you for the wonderful men you have become in Christ.

But gentlemen, you have much more work to do. For you have had the privilege to come not just to a Catholic high school, but to a Jesuit high school. A high school that lives the very life of spirituality and insight of Saint Ignatius Loyola himself. And my friends, as we know, St. Ignatius made as the bedrock of his life and his ministry the desire to identify, educate, and form in faith leaders for society and the church. You gentlemen, by being here at Prep, you have been identified, been educated, and formed in faith because you are being called to become leaders of our society and of the Church. To be leaders among your peers, leaders wherever you go in college and leaders for our larger society. It is a noble calling, it is a Jesuit calling, it is your calling today. So we can ask what is it you have been called to live, what is this gift of leadership you have been called to rise to?

Jonathan Farrington, in an article a few years ago, defined leadership this way my friends, he said, "Leadership is the ability to inspire willing change in others." That seems apt to describe what you have been asked to do. And it begins, brothers, in the very willingness to allow your own lives to be challenged and changed as they have over these last four years. To continue in your college years and beyond, to gain the self-knowledge to know what your gifts and talents are. And to have the wisdom to know your limits, your faults, and your failures. To seek the courage to know the truth and to live the truth for the truth is not just something, it's someone. It is the Lord of light and love, it is Jesus himself. It is to be humble

before God who is the source of all blessings. And if, brothers, you are willing to live that leadership, allow yourself to grow and change, then what you will discover is what we perhaps, my friends, have already discovered in our lives. That there will be a fire, a passion that will grow in your heart that will allow you to challenge the accepted wisdom that exists in our own time.

We have been told repeatedly by so many people who want us to believe that our destiny as a country and as a Church is doomed to be simply mediocre. That the status quo is broken and that we can do nothing about it. That the best times for our country and our church are over. And I come here today my friends to tell us all and to remind you my brothers and graduates that the accepted wisdom is wrong.

Our destiny is not condemned to mediocrity; our destiny is to greatness in Jesus Christ. The status quo may be broken but the horizon of your life and mind, my friends, is the dignity and the creativity, and the bright future that can come from the hands of God. I know in my heart that the best time for our country and Church are being born before our very eyes.

As you leave this room look into the faces of the graduates of 1964. By their success and their achievement, by their leadership in the Church, by their generosity to those in need, they have inspired us and they have inspired you to follow in their great footsteps. As you leave this place, as you open a new chapter in your life, accept the mantle of leadership God is giving you as an alumnus of Prep, allow yourself to change and grow, inspire others to action, and you will change the world for the better. In a world that wants you to believe that "my life is about me," never forget the

lessons you have learned at Prep. That a true Christian leader never uses people as a means to an end. That a true Christian leader never measures his success simply by the wealth he has accumulated. That a true Christian leader never forgets that the measure of a person's heart are the principles he or she lives by, and you have learned here fidelity to mission, passion for life, the value of discipline, and faith in God and in his Church.

Of all the unlikely places to get this quote, Napoleon once said, "A leader is a dealer, an agent of hope." Gentlemen, you are going to college and you will prepare yourself for a world filled with many challenges, but I ask you to see those challenges as opportunities for change. You, this day, are becoming our missionaries of hope. By your leadership, your integrity and all that you will bring to this world - you are our hope for a bright future. And so my friends, allow me to conclude by sharing with all of you, but with you graduates in a special way, words that were sent to me 37 years ago when I graduated from a similar Jesuit high school, although we wore black bow ties, not red bow ties. And the president of Regis stood at the podium as I am standing before you and he said, "...for the rest of your days in whatever you do 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God, it is the motto of the great Society of Jesus." Dear graduates, as you go forth from this place for all that you will do and for the wonderful men and leaders you will become, never forget do all for the greater glory of God. God bless you and congratulations.

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*Excerpts from Bishop Caggiano's speech at Prep graduation 2014*

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS



**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.

**Wade R. Dodge** and **Sergio L. Cruz**  
(pictured above 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.

**John N. Clark**

**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.

**Connor W. Kasper**

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

**Jairo E. Martinez**

**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.

**Austin T. Crane**

**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.

**Andrew J. Ostrosky**

# Tom Cunningham honored as Inspirational Teacher of the Year



**A**lthough there are many fine teachers at Prep who have the honor of teaching seniors, the choice of Tom Cunningham as "Inspirational Teacher of the Year" by the class of 2014 was pretty much a no-brainer. There is no one who relates better to the seniors better than Tom, especially when they have morphed into the dreaded "second-semester" seniors! Maybe it's because Tom is so much just a big kid himself.

I have had the privilege of knowing Tom for many years and within the context of several different relationships. My first encounters with Tom were at parent-teacher conferences when the Cunningham boys (**John '97** and **Robert '00**) were Prepsters. I had the pleasure of teaching both of Tom's sons and as a good, involved parent Tom would pay me a visit on Parents' night. I have to admit that I was a little afraid of Tom when I first met him. In walks this rather large bearded (I believe it was still red then) man who practically broke my hand with his hardy handshake! I was ready to change any grades that were not already A's to A's, as long as he promised not to hurt me. But I soon realized that Tom was really just a big teddy bear, and when I told him how the boys could improve he simply said "OK, I'll tell them, they'll do better" and then proceeded to break whichever metacarpals I still had intact!

Several years later, Tom took a teaching position at Prep after a stellar career in the Bridgeport public school system, most of it spent at Bassick High School. Most recently, though, Tom had taught at the ground-breaking Aquaculture school down at Captain's Cove in Bridgeport. Getting Tom on board the faculty was a real coup for Prep! It was kind of like signing Ted Williams or Babe Ruth as a free agent! Tom was a proven winner, and with his experience as a teacher and coach at Bassick, the Prep boys would simply be no match.

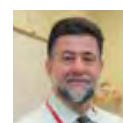
Tom immediately endeared himself to the Prep students who had him for Chemistry. Chemistry

is not the most popular subject to teach. Let's face it, it can be a very difficult subject, but Tom's knack for simplifying the difficult concepts and making the subject's practical aspects come to life made Chemistry very palatable and even, heaven forbid, enjoyable to a host of students for whom the course would have otherwise been a blow-off! Teaching is not rocket science... teaching is about relationships. Tom Cunningham forged those relationships with a mixture of honesty, humor and mutual respect. Not a lot of frills involved in Tom's teaching... just a straight-forward, honest presentation of a subject for which he had a deep and unapologetic passion... and his students loved him for it! And let's not forget how Tom brought the same passion and pursuit of excellence to his other love... coaching! Many a Prep footballer can still feel a twinge of pain when they remember Coach Cunningham personally demonstrating how to block and tackle!

Prep and the profession of teaching will be lessened by Tom's retirement, but I will personally miss our daily conversations and banter about anything and everything, but most often and most importantly the Boston Red Sox. Our mutual love for the Beantowners was the most frequent topic of conversation... especially in the championship seasons of '04, '07 and '13!

Tom Cunningham made me a better teacher and Prep a better school, but now it's all about a well-deserved retirement. Maybe it's time to buy that little farm so the granddaughters can visit for the summer...or time for those "Monsta" seats at Fenway...or just time for a glass of good whiskey and reflecting on a wonderful and fulfilling career in which he touched the lives of countless students and colleagues! Good luck and good

health to Tom and Anne!!



By Tony Canuel, Science teacher, retiring after 34 years

## THE FAIRFIELD PREP LEGACY LIVES ON!



Alumni fathers (and a grandfather) and graduating senior sons gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 29 for a group legacy photo. Pictured above:

- Bob '66 and James Artell
- Peter '78 and Stephen Cadoux
- Mike '84 and Conor Carey
- Terry '59, Jack '81 and Dan Donahue
- Jeff '83 and Jeffrey Donofrio
- Bob '72 and Robby Fredericks
- Todd '82 and Tom Gagne
- Greg '81 and Greg Kabasakalian
- Charlie '80 and Colin Lomnitzer
- Brian '83 and Tommy O'Connor
- Pat '80 and Robby O'Keefe
- Rob '79 and Robbie Sylvester
- Rich '80 and Rich Van de Berghe
- Not pictured: Frank '79 and Jack Harrison, Ken '79 and Jake Hoin, John '82 and Matt McKinney, Michael '83 and Robert Scarpetti, and Phil '81 and Ryan and Erick Steinborn



## The Senior Farewell Address by Andrew Ostrosky

Before I begin, I wanted to thank all of my classmates for giving me the honor of speaking today. Mr. Cunningham, my teacher and friend, once said that you only remember the beginning of the speech. That being said, I wanted to let you, the class of 2014, know, that I love you.

When we all began here at Prep, we came from different places and backgrounds. We didn't know many people, or at least I didn't. The relationships we made were based on the times we spent at mixers or trying out for sports teams or making the cast of the spring musical. Some of us were musically and theatrically gifted while others excelled on the sports field. Some of us could run like

gazelles while others, well, others ran like Tom Cirillo. Love you, buddy.

Fast forward four years to today, and the things I just mentioned are almost completely reversed. We have relationships now that are molded by a four year journey that brought us closer together. These things are what transformed our friendships into a brotherhood. No matter what it was, all of us in this class of 2014 made a transformation, and it has impacted our lives in such a profound way.

While we may be leaving this place we called home for four years, I'm sure we all have a unique story that reflects this profound impact that Prep has had on our lives. Sure,

we are all moving on to different paths, but we are bonded by the relationships we made as Prep men. We will always cherish that last announcement Mr. Brennan made as we applauded him for several minutes, all the while tears overcoming the moment.

In one of my favorite movies, *The Sandlot*, the great bambino, Babe Ruth, uttered to Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez, "Heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Follow your heart kid." While Babe was certainly a gifted man, I think he messed up that quote. This is how it should have been:

"Friendships get remembered, but a brotherhood never dies. Follow your heart boys." (Excerpts from speech)



Austin Barrett Nick Crowle Bjorn Connor Davis Wade Dodge Tyrone Fleurizard Tom Garzillo



Patric Gerard Sam Gilmore Connor Kasper Tom Kiernan David Martens Jairo Martinez



Matthew McKinney James Mulliken Aidan O'Brien Andrew Ostrosky Jonathan Rodriguez Austin Sims

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

**Austin Barrett** - Monroe Scholarship

**Nicholas Crowle** - CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete, News12 Scholar Athlete, SCC Scholar Athlete

**Bjorn "Connor" Davis** - United States Naval Academy, Western Connecticut Military Officers Association Young American Award

**Wade Dodge** - SCC Scholar Athlete

**Tyrone Fleurizard** - Rotary "Service Above Self" Award, Les Treize Scholarship

**Tom Garzillo** - UNICO Scholarship

**Patric Gerard** - U.S. Army ROTC Scholarship

**Sam Gilmore** - Marquette University Jesuit High School Scholarship

**Connor Kasper** - Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

**Tim Kiernan** - Wakeman Boy of the Year

**David Martens** - SCC Scholar Athlete

**Jairo Martinez** - Gates Millennium Scholar, Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Leader, DAR Good Citizen Award

**Matthew McKinney** - SCC Scholar Athlete

**James Mulliken** - SCC Scholar Athlete

**Aidan O'Brien** - St. Patrick's Scholarship

**Andrew Ostrosky** - SCC Scholar Leader, Connecticut Governors Scholar, Sikorsky Math and Science, U.S. Army ROTC Award, Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

**Jonathan Rodriguez** - UNICO Scholarship

**Austin Sims** - SCC Scholar Athlete

**Eagle Scouts** Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2014 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ethan Kee	Brian Connolly	Stephen Sappo II
James Funnell	Nick Rapillo	Robert Scarpetti III
Patric Gerard	Tyler Rapillo	

## Dan Donahue honored as Mr. Shamrock

**D**an Donahue was named Mr. Shamrock in the Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was recognized for his academic and extracurricular accomplishments, and received a scholarship as well as a certificate of recognition given by U.S. Senator Blumenthal. Dan is pictured with parents Leslie and **Jack Donahue '81**.



## Jairo Martinez is Gates Millennium Scholar

**F**or his strong leadership, community service and academic achievement, **Jairo Martinez** has been chosen as a Gates Millennium Scholar. A summa cum laude student, Jairo is a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar, and a National Hispanic Scholar. He has received the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen Award and Brown University Book Award. Jairo is an active participant in the Concert Band, the Student Government, and the Squires. He is manager of the Wrestling Team, co-president of ASPIRA and captain of the Mock Trial Team. He has participated in a Kairos Retreat, an Urban Plunge, and two global immersion trips to Ecuador, the last as group leader. Jairo is a published writer and editor of the school's literary magazine. Jairo will attend Columbia University and pursue studies in neuroscience and psychology. (See Gates Scholars on pg. 42.) Pictured from left: Theology teacher Mr. Corey Dennis; President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J.; **Jairo Martinez**; Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta; and Dean of Guidance & College Advising John Hanrahan.

## Martinez and Ostrosky are SCC Scholar Leaders

**T**he SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 20th annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 24. **Jairo Martinez** (left) and **Andrew Ostrosky** (right) were honored for outstanding scholarship and leadership.



## Nick Crowle is National Football Hall of Fame and CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete



Nick is pictured with **Coach Tom Shea '73** and parents Tina and Dave.

**N**ick Crowle was honored as National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete at the 54th Anniversary dinner of the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter in April. He was also recognized as CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete at the 31st Annual CT High School Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet in May.

## Tyrone Fleurizard honored by Rotary Club

**O**n March 11, **Tyrone Fleurizard** represented Prep at the Fairfield Rotary Club's annual Four Way Test Speech Contest. Tyrone won 1st place and earned a spot in the semi-final round on April 6, where he placed 2nd and advanced to the finals on April 27. Tyrone placed 2nd overall and earned \$900 in prize money. Additionally, Tyrone won the Rotary "Service Above Self" Scholarship.





**Christian Alvarado**, (front row) with parents Robert and Joyce, has signed a national letter of intent to run at Georgetown University. Joining the State Open champion and Footlocker National Championship placer at the ceremony (back row l-r) were: Assistant Cross Country Coach Bob Ford Sr., Athletic Director Steve Donahue, teammate **James Mulliken** (All SCC 1st Team), who committed to run at Middlebury College, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., and head cross country coach Bob Ford Jr. Missing from photo is **Alec Hilton**, All SCC 1st Team, (highlighted below) who is committed to the College of the Holy Cross.

## Christian Alvarado

### Cross Country – Georgetown University

See story on **Christian Alvarado's** remarkable athletic records and accomplishments on page 31.

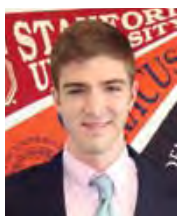
## James Mulliken

### Cross Country – Middlebury College

As a Cross Country standout, **James Mulliken's** efforts earned him the respect of his teammates and coaches both for his contribution to the success of the team and for his leadership as one of the team's captains. James has achieved a 3.7 GPA, is a member of the National Honor Society, and a Peer tutor on campus. James was fully engaged in political discussion through Prep's Political Awareness Club and contributed regularly to its political newsletter Zeitgeist. James took on the challenge of Prep's Urban Plunge in his junior year while volunteering as a Catechist teaching CCD at Assumption Church for three years to 7th graders, and volunteering at the Kennedy Center for adults with special needs. James has been a Freshman Retreat leader for both his junior and senior years. He also teaches sailing at Longshore Sailing school. James looks forward to continuing Cross Country and the pursuit of academic excellence and service at Middlebury College.

## Alec Hilton

### Cross Country – College of the Holy Cross



**Alec Hilton's** commitment to athletics, campus ministry and service highlights his ability to manage a number of meaningful and value-centered activities. Alex competed in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track. He was Cross Country varsity captain his senior year and achieved All Southern Connecticut Conference Runner in 2013 in both Indoor and Outdoor Track. He participated in and led, in consecutive summers, Prep's Appalachia Immersion service. He has also served as a Freshman Retreat Leader and was active in the Campus Ministry program as an Altar Server. He founded and led Prep's Relay for Life Club

and served as the Town of Fairfield Team Development Chair. Alec has committed to study and run Cross Country at the College of the Holy Cross in the fall of 2014.

## Christopher DuMont

### Rugby — Kutztown University

**Chris DuMont** signed with Kutztown University. Chris is co-captain of the 2014 Prep Rugby team, playing flanker position for the past two years. He was recognized on the Fairfield All-Stars Team in summer 2013. He has volunteered with youth programs at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport and served at the Kennedy Center in Trumbull, which offers a broad range of programs and services for children, adults, and the elderly with diverse disabilities. Chris looks forward to pursuing a degree in political science at Kutztown and playing on its Division IA team which is ranked #6 in the nation. Pictured is Chris with Head Rugby Coach Frank Decker, who has coached Prep for 31 years.



Pictured front row from left: **Nick Crowle** and **Tony Fox**. Back row from left: Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal; Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., President; Tom Shea, Varsity Football Coach; Keith Hellstern, Assistant Varsity Football Coach

## Nick Crowle

### Football — Yale University

An outstanding student, athlete and leader, **Nick Crowle** is, in the words of a teacher, "destined for success." Nick's imprint on the football program is distinct for his outstanding performance on the field and for leadership as captain. Nick's outstanding play this past football season was widely recognized in the many post season awards: Walter Camp All-State Team LB; CHSCA All State Team – All classes, LB; New Haven Register All State Team – LB; USA Today All State Connecticut Team, Defensive Player of the Year, LB; Conn Post All Area – LB; MSG Varsity All Tri-State Area 2nd Team, LB; and All-SCC junior and senior years – LB. His leadership among Prep students is further confirmed as a captain of Prep's Wrestling team during his junior and senior years and for being named as Prep's Class of 2014 United States Army Scholar Athlete. Nick achieved a 3.97 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society. Nick is a Peer Tutor on campus and at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport, CT. He took on the challenge of Prep's Urban Plunge in his junior year and is currently volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen in New Haven, CT. Nick looks forward to continuing his academic growth and to playing football at Yale University.

## Tony Fox

### Football — Fordham University

**Tony Fox** was a standout performer on the football team and in the Prep community. Tony was a three-year starter at defensive end and offensive guard. He earned the following awards: CHSCA All-State Class LL – DE; USA Today Connecticut All State- DE; and New Haven Register All-Area - DE. He was a co-captain of the football team and President of Student Government, where he has been an elected class officer for four years. Tony has dedicated many hours at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport, CT. He tutored various academics and mentored young people. He participated in numerous spiritual retreats and served as a group leader on Prep's Kairos Retreat. Tony is excited to continue his education at one of America's great Jesuit universities and play in Fordham's football program.

## Max Trudeau

### Football — Sacred Heart University

**Max Trudeau** was a key reason Fairfield Prep advanced to the Class LL finals in 2013. He led the defense with 126 tackles (88 solo and 38 assists). He forced 5 fumbles and recovered 1, and had 11 QB sacks. He was also a ferocious special teams player and blocked a punt which he returned for a TD and blocked an XP. Max was selected to the Connecticut Post All 33 All-Star 1st team, the New Haven Register All-Area 1st team and the MSG Varsity All-CT 2nd team as an OLB. He is also a defenseman on the Prep lacrosse team.

Max served at the Kennedy Center in Bridgeport. Max plans to study business or finance at Sacred Heart University, and play football for their NCAA Division I team. Max pictured with (from left) Prep Head Football Coach **Tom Shea '73**, and Asst. Coach Keith Hellstern.





## Connor Davis accepted at U.S. Naval Academy

**B**jorn "Connor" Davis has accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Connor is one of the top swimmers in Prep history. He has been an All-SCC and All-State performer in multiple events. In 2012 he was the top scorer on Prep's State Open Championship team. Connor achieved All-American status in the 50 Freestyle, and as a member of the 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle Relays. At the 2013 State Open Connor won the 100 freestyle and led off the 200 Freestyle Relay that would tie for first and set a school, SCC, State Open and CIAC record. He was Co-Captain in senior year. Connor also participated in the Sophomore and Kairos Retreats and volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club and Spooner House. Connor is excited to attend the United States Naval Academy where he will continue his education and swimming career, and train to be a Naval officer. Pictured from left: Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., President; Connor Davis; and James Garvin, Navy Blue and Gold Officer.



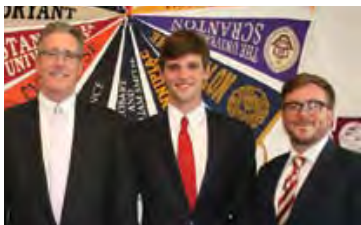
## Military Honors

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal commended Prep seniors who have committed to the military at a program sponsored by the Fairfield Board of Realtors on May 27. Pictured with the senator, from left, **Patric Gerard** (U.S. Army ROTC), **Andrew Ostrosky** (U.S. Army ROTC) and **Bjorn "Connor" Davis** (U.S. Naval Academy)

## Stephen Cadoux

### Rowing — Ithaca College

**S**ince sophomore year **Stephen Cadoux** was at the center of Prep's fastest boats and in 2012 his was the first to make it to the semi-finals at the Stotesbury Cup. In 2013 his boat repeated that accomplishment on their way to a 15th place at the Scholastic National Championship. His awards include: (2013) 15th at Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship in the Junior 8+; (2012) 17th at Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship in the Junior 8+; (2012) 11th at The Stotesbury Cup in the Junior 8+; and (2013) 15th at The Stotesbury Cup in the Junior 8+. He was also co-captain. Stephen attended an immersion service trip to Jamaica and volunteered at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, Operation Hope, and Al's Angels. Stephen will be bringing his rowing talents to the Ithaca College this fall. Pictured from left: Stephen's father **Peter Cadoux '78**, Stephen, and Head Crew Coach Ed Feldheim



## Nick Wargo

### Swimming — Savannah College of Art and Design

**N**ick Wargo was one of the best freestylers in Prep history. Nick is a two-time Class LL State champion in the 200 freestyle and three-time All-State selection who, as one of the team's tri-captains, helped lead the Jesuits to their 10th consecutive SCC title and Runner-Up finishes at the LL and State Open championships. Nick was the lead off swimmer on Prep's All-American 200 Freestyle Relay which won the State Open title and shattered the CIAC record with a time of 1:23.18. He would also lead off the All-American 400 Freestyle Relay (3:01.08) which currently ranks third in the country. Mission trips included New Orleans, Nashville, and the Overland Farm hunger relief initiative. He has served at the Gillespie Center homeless shelter/Homes with Hope organization and on the Saugatuck River Clean-up. Nick has been active with "Swim Across the Sound" for which he received the Maura F. Marden Dream of Life Award. Nick will enter Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall of 2014 to study film and swim competitively. Nick swims for his USA swimming club, Zeus, in Norwalk. He holds several team records, is a NCSA Junior Nationals qualifier and Speedo Super Sectionals Qualifier at the Sunkissed Championships in NC. Pictured: Nick with parents George and Nancy, and Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta (left) and Head Swimming Coach/Guidance Counselor Rick Hutchinson (right).



## RJ Quigley

### Water Polo — University of California Davis

**A**lthough water polo is not a sport offered at Prep, **Richard J. Quigley IV**, has achieved in the sport with the best in the nation, and earned a spot with the University of California at Davis. As a goalie, RJ played with the Greenwich Aquatics High School Water Polo Team, and was named captain and defensive MVP his senior season. RJ competed in the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics, where the teams won Silver (2013) and Bronze (2011) medals in the tournaments' Gold Division. He was voted a USA Water Polo All American in 2011. RJ has taught swimming and assisted with recreation and mentoring programs at the Greenwich YMCA and the Carver Community Center. Pictured are RJ Quigley with parents Patricia and Richard, and Greenwich Aquatics Coaches Jason Harris (left) and Ulmis Lordache (right)

## Ready to Play

### Baseball

**Jake Berry** — Kenyon College  
**Shawn Blake** — Albany University  
**Chris Dunn** — Dickinson College  
**Dean Lockery** — Central Connecticut State University

### Basketball

**Paschal Chukwu** — Providence College  
**Keith Pettway** — PG year  
**David Zielinski** — Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### Cross Country

**Christian Alvarado** — Georgetown University  
**Alec Hilton** — College of the Holy Cross  
**James Mulliken** — Middlebury College

### Diving

**Tanner Blank** — Loyola University of Maryland  
**Jake Bowtell** — University of Virginia

### Football

**Thomas Cirillo** — Union College  
**Nicholas Crowle** — Yale University  
**Tony Fox** — Fordham University  
**Ta'von Givens-Hunter** — Western New England University  
**Max Trudeau** — Sacred Heart University  
**Stephen Walsh** — Boston College (Walk-on)

### Hockey

**Matthew Beck** — PG year  
**Brian Taccone** — PG year  
**Matthew Wikman** — PG year  
**Michael Workman** — PG year

### Lacrosse

**Anthony Johnson** — Bryant University  
**Dakota Mann** — Marquette University  
**JP Masaryk** — Trinity College  
**Colby Monachino** — Ohio Wesleyan University  
**Sean Morrison** — Franklin and Marshall College  
**Logan Ryan** — Dickinson College  
**Austin Sims** — Princeton University  
**Burke Smith** — Bates College  
**Stephen Tortora** — PG year

### Rowing

**Stephen Cadoux** — Ithaca College

### Rugby

**Chris DuMont** — Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

### Soccer

**Nick Dosky** — Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
**Luis Zamora** — PG year

### Swimming

**Brandon Cole** — UConn  
**Bjorn Davis** — United States Naval Academy  
**Kevin Gillooly** — Providence College  
**Jake Hoin** — Villanova University  
**Stuart Stritzel** — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Nick Wargo** — Savannah College of Art and Design

### Track

**Adam Vare** — Santa Clara University

### Water Polo

**RJ Quigley** — Univ. of California Davis

# Transforming **BOYS** into young **men**

**B**y the time my son John enrolled in Prep in 2010 I had been teaching there for several years. I had watched many 9th grade boys enter my classroom young and immature with little understanding of the world. I watched some cautiously and others enthusiastically make new friends, and begin to make Prep their home.

Surprisingly, at Prep graduations, I observed that those boys had been replaced by articulate young men. Where did these accomplished men so clearly united in Prep brotherhood come from? My husband and I agreed this transformative miracle was surely a product of St. Ignatius and a Prep education, and therefore was a **MUST** for John.

As John entered Prep, he was a typical 9th grade boy. I prayed he would learn to study, make friends, find his homework, and not lose his books. In those early days I don't know who was more exhausted, John from the rigors of Prep or myself from worry. I prayed to St. Ignatius and the Blessed Mother that Prep's miracle would work on him! Despite the concern, John's four years flew by. To my delight, joy, and relief, John graduated with the amazing class of 2014.

What I didn't realize earlier, but I see clearly now, is that this tremendous change is similar to the coming of spring. The snow melts and the leaves bud before your eyes, but so slowly it is imperceptible until one day you see your lawn and the trees in full foliage. The transformative power of the sun had worked its magic and ushered in spring. Just like hundreds of Prep students before him and for the wonderful class of 2014, John's transformation was happening all along, little by little.

What were those transformative elements? Surely one was strong academics and a passionate and dedicated faculty. Like every Prep parent, I watched John build mousetrap cars and catapults, complete hundreds of Latin flashcards, write terms papers, essays, reflections and lab reports and calculate hundreds of math problems. His teachers expected his best and he learned to give it. More importantly, his teachers put into practice the Jesuit ideal of *Cura Personalis*, or care of the whole person. John's teachers cared not only for his academic development, but his growth as a person. They pushed him academically and encouraged him to see himself as a talented and unique individual.

Along with academics, another change agent was participation in the extracurricular life of Prep. From filming games for MSG Varsity, cheering in the bomb squad, playing in the jazz band, arguing politics in Political Awareness meetings, and managing the football team, John joined that magical Prep brotherhood. That wonderful band of brothers who loiter in the hallways, talk sports, bemoan tough classes and losses, cheer in victory and console each other during times of loss. In the difficult world of growing up, where everyone wants to belong, Prep's brotherhood, like countless boys before him, pulled John in and



*Prep mom and teacher Elaine Clark with her son John '14*

he found his home.

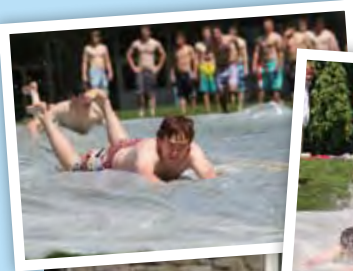
Participation in countless hours of service led him to think of others first and what his responsibility was to those in his community and around the world. Traveling to Appalachia, and El Salvador, as well as doing his local community service opened his eyes to the needs of others and compelled him to action. Evening reflections on these service trips, led by dedicated faculty and well-trained student leaders offered him the vision of the man he wanted to be and serving others reminded him of how blessed he really was.

Finally, the key ingredient to this transformation was being introduced to and trained in Jesuit/Ignatian spirituality. Ignatian spirituality, the hallmark of the Jesuits, is different! It asks each participant to build his personal relationship with Christ by actively reflecting, discerning and growing in self-awareness. Participants find God in all things and listen for and discern God's call so that they can help build a more just world for all. John, as well as hundreds of Prep students have been trained and have practiced this way of life both in theology classes, on the freshman, sophomore, and Kairos retreats and in service trips and projects. By the time they graduate, they know that "Brothers for Others" and "Men for Others" are not just slogans but a way of life. One doesn't serve because it looks good on a college resume, but because he is called to serve.

And so what is that Prep miracle? Academics, Extracurriculars, Service and Brotherhood bound together by the Jesuit hallmarks of *Cura Personalis* and Ignatian Spirituality is that transformative power that has been turning young boys into men for many years. As I watched the talented class of 2014 exit Alumni Hall and flood out onto the lawn, I felt such tremendous pride in all of the graduates, but more importantly I knew that these young men would, as St. Ignatius said, "Go and Set the World on Fire" and create positive change in a needy world. Once again, the transformative miracle was complete!

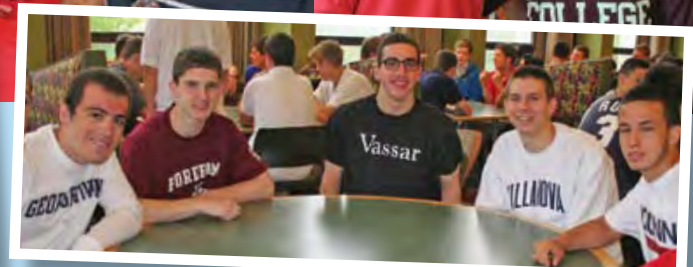
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*By Elaine Clark, English teacher and new Department Chair 2014-15*



## Seniors Slip Sliding Away

The Class of 2014 made every moment count and enjoyed many opportunities to bond, socialize and build their brotherhood. Throughout the school year, they sponsored several "Senior Lounge" evenings, where they participated in recreation events or entertainment. They took over Pelletier Quad in the last week, playing games and sliding down a massive slip 'n' slide they set up on McAuliffe hill. They included their beloved retiring teachers in many events (including a celebration with a retirement cake in the Quad) to show their gratitude, and expressed how much they would miss them at Prep. From prom, to Senior Sendoff, to graduation, it was a super finish and great memories for the tremendous senior class.





## Godspeed to our great educators

**“W**e bid a fond farewell to wonderful teachers and staff members who have chosen a voluntary retirement benefit offered to those who served over 20 years at Prep! We will miss these talented, devoted professionals who contributed so much to the heart and soul of our school: Frank Bramble, John Brennan, Tony Canuel, Connie Carrington, Dave Driscoll, Ed Giegengack, Rich Magdon, Harvey Mamrus, Louise Miller and Barry Wallace. Also, Tom Cunningham retires from Prep after 10 years here (with 41 total years teaching!) We salute these

fine individuals who have served Prep for over 330 cumulative years; we are eternally grateful to them, and wish them Godspeed! Finally, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Brian Lewis, physics teacher, who died suddenly in April, and who had planned for retirement at the end of this year. Our prayers are with his family, friends, students and colleagues – we truly miss his sharp wit and scientific genius!”

— Father Jack Hanwell, S.J.



### Barry Wallace

**O**n my last day of classes at Fairfield Prep I wore my father’s wrist watch, and I put the Irish Cross around my neck. The watch was given to my father when he retired after thirty years of coaching teams at our parish. The cross was a gift from my mother after one of her trips to Ireland. Both trinkets represent the spirits that moved me as a teacher.

With my retirement after 43 years of teaching I wanted to honor our connection. My father came home from World War II to work in a factory, and my mother stayed home to raise seven children. We were a blue collar family and our life was centered in our Catholic

school and parish. My brother and I would be the first to get a college education. My father said, “If you don’t want to spend your life working in a factory, go to school and learn something.”

I would’ve been shocked in those days if someone told me that I would spend my entire life in school, first as a student and then as an English teacher. I cared only for sports. Reading was a form of punishment as a boy, and my goal was to be a major league baseball player or a private detective. I was fortunate to go to a great high school where the teachers opened my mind to the world of learning and inspired me. During my four years at Christ the King Prep I was fascinated with literature and ideas. By the time I graduated I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I really did change and start to grow up in high school. Maybe that’s why I never wanted to leave it – until the spring of 2014 when I taught my last class. The great guys of 2014!

I graduated from college with the Baby Boomers and teaching positions

were hard to come by. I took a job with the Bridgeport Police Maintenance crew. One day just before Christmas my wife, Charlene, called me at work and told me that I had been offered a position in a Bridgeport junior high school.

I had everything to learn, and like most young teachers I learned the hard way. After nine years in various public school systems, I decided to leave teaching. But then there was another fateful phone call. This one saying there was a position open at Fairfield Prep. My God, I thought, Fairfield Prep! If I were going to give teaching one last try then this is where I wanted to do it. I showed up in the fall of 1980 and from the very first day I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life here. It was instant and powerful. The Jesuits were local legends and so was this school of scholars and athletes. My one fear was whether I would be able to make it as a teacher. For the next three decades I never took a day for granted. It was a challenge and a gift. Here I would have a chance to become a great teacher

if I could only take it and live up to the excellence that Prep demanded.

There are too many to name – priests, students, fellow teachers, administrators, parents and alumni that touched my life along the way. Prep is not a school you “work at,” but rather a community you live in. The affection of students and respect of faculty overwhelmed me. I would’ve liked to teach forever at Prep, but I know that it is time for me to move out of the way and to let our great young faculty move into their best years. I leave filled with gratitude to the Jesuits and to all who have made Prep the peerless place that it is.

So my father’s watch reminds me that time does run out, and that all good things come to an end. Wearing my mother’s Irish Cross over my breast keeps me in touch with my Catholic heritage and the faith that built these schools and continues to guide and bless them. And my retirement tells me it’s ok to put my feet up now and remember it all with humor, fondness and wonder.



### Tom Cunningham

**T**om taught Chemistry at Prep for 10 years, 41 total years teaching. His plans for next year include travel, gardening, and enjoying being a grandfather.



### Louise Miller

**L**ouise came to Prep and has served as Registrar since 1972. Her plans for next year include spending more time with husband Fred and... "Top of the list — sleep, sleep, SLEEP!"

### Rich Magdon

**I** had a very good run. I coached here for 33 years, worked as a teacher and administrator for 28 years. I was here through changes, some good, some not as good. I am sure anyone who spends more than half of his life in one place can experience the same thing. I am a bottom line guy. In the end, and this is the end, it was a good experience with more good memories than bad. I met a lot of good people. I got to work with many of them, along with parents, coaches and most importantly, the kids. That is what made me keep doing it for so long. Working with the kids was the best, and that is what I did best in my life and that is why I will now coach again at Ansonia High School. This is what I love and do best.

I just hope that now I can look back and know that I contributed to making students' experience at Prep a positive one in some way. If I did, then I did my job. Then I can leave knowing it was worth the time and energy. I hope that I helped make a difference somewhere along this journey. Now it is time to move on and enjoy what life has to offer for the rest of the journey. May all my colleagues who are also leaving Prep enjoy life with good health and God's blessing.



### Dave Driscoll

**D**ave came to Prep in 1970, went to Japan in 1972-73, and back to Prep in 1976-77. This was his 40th year teaching Asian Studies, American History, Western Civilization and various other courses at Prep. Dave will teach part-time at Prep in Asian Honors Humanities, running the language lab, and maybe travel a little and sleep a lot.



### Harvey Mamrus

**I**n 1986 I started teaching at Prep as a Math teacher. After six years of Math, I switched to teaching all levels of Physics for the last 22 years. I have been the science chairman since 2000. For 30 years, something always kept me from a trip to Greece. This fall, Jo-ann and I will finally go. I also plan to get more involved in the lake association where I live and possibly do some tutoring.

### Tony Canuel

**I**t's hard to believe that my teaching ministry at Prep has come to a close. Thirty-five years has gone by in a flash! I feel blessed to have been part of the Prep experience for so long. I often tell people that I never really had a "job" because my time at Prep never felt that way. I had the opportunity to work alongside some of the most gifted and dedicated men and women in the entire teaching profession... I worked in a place where my spiritual development was considered as important as my professional development... and above all, I had the privilege of being involved in the lives of so many good, bright young men, hoping at the end of the day that I contributed in some small way to their development as "Men for Others." It has been a good run... but now it's time to begin the next chapter of my life, as Maryellen and I take root in upstate New York. I take with me thousands of cherished memories of all the people whose love has enriched my life. Go Prep! AMDG!!



Retirees gathered in Pelletier Quad as the seniors presented them with a cake! Missing from photo: Tony Canuel.



## Connie Carrington

Twenty years ago, I returned from a three-week vacation in France to find a cheerful telephone message from Billie Brooks, the foreign language department chair of Fairfield Prep, inviting me to apply for a teaching position. I had never heard of Fairfield Prep, thought it was too far a drive, and planned to politely refuse. Billie was so charming and positive about Prep that I changed my mind.

That charming voice was matched by Billie's equally charming personality. She explained that Prep needed an enthusiastic teacher to strengthen the French program, which had declined to merely three sections. I certainly was and remain passionate about the French language, culture, and literature. Together Billie and I worked very hard to increase the number of sections from three to seven, including French III honors, AP French Language, and AP French Literature. Being able to share my love of grammar—yes, there are people who love relative clauses and subordinate conjunctions—literature, and history with my students has been a wonderful experience for which I am truly grateful. I hope that I have also taught these young men how to be better husbands and fathers, as well as the fashion rule of not wearing white before Memorial Day or after Labor Day. Despite what Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., told his theology students about avoiding all lies, I hope that my students never tell their mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, daughters, or any other women in their lives that they look fat in anything. I also hope that they accept, if not understand, the importance of shoes in a woman's closet.

The male environment of Prep was a bit of a culture shock. All those sports! The first time I saw a kid in a lacrosse uniform, I thought it was a costume for *Nightmare on Elm Street*. Of course teaching is about the students. They have made me laugh every single day. While I did not cry every day, there is a reason

why I was Stop and Shop's best tissue customer. When a freshman was having trouble coping with the challenges of a new school, I cried with him, especially when he called me *mommy*. Those were tears not of sadness, but of poignancy when I looked at a sophomore and caught a glimpse of the man he was going to become. I will always be grateful for the gift of sharing a Kairos retreat with a junior or senior. The incredibly profound reflections done by those kids was nothing short of awesome. Seniors run the gamut, those who are raring to get to the next phase and those who are so scared to leave. Writing all those recommendation letters made me almost as invested as their parents in those acceptances. How dare that college not accept (I refuse to use "reject") that

wonderful young man! How could that admissions committee not recognize his amazing talents! I hated to see three and a half great years negated by a piece of paper and quoted Tom McLaughlin: "Every kid ends up where he's supposed to be."

I have been privileged to work with extraordinary colleagues, including the four Ignatian Educators of the year—Maureen Bohan, Billie Brooks, John Hanrahan, and Tom Sacerdote. As the mother of a Prep alum from the class of 2002 and the aunt of a future grad (2015), I am deeply appreciative of the efforts of my colleagues to ensure that both boys experienced true excellence in teaching.

It is not just teachers and administrators who enrich the Prep community. The Development Office, and

Frank and Vivian Ahlers and their staff have helped every one of us.

I should have known that it would not be easy; summing up this amazing journey is not really possible in a short essay. I guess that I should write that book that I always told the kids that I was writing. Of course, they all were convinced they should each have their own chapter. That would be a Comedy Central series!

As much as I loved teaching all those wonderful students—and even the more challenging ones—I am very appreciative of the opportunity that has been given to me to retire a few years before I had intended. I am looking forward to getting ready for my son's wedding, learning to play the harp, and volunteering at a local charter school. Thank you to everyone in the Prep community.



## Ed Geigengack

I'm sure all of you have been told to be sure to experience and join the "Prep Family." That "Family" or group is very hard to understand, at least at first, by most of us... "Family" most likely means something different to each of us!

Although my 35 plus years have affected me in many ways, if I were to choose one quality it would be the attitude of others, some administrators, many teachers, and even a few students who have willingly assisted me with transportation over the years here.

For most of my time here at Prep, I have relied on others for transportation for medical reasons. Due to surgery I

had many years ago, the need for such help no longer exists. So finally, several decades after my high school classmates began to drive, I began to drive myself wherever I needed to go. What I did experience for at least as long as most parents' lives was an unusually positive attitude and willingness to help on the part of many others here at Prep. Most of us would be very willing to help another in such a way if that person was a brother or sister. At Prep, what I witnessed over the years was an unusual willingness on the part of faculty, administrators, office personnel, guidance counselors, and even some students to help me out in this regard with only a cheerful feeling of being of some help.

For any of you who may find this experience I mention unusual or from a place outside your own experiences at Prep, please consider thinking about your time here. Prep is more than just academics, although they are very important, too! If you think you are here only for classes then you are probably not yet involved in other activities Prep

is offering you! Whatever activity you choose to include in your time here - sports, a school club, a Plunge, or a Kairos - that activity will most likely bring you experiences with others at Prep as well as a chance to know those people better which NEARLY ALWAYS will result in your learning about qualities you admire in others that you had never realized they had.

Meet others who at least share common interest with yourself. The results of that meeting will most likely help you understand why so many lifelong friendships result from students here at Prep who once were merely classmates. Those students very likely dared to get to know someone else better, and the result turned out to be much more valuable to them than they had ever expected or hoped at first. Good Luck!

*Ed will continue teaching at Housatonic Community College and Fairfield University*



John's last JUG in Berchmans 105



John's final PA announcement

## John Brennan

I can never look back and say I made a mistake. Every day was different and there were many corners I had to turn. After all these years I had the privilege to serve approximately 7,000 alumni including the class of 2014 and 11 alums presently on faculty. There are two faculty members I need to thank; first is Father Bill Egan, S.J., for taking my resume 35 years ago at Sacred Heart Church in Georgetown, and Dr. Robert Perrotta for throwing me under the bus by encouraging me to pursue this job.

To my esteemed colleagues who are retiring with me, we are the heart and soul of Fairfield Prep.

From the "Graduate at Graduation" to "We may laugh, we may cry but we never say die..." Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*After 35 years of working at Prep as an Associate Principal, Dean of Students and Housemaster, it has been a great journey for John Brennan. His last PA announcement to the Class of 2014 had a personal message for the student body and ended with playing Frank Sinatra's "My Way" over the school speakers. Watch it on [www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1). John plans to attend his son's wedding and spend time with wife Lois.*



## Alumni attend Brennan's JUG After Hours!

Alumni came back to school for JUG! In honor of Mr. John Brennan's retirement, alumni attended a JUG After Hours happy hour on June 6 in the Prep cafeteria. Lots of memories and friendships were shared! John's son **Ian Brennan '02** surprised his father by flying home from Chicago for the occasion (photo inset).



Brian Lewis joined by the rest of the 2014 retirees.

## Walking with Brian By Frank Bramble

As some of you may know I live in northern Connecticut, so when I tell you I took a short ride to the border where Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York come together—The Taconic Range, realize it's a short trip from my house. Shorter than my morning commute to prep lo' these many years and with the added advantage of no traffic. The mountains loom larger there rising above the river valley in a series of retreating bumps and folds, highlights and shadows of afternoon sun giving them form and shape.

On the New York Massachusetts Border lies the town of Copake Falls and the Taconic State Park. A place that's all steep slopes and heavily wood ravines. Its center piece is a wonderful waterfall that thrills its way down a steep cleft in the hill sides above until it reaches a sharp tooth of rock where it divides into two equal streams and then leaps over a rim to the deep pool below, the waters overflowing into subsequent pools and a fast moving and ardent stream eager to be off to some wider river and ultimately to the widest of all streams--the River Ocean as the ancient Greeks might call it, that girdles all the lands we know.

I was not alone of course. One never is at such a point of focus. People always seek out the beauty of nature and the solace that natural wonders bring. These renew our awareness of our place in something larger than ourselves. They were a comfort to Wordsworth on his walks through the Lake District of England, to the poet and teacher Matthew Arnold as he stood above Dover Beach in

the moonlight, and they are to me. I lost a dear friend this spring—Dr. Brian Lewis and I lost the pleasure of his company. The walks, and talks, and thoughts we shared are no more.

As I stood there listing to the falls and the people below wading and splashing in the water I thought of the painting *Kindred Spirits* by the Hudson River School artist Asher B. Durand an artist who like other members of the Hudson River group, sought to weave transcendental and pantheistic themes throughout his paintings, stressing our human bond with the observed world.

The painting by Durand depicts his fellow painter Thomas Cole and Cole's friend, the poet William Cullen Bryant surveying a somewhat fictive depiction of a landscape seen from a rocky outcropping. A view of woods hills and of a distant waterfall. Friends on a hike.

That, I suppose, is how I see Brian and I, friends on a hike, its people then and now. Like Cole and Bryant our collective definition of friendship has not changed; I suppose well... since on the plains of Troy Achilles mourned the death of Patroclus.

I taught Art and Literature for a long time and much of its substance is about, you know, as Elizabeth Barrett Browning observed, "... feeling out of sight for the ends of being and ideal grace." Brian and I shared that. It was a bond of restlessness, like: sailors, traders, explorers, musicians, scientists, artists-wanderers all. We came at the world from different directions, I from a love of art and literature, Brian from his beloved

sciences and we met at a waterfall. A point where our thoughts tumbled down in twin streams into pooled ideas below and from there to a greater ocean of thought.

Well, looking back down the path now, I am sure he'll be along at any minute. Perhaps he stopped to tie his shoe. If not... then maybe I'll walk back to meet him.

You see, I'm retired now, you know, so I have the time. Besides "... Sooner or later all things flow into one." Of that I am quite confident.

Wishing you all the best as I know Brian does too. — Frank Bramble

*The Fairfield Prep Community was stunned by the loss of a beloved member of the faculty, Dr. Brian Lewis. Dr. Lewis, a well-respected and dedicated member of our Science Department, passed away suddenly on April 14, due to illness. Students, faculty, families and alumni gathered for a Mass in Dr. Lewis' memory in the Fairfield University Egan Chapel on April 24. In the words of a former student: "Dr. Lewis was a man whose brilliance was matched by his kindness." Please keep Brian, his family, and all members of the Prep Community who were part of his life in your prayers.*

*Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., had the following words of comfort for our community at the school-wide memorial Mass: "He remains alive to us in our memories, in those he touched and cared for as friend, colleague, teacher, husband, and parent. No doubt those memories and the stories we will continue to tell, will enrich and console us in these sad days."*



**Brian Lewis**

Dr. Brian Lewis taught at Prep for six years, following retirement from private industry. He had multiple, advanced science degrees from Loughborough University in England, which was his native country. He enjoyed his role as educator at Prep as a second career, and led the school's JETS team in the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics & Science) Competition which placed 3rd in the state.



**Frank Bramble**

Frank taught for 25 years at Prep, including Visual Art, Painting and Drawing, British Writers, American Literature, and Architecture. "Next year I will be working on finishing a book and developing as many paintings as possible."

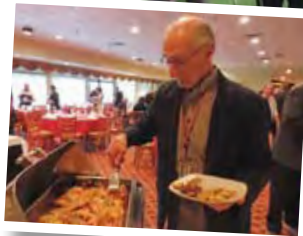


## Class of 1964 enjoys 50th Reunion Weekend!

**T**he Class of 1964 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend May 30 to June 1. Festivities began with a golf outing at Brownson Country 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 Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., President, and homilist Rev. William Eagan, S.J.

All enjoyed a delicious pig roast dinner held under a tent in Pelletier Quad. Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and the 72nd Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1964 processed with the Class of 2014 and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with their classmates.

To view photos/video go to [www.fairfieldprep.org/1964](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/1964).



### Notes of Thanks

#### From Joe Staneck '64

Just got back last evening from the 12 day travel odyssey that included the 1964 Prep reunion, for which event I have but one descriptive word: "outstanding" and one comment: "far exceeded all expectations, (which were high to begin with)."

To all of my 1964 brethren, the reunion committee and in particular Prep staff members and Fathers Hanwell, Eagan and Holland, my gratitude for a rich, inspiring and unforgettable experience.

May the class of 2014, fifty years hence, be so fortunate as to have the attention and graciousness shown to them that was shown to us this reunion weekend. Let's keep the spirit alive with renewed friendships.

#### From Les Boette '64

Just want to thank you for all your work putting together the 50th Class Reunion. I had a very memorable time since this was my first time back at Prep in 50 years. Meeting up with my classmates was great, the Golden Diploma was a once in a life time experience, and the Bishop's message was uplifting. Keep up the good work.



## Tom Sacerdote: Service Guru and Mentor

**M**y career at Fairfield Prep started in September of 2007 when I took on a new role as the Director of Student Activities. It was only a couple of months before I found myself in Tom's office, then the Director of Christian Service, pestering him about starting a trip to El Salvador. This conversation, along with a trip to the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Georgia that November, was the start of a very special relationship for me. In the past 7 years, Tom and I have lead service trips to Appalachia, El Salvador twice, several Urban Plunges, and two Kairos retreats together. On these trips, through our guided reflections, and our conversations in and outside of the walls of Fairfield Prep, Tom has taught me the true meaning of being a "Man for Others."

In 2009, after many years of building and strengthening Prep's Christian Service program, Tom made a decision to leave his role as the Director of Christian Service and re-enter the classroom in the Theology and Social Studies Departments. When it was decided that I would be his predecessor, a role I was excited about, but also intimidated by knowing I would have to try and fill the shoes of the "Service Guru" known as Tom Sacerdote, he took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. This was a busy year for Tom and he could have easily focused on his own transition back into the classroom. However, Tom cares too much about Fairfield Prep, his students, and luckily too much about me to not make my transition as smooth as possible. After four years in this role of Director of Christian Service I am still learning the ropes, but owe credit for the majority of my successes to Tom.

I have several people in my life that I consider to be mentors, but Tom has been the most influential to my career and personal life. I was taught at a young age to always surround myself with people who make me a better person. Tom has made me a better person. He has taught me how to be selfless, how to care for the underprivileged,



Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., Tom Sacerdote and Tony Fox '14

how to be generous, how to be a loving husband and a caring father. He challenges me not only with his words, but with his actions to be better every day. He has dedicated his life to serving underprivileged communities in Appalachia, Bridgeport, Ecuador, South Dakota, and many more. Fairfield Prep is blessed with many amazing educators, but none more deserving of the Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Educator of the Year award than Tom Sacerdote.



By Jonathan DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service

## Freshmen host Field Day for Bridgeport school children



**O**n March 6, freshmen began their journey as Men for Others by participating in their first official Prep service project, Freshman Field Day. This one day event is designed to expose freshmen students to those with life circumstances somewhat different from their own. Freshmen were paired with elementary school students from Cathedral Academy of Bridgeport. They exchanged letters describing themselves with their new buddies before meeting them at Prep. The day was held in Fairfield University's Alumni Hall and Rec Plex Fieldhouse, and all of the students

participated in parachute games, obstacle courses, football tosses and many more fun activities. The smiles show the positive feedback to a great day! See Prep You Tube!



# Follow the Leader

Christian Leadership Retreat  
and Workshop



**O**n June 12 the Campus Ministry office sponsored a Christian Leadership Retreat and Workshop at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. Forty students participated. The focus of the experience was discovering what leadership means and how leadership skills apply in everyday life. Skill development exercises included giving a witness talk, facilitating small groups, and planning effective meetings. Students accomplished team tasks set by the Incarnation Center staff on low and high ropes courses.

Prep students were taught to think of leadership as a way of life and are encouraged to be leaders everywhere—in the classroom, hallways, sports field, student government, cafeteria, and at home. Leadership is part of our identity and what makes Prep unique from other schools.

Students were taught that Jesus' life is our ideal role model of Christian leadership. Our Lord's precedent is a service-based demonstration of compassion, commissioning us to aid those in need.

The Campus Ministry's Student Leadership Team meets Mondays after school. This year we will be discussing the highs and challenges of Christian leadership. All students are welcome.

A big thank you to those who assisted at the retreat — Anna and Charlie DiCenso, Bob Ford, Jenn Mauritz, Rudy Mauritz, Matt Sather and Alecia Thomas. For more information about leadership opportunities at Prep and the Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team contact Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry.



*By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry*

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45





Our global trips to Ecuador (above) 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 three of the hundreds of students whose lives have been touched by our mission trips.

# make mission matter

On April 11 my Prep classmates and I embarked on the immersion trip to Ecuador. We stayed with an organization known as Rostro De Cristo which literally translates to "Face of Christ." Our goal was to establish the "seeds that will one day grow," as Bishop Oscar Romero termed it. We weren't there to build houses, but to immerse ourselves in the Ecuadorian culture and to find the face of Christ in the wonderful people there. In doing so we established relationships in the community of Monte Sinaí. Each day we visited a new home in the neighborhood, to learn about their lives. During our time there we lived simply by minimizing our consumption of food and water.

At night we would reflect and journal about our experiences and encounters.

This trip really was an eye-opening experience for all of us. Upon my return, the first thing I did was to thank my parents for everything they are able to provide me with. Despite the poverty that existed there, we found out that the people at Monte Sinaí were humble, loving, happy, hard working, and that they lived together as a community. Many of the habitants there struggled to feed their families which is something the majority of us do not have to worry about. We all saw the face of Christ in these individuals and it was a wonderful experience. They were all satisfied with what little they had which showed me that we don't need money to be happy.

During the week that we were there we also visited a facility Padre Damian House that treated patients with Hansen's disease. There I met Manuel and he told me something that will probably stick with me for the rest of my life. He said that wealth can die out but love and relationships do not. I strongly recommend that every student at Fairfield Prep attend an immersion trip like this, because it is important to know how most of the world lives. Seeing all of this was shocking at first but it was also a life-changing experience. I know that I cannot forget these people. There are many people that need our help.



Taken from reflection by  
**Alejandro Correa '15**



Ecuador 2014



Leaving San Salvador after landing I got really nervous. My emotions were not just travel jitters. I was mesmerized as I looked out the bus window. Never had I felt so out of place and disoriented. The feelings of fear and apprehension passed as I became engulfed by the life of El Salvador.

As I entered this new world I only had one familiar face in the group but that quickly changed. When we arrived at the Romero Center I was assigned a room with people I barely knew. By the end of the week I had made great friends, not just with the people in my room, but with everyone around me. The Prep brotherhood made me feel at home.

I learned a plethora about myself and my peers, but the place where I learned the most was among the Salvadoran people. Everyone had a story. The civil war turned their lives upside down and people lost countless loved ones. At La Quesera, it was unbearable to hear the grim details of the Mass killings during the brutal attacks. Their stories of death and tragedy did not outweigh the tremendous positivity I felt radiating from each person. Everyone like Sister Elena, Rosy, Antonio, or Morena displayed a solidarity and community that was valued so much.

A highlight was on the first day visiting the high school. It was exciting to not only translate with Andrew but to hear the stories and thoughts of the teenagers. Many of them were glowing with smiles and opened up about anything we asked. I found inspiring their hope and confidence that they would one day be successful. I remember two boys talked about becoming doctors and others teachers. Even in such rough conditions, they maintained the highest morales I've ever seen.

My mindset about poverty and community has radically changed. I have learned to be open minded to see everyone not just for how they appear but for who they truly are. Of course there are many more lessons I could recount but really the biggest was how to live in a community. The United States can be a cutthroat place. We never get a chance to enjoy community like the Salvadorans have. I hope to incorporate community into my life and change it for the better.

The time where I really learned the most about myself was in the reflections. Many of the provocative topics got me wondering if the life I had was really all that great. The community and solidarity there was so exhilarating. It made me wish my home was the same way.

Next year, I hope to serve as a leader on the trip. Everyone who goes should have a positive experience like I did and I would really like to facilitate that. I know many people will have their apprehensions about going—so did I! But never in a million years will I regret going. It was an experience that has made an everlasting impact on me.



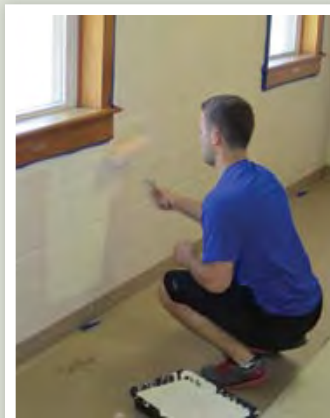
Taken from reflection by  
**Emil Friis '15**



## Appalachia 2014

I was nervous to leave the comfort of Fairfield County for a week. The longest I had been away from home was two nights and three days. I had heard fantastic things about all Prep trips, especially Appalachia, so I knew I had to sign up. I decided to go after hearing how great it was from upperclassmen. I am very happy I didn't let my fear deny me the opportunity to serve others and bond with my classmates.

The ride down was more fun than I expected. Not having our phones forced us all to play games, sing songs, and just



talk, something that is rare today. When we arrived in Fries, I was surprised by how big the community center was.

I think the best part of this trip was how close I became with my peers. Living together isn't easy but we made the best of it. Once we stopped at a local grocery store to buy dinner. We had twenty dollars to buy enough food to feed twenty people. This is when I realized I never have to worry about when my next meal is coming or how much I spend at the store. My parents always have provided for me and I've always been able to eat my fill. We succeeded however! We purchased pasta, meatballs, sauce, and salad.

On Sunday, we went to Eva Jane's church. The church was up in the hills and the congregation has about forty people. I was in for a big surprise. Instead of a boring precession into the church, we started to sing songs right away. People could nominate themselves and sing for however long they would like. After the singing, a pastor gave a lecture for about thirty minutes. He was a good speaker. After church, everyone went to lunch together next door. People brought their own homemade food which was delicious and I really enjoyed it. I had a conversation with an older man named Ron who served in the Navy for fifteen years. He grew up in Fries and decided to return after his service was done. After lunch, we headed back to town and decided to cross the river. The river in Fries is approximately one hundred fifty yards and freezing cold. I was hesitant to cross first, I had heard stories about rattlesnakes at the lunch. Once the first people started to go, I just jumped in and followed. Crossing the river was extremely difficult, fun, and rewarding. Back at

the theatre, everyone played basketball and cards, and prepared for the first day of work.

Monday morning I was told I would be painting a lady's house and porch. The work was hard and I was drenched in sweat by lunch time. We had a government-rationed lunch which wasn't as horrible as everyone said, but I still missed my food from home. Returning to the house, I decided to talk with the lady, Mamy, for a couple of hours. She seemed very lonely. Her family had all moved away. I felt bad for her, she had no food in her fridge because she had no one to cook for and she was craving conversation. Mamy was extremely nice and funny, and offered to cook us a banana pudding later in the week. I believe just talking with this woman helped her more than the physical labor. It felt really good to keep her company.

The next few days of work were long and very rewarding. We painted a baseball stadium, an apartment complex, and cleaned the Fries community center. Some of the guys I went with I never talked to in school, but by the end of the week we were really good friends. This trip made me see what service is all about. If I can help someone's life in just a little way, like just talking with them, I will have lived what Prep is all about. I hope to return to see Eva Jane, Mamy and many others again.



Taken from reflection by  
**Michael Blevin '15**

## Student Happenings



### Author speaks to Senior Writing Essentials

Author Chris Belden, award-winning writer, spoke on March 14 to the Senior Writing Essentials class taught by Mr. Jamie Chesbro. Chris read from, and answered questions about, his award-winning essay "Inside Words: How to Teach Writing in Prison." Students asked thoughtful questions about his interaction with prisoners, and his success at developing writing as a talent and communications outlet in their restricted lives.

Chris Belden is the author of two novels, *Shriver* and *Carry-on*, and the forthcoming story collection *The Floating Lady of Lake Tawaba*, which won the Fairfield/New Rivers Book Prize. His essay "Inside Words: How to Teach Writing in Prison" was selected by judge Susan Orlean for the 2013 Bechtel Prize. He has taught writing at Fairfield University as well as at such nontraditional venues as senior centers, soup kitchens and a maximum security prison.



### Consoli '16 wins CT BrainDance Award

Justin Consoli '16, biology student of Mrs. Jane O'Reilly, won third place in the 11th Annual BrainDance contest. The Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital sponsors the BrainDance academic and art competition designed to decrease the stigma of

mental illness. This contest allows students to enter an art, research, or media project. Justin won in the media category. The BrainDance Awards encourage students to gain knowledge about psychiatric diseases and develop a more tolerant and realistic perspective toward people with severe psychiatric problems.

### Bordenkircher '92 teaches at Prep

Eric Bordenkircher '92 returned to Prep on March 21 to speak to theology classes about his area of expertise in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies. He has spent time living in and doing research in Lebanon, and came to Prep to share his findings and experience. Eric is a doctoral student in the Islamic Studies program at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). His research focuses on the interplay between Lebanese and international politics. He currently works for UCLA's Center for Middle East Development (CMED) and spent time at the Centre d'études pour le Monde Arabe Moderne (CEMAM) at the Université Saint Joseph in Beirut Lebanon from 2000 to 2002. He received a Masters in Islamic Studies from McGill University and his Baccalaureate in History from Boston College.



### Hawkes '15 and Siveyer '15 win Connecticut Science Fair Awards

Juniors Dylan Hawkes (left) and Nick Siveyer (right) earned awards at the recent 66th Annual Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair held on March 11-15 at Quinnipiac University. Through science fair participation, students are encouraged to pursue independent work using proper research methods.

**Dylan Hawkes:** 2nd Honors for Development of a Program Capable of Predicting Solar Energy Potential Through

Artificial Neural Networks. Awards: 1st Place in Mathematics special category; 1st Place in Computer Science special category; University of New Haven Award in Engineering & Science; Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award; and Leask/Francoeur Family Award for Excellence in Electrical Engineering or Computer Science. **Nicholas Siveyer:** 1st Honors for An Inquiry into the Capabilities of Graphene Double Layer Super-capacitors and their Manufacture through Direct Laser Reduction of Graphite Oxide. Awards: Medalist in the Physical Science main category; and Richard Hart Award for Excellence in Photonics.



### What are... Jeopardy Club Champions?

The Jeopardy Club finals were held on May 20. Students with the best scores during the year competed and the winners were the team of: **Kyle Foster, Peter Campbell** and **Nick Siveyer** with 23,800 points. Second place went to the team of **Braden Foster, Kristian Raczkowski** and **Vincent Nguyen** with 16,000 points. Mr. Mamrus, retiring from Prep after 29 years, would like to thank all the students



who competed over the past seven years in the club: "Thanks for the fun and the memories!" Front row from left: **Nick Siveyer '15, Kyle Foster '15** and **Peter Campbell '15**. Back row from left: **Braden Foster '15, Mr. Harvey Mamrus,** and **Kristian Raczkowski '15**. Not in picture - **Vincent Nguyen '16**.



### Irish Club marches in St. Pat's Parade

Members of the Irish Cultural Club marched, carrying a banner for Prep and last year's Gaelic Football Club 2013 State Champions. Pictured from left: **Christian Backe '14, Aedan Ayer '16, Matthew Dilks-Anderson '17** and **Adrian Coyle '16**. The club moderator is **Mr. Griffin Reidy '90**, theology teacher.

## Student Happenings



### Delegates confer at Model United Nations

Three Prep students attended the 26th annual Model United Nations Conference at B.C. High held during the first weekend of March. The participants were juniors **Chris Specht**, **William Weishaupt** and **Xavier Estevez**. Students debated issues regarding NATO and Afghanistan, humanitarian needs in Haiti, and the Battle of Gettysburg. Special congratulations to **William Weishaupt** who received a distinguished delegate award for his work in the U.S. cabinet committee. Also special thanks to Dr. Specht who served as a chaperone with moderator Fr. Stockdale, S.J. Pictured above from left: **Chris Specht '15**, **William Weishaupt '15**, Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., and **Xavier Estevez '15**.



### Sikorsky Science Award winner Charles Paul '15

**Charles Paul '15** was among select high school juniors from Fairfield and New Haven counties who were honored for excelling in math and science studies by Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation on June 3. The university hopes to inspire them to study and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).



### Celebrating the value of Pi Day

On March 14, Mr. Whiteman's classes celebrated Pi Day in honor of the 3rd month and 14th day. His algebra and geometry classes took a quiz on Pi Day facts and trivia and learned that MIT sends its applicant decision letters online on Pi Day, the Bible makes an indirect measurement of Pi in the book of 1 Kings, and Einstein was born on Pi Day (March 14). The highlight was the contest on memorizing the value of Pi. Top performers were: **Kevin Gallagher '17**, 101 digits; **Jace McKenzie '17**, 71 digits; **Sisso Makhraz '16**, 63 digits; and **John Kenny '16**, 52 digits. Where will you be on March 14, 2015 at 9:26:53 (the first digits of Pi are 3.141592653)? Pictured above is a Sophomore Honors Geometry Class.



### Trig\*Star three-peats State Championship

For the third consecutive season, the 2013-14 Fairfield Prep Trig\*Star team won the State Championship with a clean sweep in the State of Connecticut's 2014 Trig\*Star State Exam. **Tony Abbazia '14** took first place overall for the third straight year while **Gavin Granath '15** took second place and **Thomas Kobak '16** took third. Tony represented Connecticut in the National Trig\*Star Exam in June. Pictured from left: Mr. Matthew Jaques; **Tony Abbazia '14**; **Gavin Granath '15** and Mr. Jorge Pereira, Redniss & Mead.



### Latin Tug of War team is Triumphus

On May 2, twenty-two Latin scholars, accompanied by Ms. Koren Mumma and Mr. Robert Bernier, attended the annual Connecticut State Latin Day at Holiday Hill. When not feasting and socializing (sometimes even with girls!), students attended presentations, such as "Legal Latin" and "The Roman Legion," and enjoyed Gaga, soccer, kayaking, canoeing, basketball, and miniature golf. The 2014 Tug of War team, after easily advancing through rounds of competition, triumphed in the final round earning 1st place ribbons and eternal glory.



### Flag Football crowns the Black Mambas

For the third year in a row, students met on The Hill to compete in the Intramural Flag Football league officiated by Mr. Dennis. This year the club consisted of 12 teams made up of over 90 players! For the first time a non-senior team won the championship. Capping off an undefeated season, the Black Mambas are the 2014 Intramural Flag Football Champions. Watch on Prep YouTube. Pictured are juniors: top row, left to right: **Lucas Lazarre**, **Yanni Tsiranides**, **Sam Smit**, **Harry Molloy**, **Mike Yonnone**. Bottom row, left to right: **Sam Nardone**, **Zach Oracheff**. Not pictured is **Gaetano Ciambriello**.

## Student Happenings



### Prep donates hundreds of socks to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission

Senior Spanish students load a van with bags of new socks donated for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. From left: Fraily Ventura, Robert Lancia, Brendan Sullivan, James Mulliken, Christian Gonzalez, Thomas Garzillo, Robert Scarpetti, Jack O'Connell and Luke Morrison. Not pictured are Robert Cafero and Andrew Ostrosky, co-presidents of the Spanish Honor Society, who delivered the socks. Every year the Spanish Honor Society, moderated by Ms. Billie Brooks, sponsors a sock drive to aid the homeless.

### Students honored by Donate Life CT

In celebration of National Donate Life Month, Donate Life Connecticut joins together with State Legislators, State Officials, Mayors and First Selectmen, donor families, living donors, recipients and health professionals to increase the number of registered organ and tissue donors in the Connecticut Donor Registry. On April 4, the 24th Annual Visual Arts Contest Awards was held at the State Capitol. **Jerome Larracuente '17** (left) was the 2nd place recipient, and **Justin Consoli '16** (right) received an Honorable Mention.



### Ethan Anthony '17 babysitting to benefit Save the Children

**E**than Anthony '17 (end of back row/red shirt) joined Disney Channel star Bridgit Mendler and kids from across America in the launch of Save the Children's #BabySitIn Campaign at the global humanitarian organization's Advocacy Summit in April in Washington, D.C. The program involves teens volunteering babysitting time to a family; the family gives a donation to Save the Children in the babysitter's name; and Save the Children uses the donation for children's programs.



### On the golf course for Mary's Fund

**P**rep juniors recently volunteered at the "Mary's Fund" golf outing in memory of the Sandy Hook school psychologist shooting victim Mary Sherlach. "Mary's Fund" was established to help Fairfield County children and teenagers receive quality mental health care. Pictured from left: **Matt Freed, John Murphy, Greg Terry, Quinn Pollard, AJ Mansolillo and Shaun Connolly,**



### TSac's Freshman Theology classes fill the Rice Bowl

**C**RS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. This year, in the third annual Rice Bowl Challenge, Mr. Sacerdote's three freshman theology classes raised a total of \$2,495.45! 75% of this money goes directly to humanitarian relief agencies in over 100 countries worldwide while 25% helps fund poverty alleviation programs in our own diocese. Way to go, Men for Others!

# SEED *Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity*



## Prep Moms deliver a tasty home cooked feast for the Diversity Dinner

**T**he annual SEED Diversity Dinner was held on April 9 in the Brissette Gymnasium. Approximately 400 guests attended, honoring the graduating seniors and welcoming the incoming freshmen. Families were asked to bring dishes that represented their culture or ethnic background, and with over 100 families, the food was plentiful! Speakers included seniors and freshmen, as well as parents, who gave testimony to the success of the



SEED program. SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) celebrated its 25th Anniversary last year as an integral and important program in the Prep Community, promoting racial, socio-economic, and cultural diversity at Fairfield Prep. Special thanks to Ms. Alecia Thomas, Director of the SEED program (pictured).



## Dr. Andrade honored as a Good Scout!

**A**cademic Dean Dr. Donna Andrade was honored by the Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council at the Greater Bridgeport Good Scout Breakfast held on June 12. Dr. Andrade was selected for the award as an individual whose leadership in the community inspires young people. Dr. Andrade founded Prep's SEED Diversity Program over 25 years ago, which has been modeled in other Jesuit schools across the country. Pictured: Dr. Andrade accepting her award from Neil Patrick Harris, Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief.



## SENIOR SEEDS OF WISDOM

Following are excerpts from the students' speeches, giving advice to new students about their Prep experience.

**Antonio Rosa** "The SEED Diversity Dinner is always fun as I enjoyed the free food and company. The opportunity to go to the magic show my senior year was definitely a highlight of my four years...the magician still blows my mind!"

**Malik Simpson** "The first year in SEED was hard because Mrs. Thomas was constantly monitoring our grades and making sure we were meeting with our teachers after school. I remembered the requirement of going to the Academic Center and signing in...looking back I realized the importance of Mrs. Thomas pushing me and I started to get good grades once I buckled down and completed my work"

**Dyshae Baldwin** "I like the summer program because it made the transition into the school easier. I already made friends and did not feel alone...SEED definitely represents what it stands for... something that is planted and just needs to be fertilized in order for it to grow. I look forward to college and a new beginning."

**Keith Pettway** "SEED gave me an easier transition my freshman year by giving me the opportunity to meet upperclassmen. These guys were instrumental in shaping my four years at Prep as I admired their hard work and diligence. The summer program also gave me a head start and I was able to establish friendships prior to my freshman year. Looking back, I can definitely say that being in the SEED program was a great preparation for college...I was taught the importance of self discipline and academic rigor."

**Robert Scarpetti III** "It was a good opportunity to get to know people whom I would not know outside of the SEED program. It broadened my horizons."

**Ta'von Givens-Hunter** "At first I did not like being in the SEED program because I did not believe it was the right fit. However, as time progressed, I became acquainted with the Prep culture through the SEED trips to New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. I am thankful for this experience and can say it has impacted who I am today."

**Billy Narvaez** "I really enjoyed meeting with my Intern from Fairfield University who was actually a big help for me academically. I remembered a particular time where she helped me with my test and I received an A. The academic monitoring of Mrs. Thomas definitely benefitted my overall grades as she contacted me once it displayed that my average was in jeopardy."

# Prep sports make school history



## HOCKEY HONORS

### Steven Bayles '14

- CHSCA senior All Star nominee

### Matt Beck '14

- All SCC

### Bryan Connell '15

- CHSCA junior All Star nominee

### Vinny D'Amore '15

- CHSCA junior All Star nominee

### Brendan Killoy '15

- CT Post All Star
- NH Register All Star
- CHSCA All State Selection
- All SCC

### Kenny Kochiss '14

- Mount St. Charles Tournament All Star
- CHSCA senior All Star nominee

### Matt McKinney '14

- Hobey Baker Award

### Matt Wikman '14

- CT Post All Star
- NH Register All Star
- CHSCA All State Selection
- All SCC

## 2013-2014 VARSITY HOCKEY

# Sweet 16 State Champs

**L**ike a typical day at Prep, the 2014-2015 hockey season was frenetic. We entered the season with the pressure of having not lost a game in Connecticut in over a year (a streak that Darien ended in the first week of the season). We needed to replace nine graduating seniors and nearly our entire defensive corps. We knew it was going to be an uphill grind. Our schedule was relentless and we emerged to face the new year with a pedestrian 3-2-1 record. Still, there was enough progress being made every day to remain hopeful. Our new senior leaders were beginning to find their stride (**Matt Wikman, Kenny Kochiss, Dean Lockery, Matt McKinney, Burke Smith, Steven Bayles**) and our senior goaltending tandem (**Chris Gutierrez** and **Matt Beck**) provided the stability to keep us afloat during our growing pains. Over our next 10 games, against the stiffest part of our league and out-of-state schedule, we were an impressive 8-1-1.

Still, despite our run, there were many doubts about the state tournament. In particular, there were doubts about our health. In our final week of the regular season, we only had eight healthy forwards and we were asking JV players and defensemen to fill in the gaps. Worse, we were a combined 0-3-1 against Darien and Notre Dame of West Haven including a loss to ND that cost us a chance to defend our SCC championship. Something had to change.

After that loss to Notre Dame, the coaches and I decided to throw caution to the wind and spend the next two weeks rebuilding our whole team. There is an often discussed, rarely tried, hockey strategy called the "torpedo." The torpedo is quite simple. Instead of three forwards and two defensemen (the typical hockey alignment), the torpedo requires four forwards and one defenseman. It calls for constant motion and offensive pressure, long stretch passes and swarming defense. If successful, it

increases scoring chances significantly. But if unsuccessful, it leaves a team open to devastating defensive collapses. For our team it meant completely rethinking the roles we had spent three months cultivating. Outside of our goalies, every player on the team would have a new responsibility. We spent a precious two weeks and the final three games before the state tournament working on the torpedo, and ultimately realizing that ... it ... was ... **not** ... a ... good ... idea!

So how did we win a state title despite this inane coaching decision? The answer lies in the profile of the Grad-at-Grad. In truth, what our team needed was not a new system of play, but to be reminded to be open to growth. Prior to the torpedo we had been in a rut, but during those two weeks before the state tournament, we worked harder than we had worked all year. Practice flew by every day and players found themselves working on new skills they had never before considered important. The boys redefined their idea of teamwork and had a lot of fun doing it. Even though the system was not good for our team, it helped us get better, progress and rediscover our enthusiasm.

On the eve of the state quarterfinals, when I revealed that we would be going back to our traditional strategy, there was a sense of relief among the boys, but also a confidence grounded in the realization that we were a different, better team because of our openness. Our state tournament success was the fruit of that realization.

I hope that this Prep hockey season has reminded all of us that we are capable of trying something new. And that there can be success in failure if there is openness, effort and energy.



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



## Basketball wins 1st SCC Title

The Fairfield Prep Varsity Basketball team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in school history this year. Led by captains **Paschal Chukwu '14**, **David Zielinski '14**, **Keith Pettway '14** and **Thomas Nolan '15**, the Jesuits won the Fairfield Prep Christmas Tournament, the SCC Quinipiac Division title, the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament and earned an appearance in their third Class LL State Championship game in four years en route to a 27-1 record.

In the Holiday Christmas Tournament, **Zielinski** and **Nolan** lead the team in defeats of Fairfield Warde and Notre Dame Fairfield to capture the tournament championship. **Zielinski** earned Most Outstanding Player and **Nolan** was named to the All-Tournament team.

In January, the Jesuits earned their first of four victories against rival Hillhouse, defeating the Academics at home 72-62 led by **Nolan** and **Ryan Murphy's '16** twenty points a piece. The Jesuits earned a key road win against Career led by **Keith Pettway's** twenty points and important free throw shooting. **Paschal Chukwu** led the Jesuits to another road defeat of Hillhouse in the end of January, scoring twenty four points in a 70-58 victory. The Jesuits clinched the Quinipiac Division title with a 63-33 victory on Senior Night, led by **Rich van de Berghe '14**.

In the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament, the Jesuits defeated Notre Dame and Wilbur Cross to earn a third matchup of the season against Hillhouse. **Ray Featherston '15** grabbed two key offensive rebounds



to seal a 56-52 victory and conference championship. The Jesuits earned the first seed in the CIAC Class LL State Tournament, and began the tournament with victories versus Newington and East Hartford, led by the shooting of **Ryan Foley '15**. After defeating Hillhouse for the fourth time, the Jesuits defeated Greenwich at the Webster Bank Arena to earn another berth in the State Championship game. A hard fought matchup led by Chukwu's triple double (21 points, 17 rebounds and 12 blocks) resulted in a narrow defeat to Bridgeport Central, ending the Jesuits very successful season.



**David Zielinski's** three point shooting and tenacious defense throughout the season earned him the Christmas Tournament Most Outstanding Player. **Thomas Nolan** averaged fourteen points and six rebounds per game and was named the MVP of the SCC Tournament as well as to the Connecticut Post and New Haven Register All-Star Team. **Nolan** was also named to the CHSCA All-State Team. **Keith Pettway** averaged twelve points and five assists per game and was named to the All-SCC Team and a New Haven Register All-Star. **Paschal Chukwu** averaged fourteen points and eleven rebounds per game. **Chukwu** was named to the Connecticut Post All-Star Team and the All-SCC Team and was named the Most Valuable Player by the New Haven Register and of the Southern Connecticut Conference, and named to the CHSCA All-State Team.



By Tim Dee, Asst.  
Basketball Coach and  
Math Teacher

## Capt. Dave Zielinski '14 Reflects on Season

After a heartbreaking loss to Hillhouse in the 2012-2013 Class LL State Championship, we (the Prep basketball



team) were very eager to start over and get back to the state championship game at Mohegan Sun. With the loss of only one starter (**Tim Butala '13**) our strength was undoubtedly the best in the state as we took the number one spot in the pre-season coaches' poll.

After a long awaited start, the basketball season was underway. We rolled through the regular season undefeated meeting our nemesis, Hillhouse, twice and taking both games by ten or more points. However the real challenge came in the SCC finals when we met Hillhouse for a third time. A win for them here would make it a three-peat for them in the SCC's, so we knew that they would come out hard. But we were prepared and took a good lead throughout the game. However, they got the score within four points late in the fourth quarter and with a tough fight they could win it, but we fought back harder and won the game by four becoming the first team in Fairfield Prep history to win the SCC championship.

Still with an undefeated record, we set our sights on Mohegan Sun and the Class LL State Championship. As we rolled over all of our opponents, we recognized that the # 2 seed, Bridgeport Central was doing the same to their opponents. After the four rounds, the stage was set, 1. Fairfield Prep vs. 2. Bridgeport Central. We came into the game with a lot of confidence and soon we were up by 20 points, maintaining it as the first half expired. But the undefeated season and the state championship status were not to be for us as Central started to come back and to take the lead and finish the game winning by 3. Hurt and humiliated we retreated to the locker room and I said my final good-byes to the teammates who had become like brothers to me over the past four years.

As I finally reflect on my four years at Prep, I recognize the agony of being so close to greatness, but at the same time, I am thankful to all those who have made Prep Basketball such a huge part of my life and those who have taught me valuable lessons that I will take with me for the rest of my life. Thank you to the Prep Basketball fans, my coaches, and most importantly, my teammates for making these past four years the best of my life.

## State Swimming & Diving Open Runner-Up

**T**he Swimming & Diving team completed their outstanding season with a Runner-up finish at the State Open on March 22 at Yale University. Ten Prep Swimmers competed at the State Open: **Jake Hoin '14, Nick Wargo '14, Connor Davis '14, Brandon Cole '14, Stuart Stritzel '14, Andrew McPhee '14, Bryce Keblish '15, Alejandro Ramos '15, Guido Balderrama '16** and **Jake Kealy '17**. The 455.5 points scored are the most ever by a Fairfield Prep team at the State Open.

In an extraordinarily fast meet, Prep would win three events. **Nick Wargo** claimed the 200 freestyle (1:41.27) and **Bryce Keblish** won the 100 butterfly (49.59, school record). **Wargo** and **Keblish** would team up with **Connor Davis** and **Brandon Cole** to post school records and automatic All-American times in the 200 freestyle Relay (1:23.18) and the 400 freestyle Relay (3:01.08). The 200 Freestyle Relay placed first and set a State Open and CIAC record. Both relays surpassed the previous State Open and CIAC records by wide margins.

There were more record breaking performances this season. **Connor Davis** broke a 15-year-old school record in the 50 freestyle (20.96) and at the LL Championships. **Brandon Cole** set the school record in the 500 freestyle (4:38.08). On the season, Fairfield Prep Swimmers and Divers broke five school records, and set four SCC league records (100 Fly, 500 Free, 200 & 400 Freestyle Relays), one LL divisional record (Keblish 200 IM, 1:49.46) and one State Open and CIAC record (200 Freestyle Relay).

Nineteen times were added to the team's all-time top ten list. Including **Jake Hoin** (100 Butterfly 3rd - 51.71, 100 Breaststroke 2nd - 59.04), **Stuart Stritzel** (100 Breaststroke 3rd - 59.94), **Guido Balderrama** (100 butterfly 8th - 53.10), **Jake Kealy** (100 Backstroke 10th - 54.89) and **Robert McCrory '15** (Diving 10th - 11 Dive Meet, 355.25).

Overall Swimming & Diving had one of the best seasons in school history. The team compiled a 12-1 dual meet record, won the SCC title for the 10th straight season and had Runner-up finishes at the LL and State Open Championships.



From left: Rick Hutchinson, Head Varsity Coach & Guidance Counselor; **Connor Davis '14, Nick Wargo '14; Brandon Cole '14; Bryce Keblish '15;** and Jeremy Howard, Assistant Coach. The team won the 200 freestyle relay, and 2nd in the 400 freestyle relay, setting records and earning All-American times.



By Rick Hutchinson '87, Head Coach, Guidance Counselor.  
Rick was 2013 CT Post and NH Register Swimming Coach of the Year.



Seniors from left: **Shawn Blake, Jake Berry, Chris Dunn, Dean Lockery, Austin Crane,** and **Matt Beck.**

## Baseball Season a Hit!

**T**he 2014 Varsity Baseball team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in school history. Led by seniors **Shawn Blake, Jake Berry, Austin Crane, Matt Beck, Chris Dunn** and **Dean Lockery** the 2014 Jesuits finished with a regular season record of 17-3 and an overall record of 18-5. The 17-3 campaign earned the Jesuits the SCC Quinipiac Division Title, a birth in the SCC Tournament for the third time in the last four years (fourth time overall), and the number one seed in the CIAC Class LL State Tournament.

The Jesuits opened the SCC Tournament with a Quarterfinal win against East Haven and lost in the Semi-Final to the eventual SCC Tournament Champion Xavier in a 3-2 twelve inning affair where Prep starter **Grant Stone '16** and reliever **John Carroll '15** both pitched exceptionally well.

The Jesuits opened the CIAC Class LL tournament with a bye, and a second round game against defending Class LL Champion Amity Regional (state champion) and for the second year they ended the Jesuits' hopes for a state title by a score of 9-2.

**Shawn Blake '14, Kevin Stone '15** and **Simon Whiteman '15** earned ALL SCC Quinipiac Division Honors. For **Blake** and **Stone** it was their second consecutive year on the ALL SCC Quinipiac Team.

**Kevin Stone '15** became the first non-senior in Fairfield Prep baseball history to be named to the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association All State Team. Kevin represented Fairfield Prep in the C.H.S.C.A. Junior All Star game where he was chosen to be a member of the Connecticut All Star team which faced a team of Massachusetts All Stars, and was named the Connecticut MVP. Kevin was also picked for the New Haven Register's All Area Baseball Team.

The 2014 season marked the first time since 1985 that the Jesuits were ranked in the New Haven Register Top Ten Poll for the entire season, finishing #7. The Hartford Courant also ranked Fairfield Prep #7 in the state in their final poll.



By Rudy Mauritz '94, Social Studies teacher, Varsity Baseball Coach



## Fairfield Prep Cross Country And Track 2011-2014

# The Alvarado Era

**C**hris Alvarado '14 graduated this June with a truly amazing string of wins and school records in his career in Cross Country and Track. He followed in the footsteps of Prep's great runners **Brian McGovern '01** and **Connor Rog '12**. No one could have expected that he would have a talent that surpassed both of them.

His school records now include all the distance events in the CT schedule.

- 800 meter – 1:52.60
- 1600 meter – 4:13.00
- Mile – 4:06.88
- 3000 – 8:26.25
- 3200 – 9:06.67
- 2 Mile – 9:00.29
- 3000 Meter Steeplechase – 9:42.25
- 2 Time Footlocker National Championship Qualifier in 2012 and 2013.
- National High School Champion in the 1 Mile in 2014.

In addition he is part of several relay team records.

- Distance Medley Relay – 10:17.95
- 4x1600 Relay – 18:26.2
- 4x800 Relay – 7:50.55

Although Chris joined Cross Country as a freshman in order to get in shape for basketball, he found he truly loved distance running. Beginning with Cross Country season his sophomore year he dedicated himself to being the best he could be. As a young runner he benefitted from a talented and experienced group of seniors who went on to win the Cross Country State Open title in

2011 – this team victory remains the great highlight of his team experience. His work ethic is the absolute best. He thrives on very hard workouts, and he includes in his training good nutrition, plenty of sleep, and cross training. He is completely coachable and never takes a short cut in a workout.

Chris closed out his high school career by winning Prep's first national championship in the 1 mile at the New Balance High School National Championships in North Carolina. Running in the first of two scoring heats Chris led from start to finish to win his heat. Two hours later the second heat ran knowing how quickly Chris had run, but by the half-way point it was clear no one could match his pace. This race was the culmination of thousands of miles of training and is the individual high point of Chris' high school racing.

Prep loses a truly great runner this year, but Chris Alvarado should continue to improve throughout college as he joins a strong Georgetown team in the fall.

By Coaches Bob Ford Sr. and Bob Ford Jr.



Alvarado with coaches Bob Ford Sr. and Bob Ford Jr.



Tyler Sizemore, Fairfield Citizen News

## Sciarretta leads Prep Golf

**T**he Prep Golf Team enjoyed another fine season, finishing second in the SCC Division 1 regular season standings with a 6-2-1 record. Prep took third place at the SCC Championship and sixth at the Division 1 State Championship. **James Nemia '14** and **Andrew Sciarretta '16** (pictured) were named to the All-SCC team, based on their excellent play at the SCC Championship. **Andrew Sciarretta** was named on the Division 1 All-State team for his outstanding play all season and at the Division 1 Tournament. **Sciarretta** was named to the New Haven Register All-Area Golf Team and the Connecticut Post All-Star Golf Team. Key contributors to the team's success were seniors **Hunter Bohn**, **Tyler Duffy**, **Conor Duggan** and **James Nemia**, with contributions from underclassmen **Tyler Bernier**, **Steve Bosak**, **Matt Cesare**, **Matt Schmerzler** and **Andy Spangenberg**.

The Prep Golf team extends best wishes to our new alumni **Hunter Bohn** (Providence College), **Tyler Duffy** (Penn State), **Conor Duggan** (Providence College) and **James Nemia** (Loyola-Maryland).





## Prep sports make school history CONTINUED



## Lacrosse wins 4th straight SCC Title

The Fairfield Prep Varsity Lacrosse team finished the 2014 season with a winning record of 14-6. The Jesuits fought hard all season battling the in-state foes in the SCC and the out of state powerhouses from New York and New Jersey. Senior Captains **Anthony Johnson**, **Burke Smith**, and **Stephen Walsh** provided the leadership resulting in the team winning the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship.

The players battled hard led by Hall of Fame Coach Chris Smalkais. All-American **Austin Sims** led the offense with his stellar play and leadership on and off the field. The younger classmen stepped up and filled in to play a major roll throughout the season.

The senior class left a great legacy for Prep lacrosse and the team is ready and excited for what next season has in store.

By Conor Kelly, Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach



## LACROSSE HONORS

### Austin Sims

- U.S. Lacrosse All-American
- SCC Player of the Year
- 1st Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC
- CT Post All-Star
- NH Register All-Area

### Anthony Johnson

- 1st Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC
- CT Post All-Star
- NH Register All-Area

### John Edmonds

- 1st Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC
- CT Post All-Star

### Cam Harris

- 2nd Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC

### Burke Smith

- 2nd Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC

### Teddy Long

- 2nd Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC

### Max Trudeau

- 2nd Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC

### Jack O'Connor

- 2nd Team All State
- 1st Team All SCC

## Nick Crowle is Class LL Wrestling State Champion

Fairfield Prep has crowned a Class LL State Champion for the first time since 2005! Senior captain **Nick Crowle** won his final match by pinning his opponent in the second period to earn the LL State Championship at heavyweight. Nick was seeded second in the tournament. In the quarter finals Nick faced Xavier's standout heavyweight, who he pinned in the second period to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals, Nick faced a very tough 3rd seeded heavyweight from New Haven. During the match, Nick wrestled a smart match by taking his opponent down and working his top game to win the match by a score of 6 to 5. The victory boosted Nick to the

finals. In the finals, Nick faced a standout heavyweight from wrestling powerhouse, Simsbury. Simsbury's heavyweight was seeded first in the heavyweight bracket, which provided for a match-up of the top two seeds in the finals match. In the first period, Nick and the Simsbury heavyweight were battling for position and feeling each other out resulting in a 0 to 0 score at the end of the first period. In the second period, Simsbury won the toss and chose to start the period from the bottom. On the whistle, the Simsbury heavyweight moved his hips out quickly, however, it wasn't quick enough as Nick took his opponent to his back to record the second period pin in the finals!



Nick with Varsity Coach Corey Dennis (left) and Asst. Coach Christopher Paladino

Prep Wrestling also made history with Freshman 106 pounder **Kevin Zentner**. Kevin is the first freshman in Prep history to qualify for the State Open by placing and medaling at the LL State Tournament.

By Corey Dennis, Varsity Wrestling Coach and Theology teacher

## SCC Tournament Honors

- **Nick Crowle '14** – 2nd place
- **Jack Bosken '16** – 3rd place
- **David Martens '14** – 3rd Place



## Crew completes first year in NEIRA

The 2014 Prep Crew season found the team among the elite of American high school rowing. As the newest members of the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA), Prep Crew joined the likes of Kent, Tabor, Exeter and Andover in the quest for the NEIRA championship. After races throughout the season against Brunswick, Glastonbury, Salisbury, Northfield Mount Herman and Xavier, results were tabulated to determine qualification status for Prep's top three boats. The 1st Varsity 8+ missed by just two spots, the 2nd Varsity 8+ qualified and were ranked 12th out of 24 boats and the 3rd Varsity 8+ narrowly missed by just one spot.

The 2nd Varsity 8+ traveled to Worcester, MA for the NEIRA championship. Racing against Philips Andover (MA), Tabor (MA), St. John's (MA), Brookline (MA) and St. Paul's (NH), Prep needed to come in 1st or 2nd to advance to the grand final. One thousand meters of furious rowing resulted in the tightest race of the semi-finals and though they gave their all, Prep's 2V missed qualification. Qualifying a boat to the championship in a team's first season is no small feat; we are very proud of **Tim Moore '15**, **Peter Christakos '16**, **Brendan Rooney '16**, **Steve Schwartz '14** (Co-Captain), **Dylan Hawkes '15**, **Josh Hunter '15**, **Robert Anderson '16**, **Christian Willkehr '16** and **Joe Daccache '16**.

In another first, two members of the team were selected for the United States Junior Development Program. **Zach Hamar '16** and **Austin Prusak '16** were both selected to participate in the development team which prepares rowers and coxswains ultimately for international competition and potential selection for the US Olympic Team.

## 2014 Rugby Recap

Fairfield Prep RFC concluded its 33rd season with an overall record of 9-7, three of the losses against nationally-ranked opponents. The team, led by senior co-captains **Conor Carey** and **CJ Dumont** completed another winning season going 5-2 in league play and 3-1 in the state playoffs to finish 3rd in Connecticut. The team again toured northern California playing perennial powers: Jesuit of Sacramento, Bellarmine Prep (San Jose, CA) and De La Salle HS (Concord, CA).

Captains for the 2015 season are Fullback **Peter Antonicelli '15**, 8-man **Greg Terry '15**, and flanker **Colin Ihlefild '15**. MVP awards for the 2014 season went to Forward **Conor Carey '14**, Back **Ben Romeo '15** and the Coach's Award to team co-captain **CJ Dumont '15** who will be continuing his education and rugby career at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. This season also marked the third consecutive year that rugby membership topped 100 players.



Captains Aaron Linke and Aaron Simkovitz with coaches Jason Twedt and Cary Nadel holding State Championship (4th) and Regular Season (3rd) trophies.

## Ski team finishes with 21-1 record

led by Captains **Alan Linke '14** and **Aaron Simkovitz '14** this young Prep ski team, with four freshman varsity skiers, completed another incredible season, finishing with 21 wins and one loss. The team had a heartbreaking loss in the CISL State Championship, finishing 4th overall and 3rd during the regular season. **Sam Cusick '16**, who finished 8th overall at the state championship, received 1st Team All-State and finished 4th at the State Open; and **Patrick Lambert '15** received 1st Honorable Mention All-State for his outstanding performance during the season. Special thanks to coaches Cary Nadel and Jason Twedt for leading the team through three seasons with an overall 63-6 record.



## Tennis has strong SCC showing

Prep enjoyed another successful tennis season in 2014 finishing with an 11-5 record and qualifying for the state tournament. Playing a schedule that included state champions in 3 of the 4 divisions, and a team that competed for the 4th division until the final round, we finished 1-4, with a match that was being very evenly contested versus the Class S Champ Weston, being ultimately rained out. Having graduated six players in 2013, and with only two returning seniors, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year. At the beginning of the season it showed the players had taken the task of improving their play to heart, and to a man they came ready to play. **Matt McKinney '14** was an anchor for the team at #1 singles having to play three State Semi Finalists in the regular season. **Pete Nestor '14** held down a spot for the team all year in doubles, doing yeoman's work all across the lineup filling whatever spot we needed. Both ended their season with three set heartbreaking losses in the state tournament. A number of players had excellent seasons for Prep, including juniors **Will Cannon** and **Emil Friis**, as well as sophomores **Will Graham** and **Theo Allen** who were awarded a #11 seed in the state doubles tournament. The freshman class shows tremendous promise, and bodes well for future seasons here. Significant contributions were made by juniors **Mike Blevin**, **Shaun Connelly** and **KC Maloney**.



## Spring Concert Hits the Right Notes

The Fairfield Prep Annual Spring Concert was held on May 14 at the Quick Center for the Arts. Performances included the Jazzuits, Encords, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. The full house enjoyed the showcase of multiple performances, including modern and traditional pieces, many selected by the students. Senior vocalists, backed by the Select Choir, presented a special song/dance number *Bright Lights Bigger City/Magic* (which was featured in the movie *Pitch Perfect*). The Symphonic Orchestra brought the house down with the finale *Can-Can*, conducted by senior Will Corona. The concert was directed by Mrs. Christine Evans. Watch [www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).

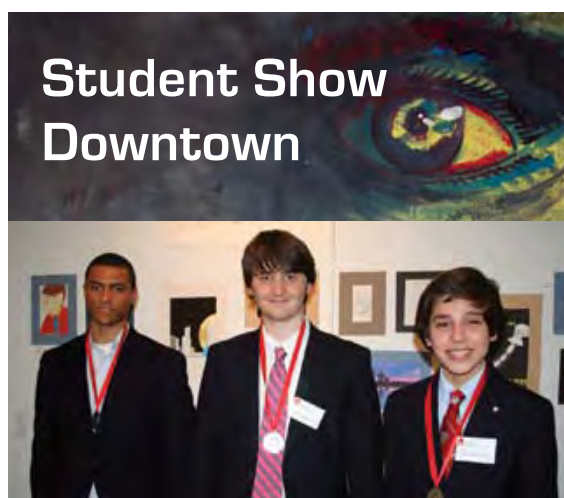


## Artists take over Arrupe Hall



Arrupe Hall was filled with multi-media art at the annual Spring Art Show held on May 15. Art enthusiasts enjoyed the range and creative uses of different media. Pictured above is **Liam Hullivan '16** who received the Best First Time School Entry Award in the statewide Student Design Competition sponsored by the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Central Connecticut (HBRA) at the Connecticut Home Show in Hartford on February 28. Liam was recognized by U.S. Senator Blumenthal's office with a certificate and received a \$500 award for Fairfield Prep's art program.

## Student Show Downtown



Prep art students showcased their art pieces in multiple media on March 21 in downtown Fairfield at the Gallery Upstairs at 1506 Post Road. Fellow students, family and Prep staff attended to view the students' works. Mrs. Dolores Tema honored the students with Prep medallions. Pictured above: **Matthew Crowe '15**, **Connor Richardson '14** and **Julio Palencia '16**. Missing from photo: **Paschal Chukwu '14**.

# Edwin Drood delivers Music and Laughs!

Prep Players performed *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* on May 8 and 9 in the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. The audience enjoyed the warm-hearted theatrical rendition of an unfinished Dickens mystery. A cast of Prep students and young women from area high

schools entertained with song, antics and period costumes. Each night, the “whodunit” required the audience to vote on the solution. Special thanks to Director & Prep Arts Chair Megan Hoover, and Prep’s Musical Director Christine Evans. Watch YouTube video highlights!



## Halo Awards Winners and Nominations

The Prep Players were recognized with nine Halo Award nominations, and won in two categories! Congratulations to the casts of both the spring musical and the fall play on this incredible accomplishment. Mrs. Megan Hoover, director, commented, “I am so proud of the work they have done and so pleased to see their efforts recognized in this way.” At the Awards held on May 27, Mike Kokias ’15 and Alex Decouteau-Fredericks ’14 (photo above) represented the group with a performance of their duet from *Drood*, Laura Cannon won Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical, and Fairfield Prep won Best Acting by an Ensemble Cast in a Play for *Clockwork. Well, Satire, Too*.

### WINNERS:

★ **Best Acting by an Ensemble Cast in a Play:** Fairfield Prep, *Clockwork. Well, Satire, Too*

★ **Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical:** Laura Cannon as Rosa Bud and Deirdre in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

### THE NOMINATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

**Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical:** Alex Decouteau-Fredericks ’14 as John Jasper and Clive Paget in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

**Best Orchestra (75% students or more):**

Fairfield Prep, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

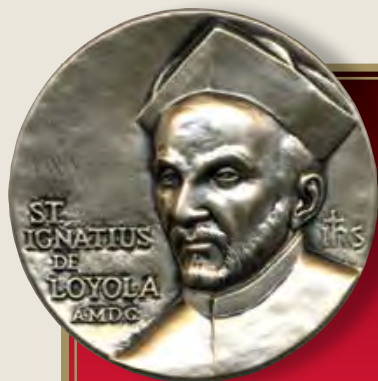
**Best Chorus:** Fairfield Prep, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

**Fearless (Musical):** Fairfield Prep, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

**Gypsy of the Year:** Fairfield Prep, Dimitri Kousidis ’15 in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

**Best Play:** Fairfield Prep, *Clockwork. Well, Satire, Too*

**Fearless Award (Play):** Fairfield Prep, *Clockwork. Well, Satire, Too*



## 2014 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Mr. John Altieri '64

Mr. Dick McCarthy '64

Msgr. Joseph Potter '46

**F**airfield Prep is pleased to recognize **Reverend Monsignor Joseph Potter '46, Mr. John Altieri '64** and the late **Mr. J. Richard McCarthy '64** 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 5 in Alumni Hall. The Prep Community is invited!

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### John Altieri '64

*John has shown that a commitment to doing justice is necessary whenever you see injustice occurring, no matter how difficult that is.*

**John Altieri '64** is not one to judge quickly the decisions of others. That said, he has always felt strongly that abortion is an injustice against the weakest and most voiceless of God's children. Instead of taking on the pro-choice battle, he chose to act with compassion, targeting unwanted pregnancy by giving poor, homeless, pregnant women opportunities for a better life with their children. His dedication to Malta House in Norwalk has grown enormously with leadership roles on the board and by organizing countless events. Always the picture of humility, he has not allowed his leadership roles to distance himself from the day-to-day operations at Malta House. He has often invited the women and families over on holidays and weekends, welcoming them as his own, and he keeps up-to-date on their lives. John has worked tirelessly to improve the opportunities of the women who have "graduated" and moved out of Malta House and into their own homes. When John and his wife Maudie were honored at the Malta House this past year, friends spoke of the sacrifices they had made in their commitments of time, money, labor, and emotional energy for the women and children. In accepting their remarks, John turned that notion of sacrifice on its head, noting that working at Malta House has been a blessing of God's grace to him.

John is an intellectual powerhouse who has argued before some of the highest courts in the land. He has the ability to condense complex legal arguments into easy-to-understand facts for jurors. He attributes his confidence in the courtroom at least in part to his being challenged at Prep to speak up in class, and the

willingness of his teachers to tell him—point blank—that he was wrong. John went on to Georgetown and Georgetown Law, then practiced for two of the most prestigious firms in the country. John has always been driven to cultivate justice. As a law student in the early '70s, John's proudest moment was working as a volunteer to help in the processing of protesters who had been incarcerated in Veterans' Stadium in D.C. for protesting. He saw this as a fundamental violation of their freedoms of speech and assembly, and he stepped to the plate to support them. Later, in his legal practice, he represented small technology firms in David vs. Goliath anti-trust fights, helping keep small businesses alive against all odds and despite the monopolistic practices of some of the biggest companies in the country. Recently his work has been focused on ensuring that businesses responsible for environmental damage be held accountable. Since his retirement he has taken on numerous pro-bono cases. John has shown that a commitment to doing justice is necessary whenever you see injustice occurring, no matter how difficult that is.

John does not wear his faith on his sleeve. He has his own quiet, committed relationship with God. He has always been a practicing Catholic, attending Mass weekly and being an essential part of the faith community wherever he has been. He instilled Catholic values in his children. The dinner table was a hub of discussion on theology, philosophy, and spirituality. Many of his six children have chosen roles related to their Catholic faith and identity, working as teachers and in service of others in the Vatican, the halls of Prep, and even with the Jesuit volunteers on an Indian reservation in Montana.

John's care for and interest in others is present in everything he does. Son Kevin explained, "For Dad and Mom, it's that simple, you treat people like human beings, showing care and a genuine interest in their lives." He added, "Dad has consistently proven to be everything I aspire to be as a Christian man, and I know this to be true for many other people who know and love him."

*Taken from nomination by Kevin Altieri '98, Prep social studies teacher*

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### Dick McCarthy '64

*"We cannot understand the unevenness with which God treats His children nor should we exert ourselves trying to understand it. What we should do is lend a hand."*

From his time at Prep in the 1960s until his untimely death in 2007, **J. Richard "Dick" McCarthy '64** personified and exemplified the Man for Others living a life of personal responsibility, openness to those with different viewpoints, and by spreading Ignatian values by example. Dick was also open to God's plan for him and to a calling to be different.

In November 1963, Dick quickly responded to the terrible news from Dallas by gathering a group to travel to Washington D.C. to say farewell to our fallen hero, President John F. Kennedy.

A year later, he faced another tragic loss of a hero. After graduation in June 1964, he followed big brother Ed's footsteps to Yale and Yale football. On Thanksgiving Day of Dick's freshman year at Yale, his brother (and hero) was killed in a car crash. A few weeks later, Dick wrote to a friend that he had been blessed by his close relationship with his brother but spared from despair by another blessing. He saw the three years at Prep without Eddie as God's giving him the time to prepare and a sign that he could make it on his own. Dick was again open to a different plan.

Dick was not always convinced that a law career was what he wanted. He was not attracted to the prospect of financial reward or prominence. Nonetheless, after his Yale graduation, aware that his father was not in good health, he entered Michigan Law in the summer of 1968. Dick's real impetus was to make sure that his Dad's dream of a son in law school, which had been crushed by Ed's death, be fulfilled. He found that law could be a career of service where his talents could be put to great use. He elected to forego fortune or fame and to use his many gifts in a lifetime of seeking justice for others. Over the next 40 years, he grew to become a quiet, everyday hero to those who were blessed to know him.

Dick was open to all types of people. Many of his friends were so-called undesirables—people who were poor or could be described as odd—individuals to

whom most people would never give the time of day. But he was also friends with people of great means. He was not judgmental about wealth or the lack thereof. His son commented about Dick's compassion for others, "I'll never forget the morning after my dad passed away, and an old man came by to pay his respects. He said to my mom, 'Dick McCarthy was my best friend.' That exemplifies the way my dad treated people. He thought that everyone has value and everyone deserves to be happy."

Dick chose to use his great intellect, tenacity and humor as tools for serving the poor. He began his career in the Legal Services Corporation, a federal program of pro bono representation of the poor seeking justice in civil litigation, where he was very successful. One of his main focuses was education law representing children in suspension or expulsion hearings.

When the Reagan era brought limitations on how much or what kind of justice the Legal Services Corporation would be allowed to provide to the indigent, Dick decided in 1987 to go on his own and continue to help the poor qualify for Medicaid and get services for low and moderate income seniors. He continued in that practice until his sudden death from a heart attack in 2007.

Dick led by quiet, persuasive example. At Prep, he was a regular in the chapel at McAuliffe. His wife Mary said it best, "Our life was about family and God. Dick's faith wasn't outward, it was his life and how he lived it. He didn't talk about it, but he wasn't afraid to. It didn't matter who knew and who didn't."

Whenever Dick was called upon to define his life, he inevitably pointed to God. For his 25th reunion from college, alumni were invited to submit an essay describing their lives and their achievements. Dick did not write a sentence about himself. Instead, he talked about God and the nature of faith: "We cannot understand the unevenness with which God treats His children nor should we exert ourselves trying to understand it. What we should do is lend a hand."

Dick believed humans are equal—everyone deserves the same opportunities, and everyone deserves respect. That drove him in both his professional and individual actions. He always stayed loyal to his family, his friends, Prep and Yale. In later years, he made numerous visits to the older Jesuits, particularly Fathers Brissette and Murphy. He was a regular participant in the class phonathons and other alumni events.

Dick was exceptionally loving to his mother. During her last five years living in a Fairfield nursing facility he visited her every day—sometimes twice a day—to feed or walk her. When he took her to meals he invited other patients to join them. They did not have frequent visitors and without Dick's compassion they would be forced to eat alone again in their room.

Dick made sure that his children extended the love and kindness that he had showed to others. Son, Ed reports, "He agonized if he felt we were not as kind as possible to people. When I was younger, I was excluding someone from my group of friends because they were not 'popular.' This was the worst sin I could commit in Dad's eyes. It mattered that my siblings and I developed into moral and kind people. He was constantly seeking to ensure that everyone was included, and he made it his goal to pass this on to us."

Service to others was not an annual event or even a weekend thing for Dick, rather, it was a lifestyle. He was a zealous and tireless advocate for his clients. On the day that his son was born, Dick found out that one of his clients was about to be evicted. If he did not get to Hartford that day, the client would be out on the street. Mary was worried, but he left and raced to Hartford and saved the client from eviction. Luckily he got back in time to welcome his son, Ed.

One of his most passionate causes was children with disabilities. He was an ardent advocate for families who had children whose needs were not being met by their school. He always treated his clients with respect, no matter the mistakes they had made, and would take unpopular cases no matter what people would think. Classmate Ray McKelvey adds, "Respect for others was what defined Dick. It didn't matter how much or how little you had or if you agreed or disagreed with him, he treated everyone with respect and made allowances, far beyond what was warranted for some."

Dick always chose humility and humor over self-aggrandizement. His laugh was always loud, always present, and almost always accompanied by a huge clap of a hand on a knee. Once, Dick observed a thoughtless upperclassman ridiculing a classmate who had been forced by extensive dental work to feed on jarred baby food. The next day Dick brought in his own jar of baby food and started a trend among classmates.

Dick and Mary's children, Eddie, Maura and Jimmy are individuals with different interests and dreams, but each has responded to the inspiring example set by their parents. The choices his children are making are a living testament to his love, leadership and the Ignatian spirit. So many of Dick's classmates and

friends think of Dick as the paradigm of what the Ignatian model of Men for Others calls us to be in today's world. Classmate John Leary said, "I remember Dick as a gentle giant whose intellect and pedigree would have allowed him to make serious money in a private law firm, but who chose instead in his commitment to doing justice to serve those in need as a public defender. His love for life and Prep were legendary."

We as Dick's classmates have always regarded him as a tremendously powerful example of the prayerful, loyal Man for Others, and a tribute to him would surely share the blessing of his example of the true Ignatian spirit.

*Excerpts taken from the nomination by the Class of 1964 Reunion Committee: Ray McKelvey, John Barney, John Altieri, Sandy See, Jim Guertin, John King, Bill Licamele, Larry Lukas, John Leary, Dominick Thomas, Brian Morris, Joe Staneck, Steve Takach and John King*

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## Msgr. Joseph Potter '46

*Msgr. Potter is loved and admired by the thousands that he has served in rural Brazil.*

**Msgr. Joseph Potter** is a Bridgeport native, attended St. Augustine Parochial School (now part of the Cathedral Academy) and was in the first graduating class of Fairfield Prep. He is widely known and respected for his missionary dedication to impoverished areas in Brazil, and for his leadership as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bridgeport. He was ordained in 1954, and his first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Stamford. Among his other early assignments, he served as Diocesan Director of the Apostolate to the Deaf and later Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, responsible for religious education in the Diocese of Bridgeport. He also taught at Notre Dame High School in Bridgeport and the former Christ the King Seminary in Southport.

In 1965, he volunteered to serve as a missionary pastor in Remanso, in the Diocese of Juazeiro, Brazil. He worked for 17 years among some of the poorest people on earth, and left an indelible mark. He was appointed a Prelate of Honor, with the title of Monsignor, by Pope John Paul II in 1979. Msgr. Potter returned to the Bridgeport diocese in 1982. During his years at St. Charles, one of the most ethnically diverse parishes in Fairfield County, he initiated Masses in Spanish, Laotian, Haitian Creole, and Brazilian Portuguese.

In 1998, Fr. Potter asked Bishop (now Cardinal) Egan for an early retirement to return to Brazil to work in Juazeiro, then being served by only three priests. The backwoods city he had served in as a young priest had grown so fast that whole communities of one-room shacks had sprung up in the city's garbage dumps. "In Juazeiro now," he noted in an interview with the CT Post during a visit home in 2006, "the rich get richer, the poor get poorer." He became pastor of six communities there, and with monies received from preaching in Bridgeport and from generous benefactors including the Fairfield Prep Latin Scholars alumni group, plus the help of the people he served, he was able to build churches for three of these communities.

Three years ago, at the request of the bishop of Juazeiro, Fr. Potter handed over his six communities and began working in Carnaiba, a community of 4,000 people about 13 miles in the interior of Juazeiro. There he cares for three communities, and writes, "...with the grace of God and the help of benefactors in the Diocese of Bridgeport we have just completed the building of St. Francis Assisi Church in one of the three communities." Besides the work in these communities, he continues to bring the comfort of faith to people living in the most difficult of circumstances, and to support, feed and educate 750 children in the three schools that make up the St. Charles Brazilian Children. "For the first time these kids have a hope for the future," Msgr. Potter said. "You can see it in the smiles on their faces." **Dr. Jim Roach '50**, past Alumni Award recipient and friend, expressed his praise: "Msgr. Potter is loved and admired by the thousands that he has served in rural Brazil. It has been my privilege to meet several of the people that help him in his missionary service. The expression of love and respect is very obvious."

*Nomination by Dr. Jim Roach '50*



Kal reunited with some members of the Class of 1973

## Kal's Cartoon Skills Fascinate Crowd

**K**evin "KAL" Kallaugher '73 visited Prep on April 8 and gave an entertaining presentation about his professional experience and demonstrated his amazing cartooning talent to juniors and seniors at a school assembly. In the evening, he gave an additional presentation for alumni, students, family and friends in the Prep Cafeteria. Many alumni from his class of '73 attended the event.

Kevin Kallaugher (KAL) is the international award-winning editorial cartoonist for The Economist magazine of London and The Baltimore Sun. In a distinguished career that spans 35 years, Kal has created over 8000 cartoons and 140 magazine covers. His resumé includes six collections of his published work, one man exhibitions in six countries, international honors and awards in seven.

Since 2006, Kal, a native of Norwalk, CT has been the Artist-in-Residence at University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). He has created acclaimed animations and calendars, toured the U.S.



JP Masaryk '14 meets Kal.

with Second City and addressed audiences around the world. In 1999, The World Encyclopedia of Cartoons said of Kevin, "Commanding a masterful style, Kallaugher stands among the premier caricaturists of the (twentieth) century."

Kal lives near Baltimore, Maryland and when not drawing, enjoys snacking on crabcakes and flyfishing in local waters.

### Kal's Notes...

**T**he last time I was in a Prep classroom was 1973. My life story had yet to be written and like so many Prepsters I had dreams, ambitions and fears about the future.

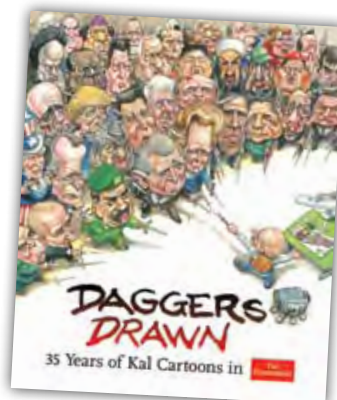
I harbored hopes of becoming a cartoonist. I had been part of the very first art courses taught at Prep and was a regular contributor to the Soundings. Most memorably I created the design for the "Bomb Squad" t-shirt that still is in use today.

So my return to Prep 41 years later was an especially sweet moment. I reflected on the blessings that have followed me in the years since graduating where I saw my cartooning dreams become a reality. It was also incredibly satisfying to stand in front of a fun and raucous assembly and pass on some of the knowledge and wisdom that have come my way over the decades.

It was super fun addressing the students. As I looked out in the audience, I saw the newest incarnations of my classmates I knew so well in the '70s. The students looked identical (except the '70s fashions were happily absent). Still I felt in some small way that I wasn't talking to students but addressing colleagues.

I hope I imparted some pearls of wisdom worth remembering that day. I know it was a experience I will always remember.

"Dagger's Drawn 35 Years of Kal Cartoons" is now available for purchase. Visit Kal's website at [kaltoons.com](http://kaltoons.com)





# Reunion Weekend

## *Classes ending in 4 and 9 meet again*

Approximately 250 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 4 and 9, held on June 14, 2014, at the Barone Campus Center. Guests attended a Mass celebrated at the Egan Chapel, with science teacher Tony Canuel (retiring after 34 years) and **Steve Jakab '84** singing liturgical music (pictured right). A reception followed in the Oak Room and dinner was served in the dining room of the Barone Campus Center. The previous night, many attended the Alumni Jam at Walrus + Carpenter in Black Rock, featuring several bands with Prep alumni. All enjoyed the action-packed weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates. See slideshows at [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org). Watch Tony Canuel and **Steve Jakab '84** sing liturgical music at the Reunion Mass at [www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



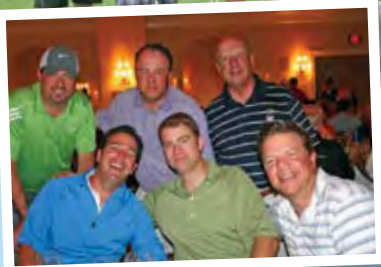
## Alumni Class Reunions

Attention Classes ending in 5 & 0! Your reunion is Saturday, June 13, 2015. Golf Outing is June 12, 2015. Save the dates!



## Prep Golfers enjoy Annual Outing!

Approximately 100 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 13 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**, and **Kevin Kozlowski '99**. The tournament was organized as a shamble and offered lunch and dinner. Most importantly, the group was able to raise money for Prep. Everyone is looking forward to this great event next year!



## Alumni Jam Summer Kickoff draws crowd

Prep alumni and guests came out for a Summer Kick-off on June 13, 2014, to Walrus + Carpenter in Black Rock - hosted by alumnus and restaurateur **Joe Farrell '00**. All enjoyed a fun evening with live music performances by: **Thomas Crowley '96** and the Speakers; **Daniel Carlucci '98** and Heir of the Dog; and **Joseph Farrell '00**, **Jason Mis '98**, **Robert Maresca '00**, **Evan Marsillio '00** in Argyle Tuesdays, with guests **Sean Driscoll '98** and **Chris Adams '11**.





# Prep alumni reunite for breakfast and networking in NYC Business Breakfast featuring

CNN's special series dedicated to the Sixties was a good stimulant in my thoughts about what I would say today. I could always just start talking about banking, but I think it might be a little too early for something that requires several cups of coffee and maybe something even stronger.

The Sixties started with so much promise. It was such an exciting time for a young man who had just moved to the East coast from Indiana. The first order of business was for my Irish mother to find a good parochial school to send her two boys. And she did. It was probably the one constant that my brother and I took from our days in the Midwest, where we went to one of the only parochial schools in the county, naturally its name was St. Patrick's.

One other constant was sports. I only knew three then. Baseball, football and basketball. There really were no others. Parochial schools were not a good breeding ground for sports, unless you like to play on asphalt and tear the knees out of your pants.

The other great thing at the start of this special decade was the music. And listening to transistor radios and playing with the rabbit ears on the top of your TV. It was really such an innocent time. And soon that innocent time would end. And none of us has been innocent ever since.

In the Spring of 1963, I nervously took my entrance test to Fairfield Prep. I was accompanied by a number of friends. It was my first real exposure to the world of testing. My only observation is that it is such a tortuous but necessary way to determine someone's fitness to advance to higher education.

The letter came and I was admitted. Some of my friends were not. This was sad. In September of '63, I went off to a railroad station to take the 40-minute trip to Fairfield. Immediately, I thought, "This is not going to be easy." McAuliffe Hall was full of the smell of coffee and all these innocent young men with buzz cuts and ties. And so my career started at the ripe age of 14. I knew when I saw the quiz pad and two hours of Latin a day that this place was serious.

The end of innocence was November 22, 1963. While sitting in an afternoon class we were notified over the PA that President Kennedy had been shot. Everything stopped, including class and football practice. The silence was what I remember most about that day. For the next four days, there were no smiles, no jokes. Things would never be the same. For young men and women, John Kennedy was a symbol of everything we wanted to be. He reflected the soaring spirit of the Sixties. And now what.

Thank God for the Beatles. Thank God for the Rolling Stones. Thank God for the Beach Boys. Thank God for the Four Tops. Thank God for the Temptations.

Thank God for Fairfield Prep for keeping us all in line, during those tumultuous times. The Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam, the Six Days War, Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy, and Woodstock were some of the highlights or low lights of the years after the loss of innocence.

Where would Fairfield be without its great sports' program? I played football on the same field where the Giants practiced. They used our lockers. The names of Katcavage, Huff, Connerly, Tittle, Gifford, Summerall, Patton, Lynch and Landry were on the locker doors. While these were good memories, I didn't appreciate what they did to our great field.



Guest speaker **Mike Smith '67** (right) with President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and **Richard Horodeck '67**

Joe Brosley and Earl Lavery were my two coaches. The rigor and discipline of the classroom was easily and seamlessly transferred to the football field. And then of course you had to travel home to do three hours of homework. My favorite teacher was Father Welch, S.J. He taught us Latin, Geometry and English. He actually wrote the Latin textbook we used. Trots were not allowed and actually were considered a variant of cheating. If you did not study every night for three hours, you were not going to pass. Of course, there was not time to go out, dating would come sometime after the Senior Prom.

As I graduated, the war in Vietnam was escalating and I was off to one of the most liberal colleges in America. It had just abolished in loco parentis and not surprisingly, the end of curfews combined with a horde of eighteen year olds could only spell trouble.

Again, if it wasn't for the lessons learned at Prep, I probably would have been one of the thousands of lost souls on campus. Yes, I did enjoy the college life but underneath I held on to my faith and ethical roots. When things were really tough, I thought back to those practices with Earl Lavery or those lessons learned from Father Welch, S.J. I always recalled that our games on Saturday were a relief from the rigors of the weekday studies and workouts.

And, of course, the War would be waged another four years after my



# New York City and Boston

## es Mike Smith '67

graduation. I would go to Washington where I would witness first-hand the workings of the White House under Nixon, his demise at Watergate and the continued loss of the spirit which Kennedy brought to so many of my generation.

Fast forward to today. My professional career has had two stops. One four-year term working for a Congressman in Washington and the other the banking industry which has spanned nearly four decades. I was happily married and raising five children when my wife died from cancer and I had another full-time career as a single parent.

The most important lesson I learned along the way is don't underestimate your capacity to do what you have to do. Going back to my years at Prep and using an old football analogy, it is all about blocking and tackling. You have to do the basic stuff right because there will come a time when the long ball, the big deal, or your best friend and advisor will not be there.

This is particularly true in the banking world and the lessons learned from the financial crisis which has affected all Americans. The basic business of banking since the beginning of time has been about blocking and tackling. Taking deposits and making loans. The more risky forms of finance were pretty well isolated within the domain of investment banking. The wall separating these two businesses began to crack in the Eighties and then fell completely in the Nineties. While the feast lasted, everyone shared in the wealth, including those who could not afford to buy a home. Unfortunately, when the government opened up the markets it failed to reorganize the referees who resided in boxes constructed a century ago. Well, I don't have to tell you what we have today. The markets have been chastened and the "return to basics" has become the rule of the day.

The tragedy of all this is that the cause of the crisis was very simple. It was caused by a systematic and collective breakdown of ethics and morality on the part of some of those involved. Knowing right from wrong would have prevented much of the suffering that was to come. Watching my own children grow, I have every hope in the successors to the baby boomer generation. As for my generation, I think it lost its way back there in the Sixties. Maybe if there were more schools like Prep, the story would be different. Fortunately, we still have Prep today as a beacon of hope for coming generations.

*Taken from speech by Mike Smith '67*



Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., pictured with (from left) Larry Makovich '73, Fr. John Fagan, S.J., Brian Ferguson '86 and Dick Lynch '69



## Boston Business Breakfast with Larry Makovich '73

Fairfield Prep visited Boston on May 1 for two great alumni events. The Boston Business Breakfast featured guest speaker **Larry Makovich '73**, VP at Information Handling Systems (IHS). Larry's story gave the Jesuit messages of open to growth, intellectually competent and committed to doing justice by focusing his speech on two topics: energy and the poor. Larry enlightened his Boston area alumni audience with a mind opening, educationally "green" speech regarding energy socioeconomics, the impact that energy bills hold on the underprivileged, and the scientific scope of contemporary global energy situations with high carbon emissions affecting our everyday lives.

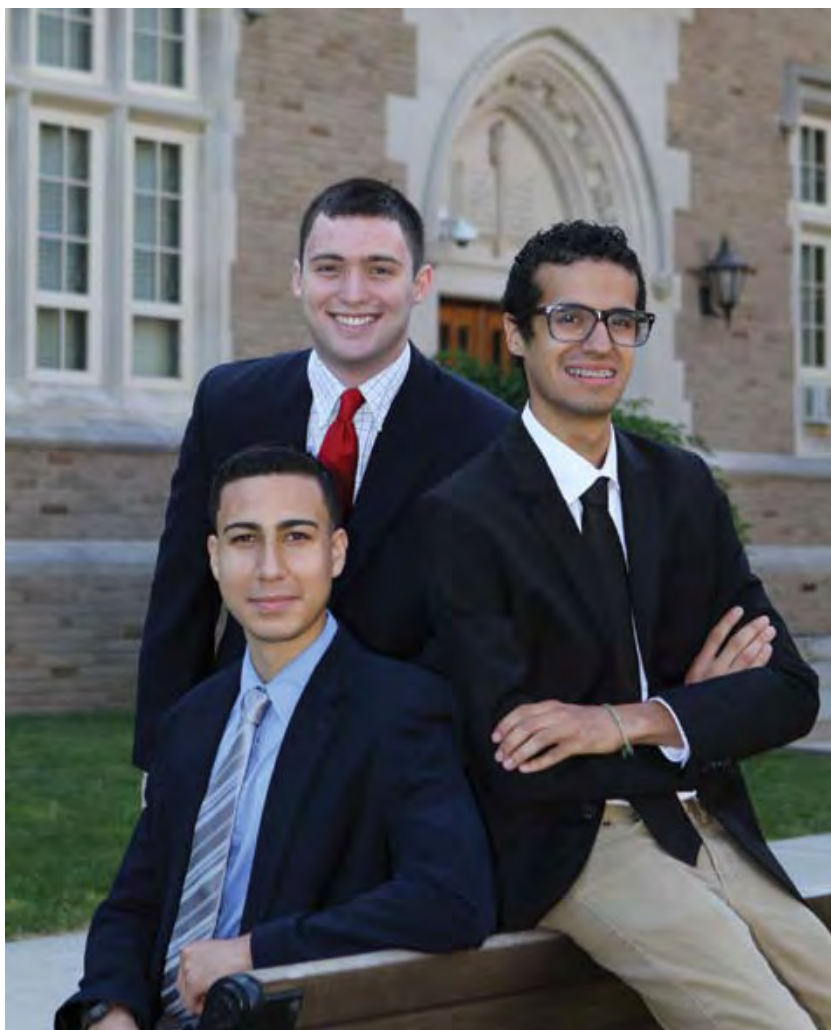
Additionally, the Prep alumni office hosted a pizza lunch at Boston College offering Boston area college alumni a chance to unwind and catch up on the latest happenings from campus with Rev. John Hanwell, S.J. (see photos below).



Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., pictured with (from left) Sean Keane '11, Ryan Cahalane '10, John Guzzi '11 and Francis Mahoney '11



# Gates Win is Life Changing



Top left **Mark Giannini '13**, right **Jaime Rodriguez Jr. '10**, bottom **Jairo Martinez '14**

**T**he statistics associated with the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program are dazzling, however, it is the stories of lives changed and opportunities made available which are truly its greatest value. In its short history 20,000 “good through graduation” scholarships have been awarded and more than \$763,628,869 contributed to the education of those selected through rigorous competition. Each year over 50,000 applicants seek to become Gates Scholars with 1,000 chosen, among them are Prep’s Gates Scholars: **Jaime Rodriguez '10**, **Mark Giannini '13** and **Jairo Martinez '14**. Their expressions validate the idea that the Gates is so much more than a scholarship; it is a life changer, an opportunity which has “set them free” to dream, explore and achieve. From first glance at the site ([www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)) to the filing of the application there are many steps, among them each candidate must have a nominator and a recommender to attest to their character, scholarship and leadership. The application itself involves much thoughtful writing and those who emerge as Gates Scholars are truly extraordinary in character, scholarship and leadership. There is no better way to understand the meaning of the Gates Millennium Scholarship than to experience its impact on the lives of Prep’s Gates Scholars through their own expressions. — *John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising*

## In their own words...

### **Jaime Rodriguez Jr. '10**

Fordham University, Class of 2014

**W**hen I received the Gates Millennium Scholarship back in April 2010, it took me a while to wrap my head around the privileges my life had now been granted by this organization. With this scholarship, I was able to pursue my college studies within the Jesuit tradition at Fordham University, where I personally, intellectually, and spiritually thrived without the burden of student debt weighing on my mind. Most importantly, this scholarship puts into perspective the lack of access low-income students have in pursuing higher education and how Gates Scholars are empowered and encouraged to address these disparities wherever their lives take them. These lessons and values in regards to education that the GMSP has instilled in me will be carried into my next path in life as a Jesuit Volunteer in Atlanta, Georgia, with the new Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. To be a part of this GMSP experience cannot be measured, but only appreciated as you are empowered to pursue your life’s greatest and most visionary ambitions.

### **Mark Giannini '13**

University of Notre Dame, Class of 2017

**T**he Gates Millennium Scholarship has given me tremendous academic opportunities that would have been impossible to experience if I had not been selected. Even after only one year, this award has truly changed my life and I cannot possibly express how thankful I am to have won. Not only did it have an immediate financial impact by allowing me to attend a university I would not have been able to, but it welcomed me into the Gates community. This community was first realized this past fall when I attended my first Gates Millennium Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. At this conference, I met many fascinating people and formed strong friendships with very unique and talented students. Winning this award means becoming part of a community and a family that wants nothing more than the success of each and every member. It means the world to have this incredible support system behind me and I am truly grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

### **Jairo Martinez '14**






Columbia University, Class of 2018

**B**lessing. Opportunity. Expectation. These are the words that come to mind when I think of what the Gates Millennium Scholarship has meant to me. Though I have just recently been bestowed with such an amazing scholarship, I can honestly say that it has been and will continue to be a blessing. It is a *blessing* to know that my desire to further my studies both to lead a fruitful life within the context of our nation and to foster my own curiosity about the world that surrounds us won’t be hindered by monetary preoccupation. This opens a world of *opportunity* as it allows me to experiment with my interests freely and pursue the highest levels of education, be it a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or a Medical Degree. Should I choose to take some time off from school, it is wonderful to know that my chances of attaining such degrees are not jeopardized by a lack of funds because the GMS will continue to be there for me. But with all of this free reign and opportunity there also comes *expectation*. For my loved one’s sake and for my sake, I must use this blessing to produce something worthwhile. To have an easier life than my parents, making sure that their struggles were not made in vain; to give back to my community and those marginalized by society; and to make sure my offspring grow up in an environment and household that fosters their own aspirations. This is a dream of mine. A dream that became all the more real the moment I saw the big, bold letters on a GMS packet that I received last April and read: Congratulations!

# Alumni Class News

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## 1940's

**Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Potter '46** will receive the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 5, 2014.

## 1950's

**Earl Lavery '50**, former Prep football coach, was honored at the Greater Bridgeport Athletic Association's annual Awards Dinner on May 12. See page 47.

**Albert M. Parillo '52** has recently published his first book, *Guiliana's Way*, the story of a precocious Italian girl who, in 1941 at eleven years of age, leaves heart, home and war-torn Europe and comes to the United States to get an education, become an architect and realize the American dream. See page 47.

**Edward J. Rowe '59**, formerly of the Prep Math Department and Prep baseball coach, and his wife Gail announce the arrival of their granddaughter Ella Mae Rowe on June 23, 2014.

## 1960's

**John L. Altieri '64** will receive the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 5, 2014.

**Walter P. Halas '69** has been named the Vice President for Advancement at Fairfield University.

**J. Richard "Dick" McCarthy '64** will be awarded the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award, posthumously, at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 5, 2014.

**William F. O'Brien Jr. '64** served as Honorary Irish Mayor for the Day in Stratford, CT on March 17, 2014.

**John S. Santa '60** received an honorary degree from Fairfield University during their 64th Commencement on Sunday, May 18, 2014. See article at right.

## 1970's

**George P. Szondy '72** was honored with the Corporate Citizen of the Year Award by the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. He is the President and CEO of Abbey Tent & Party Rentals.

## 1980's

**Joseph V. Barbetta '89** was named to the American Cancer Society New England Division Board of Directors in September of 2013.



**Charles A. Burks '89** (pictured above) received his MFA in Acting from Columbia University. He is an Actor-Writer-Comedian and has two upcoming films set to release in the Fall of 2014.

**Armen J. Chakmakjian '82** is a Senior Director of Engineering at Kronos, Inc. in Chelmsford, MA.

**Robert W. Cusack Jr. '88** landed a speaking role in HBO's *VEEP*. Cusack played Michael Cunningham, a pro-life lobbyist. The original episode aired April 13, 2014.

**Christopher I. Fenton '88** recently accepted the position of Director of Talent & Leadership Development at HomeServUSA in Norwalk. He is currently studying for his Masters degree in Leadership and Adult Leadership at Columbia University.



**Robert F. Walsh '86** (pictured above) was named Distinguished Teacher by the Greenwich Board of Education. This is his 15th year of teaching. He is also entering his fifth year as a syndicated columnist for *Hersam Acorn* newspapers throughout Connecticut.

**Peter E. Wasmer '83** is the President and CEO of Chrome Capital, the Naples Harley Davidson dealership.

**Yohuru Williams '89**, Professor of History, has been named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fairfield University.

## 1990's

**Brian T. Burke '96** has joined Siefert Associates, LLC, Construction Engineers, Ansonia, CT as an Assistant Engineer. He has his MS in Civil Engineering from UConn.



John S. Santa '60 (center) received an honorary degree from Fairfield University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J. (right), during the 64th Commencement.

## John S. Santa '60 receives honorary degree

**John S. Santa '60**, after a 40-year career in marketing, finance and finally as CEO at Santa Energy, now serves as an independent director for four private corporations.

His record as a community activist as well as his ongoing commitment to social justice and community service is substantial.

Having served on many community boards in the past, such as the Inner City Foundation for Charity and Education and the Family Firm Institute, he is currently an active member of the Sentencing Commission of the State of Connecticut, the board of the Fairfield Museum and History Center, and the Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University.

He received the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Fairfield Connecticut as well as the Volunteer of the Year Award from the State of Connecticut, Department of Correction.

In 2012, he received the Graymoor Award from the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement for his work on behalf of current and formerly incarcerated men and women. He has been recognized as a prophetic voice in the modern criminal justice reform movement.

He began his work in 1998, and by 2002 he and his colleagues founded Malta Prison Volunteers of Connecticut — now known as Malta Justice Initiative. Their mission is to inform and educate the business, faith and academic communities about the opportunities available in criminal justice legislative reform. His programs were embraced as the first and only national work of the American Association of the Order of Malta. The Order now conducts prison ministry activities from coast to coast.

Mr. Santa has also headed the inaugural capital campaigns at Luralton Hall in Milford, Conn., and St. Joseph's Manor in Trumbull, Conn. He is a founder of the National Oilheat Research Alliance, for which he was instrumental in putting a bill through Congress for its establishment.

## Russo Wedding

**Chris Russo '03** married Lindsay Furman on May 24, 2014, surrounded by Prep friends and family in Chatham, MA. **Gregory Russo '92, John Oraziotti '81, Edward McCarthy '03, Michael Galbo '03, and Bobby Gillon '99** were groomsmen. Prep alumni in attendance were **Anthony Galbo '01, James McCarthy '08, Mark Musico '03, Christopher Pastore '02, Jack Calcutt '03, Robert D. Russo, Jr. '65, Kenneth Maiocco '59, and Edward Molloy '58.**



## Gleason Wedding

**Patrick B. Gleason '03** married Elizabeth Bezgin on June 1, 2013 in Spring Lake, NJ. Prep alumni in attendance were **Andrew Gleason '06, John J. Skowronski '03, L. Daniel Muldoon '03, Max J. Braun '03 and John J. Duguay '03.**



## Marraffa Wedding

**Jesse Marraffa '97** married Jessica Gerrity on August 24, 2013. Prep alumni in attendance: back row (L to R): **Ryan Utzler '97, T.J. DiCocco '97** (Groomsman), **Jesse Marraffa '97** (Groom), **Chris Tymniak '97, Nick Laganza '97, David Knott '97.** Front row (L to R) **Anthony Gigliotti '97, Andy Tsichlas '97** (Best Man).

late **Rev. James K. Healy '52** and the late **Robert W. Healy '49.**

**Patrick J. Higgins '51** on June 7, 2014.

**William J. Hollis, Jr.** on April 10, 2014. He was the grandfather of **William J. Hollis III '08 and Andrew S. Hollis '10.**

**Walter J. Horosko '46** on June 14, 2014.

**Grace D. Lee** on May 2, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Christopher B. Van Hise '07.**

**Eugene B. Kuruc '59** on June 10, 2014.

**Robert B. Mahoney '50** on May 2, 2014.

**Dorothy Mastromonaco** on March 11, 2014. She was the mother of **Michael A. Mastromonaco '67, Leonard P. Mastromonaco '70, and Peter A. Mastromonaco '72.**

**Kevin C. McDonough '72** on May 23, 2014. He was the brother of **Sean P. McDonough '81.**

**Lucie C. McKinney** on May 10, 2014. She was the mother of **John P. McKinney '82 and grandmother of Matthew B. McKinney '14.**

**James J. Mead** on April 21, 2014. He was the grandfather of **Patrick J. Steed '17.**

**Arlene S. Meuser** on Sunday May 11, 2014. She was the wife of the late **Joseph E. Meuser '49** and the mother of the late **Joseph E. Meuser '75, Mark V. Meuser '77, Christopher J. Meuser '80, Craig S. Meuser '82, grandfather of Joseph E. Meuser '06 and uncle of John A. Meuser '86.**

**Emily Berty Montanaro** on June 18, 2014. She was the mother of **Michael B. Montanaro '64.**

**James K. Mossey '59** on Nov 10, 2012.

**Kathleen A. Butier Nalty** on July 3, 2014. She was the grandmother of **John N. Clark '14** and mother of **Elaine Clark**, Chairperson of the Prep English Department.

**Harry L. Norris III '65** on November 25, 2013.

**Shirley O'Brien** on May 27, 2014. She was the mother of **William F. O'Brien Jr. '64.**

**Macklin Ollayos** on January 28, 2014. He was the grandson of **James C. Hellauer '57, and great nephew of Joseph F. Hellauer '52 and William A. Hellauer '59.**

**Robert L. Pencic '65** on December 19, 2012.

**Walter E. Pleban '54** on February 14, 2014. He was the father of **Joel F. Pleban '86** and grandfather of **Stephen R. Grabarz '15.**

**Joseph J. Preg '64** on October 17, 2013.

**Robert T. Ralston Jr.** on March 28, 2014. He was the father of **Ryan T. Ralston '07.**

## 1990's Continued

**Timothy M. Burke '98** received his MS in Biological Science from UMass-Lowell. He is a lead Med Tech at Longmont Hospital, Longmont, CO where he lives with his wife Kelley and son Harrison.

**Stephen R. Kellogg Jr. '94,** professional musician, is currently touring in Africa and the Middle East on a USO tour.

**Owen R. Kiernan '97** is a Major in the US Army. He is currently a trauma surgeon at Fort Hood.

## 2000's

**Kevin P. Burke '00** is an associate with Wang, Leonard & Condon Attorneys at Law, Chicago, IL. Kevin is admitted to the bar in NY, NJ, and IL.

**Antonio C. Esposito '08** won the "Best Student Film 2014" award at the Black Hills Film Festival, in South Dakota. He's also been accepted into the SoCal Film Festival, with the same short. He is currently in graduate school for film and will begin principal photography for his thesis film in late August. Antonio recently worked his first professional job as 2nd AC on the feature length film, "The Missing Girl".

**John H. Griffin '09** is currently teaching at Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School in Chicago, Illinois.

**Daniel M. Peleschuk '04** is currently working as a journalist for the Global Post covering current events in the Ukraine. Dan was in the Ukraine during the protests in Kiev and is now in Crimea. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe and Ukraine including the Olympics in Sochi this past February.

**Charles F. Ruegger '05** was the student speaker at the spring commencement of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a graduate

school of Middlebury College. He is currently helping to create Xanadu Academy, a private school in Lagos, Nigeria.

**William J. Ruegger '07** has studied at The New School of Jazz in New York City. He has also performed at *Jazz at Lincoln Center*.

## 2010's

**Thomas J. Gaudett '10** graduated on May 29, 2014 from Harvard University with a BA in Government. He plans to work for Teach for America for two years.

**David W. Mullany '12** was named the GoHolyCross.com Crusader of the week for competition from February 17-23. Also, during the Patriot League Championship held in March in Annapolis MD, he broke the all-time Holy



Cross records in the 1,000-yard freestyle (9:54.53) and the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:31.08). He was also a part of two school-record setting relay teams, with the 400-yard freestyle and the 400-yard medley relay team.

**Alexander C. Namin '10** graduated on May 17, 2014 with BA in Communications from Loyola University Baltimore. He is specializing in graphic design.

## In Memoriam

**Richard P. Bepko '49** on April 21, 2014. He was the brother **Robert P. Bepko '47** the late **Thomas J. Bepko '45** and the late **Francis J. Bepko '45.**

**Vincent P. Berry** on June 24, 2014. He was the father of **David M. Berry '87.**

**Mary Allen Bertasi** on April 2, 2014. She was the wife of **Ronald P. Bertasi Sr. '57,** mother of **Richard S. Bertasi '80, Ronald P. Bertasi II '87, sister of Thomas L. Allen '47** and sister in law of **Peter A. Bertasi '68.**

**Gerald E. Bodell '51** on April 26, 2014.

**David A. Cappetta** on May 9, 2014. He was the father of **David A. Cappetta '15.**

**Marilyn M. Carlson** on March 27, 2014. She was the mother of **Robert S. Carlson '71,** and grandmother of **Severin R. Carlson '04 and Ryan S. Carlson '05.**

**Kevin B. Clarke** on May 26, 2014. He was the father of **Sean B. Clarke '83, Mark N. Clarke '89** and grandfather of **Jack F. Clarke '16.**

**Richard M. Crampton '49** on September 19, 2011.

**Arthur J. Cummings '46** on June 13, 2014.

**Anthony R. DeLucia '55** on March 20, 2014.

**Joseph F. Dewhirst** on June 20, 2014. He was the father of **Joseph R. Dewhirst '69.**

**Mary L. Ference** on April 24, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Patrick F. Ference '04.**

**Gerald J. Fucci Sr.** on March 2, 2014. He was the father of **Gerald J. Fucci Jr. '59.**

**Bruce J. Gardner '69** on February 18, 2014.

**James Gavey** on March 9, 2014. He was the grandfather of **Jack P. Gavey '12, Tucker J. Gavey '14 and Matthew J. Gavey '17.**

**Robert M. Gaynor '69** on May 14, 2014.

**Bruce D. Gormley '61** on April 9, 2014.

**Ann Gniadek** on January 20, 2014. She was the mother of **Edward J. Gniadek '57 and Donald R. Gniadek '59.**

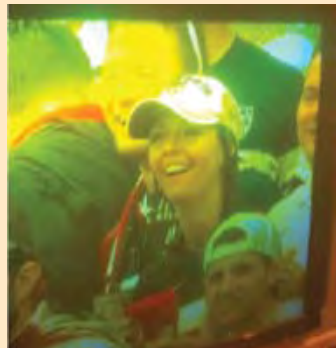
**John A. "Tony" Harlow '52** on March 23, 2014.

**Patrick F. Healy '49** on December 20, 2013. He was the brother of **Charles W. Healy '50,** the

## FACULTY AND STAFF



**Dolores Tema** received the *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication at the Easter Mass.



**Kristina Leonardo**, math teacher was caught on TV at the US-Germany World Cup game in Brazil.

## In Memoriam

**Dr. Brian Lewis PhD** on April 14, 2014. He was a member of the Fairfield Prep Science Department.

Kathleen A. Butier Nalty on July 3, 2014. She was the mother of **Elaine Clark, P'14**, Chairperson of the Prep English Department and grandmother of **John N. Clark '14**.

## Weddings



**Timothy Dee**, Chairperson of the Prep Math Department (photo above), married **Kristen D'Alessandro** on June 28, 2014 at the Egan Chapel on Fairfield University Campus.

## Births

**Kathy Norell**, Prep Special Events Coordinator and her husband Rick welcomed their granddaughter **Ava Grace McIntosh** on April 9, 2014.



## Henn Wedding

**Timothy Henn '05** married **Tesia Ciechanowski** on September 28, 2013 at Georgetown University, where they met. Father **Richard Curry, S.J.**, officiated the ceremony at Dahlgren Chapel, and a reception followed at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. **Christopher Kretzman '05** and **Stephen D'Ambrisi '05** were groomsmen. Tim and Tesia reside in Rowayton, Conn.



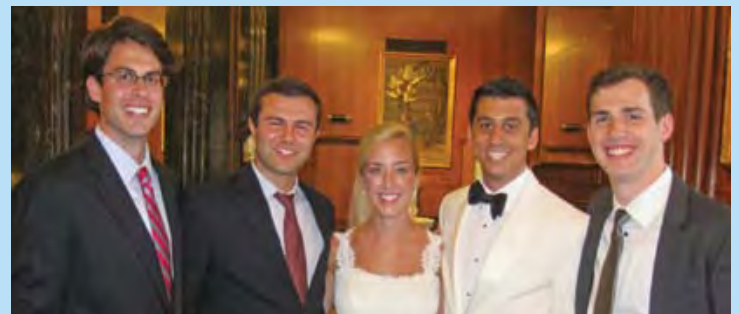
## Urquhart Wedding

**Andrew T. Urquhart '04** married **Anne Sterling Russell** on June 7, 2014, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport, CT, with the reception at the Fairfield Beach Club. Prep alumni in attendance included, from left: **Randy Russell '08**, **Brian Cullinane '04**, **John Urquhart '00**, **Jack Philbin '04**, **Ryan Perone '04**, **Michael LaPerch '04**, **Tim Birge '04**, **Kevin Russell '04**, **Sante Faustini '04**, **Chris Nazaruk '04**, **Kevin Cullinane '04** (not pictured, groomsman **Dean Russell '03**).



## Mitchell Wedding

Restaurateur **Richard Ernest Mitchell '98** married **Eleni Stella Kalandranis**, nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, on August 25, 2013, at the Barns of Wesleyan Hills in Middletown, CT. The Super Duper Weenie truck, operated by **John Pellegrino '87**, served at the reception.



## Rosa Wedding

**Nicolas Michael Rosa '08** married **Caroline Marie Shaughnessy**, July 12, 2014, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in St. Louis, MO. Prep classmates that attended (L to R) are **Harrison McGeady '08**, **Badredine Ahtchi '08**, and **Rudy Klein '08**. Nick and Caroline will reside in Stonington, CT.

## In Memoriam Continued

**Mark T. Regan**, nephew of the late Fr. Alfred E. Morris, S.J., on March 14, 2014.

**James J. Ryan Jr. '55** on November 15, 2012.

**Michael Sanko** on May 11, 2014. He was the father of **Steven R. Sanko '10**.

**Marilyn Santella** on June 16, 2014. She was the wife of **Sal M. Santella '49** and mother of **Robert N. Santella '75**.

**John Shannon** on April 30, 2014. He was the father of **James E. Shannon '77**, **Michael P. Shannon '80**, **Timothy J. Shannon '82** and **David R. Shannon '86**.

**David A. Shippee '54** on May 5, 2014.

**Woody SchempP'60** on May 21, 2014.

**Richard J. Shea '46** on May 20, 2014. He was a member of the first four year graduating class of Fairfield Prep.

**Emma Sulick** on April 23, 2014. She was the mother of **George T. Sulick Jr., '64**.

**Paul J. Troiano** on April 25, 2014. He was the father of **Paul J. Troiano '63**.

**F. David Turchik '53** on May 31, 2014.

**Edwin J. Webb '49** on May 27, 2014.

**Robert J. Whelan '49** on April 14, 2014.

## Weddings

**Patrick B. Gleason '03** married **Elizabeth Bezgin** on June 1, 2013 in Spring Lake, NJ. See photo on page 44.

**Timothy J. Henn '05** married **Tesia Ciechanowski** on September 28, 2013 at Georgetown University. See on page 45.

**Jesse D. Marraffa '97** married **Jessica Gerrity** on August 24, 2013. See on page 44.



**Matthew J. Signore '03** and his wife **Nicole** welcomed their daughter **Ava Grace Signore** (pictured above) on February 3, 2014.



Retired Maj. **Mick O'Donnell '58** and his wife, Karin, seated, created Retirees on Call at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., after a conversation with base chaplain Lt. Col. Dwayne Keener, standing right. Other retirees quickly joined the effort, including retired Master Sgt. Larry Hoch and his wife, Thetis.

## Mick O'Donnell '58 and Retirees On Call help active-duty families

For the last few months, a group of retired airmen from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., has stepped in to solve crises both big and small. They got the airman an oil change. They went shopping for the young mother, delivering the groceries to her doorstep. They set up the computer for the retired nurse, whittled down that bill and negotiated an introductory rate through the end of 2015. The do-gooders call themselves Retirees on Call. ROC for short. Retired Maj. **Mick O'Donnell '58** came up with the name and the concept. He couldn't get the word "rock" out of his head during a brainstorming session — or the song from Queen, he said with a laugh. "You can be the rock," said his wife, Karin, "and also when you rock people, you move them."...That's what they're all about. The group has hosted dinners and delivered home-cooked meals. They've baked cookies for active-duty airmen, filled in as babysitters, checked on an Air Force wife whose parents were worried after their son-in-law's deployment... "I thought about it for a while," O'Donnell said. "I was guilty of saying, 'Somebody ought to do something.' Why not here, why not now, why not us?" Source: Air Force Times April 2014

## Patrick Corona '12 Mountain West Athlete of the Week

Air Force sophomore distance runner **Patrick Corona '12** was named the Mountain West Men's Outdoor Athlete of the Week, the conference office announced. It is the first such award for the native of Fairfield, Conn., and the first outdoor honor for an Air Force runner since 2011. With a career-best 1500-meter time of 3:46.04, Corona finished third among 38 runners at the outdoor-opening Baldy Castillo Invitational on March 21. With a personal improvement of nearly one second, Corona is currently ranked first in the Mountain West and ninth in the NCAA.

Source: Go AirForceFalcons.com



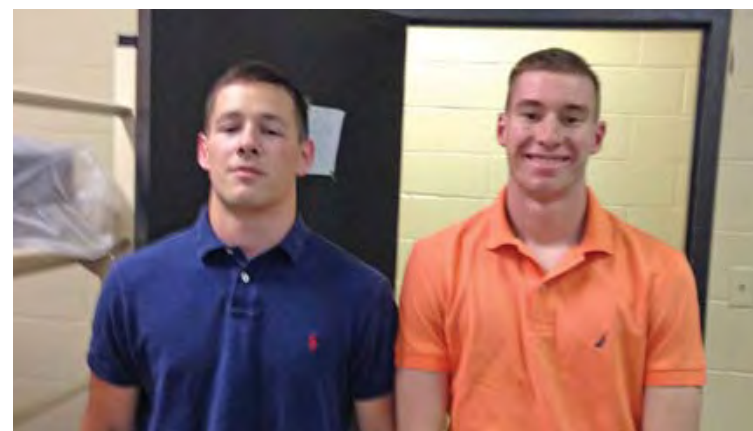
## Fr. Charles Allen, S.J., and George Szondy '72 awarded

At the recent Fairfield Chamber of Commerce 68th Annual Dinner, Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., Alumni Chaplain & Special Assistant to the President, Fairfield University (and former Prep Housemaster) was honored as "Distinguished Citizen of the Year," and **George Szondy '72**, President & CEO of Abbey Tent & Party Rentals, was honored as the "Corporate Citizen of the Year."



## Alumni Chicago

Chicago Chapter alumni, friends and family gathered on February 8 to watch their hometown Chicago Wolves skate against their rivals, the Milwaukee Admirals, in an exciting American Hockey League match up. Special thanks to **Mike Marella '96** for organizing this great event!



## Stankye '12 and Bayer '13 at Fort Knox

**Tyler Stankye '12** and **Chris Bayer '13** ran into each other in their Army barracks at Fort Knox in Kentucky during the ROTC CULP program. Chris just got back from Thailand and Tyler is headed to Spain.

## ENTREPRENEUR'S CORNER

### Albert Parillo '52 publishes a novel



When I sat down to write a novel seven years ago, I turned to my roots for inspiration: to Amalfi, Italy, where my grandparents were from; to New Haven, where I was born and grew up and where, in the vibrant Italian neighborhood of my youth more than half the story of *Giuliana's Way*—the novel's precocious fictional

heroine—takes place; to New York, where for almost four decades, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame (major: English; minor: Philosophy) and service in the United States Navy, I carved out a successful career in the advertising business, nearly thirty of those years in my own agency which I founded in 1971.

Learn more at: [giulianasway.com](http://giulianasway.com).



## A gift like no other

By John Barney '89



I received my diploma from Fairfield Prep in 1989, following in my father's footsteps as a proud graduate of this exceptional institution. I then attended the Catholic University of America, where I majored in English and received a minor in Philosophy. I returned to Connecticut and attended the Quinnipiac University School of Law and School of Business, earning my JD/MBA in 1999. I presently

hold the title of Senior Assistant State's Attorney for the state of Connecticut. I can trace back any and all success that I have achieved in both my education and my professional life to my years roaming the hallowed halls of Berchmans and Xavier.

While at Prep I strove to be as well-rounded as possible by immersing myself in sports, music, and community service. I was a four-year member of Fairfield Prep soccer, and was lucky enough to be a member of some great squads coached by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Jaffe. I look back on those years with fondness because it helped form friendship bonds that still exist today.

I also spent a considerable amount of time in the music room being a member of both the Prep Jazz Band and Liturgical Music. It was in these settings that I learned focus—the music was oftentimes demanding—and how spiritually connected you can get to music. We played at every Mass, culminating in a final performance at the Baccalaureate Mass right before graduation. Truly, a highlight of my Prep experience.

Community service is the hallmark of the Jesuit experience, and Fairfield Prep taught me the value of being "A Man for Others." Whether it was working with individuals with special needs, or the "Big Brother" field day, this community involvement left me with a sense of purpose and a lifelong commitment to helping others. I am proud to say that I incorporate these values into my everyday work as a prosecutor for the state of Connecticut.

Fairfield Prep gave me the necessary tools to be successful in life: respect for others, confidence and a sense of purpose. It also created a vast network of friends and professional contacts that I rely on immeasurably. Twenty five years later our brotherhood still exists—stronger than ever. I encourage all of you to strengthen the bonds with your friends at Prep, and never lose sight of the educational and spiritual guidance that Fairfield Prep gives you. It is a gift like no other.

### Becker & Pramer, Class of '10, finish Swimming & Diving at Yale

Ed Becker '10 and Tyler Pramer '10, members of Prep's State Championship team their senior year, were key members of Yale's Swimming & Diving team over the last four years. Pictured together at their last swim team banquet at Yale: Ed gave the captain's speech; and Tyler received the William Leeming Jelliffe Award. Following graduation, Ed and Tyler will be working in NYC in investment banking at Credit Suisse.



### Earl Lavery '50 honored at Greater Bridgeport Athletic Association

At the Greater Bridgeport Athletic Association's (Old Timers) 57th annual Awards Dinner on May 12, Prep's legendary football coach Earl Lavery '50 was honored with the Al Bike Outstanding Sportsman Award. Pictured from left: Brian McGillicuddy '81; Bob Harris, former Prep Athletic Director; Earl Lavery '50; and Jim Kish, former head basketball coach at Harding High School.



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Dan Hodson '05

## Dan Hodson '05

# Greetings from Senegal

I completed Peace Corps training in Niger from Oct. 2010-Jan. 2011. I improved my French, then forgot French, and became proficient in Zarma. Peace Corps Niger was closed due to security concerns. My new assignment was Senegal.



I spent two years in a small village called Thianfara Koba in southern Senegal, south of Gambia. I learned an incredible amount every day about the life and culture and became highly proficient in Foulacounda, a dialect of Pulaar.

Most of my daily work was helping the village women's group build a community garden. I designed the one acre lot, planted trees, taught on gardening, dug wells, battled cows intent on ruining the garden, and other tasks.

I wanted to "build the capacity" of the women who formed the leadership of the group. I tried to "grow leaders." I have only once returned to Thianfara, but I was overwhelmed to see the bananas tall and green, and the women still very active in the garden. Although most community garden projects fail, our women say the garden gives them a small consistent income, more free time, reduces conflict with their husbands, and has improved communication among village women.

I also performed a mini mosquito net redistribution for my village and stewarded the local Peace Corps radio program. I produced about 19 shows in Foulacounda, most of which I scripted out

for myself but "performed" live. My entire family joined me for one live show during their visit in December 2012.

In June 2013 I moved to the town of Medina Yoro Foulah (MYF), north of Kolda and close to the Gambian border. Now I work with the community health workers, nurses, midwives, district staff, and one head doctor in this district of about 12 health posts, 100 community health workers, and a population of 134,000. The lessons I learned living in Thianfara teaching about malaria through home visits, group training sessions, and radio shows gifted me incredible insight into the village level perspective on community health. While I was proximal to many volunteers in Thianfara, I have in MYF essentially opened up to Peace Corps a district in which no volunteer had ever worked (though we do have volunteers perhaps 60-80k on the southern edge of the district).

I earned my stripes in the district by using my Foulacounda language skills to train home-based management of malaria care providers. Besides helping district staff with their daily tasks (e.g. manipulating Excel), I helped to distribute mosquito nets, and I collect and analyze data from our health workers. Most importantly, I have helped the district to estimate their needs of first line malaria tests and medicine and to distribute these supplies to the health workers in our district. Our district has developed in less than one year one of the most active and functional community health worker systems in the country. It has

been undoubtedly the most incredible experience of my life, and it is important to note how the work and any success in MYF remains a direct result of my first two years in Thianfara and the lessons learned there.

This past season our health workers treated thousands more cases of malaria than would have otherwise received medicine. The head doctor and I presented our work and recommendations to the National Malaria Control Program in Dakar, and I was reminded of how innovative our work has been and how poor my French remains.

This summer, I will be participating in a one-month summer program sponsored by the Global Health Delivery Project at the Harvard School of Public Health.

After a summer U.S. visit I'll return to Senegal to work with my host health district for a second rainy season. I have learned here that any real progress takes two seasons, so after two seasons of gardening in Thianfara, I will return for my second season of high malaria transmission in MYF until the winter/early spring before finally coming home for real.

I have missed you all, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this summer. I honestly cannot believe I have been gone for over three and a half years. Was the Peace Corps contract not two years, haha?

From Dakar, Senegal with love,  
**Daniel Z. Hodson '05**



Dan bottom left with friends

## Sustaining Fairfield Prep



“Today, philanthropy has its strongest national footing here in the USA. I have a theory on the waxing and waning of philanthropy that syncs with why today it is strongest in the U.S. In my opinion, philanthropy thrives under the condition that man sees his fellow man as essentially an equal, irrespective of material wealth or status. Philanthropy is a gift to a fellow man and takes the form of property or time... So what are some of the philanthropic issues my family has been involved with? Well

first, there is Prep, where we made a leadership gift to help fund the work of the Jesuit Educators Academy. The JEA is a five-year program that immerses new faculty in the mission and methods of Jesuit education. Faculty participants attend a series of workshops on Ignatian spirituality, learn to write lesson plans in accord with Jesuit pedagogy, and have the opportunity to take part in student community service and retreat programs. Senior faculty serve as mentors to junior faculty throughout the five years. What I like about this is that this is an instance of problem solving with leverage. The leverage comes from not expending the resources to train every student individually but, through faculty, pass the fruits of these principles and concepts through to generations of students.”

*Excerpt from a presentation on philanthropy by Dan Paduano '62 to an alumni gathering on June 18, 2014, at the Friars Club in NYC. Dan is a Managing Director and Sr. Portfolio Manager of the Paduano Group at Neuberger Berman, LLC.*



### Put me in, Coach!

Alumni players representing five decades of Prep baseball gathered at Alumni Diamond on Saturday, June 7, to take BP, shag fly balls and share stories with former Prep head coach and math teacher **Ed Rowe '59** at the annual alumni baseball outing. Special thanks to Coach Rowe and current Prep Head Coach **Rudy Mauritz '94** for coordinating the event, and to all those who came out to play!



### Laxmen reunite!

Lacrosse alumni gathered at University Field on Sunday, June 8, for a friendly game and a chance to recall some of their finest moments with long time Prep head lacrosse coach Chris Smalkais. Special thanks to **Brian Cullinane '04** and **Kevin Cullinane '05** for organizing the event!

## DONOR PROFILE



### Dan Parisi '06

Fairfield Prep is a special place. Recognizing this motivates me to give back to the institution that has given so much to me.

What I believe elevates Prep is its strive to rise above the standard high school curriculum. Prep's goal of cultivating “men for others” remains a timeless example of how it develops men, not only for the college classroom, but also for life. The idea of “men for others” has helped me grow as a person and young professional. It has also taught me the importance to give back so future young men have the same opportunities I have had.

Over the years, it has been a privilege to be part of such a dynamic school and been invited back to see its continued transformation. I have had many rewarding experiences, including being asked to present capital market theory to senior Economics classes and sharing my interest in Economics and Finance with fellow Prep brothers.

Beyond the Prep campus, our alumni network has always been a welcoming community. This brotherhood is constantly strengthened through regional activities and events. I look forward to expanding and deepening these relationships through our shared experiences and values, which we gained from Fairfield Prep.

I made my gift this year knowing I will be supporting today's Prep students in their journey to join us in the ranks of the alumni community.

Dan is Associate, Whole Loan Trading & Structured Finance Group at Lone Star Funds

## FATHERS & SONS



### Father-Son Retreat

The 3rd Annual Father-Son Retreat was held at Prep on March 22. The event provided an opportunity for fathers and sons to reflect on their relationship, and have fun! The retreat featured Mass, group and one-on-one discussions, lunch and recreation time. Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., and Elliott Gualtiere (Director of Campus Ministry) led the event.



### Pre-Super Bowl Mass and brunch a Father & Son tradition

As an annual tradition on Super Bowl Sunday, Prep fathers and sons gathered for Mass at the Egan Chapel. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and the homily was given by Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., Chaplain. Brunch followed in the Prep cafeteria, with guest speaker **Senator John McKinney '82, P'14**.

## MOTHERS & SONS FASHION SHOW

Over 200 guests enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild, which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2014. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception with live Jazz music by Prep musicians, shopping with fashion vendors, delicious dinner, and live runway fashion show. Special thanks to M.C. John Brennan, Prep Housemaster; the Prep Jazz Trio; Co-chairs Gail Golden, P'16 and Lisa Kral, P'16; Colleen Keltos, Dean of Admin. Services & Technology/ Bellarmine Guild moderator, who made the mother/son slideshow; and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting this event. See Prep YouTube for video highlights!



### Parents rock 'n' roll at Year-End Concert

Parents enjoyed the Year-End Concert & Celebration on May 24 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.



### Prep Moms honored for being Women for Others

Dr. Maryann Lehmann, P'12, was honored by the Darien/Norwalk YWCA as a Women of Distinction. A dentist who owns a successful practice in Darien, she has a personal mission to change dentistry. Maryann has spent many weekends volunteering at the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CMM), providing free dental care to uninsured patients with limited incomes. Maryann also emphasizes the importance of giving back by tapping high-school-aged students to volunteer alongside her at CMM. She spoke about her Jesuit education at Loyola Chicago to be a Woman for Others, and mentioned that her son, **David Murljagic '12**, graduated from Prep.

Another Prep parent, Mary Genco P'06, '08, '13, was honored at the same luncheon for her role with the Council of Darien School Parents and the "Peer Town Review." Her financial expertise, selfless efforts and vision for the school and the community has led to significant improvements. "Prep Moms" with guest Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., are pictured from left: Dr. Maryann Lehmann, P'12, Molly Meyers, P'12, Diane Barston, P'12, Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and Maureen Bloom, P'14, '14



# Building the Hallways to Success



## Spring Auction raises funds to benefit Prep

Over 300 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Auction "Building the Hallways to Success" held on May 3, 2014, at Alumni Hall. 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 P'07, '14, and Jane Pompa P'12, '16, 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.



### Whelans wins \$25,000 Tuition Raffle

The winner of the 2014 \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was Prep parent/alumni parent Mrs. Suzanne Whelan, who with her husband Michael have Prep sons **Michael '12** and **Brian '14**. The winning ticket was pulled at the Spring Auction. Overall, 711 tickets were sold at \$100 per ticket. Congratulations to the Whelans!



Suzie and Mike Whelan P'12, '14 with son **Brian '14** and Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.



Thank you everyone!

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# The Class of 2014 found a home at Prep

The proud members of the Prep Class of 2014 have explored, stretched and exercised their talents. In fact, this outstanding class has known few borders as a class and individually. Their broad achievements have led to notable recognitions by their college admits. By their future plans the members of the 2014 class will pursue a wide variety of interests in their college years. Interestingly, 12% will pursue opportunities in the study of engineering. A number of our 2014 graduates will study in fields of medicine, from neuroscience to nutrition science as well as in the field of nursing. Others are entering art related fields – from film, to theater, to graphic design, to computer game design, to the culinary arts.

Whatever future course they choose, their diversity of talents has made them an interesting class and has provided them the opportunity to appreciate the talents of their classmates. The way they have held each other up leads to an understanding of the character of the Prep class of 2014.

As their days at Prep grew short, two golden moments offer insight into their heart as a class. As class president Tony

Fox delivered his “Farewell Address” at our Senior Transitions gathering, he spoke with great enthusiasm and pride of the many accomplishments of his class. He then revealed that he was most proud of the fact that “all found a home at Prep.”

Another special moment, and one of the highlights of Commencement occurred as senior speaker Andrew Ostrosky stood before his classmates and their families, and making sure that his first words were heard, said “I love you” to his classmates. Remarkable. In the end their variety of talents and accomplishments made the Prep Class of 2014 interesting and accomplished; what truly distinguished them however was their appreciation and care for one another. Their college destinations match the incredible growth they have experienced as interesting and accomplished young Men for Others. Congratulations to the Prep Class of 2014.



By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

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