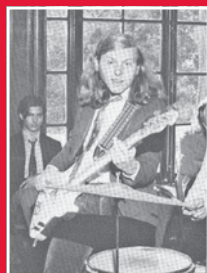
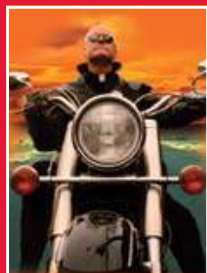
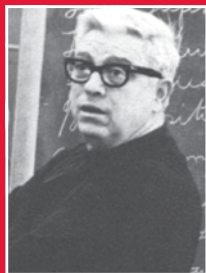


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MESSAGE FROM THE President

Dear friends,

Last year was one busy and blessed year, my first as president. In a thriving institution like Fairfield Prep, so many activities occur every day that express our multifaceted commitment to excellence. Students, families, alumni, and Ignatian Educators all contribute their special talents in inspiring ways. The pages of this magazine richly display the creative energy continually at work in our community.

If what you see here is only part of one year, can you imagine all that can happen at Fairfield Prep in 75 years? We have a lot to celebrate. Most importantly, we give thanks for the thousands of people who have graced our hallways over these decades. Many of them are unforgettable faculty and friends who left their mark in special ways.

Our facilities have grown from McAuliffe Hall to the Student Life Center. Moreover, innovation and renewal continue throughout existing spaces. This summer we made a significant investment in the arts, renovating the 3rd floor of Berchmans Hall into a Fine Arts Floor. Technology permeates and enhances all aspects of academics, throwing open the doors of the classroom to the world. Please come see all that has happened on campus since your last visit!

The best way to give thanks for our Jesuit tradition is to further advance the mission with which we have been entrusted. We envision ourselves as a *reflective community of faith, in which students revere their relationship with God and with one another. We are committed to graduating transformational leaders who will respond to global and ecological challenges in an interconnected world marked by profound change.*

Our future is exciting because we know what our graduates are capable of achieving. We have watched boys transformed into leaders for 74 years. Most importantly, our graduates have become the persons God desires them to be, grounded in the academic and moral formation they received at Fairfield Prep. We as a school community now eagerly lean into the challenges of our day and age. May God bring to completion the good He has begun in us.

AMDG!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Simisky, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.
President

Per Fidem Ad Plenam Veritatem – Through Faith to the Fullness of Truth

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With this issue of *Prep Today*, we are beginning the celebration of our 75th Anniversary. In the fall of 2016 and continuing through the fall of 2017, Fairfield Prep and Fairfield University will commemorate their 75 years. Through this publication, our website and social media outlets, Fairfield Prep will share events, stories, and anecdotes of historical significance. Pictured below is a formal photo of the first Fairfield Prep Jesuit faculty.



PART I OF III: 1942-1967

75 Years Young

Edited by Greg Marshall '73, Dean of Enrollment and Marketing

Introduction: The Founding 1941-1942

In hindsight, it was a bold
move. Audacious, actually.

On March 17, 1942, Rev. James H. Dolan, S.J. third provincial of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, met with six of his brother Jesuit priests at St. Robert's Hall Seminary in Pomfret, Connecticut and established the Articles of Association for "Fairfield College of Saint Robert Bellarmine, Inc." That same day the very first meeting of the Corporation was held.

Imagine establishing a new school three months after our country had been attacked by the Empire of Japan and thus forced into a world war. In our present age of fairly constant war, where war is waged on a distant battlefield in a manner that few Americans experience directly, it is hard for us to grasp what America's entry into the Second World War meant for the average American's daily life:

rationing of life's necessities; the virtual certainty that one's teenage son would eventually be called to serve; the fear that any part of the United States was now subject at any time to attack or outright invasion by Axis forces.

Yet, the Society of Jesus went ahead with its plans. A number of preliminary events crucial to Fairfield Prep's founding had already taken place. Herewith an abbreviated timeline:

July 24, 1941: Father Dolan wrote a letter to the Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of the Diocese of Hartford (then encompassing the entirety of Connecticut), requesting permission to establish a school for boys in Connecticut.

September 4, 1941: Bishop McAuliffe held a meeting in Hartford with Father Dolan and Rev. Robert Hewitt, S.J. at which the Bishop gave his permission for the Jesuits to establish a school in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

September 15, 1941: Bishop McAuliffe formally granted his permission in

writing, changing the location of the school from Bridgeport to the greater Bridgeport area. In his letter the bishop added a request that the Jesuits include a college in their plans for the new school.

September through November: A site for the new school was sought in Fairfield.

December 2, 1941: An agreement of sale for purchase of the Jennings family's summer estate, known as the Mailands, was drawn up and signed by Father Dolan.

December 15, 1941: Final transfer of the property was completed. (Purchase price: \$43,879 for the 76-acre Jennings estate.)

December 30, 1941: Father Dolan chose "Bellarmine College" as the school's preliminary name. (As indicated above, its name was changed with the formal establishment of the corporate Articles of Association on March 17, 1942.)

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Discipleship

On an overcast Sunday, June 5th, 201 seniors gathered inside the campus center on what truly could not have been a better day. As we moved from the campus center to our procession lines, putting our pins and carnations on and talking with our friends on the other side of the table, I couldn't help but feel completely overwhelmed by an all-encompassing sense of unity and camaraderie. There we all were under a giant white tent, anxious yet happily awaiting our cue to process into Alumni Hall, in front of our beloved family and friends. It was strange to think that the same Alumni Hall where we as a class shared so many memories from our first class Mass, to Prep basketball games, to Thanksgiving prayer services, would be transformed into the place where we make our last united stand as Prep brothers. On this momentous occasion Prep would send us out into the world, charged with a mission to be Men for Others; to go forth and set the world on fire.

Joined by the staff and faculty, who in many regards have been our shepherds throughout our Prep careers, they would one last time guide us to our seats where we were greeted by our class president **Matt Pompa**. Together we witnessed the class of 1966 receive their golden diplomas. We absorbed the words of our class speaker **Jack O'Connor** and commencement speaker **Dr. Yohuru Williams '89**, who left us with the poignant message "Next man up. Prep man up." As I went up to grab my diploma, I couldn't help but turn around and look at a sea of my brothers in their white tuxedos and red FP pins, anxiously sitting in their seats, their hearts filled with joy, excitement and sadness. Joy in that together we made it. Like the disciples, together as brothers, we had weathered challenges and had battled adversity with unity and love. Sadness because we were being called to move on and to engage

in "bigger and better things" as has been so often expressed. However, I don't think the person who came up with that quote went to Prep, for if they did they would know that on this day, yes, we were leaving Prep. They would also know that Prep would never leave us and the relationships we formed in our time would last because they were more than friendships. We have been given the opportunity to come to know people we never would have, except through Prep. We were given the chance to be open with ourselves and with others; to grow emotionally, mentally and spiritually with them and to unite as brothers. No matter where we go, or what we do in life, that part of Prep will never leave us.

Just as Jesus called the disciples from all different trades and backgrounds to follow him and send them forth into the world united as brothers, Prep too has called us to a life of action, to serve, to love, and above all to act united as brothers in this task. On this day, we became more than 201 seniors graduating from high school, we became a part of a larger group of Prep alumni who have gone before us, solidified in our bond as brothers, a bond that will last forever.

By **Niko Lignore '16**, winner of the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola, pictured with his family.





At the Baccalaureate Mass, President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., recognized the outstanding academic achievement of students in the top 5% of their class by awarding them the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola. Pictured with Fr. Simisky from left: **Nicholas Lignore, Connor Bercik, Luke Clair, Andrew Crane, Zachary Hamar, Jack O'Connor, Evan O'Connor, Brendan Rooney, Michael Scott and Grant Stone.** Previously, the students were honored at the annual Fairfield Rotary Luncheon held in the spring.



See photo galleries at www.fairfieldprep.org

NEXT MAN UP!

PREP MAN UP!

*Taken from the commencement address given by
Dr. Yohuru Williams '89, Fairfield University Dean, College of Arts & Sciences*

During the injury-plagued 2015 football season it became fashionable in the NFL to speak of “Next Man Up.” In team sports, every player on the roster has an important role. No one player is bigger than the team. If any player should be felled in the heat of battle, then the next man in the rotation should be ready to step up and take his place on the field of play.

“Next Man Up” as Prep men know doesn’t only apply to sports. Over the course of your four years of training in these hallowed halls you have come to appreciate the essential mission of Jesuit education to be “Men for Others.”

In a world ripe with opportunity, overflowing with beauty and yet consumed by fear it should not surprise you that the next man has often been a Prep Man. You won’t read about their exploits in the newspapers. They don’t often make headlines. And they don’t all run soup kitchens. Although you would be hard pressed not to find them among any army of volunteers.

Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., and his Jesuit brothers declared preparing youth to be “Men and women for others as the paramount objective of Jesuit education.” In doing so they hoped to advance the Church’s greater mission “for redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation.” As Arrupe conceptualized the problem:

“Only by being a Man for Others does one become fully human, not only in the merely natural sense, but in the sense of being the spiritual man of Saint Paul. He is the man filled with the Spirit; and we know whose Spirit that is: the Spirit of Christ, who gave his life for the salvation of the world; the God who, by becoming Man, became, beyond all others, a Man for Others.”

When the clouds of dissension and the thunder of discontent threaten ominously over the sea of hope. Prep Man Up.

And lest you ever forget what those core values are I invite you to return to the garden in your mind and reflect on the meaning of Prep. Think of the letters in the word **PREP** of the special mission with which you have been entrusted. Let it guide you, and inspire you.



PURPOSEFUL

First and foremost, **P**—Remember to be Purposeful. Contemplation and the desire to find purpose are the first steps toward true discernment—helping one to sort out what is important and what is not and how best to pursue those things of true value and service. As Socrates provocatively instructed, “the unexamined life is not worth living.” Such contemplation should always bring you back to the question of how best to be of service to others. Baseball great Jackie Robinson said, “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” Decisions about how best to be of service begin in earnest in the solitude of contemplation. Over the last four years we have asked you to ponder three questions: Who am I? Whose am I? Who am I called to be? You are sons and brothers. You belong to the community. You are Men for Others. Never forget that and what you have learned here. Always return to the temple of knowledge both in moments of your greatest triumph and deepest despair to make sure your moral compass is directing you to the places where you might best share your light.

RESILIENCE

The second letter **R** is for Resilience. You have also shown yourself to be resilient not just by making it to this stage in your lives, but also by your resolve to finish the race. Resilience is resolving to see whatever you

commit to through to the end. It’s about being a finisher. As scientist and former President of India, A. P. J. Abdul Kalam observed, “When we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience we did not know we had. And it is only when we are faced with failure do we realize that these resources were always there within us. We only need to find them and move on with our lives.”

EVOLVE

The **E** is for Evolving. To be successful in life you have to learn how to be flexible, adaptable and prepared to evolve. Your willingness to adapt, amend, acclimate and acclimatize will serve you well. Where others see obstacles you will see opportunities, where lesser minds see roadblocks you will see highways of hope restricted only by the bounds of your imagination. Never forget that there is always room to evolve, to grow, personally, professionally, and spiritually. You will find as leaders, that when you are willing to evolve others will evolve and grow with you—carried forward by the force of your will and the power of your light. Don’t forget to let it shine.

PATIENCE

The final **P** is for Patience. You have made it this far by hard work and faith. You will need the same patience and fortitude for the road ahead. Remember that Prep Men play the long game. They prepare for the day that their number will be called and they must be ready. They understand that the road to preparedness comes through service. That they must weather the tempest of self-doubt fortified with knowledge that they will not face these storms alone. For Prep Men don’t pass the torch—they fire hope. They do not yield to despair—in a world crying out for enlightened leadership they find meaning and purpose. They do not seek to conquer—they seek to connect seeing the world as a boundless sea of opportunity in which one single solitary life dedicated to others can produce seismic ripples enough to inspire hope and even wash away ignorance, and injustice. This is the Fairfield Prep way. Congratulations class of 2016, Men of Honor and Men of Purpose. The bells are ringing. Answer the call. Next Man Up! Prep Man Up!

We will leave Prep, but we must not let Prep leave us

Like all classes before us, the Class of 2016 began our journey as a fragmented bunch of ninth graders with nervous twitches and raging hormones. We were defined by the towns from which we hailed. We were nervous about missing the train. We were nervous about meeting girls at the mixers. We were nervous about pop quizzes, or should I say "opportunities to excel," in English class. However, despite the awkwardness, we bonded. We came together as young freshmen and initiated the process of building the Class of 2016. Over the past four years, we have become more than classmates, more than teammates, more than peers. We have become, in the truest sense, brothers.

In the classroom we have learned together. On the fields, on the ice, in the pool, on the stage, we have performed together. In the stands at the Whale or at Mohegan Sun, we have cheered together. We have reveled in victory together. We have mourned together in defeat and tragedy. We studied together before a test, and met



together after the test, agreeing that we should've studied more. Regardless the activity, we did it together. This is the brotherhood, the camaraderie, that Fairfield Prep cultivates. Although undeniably wonderful, the tests, quizzes, projects and essays are not the reason why the Class of 2016 loved Prep. There is no doubt, that the togetherness we share is the reason why we got out of bed each day to enter the doors of Arrupe.

This very togetherness is why we should not forget about Prep. In this time of change and growth

where we are called to travel away from the comfort of familiarity and toward the promise of uncertainty, we must not forget what we have had these past four years.

We will inevitably depart once this ceremony concludes, and we will take off our dinner jackets and we will move on with our day. We will leave Prep, but we must not let Prep leave us. On our future journeys, although we may not brandish the FP, we will have the knowledge, values, and friendships that this great institution has instilled within us

and we will always be Jesuits at heart. In the future, when asked by someone in the street what we learned from senior Social Ethics class, we will answer, with confidence, just community and human dignity. When asked to recite St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity, we will undoubtedly respond with those words which we know so well. When asked by our bosses why we are late to our first day on the job, with our shirts untucked, and our ties uncinched, completely unprepared to sell copiers, we will smile, and respond in the only way we know how. "Train bus."

The memories that we have shared over the past four years at Fairfield Prep have been nothing short of incredible. I speak the truth when I say that my best friends are seated here in Alumni Hall this morning. No matter how far we travel, or how lost we feel, we will always know that, as part of this brotherhood, we will always have each other. Gentlemen, I could not be prouder to be a part of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2016. Thank you for an amazing journey. Hail Fairfield.

(Excerpts from speech)

COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Andrew Crane, Fr. Simisky, S.J., and Matthew Jakab

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
Brendan L. Rooney

The St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award honors that student who by his choices and his actions has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered throughout his four years at Prep.
Ex Aequo: **Grant H. Stone** and **Sohail S. Patel**

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.
Ex Aequo: **Alexander J. Norton** and **Connor H. Tuite**

The Reverend Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Award honors that senior whose vitality of faith frees him to be a "Man for Others."
Ex Aequo: **Matthew Jakab** and **Andrew S. Crane**

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.
Ex Aequo: **Connor R. Bercik** and **Nicholas H. Franchuk**

The Jesuit Schools Network 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.
John P. O'Connor

THE FAIRFIELD PREP LEGACY LIVES ON!



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

- Mike '84 and Brendan Carey
- Sean '83 and Jack Clarke
- Aris '73 and George Crist
- Dave '75 and Matt Gerics
- Mark '80 and Nolan Hrozenchik
- Steve '84 and Matt Jakab
- Steve '58 (grandfather) to Matt Jakab

- Chris '84 and Chris Kral
- Richard '57 (grandfather) to Chris Kral
- Bill '85 and Liam Newbauer
- Larry '90 and Andrew Palaia
- Mike '84 and Kevin Wilemski
- (Fr. Simisky, S.J. in center)

Not pictured:

- Robb '86 and R.J. Bellitto
- Peter '85 and Peter Christakos
- Rob '83 and Drew Gardella
- Tim '68 and Will Graham
- Pete Pace '88 and Max Longo
- George II '89 and George III Richards

A Prep family for 73 years

Reflection by Joseph Valus '16

Fairfield Prep has been in my family for 73 years. Both of my grandfathers, my great-uncle, my uncles and my brother attended Prep. I am the ninth alumni in the family. I have great memories of my teachers and classmates. I can say with full confidence that this is exactly what my family of Prep alumni would say too. Prep has led me to embody the "Grad at Grad," a "Man for Others."

I have heard so many stories about Prep from my family, from the graduating class of 1943, to Jaffe's first years, to the building of Arrupe Hall, and now the Student Life Center. I, along with most of my family, have seen so much change at Prep. I have had the opportunity to experience Prep's rich culture — from games at the Whale and the Sun, to classes with Prep alumni teachers and with veterans like Mr. Jaffe and Mr. Ford, and everything in between. I have participated in many clubs: stock market, bowling, science, and yearbook to name a few. I've been able to use Prep's newest facilities, such as the new Student Life Center and Arrupe Hall. I know my journey through Fairfield Prep has built a foundation that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam.

Reflection by Patricia McPadden Caseria, P'78, '80, GP'14, '16

I have so many fond memories of Fairfield Prep. These memories span over three generations. I am the proud wife, sister, sister-in-law, mother, and grandmother to nine Prep graduates (the latest one graduating this past June 5).

My history with Prep began many years ago when I met my husband, **Bob Caseria**. Bob was already a graduate of Fairfield Prep (Class of 1952) and Fairfield University (Class of 1956) when I met him. Bob's three brothers (**Tony, Phil, and Larry**) were also Prep grads — Tony having graduated in Prep's second graduating class (1944).

Shortly after marrying my wonderful husband Bob, my brother **Brien McPadden '70** entered Prep (thus beginning the first of many infamous Bruce Jaffe history tests). A short time later, my sons **Robb Caseria '78**, and **Dave Caseria '80** entered Prep. Our days were filled with basketball games at Alumni Hall, baseball games (St. Joseph's was the big rivalry), BOMB Squad events, Student Government meetings, and proms. Our home was adorned with Prep jackets which kept the boys warm as they went from building to building to switch classes. (No Arrupe yet!) There were late nights studying for Dr. Perrotta's Spanish tests (he wasn't the principal then),



From left to right: Joseph's Uncle **Dave Caseria '80**, Uncle **Robb Caseria '78**, Grandmother Patricia McPadden Caseria, Great-Uncle **Brien McPadden '70**, brother **Robert Valus '14**, and **Joseph Valus '16**. Seated is Great-Uncle **Phil Caseria '46**. Inset are yearbook photos of: **Robert Caseria '52** (left), **Robert James Valus '57**.

writing British Literature papers (on paper — no iPads!), and, of course, more Bruce Jaffe History tests.

Shortly before my grandsons attended Prep, we watched with joy as Arrupe Hall was being built. I prayed that my grandsons would one day walk those same hallowed halls of Xavier and Berchmans that both of their grandfathers did. Yes, BOTH of their grandfathers: **Bob Caseria '52** — maternal grandfather and **Bob Valus '57** — paternal grandfather graduated from Prep! I proudly watched as both my grandsons, **Robert Valus '14** and **Joseph Valus '16** received their distinguished red diplomas and graduated in their white tuxedo jackets, remembering how my husband, brother, and sons had done before them. As I watched my grandson, Joseph, graduate from Prep this past June, I realize I have been witness to so many wonderful changes and memories at Prep over these past 64 years.

I am proud of all these men and thankful for the strong Jesuit education that Prep has provided them. They have all become great men of compassion, faith and knowledge. My heart overflows with thanks to the many Jesuit priests, administrators, faculty, and staff who have, for decades, dedicated their lives to the success of so many Prep men. May God continue to bless Prep for many more years to come and continue the tradition of truly creating "Men for Others."

Joining Forces!



With Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., from left: **Nicholas Franchuk**, **George Crist**, **Robert Anderson** and **Jack Bosken**

At the Baccalaureate Mass on June 2, Prep recognized seniors who have accepted military appointments. **Robert Anderson** will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point; **George Crist** will attend the United State Air Force Academy; and **Nicholas Franchuk** will attend the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School. Additionally, **Jack Bosken** received a full ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Scholarship at Boston College.



O'Connor CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete

John O'Connor '16 was recognized at the 33rd Annual CT High School Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet in May. The annual award is given to one recipient from each of the state's high schools, recognizing standout academic achievement and athletic performance. The award is sponsored by the CT Assoc. of Schools (CAS) and CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC). O'Connor will attend Bowdoin College.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Theodore Allen – SCC Scholar Athlete

Robert Anderson – United States Military Academy at West Point

Connor Bercik – News 12 Scholar Athlete

Jack Bosken – ROTC Scholarship, SCC Scholar Athlete

Matthew Cesare – SCC Scholar Athlete

Luke Clair – SCC Scholar Athlete

Adrian Coyle – Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Shamrock Award

Andrew Crane – SCC Scholar Athlete

George Crist – United States Air Force Academy, DAR Good Citizen and Young Americans Award, Western CT Military Officers Association Leadership Award

Joseph Daccache – SCC Scholar Leader

Nicholas Franchuk – United States Naval Academy Preparatory School

Christopher Fusco – Raymond F. Gates Jr. Scholarship Award, Greater Fairfield Board of Realtors Scholarship Award

Lee Gardella – Community Fund of Darien Volunteer Award

Patrick Grasso – Feile Scholarship

Zachary Hamar – Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

Thomas "TJ" Hardiman – Charles "Chick" Evans Scholarship to Miami University

Stephen Howard – Mark Morren Founder's Scholarship – Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Jack McGowen – SCC Scholar Athlete

Thomas Moore – National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete

Ahmed Musa – Leadership Award, University of Connecticut

John O'Connor – CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate, News 12 Scholar Athlete, SCC Scholar Leader (2015)

Julio Palencia – Kiwanis Scholarship and Jackie Durrell Memorial Service Award

Brendan Rooney – SCC Scholar Leader

Grant Stone – SCC Scholar Leader (2015)



Theodore Allen



Robert Anderson



Connor Bercik



Jack Bosken



Matt Cesare



Luke Clair



Adrian Coyle



Andrew Crane



George Crist



Joe Daccache



Nicholas Franchuk



Christopher Fusco



Lee Gardella



Patrick Grasso



Zachary Hamar



Thomas Hardiman



Stephen Howard



Jack McGowen



Thomas Moore



Ahmed Musa



John O'Connor



Julio Palencia



Brendan Rooney



Grant Stone



Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2016 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

- Robert Anderson
- Aedan Ayer
- Dan Berkowitz
- George Crist
- Chris Fusco
- Ben Hazzard
- Alex Norton



Julio Palencia awarded Town of Fairfield & Kiwanis Scholarships

For his solid citizenship and academic record, and for his contribution to the lives of others, **Julio Palencia** has been recognized by both the Kiwanis Club of

Fairfield and by the Fairfield Recreation Department. Julio's achievements in service to the community and his leadership on and off campus led to his being awarded the Jacky Durrell Memorial Service Award sponsored the Fairfield Recreation Department. For his outstanding academic record and excellent record of service to the community Julio was granted a scholarship award by the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield.

Julio has met the challenge of honors and Advanced Placement courses in every academic discipline and has graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. His academics qualified him for National Honor Society induction in his junior year. He was a peer tutor on the Prep campus. Julio traveled to Appalachia for a week long service mission and to Ecuador with Prep's Global Mission. He participated in Prep's Urban Plunge. He has assisted special needs children at the Pilot House since he was in the sixth grade. Julio founded the Art Club. He has served in a leadership role in Prep's ASPIRA organization through which he honors his Hispanic heritage as a young man of Guatemalan background. Julio will attend Bowdoin College in the fall of 2016.



George Crist named DAR Good Citizen

Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution recognize one outstanding young person from each area high school. To be considered for DAR Good Citizen recognition a student must exhibit the qualities of dependability (defined as truthfulness, loyalty and

punctuality), service (cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others), leadership (personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility) and patriotism (unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) – all to an outstanding degree. From Fairfield Prep, **George Crist** is this year's DAR Good Citizen and he was recognized in a ceremony held on March 13, in Fairfield. On campus George is an outstanding student. He is a Magna Cum Laude Scholar and National Honor Society member who shares his academic talents with the Prep community as a Peer Tutor. George has served on Prep's Student Government for all of his Prep years and through participation in the American Legion Boy's State program he has furthered his interests in politics and government. Perhaps the strongest testament to the character of this civic minded young man is that he has achieved the rank of Eagle in Scouting. He has been a determined and dedicated athlete at Prep participating at varsity level in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track for all of his Prep years and has served as captain in all three programs. George has volunteered at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club and served as a leader in Prep's Freshman Retreat program. In all areas of his life George serves as a fine example of the values and activities which epitomize a DAR Good Citizen. George will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy in the fall. Pictured: **George Crist '16** with parents **Mary and Aris Crist '73**.

Jack Bosken, Jack McGowen, Theo Allen and Matt Cesare recognized as SCC Scholar Athletes



From left: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta; Jack Bosken '16 and Jack McGowen '16.

Seniors **Jack Bosken** (Wrestling), **Jack McGowen** (Hockey), **Theodore Allen** (Tennis) and **Matthew Cesare** (Golf) were recognized for their sport leadership and athleticism, and named The SportsCenter of Connecticut/Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athletes during the winter and spring sports seasons.

Student athletes must be a varsity letter winner and have a 3.0/B average while demonstrating leadership qualities such as: being a positive role model; helping teammates overcome adversity; showing a commitment to self-improvement; or putting the needs of the team before themselves.

Jack Bosken is a scholar athlete, playing multiple sports and maintaining a top academic record. Jack has been a four year varsity letter team member in wrestling. In 2015 he was selected All-SCC second team in wrestling, helping Prep earn its first ever league divisional crown. As a Captain he led the Jesuits to their second consecutive SCC Divisional title. Jack played football for two years and rugby for four. He earned Summa Cum Laude status the past two years. As a member of the National Honor Society he serves as a peer tutor. In school he has participated in the Debate Club. Jack volunteers assisting children with mental disabilities in an after school program in Fairfield.

Jack McGowen excels in three sports and is a Magna Cum Laude scholar. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and serves as a peer tutor. Jack is Captain of the Prep Ice Hockey team. He led Prep to the SCC Championship in 2015 and 2016. He was nominated for the High School Hockey Hobey Baker Character Award his senior year. Jack also served as Captain of the Cross Country team. He was recognized on the 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All State, and named to the NH Register All-Area Team. As a varsity lacrosse player, he was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference Team his junior year. Jack volunteers at the Jewish Home for the Elderly, the Kennedy Center Bowling Program, and the Senior Lounge program.



Theo Allen is a Summa Cum Laude scholar, a member of the National Honor Society and a peer tutor. He was named Captain of the Prep Tennis Team, helping lead the team through their highly competitive 2016 season. He was a four-year team contributor and has been a model student/athlete on and off the court. Theo served as editor of the *Hearthstone* yearbook, which

was a demanding commitment of time and talent. He has served the community through volunteering at Norwalk Grassroots Tennis, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to improving the lives of youths from broad socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.



Matt Cesare is a Magna Cum Laude scholar-athlete, named a Captain of the Prep Golf Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a peer tutor. Matt grew into a tremendous leader for the team, always having the team's best interests in mind. In living the Jesuit mission, Matt volunteered as a Freshman Retreat leader, and also participated in the El Salvador Service Immersion trip. Additionally, he volunteered in the local community with the Senior Service program through Social Ethics.



Pictured from left: **Joseph Daccache** and **Brendan Rooney**

Joe Daccache & Brendan Rooney are SCC Scholar Leaders

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 22nd Annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 28 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Forty-six scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective schools and external communities.

Joseph Daccache is a Summa Cum Laude student who is a member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar. He is captain of the Varsity Crew Team and President of the Spanish Honor Society. Joe received the Regis College Book Award at the annual academic Awards Mass, and serves as a Peer Tutor at Prep. He participated in an Appalachia Immersion trip, volunteers on a regular basis at the Dorothy Day Hospitality Center for the Homeless, and tutors inner city children at the McGivney Community Center in Bridgeport. He is integrally involved in the extracurricular life of the school

and readily and deftly represents the school in a variety of events.

Brendan Rooney is a Summa Cum Laude student who has excelled as an AP Scholar in Prep's demanding AP curriculum. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society and is a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship program. He received the Bryant University Book Award at the annual academic Awards Mass. He is captain of the Varsity Crew Team and integrally involved in Prep's Campus Ministry and Peer Tutor programs. Brendan is truly committed to the service of others through numerous volunteer projects which include volunteering at a local aquarium, tutoring in an inner city parish and at the Boys and Girls Club, serving his local church, and acting as student leader on a mission immersion trip to Appalachia.

Thomas Moore named National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete

The 56th anniversary of the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete dinner was held on April 8, 2016. **Thomas Moore**, Fairfield Prep Class of 2016 was one of 28 high school and prep school scholar athletes honored for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship. Tom is a Summa Cum Laude student and a member of Prep's National Honor Society as well as serving fellow students as a Peer Tutor. In recognition of his scholarship, Tom received the Cornell Book Award at this year's academic awards mass. On the football field Tom was recognized as Most Improved Player in senior year and started at both quarterback and strong safety. In addition to his strong contribution

to Prep's Football program Tom has been a two year member of Prep's Indoor and Outdoor Track programs. In speaking of Tom's contribution to Prep's Football program Coach Hellstern reflects that Tom is "character in action as he always sets the right example in consistently pushing himself and supporting his teammates." In living the Jesuit mission, Tom is a "man for others" in the truest sense; volunteering at Operation Hope and at the Kennedy Center and participating in Prep's Urban Immersion and Ecuador Immersion service experience. His interests and talents are varied as Tom is involved in Prep's Business Club as well as in Prep's Music Program through Prep's Symphonic Orchestra and Symphonic Band. Tom is planning on playing football at Lafayette College. He is a resident of Fairfield.



Thomas Moore with his parents Alessandra and Tom Moore



From left: Prep Rugby Head Coach Frank Decker, **Alejandro Castillo '16** and **Mark Giordano '04**.

Castillo wins Rugby Scholarship to Loyola University

Alejandro Castillo has been named recipient of a \$2,500 Loyola Rugby scholarship. The scholarship is for an incoming freshman that played rugby in high school and is committed to playing and upholding the Jesuit values of the Loyola University Maryland Rugby Team. The scholarship selection was aided by **Mark Giordano**, Prep Class of '04 and Loyola Class of '08, who volunteered to be Prep's scholarship representative for the Loyola Rugby Alumni Group. Alejandro is receiving the inaugural scholarship award sponsored by the group, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the founding of the rugby club.

During the course of his high school career, Alejandro has excelled in academics, athletics and in service to others. He has been a three year varsity letter earner in Rugby. As a scrum half, he helped lead the Jesuits to a first place finish in the Northeast Jesuit Rugby Tournament this spring and a Runner-Up finish in the

Connecticut State Championship in 2015. He was elected Captain of the Rugby team his senior year. Alejandro has been a Cum Laude student for four years as well as a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as a peer tutor. Outside of school Alejandro has offered his time and talents to underserved communities both locally and internationally. In senior year he has served as a mentor at the McKinley school after school program. His interest in medicine has also led to summer volunteer work at Bridgeport Hospital. In the fall of junior and senior year, Alejandro spent a week in Columbia as part of Healing the Children. Fluent in Spanish, he served as a translator and assisted ear, nose and throat doctors in surgeries for children with cleft palates. Alejandro envisions a career in medicine and will pursue a pre-med program as he continues his education at Loyola University Maryland.

Ready to Play

Baseball

Sam Aury – Cheshire Academy PG
Juan Lopez – Union College
Chase Mascolo – Wake Forest University
Grant Stone – Harvard University

Basketball

Matthew Gerics – Denison University
Richard Kelly – Cheshire Academy PG

Football

Aedan Ayer – Case Western Reserve University
Sam Opont-Durogene – Trinity Pawling PG
Francisco Lopez – Western Connecticut State University
Thomas Moore – Lafayette College
Calvin Reed – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Crew

Kevin Lichtenfels – Saint Joseph's University
Zachary Hamar – Notre Dame

Cross Country

George Crist – US Air Force Academy
Jack McGowen – Wake Forest University

Golf

Andrew Sciarretta – University of Richmond

Hockey

Christopher Kral – Pomfret School PG
William Schlichtig – University of Rhode Island

Lacrosse

Nicholas Franchuk – United States Naval Academy Prep School
Brendan Hoffman – Williams College
John O'Connor – Bowdoin College
Colin Smalkais – Union College

Rugby

Connor Bercik – University of California Los Angeles
Patrick Byrne – Fordham University
Patrick Campbell – Cornell University
Alejandro Castillo – Loyola University Maryland
Matthew King – Bentley University
Brandon Kistler – Salve Regina University
Daniel McCarthy – Loyola University Maryland
Ciaran O'Reilly – University of South Carolina
Patrick Rauscher – University of Scranton
Alex Rushworth – Keene State College
James "JD" Shannon – Providence College

Swimming

Guido Balderrama – St. Bonaventure University
Christopher Fusco – College of the Holy Cross



Pictured in front row, L to R: **Aedan Ayer** (Case Western Reserve University); **Thomas Moore** (Lafayette College); **Samuel Opont-Durogene** (Trinity-Pawling PG); **Calvin Reed** (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute). Second row, L to R: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta; Coach Keith Hellstern; Asst. Athletic Director Jay Turiano; and Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.

Scholar Athletes commit to play College Football

Fairfield Prep is pleased to recognize nine scholar athletes from the Class of 2016 who will continue their football careers, having committed to play football in their respective colleges. Past Varsity Head Coach **Keith Hellstern** expressed pride in the talent, growth and motivation of these athletes. Coaches Shea and Hellstern acknowledged the role of these athletes in guiding the program this year and expressed optimism for continued success for Prep in the upcoming season.



From left: **Guido Balderrama**; Swimming Coach **Rick Hutchinson '87**; and Asst. Athletic Director Jay Turiano

Guido Balderrama – St. Bonaventure

Guido Balderrama has been a four year member of the Varsity Swimming & Diving team. Guido has posted the #3 and #4 fastest times in program history in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, respectively. Guido is a selfless teammate, often willing to sacrifice personal success for the team. His dedication was recognized by the team as he was elected Captain in his senior year. He has been All-SCC for four years and All-State for the past three. During Guido's time with Prep he has helped lead the Varsity team to four straight SCC Championship Meet victories and three Class LL State Runner-up finishes. Outside of high school swimming he is a YMCA National Qualifier. Guido has offered his swimming talents to his community volunteering as a swim lesson teacher at the Greenwich YMCA. He has also volunteered at the Stamford Boys & Girls club tutoring in after school programs.



Coach Tim Dee and **Matthew Cotto**

Matthew Cotto – Albertus Magnus College

Matthew Cotto will be attending Albertus Magnus College where he will play on the Varsity Men's Soccer Team. Matt has been a three year member of Fairfield Prep's Varsity Soccer program. During Matt's time on the team, Fairfield Prep won the SCC title in 2014 and reached the LL State quarterfinals in 2015. Outside of school he is Captain of Stratford United Soccer Club which won the League Championship in 2015. He was also the top goal scorer for Stratford United in 2014. In Fairfield Prep's Jesuit tradition of service to others, Matt offered his soccer talents as a soccer camp counselor at Fairfield University for Brooklyn Jesuit Prep students. He has also volunteered at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport, helping in their youth programs.



From left: Drew Lichtenfels, **Kevin Lichtenfels**, Kim Lichtenfels

Kevin Lichtenfels – Saint Joseph's University

Kevin Lichtenfels, from Guilford, CT, will be rowing crew at Saint Joseph's University next year. Kevin's boat placed 3rd at the New England Championships, and 8th at Head of the Schuylkill. He also participated in the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championship in February 2016. Kevin has been on varsity crew since sophomore year, and also played baseball throughout high school. He gives back to his community by volunteering at the New Haven Reads program which offers tutoring for children, and the Evergreen Woods Life Care Retirement Community in Branford, CT.

Matt Sather '93 is voted Most Inspirational Teacher



Mr. Matthew Sather was presented with an award from the Class of 2016 as the "Most Inspirational Teacher" at the Senior Send-Off program held at the Barone Campus Center on May 27.

When I heard that Matt Sather was voted Most Inspirational Teacher, I was not surprised. Any of Matt's students or colleagues know exactly why the class of 2016 made that excellent choice. Whether on the ice or in the classroom, Matt approaches each as a consummate professional. Matt sets an exceptionally high standard and then coaches and teaches his students and players to reach their personal best. His quiet pursuit of excellence not only motivates his students and players, but also his colleagues. Matt is always willing to help any of us and his level headed and well thought out advice is much sought after. Anyone who watches Matt in the classroom walks away having seen someone who is passionate about his discipline and is a master at not only the delivery of instruction, but also demanding from his students their very best and then helping them to dig deep within themselves to deliver it. More importantly, Matt is well suited to help develop his students into young men of conscience, compassion, and character because he himself is just that principled individual. Congratulations Matt on this well-deserved honor and thank you for all you do for all of us at Fairfield Prep.



By Elaine Clark, P'14, English Chairman



Senior Lounge – Simply Fun

Prep's Senior Lounge was initiated with the Class of 2014 and each year offers seniors an opportunity to gather, recreate and recharge. Coordinated through Prep's Guidance Department, the effort is coordinated by Mrs. Gorab and a senior lounge committee. Committees generate activities which will bring their class together for relaxation and recreation, offering a welcome break from the intensity of studies, competitive athletics and college application concerns. The Class of 2016 organized a barbeque tailgate in the fall and followed with an old standby in the spring – dinner and dodgeball!



Senior Prom

Seniors capped off their year with a fun night of dinner and dancing at the Prom held on May 27 at the Trumbull Marriott.

Moms and sons strike a pose for Prep

Approximately 300 guests enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild, which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2016. The event was held at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield on March 15. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, shopping with fashion vendors, live runway fashion show and delicious dinner. The chairing committee included: Vicki Ferrara-Loris P'18, Marcy Haley P'12, '14, '17, Colleen Murphy P'15, '19, and Lana Quincy P'17. Plus additional thanks to Trish McMullin P'16 who made the mother/son slideshow, and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting this event.



Elaine Clark named Ignatian Educator of the Year

Taken from speech to Senior Parents at the Reception on May 11, 2016

I stand here before you the newly named Ignatian Educator of the Year. To be in the same company as Maureen Bohan, Billie Brooks, John Hanrahan, Tom Sacerdote and Jenn Mauritz as well as Father Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., for whom the award is named, is humbling as I have learned so much from all of them. Each of them taught me something about teaching, about *cura personalis*, and about the quiet pursuit of the *magis*, the more. I am so grateful to all of my colleagues and truly believe that this honor belongs to all of them. One last thank you goes to your sons. Teaching your sons has really been a pleasure. There is nothing better than walking into my classroom and being greeted by your sons. Yes, they are smart, but they are also polite, honest, sincere, and incredibly funny. As most of you know, the last years have been difficult for me, but your sons have stood by me and cared for me and my family. Last spring, as one class was leaving and one was entering, my cell phone rang and I noticed it was my father's caretaker, Carmen. My dad had become disoriented and was insisting on speaking to me. As the boys were coming in they heard me speaking to my Dad. "Don't worry Daddy," I said, "I will be home soon." Suddenly I heard, one young man say, "Hey everybody be quiet, Grandpa's on the phone." The hum of the classroom was immediately silenced in their desire to help me. Your sons make even the most difficult day a pleasure. They make teaching here at Prep a joy.

As I drove home the other night, wondering about what I should speak about, I began to reflect on how I arrived at Prep. In my musings, I came to the conclusion that it was all because of a return address, my wonderful parents and those mysterious Jesuits. Yes, a simple return address altered the course of my life and brought me here to Prep and to your wonderful sons. During the summer of 1981, as I approached my senior year in high school, my brother Sean who was a student at University of Santa Clara, studied abroad in Durham, England, and took an English class. Several weeks after his return home, a thick envelope came addressed to him with a return address of College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA 01610, and below the last line of the address in a very distinctive scrawl, one I would become very familiar with, was P.C. Rule S.J. I went and asked my Dad what this Holy Cross was. My dad replied it was a Jesuit school back east and Bob Cousy, the great Boston Celtic basketball player, went there.



Well this was mind blowing! You see we were a dyed-in-the-wool Santa Clara family! What do you mean there were other Jesuit schools, I thought to myself! This was indeed something that needed to be explored. And explore I did. I wrote away for an application and bulletin, filled out the application in pen, sent my transcripts and dismal SAT scores and waited! Finally, my letter with the Holy Cross return address and seal arrived. I had been accepted. Days later my folks sent in the check and I became an official Crusader.

When I arrived at Holy Cross, I was too young to understand that the Jesuits immediately began to work their magic on me and that my Ignatian transformation had begun. During the Mass of the Holy Spirit, Father John Brooks reminded us that God had delivered us to Holy Cross, was responsible for giving us our tremendous ability and from us great things were expected for the greater Glory of God. I was too young, too frightened, and too exhausted to realize that I had just been introduced to Jesuit thinking. It wasn't enough that I had gotten myself to Holy Cross, more was expected of me.

Something happened to me at Holy Cross. Professors like Father Rule pushed me to think and explore, to analyze and write and to question. Excellence was expected and I worked hard to deliver it. My professors, both Jesuit and lay, helped me to see that I was talented and that I had much to offer. These talents were not just to be used for me, but to help bring Christ's peace and justice to the wider world. I went into Holy Cross thinking it was all about me and graduated knowing that I had a bigger responsibility. Like Ignatius who

was transformed from a party loving soldier, to that of a passionate follower of Christ, I too, had experienced my own mini transformation.

The parallels between my experience and that of you and your sons are clear. My folks believed in the transformative power of Jesuit education so much that they allowed their 18-year-old daughter to go across the country to a school she had never seen and pursue her education. In fact, when a friend asked my mom how she could let me go so far, my mom replied that she, "wasn't worried because she knew the Jesuits would take care of me." My mom and dad were not wrong. You, like my folks, dropped your sons to us four years ago and entrusted us to shape and mold them. You had faith that together we would help them to become young men who were open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. You, mom and dad, worried over tests and exams, athletic and theatrical tryouts, cheered in victory, cried at failure and all along trusted us and worked with us to mold your boys.

St. Ignatius wrote, God's purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with Jesus in heaven. You, dear parents, have done nothing but love and support your boys every step of the way and we in partnership with you have tried to teach them what they will need to know not only to be successful in college and beyond, but to build Christ's kingdom here on earth, for the greater glory of God. It is with every confidence that I know that they will leave Prep, and as Ignatius beckoned, "Go Forth and Set the World on Fire."

Prep community worships together

Bishop Caggiano celebrates Ascension Mass

On May 5, Fairfield Prep celebrated a full school Mass for the Feast of the Ascension. Bishop Frank Caggiano was the principal celebrant and homilist. During his homily, Bishop Caggiano referenced the marines and their motto "Semper Fidelis" ("Always Faithful") and related it to this special feast day. He said, "The Lord asks us to stand up as men and women of faith and stay always faithful to the mission of our captain, Jesus Christ." Inspiring words indeed. Also, at this Mass two seniors were confirmed, (pictured left of Bishop) **Andrew Palaia** and **Dan Giangrande** (right). Fairfield Prep's confirmation program is open to juniors and seniors. This will begin again in the fall 2016. Please see Fr. Stockdale, S.J., or Mr. Gualtiere for more details.



Mass at St. Pius X

On Sunday, May 15, Fairfield Prep celebrated a community Mass at St. Pius X Church in Fairfield. This event brought together current and prospective student families as well as alumni families.



Annual Mother-Son Communion Breakfast enjoyed by Moms and Seniors!

The annual Mother/Caregiver-Son Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 1, with Mass celebrated by Frs. Thomas Simisky, S.J., and Bret Stockdale, S.J., at the Egan Chapel. Mothers received roses from their sons, which were blessed at the celebration. Approximately 140 mothers and senior sons enjoyed a delicious breakfast and camaraderie in the Fairfield Prep Student Life Center following the Mass. Mrs. Elaine Clark was the guest speaker and received a standing ovation for her funny and enlightening speech on the special relationship between mothers and sons. A special thanks to all who helped organize the event including the Co-Chairs Fran Lynch, P'16 and Madeleine Louzan, P'18 as well as Elise Cassidy, P'16 for coordinating the music and Trish McMullin, P'16 for creating the mother/son slide show.



Fathers & Sons "Super" Communion Breakfast

On Superbowl Sunday, February 7, dads and sons gathered for the annual father-son communion breakfast. Fr. Holland, S.J., was the presider and Fr. Simisky, S.J., was the homilist. The attendees were treated to a delicious breakfast and great talk by **Mr. Jack Wallace '06**, Social Studies teacher.



Campus Ministry trip to NYC

On May 20, some members of the Campus Ministry student group headed to NYC for a pilgrimage to tour the recently renovated St. Patrick's Cathedral. The group also got a tour and celebrated Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on the upper East Side. Finally, the group visited our brother Jesuit school, Regis High School.

Godspeed to Prep's retiring teachers



Billie Brooks Reflection

It took me 43 years but this June I finally graduated from high school. Why so long? Am I a slow learner? Was Advanced Chemistry still presenting problems? It's not my fault they keep discovering new elements to add to the periodic table. Did I not want to relinquish parking space #39, one of the most coveted of the entire faculty/staff parking lot? Let the winner be advised all parents, trades people and Fairfield University students consider space #39 put there just for them so they don't have to walk so far when they bring their son his lunch, homework, project; their tools to repair the elevator, heating/PA system; their camera, sound, video equipment. To prevent this dilemma it is advisable to arrive before 7am although a few contractors have figured out this strategy.

Of course these things cross your mind but they are inconsequential

when viewed as part of a career that began at Prep in August of 1972. Yes, I was (am) a teacher but I was (am) also a student. You, my colleagues and my students, you taught me well. You taught me to look beyond the boy who had attitude and was giving me a hard time. You made me try to find out why and try to mend the hurt before making judgment. You made me ignore my ego when I could not solve your problem and try to find someone who could. You showed me grace under adversity when you lost your loved one, be it child, spouse, parent, sibling or friend. You made me weep when you thought there was no other alternative but to take your own life. You, the Prep family, buoyed me with your spirit and you bolstered my faith.

All of this took time, far longer than the traditional four years. I thank you for your patience. I apologize to those of you who had to suffer through my ignorance especially during the early years. **Jordan Bochanis '77** comes to mind. If I could do it over again I would definitely give you

extra credit for your fantastic cartoons.

But as I say to myself every June at graduation I love you guys, but it's time for you to go. You're ready as am I. With a special place in my heart,

— *Billie N. Brooks*

Billie Brooks Tribute

At graduation, our speaker **Dr. Yohuru Williams '89** and former student of Billie Brooks, wondered how to honor Billie's 44 years of service to Fairfield Prep. Like Dr. Williams, I am not entirely certain what the answer is, for, you see, Billie Brooks deserves so very much.

Her legacy is incalculable. A more mathematically-minded person might be able to present some statistics, but I will guess that Billie has touched thousands of students, parents, faculty, and staff.

When Billie commenced her career at Fairfield Prep in 1972, she was in the vanguard of female teachers at Prep. As one who started here in 2004 in a primarily female department, I felt overwhelmed

and daunted by the task ahead of me of teaching all of these boys. Quite frankly, I do not know how Billie did it, but she most certainly did. Now, when I speak to her former and current students, the mention of her name never fails to elicit a smile and a fond recollection. She is undoubtedly loved and respected among her students.

Likewise among the faculty, staff, and administration. Here on the second floor of Xavier Hall, Billie has made us feel like a family, a home away from home. Her **cura personalis** knows no bounds. Some of my fondest memories of our hall were her handiwork. Challenging us and prodding us forward with her witty emails, Billie inspired our hall to decorate our doors for Christmas; the following year, she inspired the entire school to do the same. Very impressive. Only Billie could move such an intractable group.

Billie has been my role model and my friend. By example she has taught me kindness, selflessness, grace, and acceptance. She has shown me that we work in the trenches with or without recognition because that is our calling. She is a teacher, a woman for and with others in the truest sense of Jesuit ideals. We will all miss you, but no one better deserves a restful and abundant retirement than you do. May God bless you and keep you, my dear friend!

— *Koren Mumma*

Charlie DiCenso Reflection

When Coach Magdon asked me to join his staff in 2006, I thought I would help out for two or three years. I never envisioned jumping back into the classroom or coaching for 10 years. But that is a credit to Prep.

Watching students participate in Kairos, Urban Plunge, retreats and other volunteer activities added another dimension to my teaching experience. I will never forget the feeling I had when I attended my first Mass of the Holy Spirit with the student body. It foreshadowed the spiritual life of Fairfield Prep that does not exist in the public domain.

Helping Coach Shea to rebuild the football program is something I will never forget. It was an honor to work with so many extremely dedicated coaches and players to achieve our goal. Looking forward, I know this will continue under the leadership of Coach Hellstern.

I leave Prep with a wealth of good memories, good friends and the knowledge that the students who enter the Prep will leave as a band of brothers dedicated to being "Men for Others."

— *Charlie DiCenso*

Charlie DiCenso Tribute

How blessed we have been for the last 10 years to have Charlie DiCenso teach English, coach football and serve Prep. He is the quintessential man for others and his every action modeled this behavior for our boys on a daily basis.

Rich Magdon recruited Charlie to come to Prep in 2005. Charlie, one of the great coaches in Connecticut football by virtue of two state championships at Derby HS, took over the offense, and had immediate impact aiding two 8-2 seasons and a trip to the LL playoffs. He liked the Prep mission and tradition, and joined full-time as a teacher two years later.

When I was appointed Head Football



Charlie DiCenso (left) with senior football players at Prom.

Coach in 2010, I was lucky to convince Charlie to continue with me. There was no one I relied upon more than him. He was cool and calm in the face of adversity, firm but fair with the players and always did everything the right way. As our OC he relentlessly studied film and his preparation led us to score 38 points a game in our last two years. He reminded

us that football is a game to be celebrated and must be fun for the kids. He never lost sight of the fact that it is always about the players.

Charlie proved to be everything that we aspired to be in our own lives. That's why we'll miss him so. Good luck Coach DiCenso, and thank you.

— *Tom Shea '73*

Bruce Jaffe Tribute

Bruce Norman Jaffe began his teaching career at Prep in September of 1966, fresh from the U.S. Navy with a degree from Yale. With his strong academic background and mammoth intellect, Bruce could have easily opted to be a college professor. For Bruce, however, the challenge would be to *create* college professors. He insisted that his students call him Bruce. There was no formality needed. That would be reserved for the notorious Jaffe essay questions which became the primary method of assessment in his classes.

Bruce ate, slept and breathed American history. He became known for his fascinating and infectious lectures. There was no slacking in a Jaffe class. Even a great effort might not result in a desired grade on a test. Bruce was notorious for giving out low grades during the first semester, much to the consternation to those who were used to achieving straight "A" grades in other classes. What



was needed to succeed on a Bruce test was the ability to write well – to articulate a sound thesis statement. Anything less was "pious piffle."

If he was a demanding teacher, Bruce also fully expressed the *cura personalis*

that has come to define all great Jesuit educators. Bruce often went the extra mile for his students, such as inviting groups to his home to participate in his gourmet meals and holding special study sessions in the days leading up to the

Advanced Placement examination. He has maintained relationships with literally hundreds of his former students. Many will tell you that he is the one teacher who most prepared them for the rigors of college life.

Finally, Bruce has been a very successful coach. He took two relatively unsuccessful programs, soccer and swimming, and transformed them into state-level dynamos of success. Probably his greatest accomplishment came in 2011-12, when his Swimming and Diving team finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record, capturing the SCC title, the State LL Championship and State Open crown as well.

His contributions to Fairfield Prep over an amazing fifty year career have been immeasurable. His love of Prep has been even greater. It gives us great pleasure to announce that he is the recipient of the 2016 *Hearthstone* dedication. Bruce, you will be greatly missed.

— John W. Szablewicz



Andy Mancini Reflection

The years coaching football cemented the warm feelings I have for Prep. Personalities like Rich Magdon, Jack Slavinsky, Tom Shea, and Charlie DiCenso will be the most cherished memories of my life along with the players.

Immersion trips, Kairos, Mite Box, and all the other individual activities and clubs are what makes Prep so different from other learning institutions. I am eternally grateful that ten years ago, I took the path that led me to Prep. — Andy Mancini

Andy Mancini Tribute

After graduating from the University of New Haven, Mr. Mancini became a police officer. His enthusiasm and expertise fostered a steady rise to the rank of detective. He also doubled as the community Youth Officer and the D.A.R.E. Coordinator. Much like his police career, his coaching credentials were also very well established. Serving as an assistant coach, he mentored athletes at Seymour, Derby and Amity. At Seymour he was

befriended by Coach Rich Magdon who asked Andy to coach the Prep offensive backs and linebackers – two positions that have been a strong point at Prep over the last ten years thanks to Andy's hard work and motivational abilities.

In 2006, Andy was hired as an assistant to Mr. Magdon and Mr. Brennan. A familiar face at the train station, athletic events, and the student center, Mr. Mancini quickly earned the respect of both the faculty and student body. Able to blend a firm hand with compassion and fairness, Mr. Mancini used his wry sense of humor to handle any situation. His ability to defuse tension with goodwill and respect was certainly his strength.

His retirement at the end of the 2016 school year leaves a huge void. He will be missed dearly by all. As a police officer, a coach, or an administrator he created an atmosphere where young people could speak openly. The respect and concern that he displayed on a daily basis truly makes him a Man for Others. We will miss him. — Anna DiCenso



Fr. Bill Eagan, S.J., the "teddy bear" retires

After more than thirty years of service Fr. Bill Eagan, S.J., has retired from teaching and has been assigned to Campion Center in Weston, MA. Fr. Eagan, in addition to a long teaching career, also served Prep as Chaplain/Director of Campus Ministry as well as a track coach. Although he regularly admitted he was not the biggest sports fan, he was dedicated to Prep's fine arts program and never missed a school concert or play during his time at Prep. Fr. Eagan often claimed that his greatest accomplishment and impact at Prep was bringing the Kairos retreat program to the school in the 1990s. Since then there have been over fifty-five Kairos retreats introducing hundreds of Prep students to Ignatian Spirituality and helping them grow in their sense of self, commitment to the Prep brotherhood, and love of God. Toward the end of Fr. Eagan's full time teaching career, he had the reputation among some of his students of being a "teddy bear" in the classroom. Upon his retirement from full time teaching he received many teddy bears from students and alumni who expressed their gratitude for his kindness, love of teaching and comfort in providing pastoral care. The Prep community and his Jesuit brothers will miss Fr. Eagan, especially his kind, humble and supportive presence, but we all wish him God's blessing as he begins his new ministry at Campion Center. Thank you Fr. Eagan for a job well done! God Bless!

— Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J.

Time away for...

Self-discovery, brotherhood and spiritual experiences

Sophomore retreats build **community**



Campus Ministry held sophomore retreats this year in February and April at Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT. The theme of the retreat was "Awareness." This experience allowed the students to focus on their sense of community and brotherhood and continue the process of self-discovery begun during their freshman retreat. Nearly fifty sophomores participated in these retreats and were led by junior and senior leaders. Student leaders for this year's retreats were **Gabe Aponte '17, Matt Corcoran '17, George Crist '16, Nick Godfred '17, Patrick Godino '17, Jerome Larracuente '17, Jack O'Connor '16 and Steven Westfahl '17.** Faculty/Staff leaders this year were Mrs. Ardito, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie DiCenso, Mr. Gualtiere, Mr. Hanrahan and Fr. Stockdale, S.J.



ND Vision: **Answering the call to mercy**

For the ninth straight summer Fairfield Prep sent a student and faculty contingent to South Bend, IN, and participated in the Notre Dame Vision Conference for high school students. The first summer Prep went in 2008 five students participated. This year 28 students (including a few students from Loralton Hall) and four faculty/staff members (two from Fairfield Prep and two from Loralton Hall) attended.

Students were able to explore their faith and prayer life, participate in small group discussion and reflection, listen to witness talks given by Notre Dame University students, and hear from guest speakers. In response to the Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis proclaimed for the current liturgical year the theme was "Answering the Call to Mercy." It was a powerful experience.

Here is a sampling of student feedback:

I deepened my faith and expanded my view of how important it is to practice my faith and live it out in my words and actions. I came to realize things that I did not know about myself, such as my ability to make others happy just with a smile.
— **Matt Howard '18**

I am most thankful for the college students who devoted their time to prepare for the week and for being able to stay at the University of Notre Dame. The best part of the week was the speakers. Mercy is the courage to put others first.
— **Andrew Lydon '19**

I learned a lot especially about mercy which comes from others and should be given to others. We should show mercy and allow it for ourselves.
— **Sean Hurley '19**

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet peers who shared my faith. I found kids I could relate to and open up with. When I have those kinds of people around me my faith is strengthened. My relationship with God improved to a point where it had never been before.
— **Jackson Gilmore '19**

I was really inspired by the speakers. They made me want to do more for the people around me. I really enjoyed my time at ND Vision.
— **Michael Ornato '17**





Christian Leadership retreat and workshop

On June 14 and 15, the Campus Ministry Office sponsored its annual Christian Leadership Retreat and Workshop at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. The focus was to identify what leadership is and how to apply leadership skills in everyday life. The students spent time in dialogue with peers and reflecting individually on their leadership styles. They were introduced to Christian Leadership with Jesus' own life as the role model. Jesus' leadership is service-oriented, focusing on others' needs before your own.

Students participated in a low ropes course where they worked as a team to accomplish tasks set by the Incarnation Center staff. Students created leadership mission statements intended to guide them throughout the academic year. Here are a few mission statements excerpts:

To value communication because it is the backbone of clear leadership

– **Matt Dilks-Anderson '17**

I value integrity, being vocal and patient because these are the qualities a leader needs to be effective when guiding and helping others.

– **Ian O'Grady '17**

By being open to others and accepting of all people, I will become a positive role model who others look up to.

– **Patrick Steed '17**

I will make sure everyone knows they are never alone as Prep is a brotherhood, and we are all brothers.

– **Matt Corcoran '17**

I value honesty, openness, and being authentic...Accordingly, I will do my best to incorporate these values in my daily life through service and in everyday situations.

– **Jemuel Saint Jean '17**



By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry. For more information about leadership opportunities at Prep including the Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team contact Mr. Gualtiere.



Freshmen host Field Day for Bridgeport school children

On March 10, 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 freshman 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 Brissette Gym, 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!



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In February, Prep sent its inaugural delegation to Los Angeles for a service trip. The group worked at various locations, such as Los Angeles Mission, Los Angeles Food Bank, Las Familias' after-school program, and Project Angel Food. The students also shared pastries in Pershing Square with homeless men, ate at different ethnic restaurants each night, and spent time at a nursing home. Much of the group's time was spent in, or on the outskirts of Skid Row.



L.A.

SERVICE TRIP



really did not understand the value of service. I participated in service projects in middle school to be

with my friends and because I was obligated to. This attitude did not change during my freshman and sophomore years. I just put down "Altar Serving" to fulfill my service requirement. The demands of junior year forced me to change my ways, get out of my comfort zone, and serve.

While tutoring at the Caroline House in Bridgeport I began building relationships. I saw my service was making a tangible impact. My mentoring was showing the kids the importance of having a good education. Tutoring provided a scale by which I could measure the improvements in the math and reading scores of my students. I finally could see how the volunteer gets as much if not more out of service than those they are serving.

When I heard about the L.A. Service opportunity I knew this would be an amazing, life-changing trip that would open my eyes to the world beyond the Fairfield County bubble.

"Pastries in the Park" was an impactful assignment. Initiating a conversation with a homeless person was really hard. This was a first for me and I was not comfortable with the situation. I confess I had a stigma against homeless people. I was always told to leave them alone and look the other way. It wasn't out of disdain for them, it was fear of the unknown.

I hung back and let James ask a homeless man if he wanted to join us for breakfast. To my surprise he accepted. His name was Mr. Rodney Smith. He told us about his troubled upbringing, his involvement with gangs and drugs, and that he had killed a man during a gang fight. This scared me because this was the first person

I had ever met who had killed someone. I admired how openly he shared his background with strangers. He told us about his time in prison and how he made it through by finding God and surrendering his life to His will. How amazing that this man changed from a killer to a man of God! I saw firsthand God will forgive any sin and redeem anyone who is willing to turn his life over to Him.

We ended our breakfast in prayer. As we held hands Rodney prayed for our welfare and for all the homeless of L.A. We gave him the rest of the pastries and he said he would give them away to the other homeless. This really resonated with me because he could have kept the food for himself but instead he was excited to bless others with it.

I gave Rodney breakfast but he taught me a life lesson. He showed me the humanity that I had never before seen in the homeless. I will never ignore the homeless again.

Another experience that affected me deeply was visiting the convalescent home. I did not know what to expect. When I first walked in I was disheartened. The building was old and decrepit. The smell of cigarettes permeated the air. I couldn't imagine anyone wanting to live here and it made me sad to think that these people had no other options.

I felt badly for them. Most were so mentally or physically handicapped that their families were unable to take care of them. They appeared lost and wasting away in this place. All of this got me very upset but I composed myself because I knew that I was here for them and not for myself. These people know that their lives are not very nice. Their only escape is to enjoy some fun time with visitors.

I sat down and had many long and interesting conversations with them. We had a great time playing Bingo. These people lived

hard and sad lives but their strength inspired me. They were so positive and energetic despite their living conditions. Instead of being bitter, they made the best of their situation and fully embraced whatever good came their way.

Again and again the trip showed me how blessed I am and how my problems are not as bad as I make them out to be.

While volunteering at Las Familias center for children I was able to bond with the kids and get a glimpse of what life is like for the marginalized of Los Angeles. I remember looking at the neighborhood surrounding the center and just praying that these kids would one day make it out of here. It was a rough place located near Skid Row and I couldn't imagine the kind of lives these kids lived.

We entered a small gated courtyard the size of a classroom. There must have been forty kids packed in there playing all at once. It was pandemonium but it was a lot of fun. They were so excited to see us and we were constantly playing games and joking around. At that moment they were just like any other kids. They were young, energetic, and happy to be alive. After playing we went inside to tutor them in math and reading skills. Some kids struggled while others excelled. It was interesting to see them learn and process things.

As the week went on, we visited Las Familias more often and we began to form relationships with these kids. They began to tell us about their lives. One little girl talked about her experience crossing the border with her family and how she was so scared. This brought me back to reality. These young and innocent kids have been through extraordinarily dangerous situations and have to deal with tremendous pressure every day.

I began to notice things about these kids that I hadn't seen initially. Many of them wore

the same clothes from the day before and a lot of them had some metal teeth. These kids opened themselves up to us and showed us who they were and where they had been. They didn't hold back or try to be somebody else. They embraced who they were and this taught me to look at life from a new perspective.

No one's life is perfect. We all have our scars and sorrows but we cannot let them define who we are. We need to keep going and to enjoy the time that we have, no matter where we are. Las Familias gave me hope even though it is in a hopeless place.

The L.A. Service trip was one of the most impactful experiences of my life so far because I fully embraced every exercise and did not put on an act or pretend to be someone that I was not. I took a leap of faith and removed my mask. I wanted to get a lot out of this trip so I acted true to myself. I have never been more comfortable with who I am.

We all came together and embraced the trip as a whole. We supported each other, joked with each other, and loved each other like brothers. This trip allowed us to be who we are without fear of ridicule or pain.

I learned what true kinship is. It is being yourself and loving others just as they are. This love is not easy and requires effort. Sometimes it can be very uncomfortable but we still must love. We loved those who have so little love in their lives. That means much more than any food or monetary donation. This trip taught me how to love and this priceless gift is something that I will continue to give and teach to others for the rest of my life.



Taken from reflection by
Brennan Black '17



Ecuador 2016

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Fairfield Prep students spent the April 2016 vacation week living with and serving the people of Ecuador. The purpose of the Rostro de Cristo retreat is to expose people from North America to the spiritual, physical and emotional realities of the people from Duran and Guayaquil, Ecuador. This is done through building relationships with the people of the neighborhood and from the surrounding communities. Each retreatant is expected to live his/her life as simply as possible while living in the retreat house. While each person takes something away from this experience, it is the sincere hope of the program that all deepen their faith in God and their commitment to issues of poverty.



During this trip to Ecuador I learned that I am in fact immensely wealthy compared to the majority of the world and I became more grateful for my life in America. I figured out how to see the face of Christ in anyone around the world no matter their location or wealth.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, is located on the western coast of South America. Within the province is a small invasion community called Monte Sinai. An invasion community is a village illegally built on land that they do not own. When many people settle on the land a community is built. I, along with ten other students plus two Fairfield Prep teachers, visited Monte Sinai during our spring vacation.

My experience there made me realize how incredibly magnificent my life here in America is, especially in the prosperous state of Connecticut.

Living in Monte Sinai taught me to see the face of Christ in many people. When I see the face of Christ in someone I see their hardships and how they overcome them. I also perceive a genuine compassion for others.

My initial realization to how well off I am came when we drove out of Guayaquil and watched as every aspect of a rich city life dropped away the closer we got to the poor outskirts. The wandering, starving dogs and trash-filled streets were the first signs of poverty. Then the road changed from pavement to dirt and mud. That was when it hit me that this week was going to be very different from anything I had

ever experienced before. I would be living at the lowest economic level that I had ever been exposed to before and it made me truly grateful for my life back home.

This realization was affirmed by a member of a housing project called Hogar de Christo. A man named Luis Valenzuela talked to us at a women's shelter in Guayaquil. This talk was a prominent experience in the trip and it shaped and changed my outlook on life. He very firmly told us that we are from a nation that is very wealthy and wasteful, is violent and engages in unnecessary wars, and has several ideals that are not morally right.

Hearing this I thought he was insulting us Americans but then Mr. Valenzuela said something that really hit home. He said that out of all the people in America we were the ones that give the Ecuadorians hope that not all Americans were selfish and lazy. They were grateful that there were some like us who would sacrifice a week away from their prosperous lives to form relationships with those below the equator.

This message that we teenagers were breaking stereotypes was very eye opening to me. I never imagined me, a kid from Milford, Connecticut, would have much influence on

people in a foreign land simply by talking to them and forming relationships. Hearing all this from Luis Valenzuela made me wish that my presence in Ecuador would help to change their opinions of Americans and realize that many of us do care about other nations.

Seeing how the people overcame their adversities was integral to how I viewed people demonstrating the face of Christ. For example, I was able to see the face of Christ in Jessica by how she was able to overcome her adversities. Her daughter had an eye disease so Jessica and her husband had to take on extra jobs to pay their bills. Their problems were overcome by their drive to succeed and their belief that Christ was on their side.

In many of the children I saw the face of Christ. As we played soccer with the kids I saw how very important this sport was because it could potentially be a way out of poverty for them. Many of the kids held very positive outlooks no matter what happened. When the river flooded their community a family still had smiles on their faces as they talked

to the volunteers, even though they could not physically exit their home. I believe that their positivity is strengthened by their strong community ties which keep everyone sane and together. I hope to also keep such a positive outlook in my life from now on and express the face of Christ.

Going on this trip I realized that I can thrive even under new and difficult conditions and that I can form relationships. This trip was fun and powerful. It separated us from our technology, required us to live very simply, and gave us the opportunity to communicate and form bonds with other people.

I would love to return next year in a leadership position and bring my knowledge of the Spanish language and culture along. Since returning from Ecuador I simply remember the people I saw Christ in and how well off I am.



Taken from reflection by
Miles Kitt '17



URBAN PLUNGE

Un February I went on a three-day Prep community service trip to the east side of Bridgeport where we “adapted” to the community. One of our challenges was to go grocery shopping at Price Rite and buy enough food to cook three meals for twenty people on a budget of \$28. This was a real eye opener for me because I am so blessed. I don’t worry about prices so much. I buy what I need. I had never considered before how easy I have it.

My group volunteered at the Kennedy Art Center in Bridgeport which is an art studio for the mentally handicapped. These people are so joyful doing simple things like painting or playing Bingo. You don’t need material things to be happy, just a positive attitude and good company.

Volunteering at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission was both the hardest and most rewarding of the three-day experience. People use their food stamps to get a set amount of food. If they asked for more unfortunately you had to tell them no. It was very difficult to tell someone that they couldn’t take what they desperately needed. On the other hand, it was



Karl Johnson '17 working with Bridgeport children

rewarding to see how grateful people were for the food they were given.

I learned valuable lessons that I will carry with me throughout my life. The biggest was never take anything for granted. Now I find myself appreciating how lucky I am not only to eat three meals a day but to have so many options like going to get Garden Catering or Country Cow.

I learned about community while on the Urban Plunge. Living with my classmates forced me to put myself second in many situations and I am a better person because

of it. For example when we were discussing what to buy for dinner we had to rule out meat because one of the group was a vegetarian and we needed to accommodate everyone. Living in a community showed me I have been selfish on occasion.

The experiences I had on Urban Plunge already have affected my world view. I no longer overlook the many luxuries I have in my life. For example many of the kids my age in Fairfield have their own cars. Before Urban Plunge I thought that having my own car as a seventeen year old kid was a normal thing. However, after seeing how crowded the city

bus was and the many people I saw that had to walk wherever they needed to go, I am extremely grateful for what I have.

Overall, Urban Plunge was a great experience for me and I would definitely recommend it to any underclassmen considering it. It is amazing the different lifestyles that are separated by only a few miles. It was an eye-opening experience and something I am very grateful to have taken part in.



Taken from reflection by **Hunter Lutz '17**

Pictured are students calculating what they can afford to buy for dinner. As a simple life exercise, they are allocated an extremely tight budget and a group of hungry Prepsters to feed as part of their Urban Plunge experience.



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Fr. Simisky, S.J., goes above and beyond to support the walkers.

Walk a Mile in her Shoes

On Saturday, April 30, Fairfield Prep showed up to “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” and support the Center for Family Justice in Bridgeport. The walk supports the “White Ribbon” campaign, which is the world’s largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. Starting in 1991, men were asked to wear white ribbons as a **pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.** At the walk in downtown Fairfield, the Varsity Lacrosse, Baseball and Swim Teams came out in force to support the cause, with Prep faculty and administrators joining in the event. Suzanne Gorab, Prep Guidance Counselor, was recognized for her efforts to coordinate the fantastic Prep response and turnout.



Learning wellness with interactive activities

On March 29, Prep held the second annual Wellness Fair in the lobby of Arrupe Hall and in Arrupe 103. Prep’s Guidance Department has forged a partnership with the Fairfield University School of Nursing as well as their Health Center and Center for Counseling and Psychological Services to assist Prep students’ awareness of whole body health and self-care. The nursing students as well as representatives from the Counseling Center and Health Center staffed interactive stations, providing opportunities for Prep students to experience the physical effects of alcohol use, facial screening for skin cancer awareness, nutrition and sports, stress and sleep, mindfulness and stress management, bullying and social media, sports safety and concussions, distracted driving/texting, and in presenting an information booth which provided information and counsel on support systems available on college campuses. Many thanks to our presenters.

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STEM for Success

The future is now! Prep pushes things forward with an interdisciplinary, applied approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Science Club

Science Club co-president **Nicholas Hubbard '18** (pictured) streaks genetically transformed bacteria onto a Petri dish. Hubbard used antibiotics and a paper template to create a living, growing, glowing FP logo. The transformed bacteria glow in the dark thanks to an inserted gene originally found in jellyfish.



AP Bio Debate

The AP Biology class, taught by **Mr. Brian Camus '04**, was challenged to finish the semester with a Bioethics Comp (Comprehensive) assignment. The seniors researched current Bioethics topics of their choice, and debated as to why their issue was deserving of grant money from the New England Bioethics Committee (a fictitious funding organization!). Lively discussion ensued, with many questions and answers to challenge one another. **Nicholas** and **Stephen Howard** (shown with Mr. Camus) argued against infant euthanasia, the killing of fetuses or newborns with disabilities, already legalized in the Netherlands.



Environmental no impact project

On May 7 students from Prep's Environmental Science class did environmental service at the Connecticut Audubon Christmas Tree Farm in Westport. The activity is part of their "No Impact Week" project that serves as their senior comprehensive evaluation. Over 700 young white spruce Christmas trees were planted and areas were cleared for future planting. Tree farm manager Lou Bacchiocchi said, "Every year Prep does work that helps us achieve our goals. It also gives them a chance to see how much goes into providing a sustainable product that people love."



Sikorsky Award winner

Kevin Zentner '17 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.

Math Team takes 3rd in State Competition



Pictured from left: Mrs. Amy Ardito (Math Teacher/Team Moderator), **Haoxiang Zhang '18**, **Liuchang Li '18**, **Bowen Chen '18**, **Nicholas Howard '16**, **Tommy Paul '17**, **Stephen Howard '16**, **Ignacio Altamiranda '16**, **Matt Howard '18**, **Daqin Lin '18**, and Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta

The Fairfield Prep Math Team won 3rd place in the state competition held in the spring at Greenwich High School. They qualified for the Regional Competition in Canton, Massachusetts, on April 29. The Math Team participates in the Fairfield County Math League. They compete against 23 other schools in the league. The top 12 schools advanced to compete in the state competition where there were 46 other schools from the entire state. The state competition included three divisions: small, medium and large. In the medium division, Prep took 3rd place. Since the team finished in the top three, they qualified for the regional competition in Massachusetts. In the regional math team tournament at Canton High School, the Fairfield Prep Math Team placed 9th out of 16 teams in their division. This was the Prep team's first appearance at regionals, competing against other math teams from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Students interested in the Math Team should contact Mrs. Amy Ardito.

Trig*Star Club wins State Championship



From left: **Dongzu Zhang '18**, **Haoxiang Zhang '18**, **Michael Lin '18**, **Bowen Chen '18** and **Peter Nguyen '17**

Trig*Star members participated in a nationwide exam assessing their speed and accuracy as students were challenged by the trigonometric concepts that are particularly applicable in the field of surveying. In the 2016 competition, Fairfield Prep again won the State Championship and **Michael Lin '18** progressed on to the national exam. Results will be released later this summer. Congratulations to all of our participants!

Prep's Trig*Star team is sponsored by Readniss and Mead. It is moderated by Ms. Maureen Bohan and Mrs. Katherine Brennan and Mr. Jorge Pereira, a senior Surveyor at Readniss and Mead. The team meets monthly to practice trigonometry problems and prepare for the Trig*Star State Exam. The Trig*Star State Exam is an annual high school mathematics competition based on the practical application of Trigonometry. Students that participate are not only provided with an opportunity to earn awards, but also leave with a better understanding of the technical profession of Geomatics, which includes Land Surveying, Mapping and Planning. Meetings are open to all Prep students and are held on the second Thursday of every month in Mrs. Brennan's room, X305. Meetings will begin again in the fall.

Robotics Team Top 6 in Connecticut



Back row (L-R): Coach **John Llewellyn, P'18**, **Michael Zhang '18**, **Jack Llewellyn '18**, **Peter Lekasopo '19**, **Junlin Mo '17**, Coach Anthony Dotolo, and **Sasha Mead '18**. Seated: **Hanson Mo '17** and robot.

The Prep Robotics Team battled their way to the final match of the state tournament this past February, finishing as Runner Up in the contest by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Co-captains **Jack Llewellyn '18** and **Junlin Mo '17** led the Jesuits in the last rounds of the state championship. The Prep technicians partnered their robot with those from two other teams in a three vs. three, winner-take-all championship match. Prep's team came up just short of advancing to the Super-Regional tournament in Scranton, PA. Said **Jack Llewellyn** of the team's performance, "Junlin and I were excited with how everyone on the team pitched in to make this a successful season. The fact that we were battling it out with the very best teams around was such a thrill." The task of this year's FIRST Tech Challenge was to create a robot that could operate in a simulated mountain rescue scenario. Students interested in joining the team should see Mr. Dotolo.

2016 CT Science & Engineering Fair Winners



Fairfield Prep congratulates three juniors, **Junlin Mo** (left), **Hanson Mo** (center) and **Jonathan Siveyer** (right) who achieved honors at the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair held at Quinnipiac University.

This year was another successful year for the three Prep students that attended the CT Science & Engineering Fair held March 15-19 at Quinnipiac University. All three made it into the finals.

Hanson Mo '17 whose project was "Application of Computer Vision in Pupil and Eye Center Tracking" earned a 2nd honors, and numerous awards including: 1st Place People's United Bank Mathematics Awards, 1st place Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology Awards, 1st place Xerox Computer Science Awards Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award, IEEE, Connecticut Section Honors Award, EDUCATION CONNECTION award for innovative use of technology to advance science or engineering, Zepke Award - For the Best Use of Electronic Circuitry, University of New Haven High School Awards in Engineering & Science and Maplesoft Awards for Applied Mathematics and Modeling.

Junlin Mo '17 earned 3rd honors for his project "On Analyzing Modern Quantum Computation" and was also awarded 3rd place in the People's United Bank Mathematics Awards. Junlin was recognized for his 4th year in the science fair.

Jonathan Siveyer '17 earned a 1st honors for his project "Examining the effectiveness of phytoremediation of heavy metals in water using Elodea Canadensis and Brassia Juncea," and was a medalist in the main fair Pfizer Life Sciences Award. He also won the Air and Waste Management Association Environmental Research award. This was Jonathan's fifth year in the Science Fair.



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75 Years Young

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Looking back at that time, when the newspapers carried daily reports of Axis advances on all fronts, we can safely assume that everyone would have understood if the Jesuits had decided to postpone their plans to establish the school. Nevertheless, the Jesuits proceeded anyway. Maybe those Jesuits had St. Paul's words in mind: "There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love." In the founding of Fairfield Prep we see their faith in, and hope for, a better future, as well as their love for the many generations of Prepsters that would benefit from their decision, long after the war had ended.

Taking us through the first twenty-five years of Fairfield Prep's history is the following series of excerpts and abstracts from John Szablewicz's outstanding history, *A Tradition of Excellence: A History of Fairfield College Preparatory School* (copyright 2008 by John Szablewicz).¹

The 1940s

On September 9, 1942, the doors of McAuliffe Hall were opened to greet 319 young men, including 11 members of the senior class and three "post-graduate" students. At the scene to welcome the students were Father Rector, Rev. John J. McEleney, S.J., Father Principal Rev. Leo A. Reilly, S.J., and Bishop McAuliffe. The Bishop blessed the school building and conducted a solemn benediction in the school chapel. He also addressed the student body, reminding the students of the significance of the first day in the history of Fairfield College Preparatory School.

On September 11, the auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, Rev. Henry J. O'Brien offered the first Prep Mass of the Holy Spirit, the traditional offering at the beginning of the school year at all Jesuit institutions. It must have brought a great sense of

satisfaction to the Jesuit fathers of Fairfield to have their new school join the many hundreds of Jesuit institutions in celebrating the Eucharist that week.

Beadles in the Halls

Among the great new institutions to begin that first year was that of the homeroom "beadle." This was a particularly fortunate young man who was selected by the homeroom teacher to serve as a messenger between homeroom and the administration. The beadle would bring attendance slips down to the office, and bring the "Daily Bulletin" and other messages from the administrative offices. Although the beadle was much maligned by his fellow classmates, students often went out of their way to get appointed to this post. The idea of the school beadle somehow survived at Prep for more than 55 years, until the school moved to electronic messages via classroom computers as the high-tech revolution swept through Prep's buildings.

Prep's Inaugural Football Season

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME: School spirit was certainly put to the test during the inaugural varsity football campaign. With only about four weeks of practice behind them, the Jesuit gridders lost the first game in Prep's history to Hopkins by a

score of 13-0. Prep's stubborn defensive play, however, kept the score much closer than anyone expected.

FIRST FOOTBALL VICTORY: Coach Tom Murphy's boys bounced back from that loss with a great 6-0 victory over Wooster Prep of Danbury. Again, it was defense that stood out as Prep shut down the potent Wooster attack. The Prep backfield of Hanlon, Tickey, Daly and Trojanowski began to gel in this game and had a number of potential scoring chances. One first quarter scoring TD on a pass from Hanlon to Tickey was called back by a penalty. The only score of the game came in the fourth quarter, at the end of what would in the future be known as a "patented" Fairfield Prep scoring drive. The scoring play was a sweet reverse with Tickey carrying for the score. And so it was that Prep had its first football victory. There would be many more to come!

Learning the "Jesuit Way"

As Prep moved through the first autumn of its existence, the students and faculty settled in and attended to the task of learning the "Jesuit way," as outlined in detail in the important Jesuit document, the *Ratio Studiorum*, or "Plan of Studies." The *Ratio*, conceived in 1599, has stood ever since as the organized framework of Jesuit education and is the foundation for the modern Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP), employed today in all Jesuit schools. The *Ratio* specified the importance of teaching subjects such as Latin, Greek, philosophy, and science.

Parents and Friends

From the very beginning of Fairfield Prep's existence, the school was blessed by the strong support of the parents of its students. The best example of this is the work done by the Prep Fathers' Club and the mothers' organization, the Bellarmine Guild.

The autumn of 1942 passed smoothly for Fairfield Prep. Nevertheless, world events were constantly thrusting themselves into the consciousness of the Prepsters. In September, the government

ordered nationwide gasoline rationing. Every driver was issued an A, B, or C sticker setting the gas allowance at four or more gallons of gas per week, depending upon such factors as whether a person's driving contributed to the war effort. Since the Japanese had captured the rubber-producing areas of Southeast Asia, there was also strict rationing of tires. Meanwhile, in Europe, Nazi aggression was continuing.

Despite the gloomy war news, Prep's first dance was held by the senior class in November. All agreed that it was a "huge success." A favorite spot for dances would be the Ritz Ballroom at Ash Creek, where many a Prepster would "strut his stuff" to the big band sounds of Glenn Miller, Harry James, or the Dorseys.

Prep's First Graduation: The Class of 1943

Prep's very first graduation day took place on June 16, 1943, on the back lawn of Bellarmine Hall. Connecticut Governor Raymond Baldwin gave the commencement address from the back porch of the beautiful building. Presiding over the ceremonies was Bishop O'Brien. A total of nine young men comprised Prep's first graduating class, the class of 1943: **Carl Joseph Asman**, New Haven, Salutatorian; **Russell A. Ayers**, Stratfield; **Thomas Francis Davis**, Fairfield; **Walter Ward Garrity**, Fairfield; **Elbert Victor Kring**, Bridgeport; **Robert Francis Madden**, Stratford; **William Joseph Mann**, Bridgeport, Valedictorian; **Stephen S. Moran**, Bridgeport; **Thomas Bernard Wrynn**, Bridgeport.

In addition, there were three Post-Graduates: **James Adams Curran**, Fairfield; **Paul Benedict Marlowe**, New Haven; **Stephen Lawrence McMahon**, Bridgeport

JUG (Justice Under God)

Another great Jesuit tradition had to do with discipline. Every educational institution ever known to mankind has employed some type of "detention" after school in order to discipline disobedient or mischievous students. But it was the



Father Tom with his homeroom.

Jesuits who elevated the whole process to a religious experience! JUG could take all manner of forms, being limited only by the imagination of the teacher bestowing it on the deserving recipient. In the early days, when the school athletic facilities were being constructed, it was a common sight to find a number of young men “picking stones” from the track or football field under the supervision of a patient prefect of discipline. The sight of jugges manufacturing snowballs in the Quad with their bare hands was an instantly identifiable sign of their transgression: having been caught throwing snowballs.

November 18 was the date of the “Tea Dance” with the ladies at Lauralton Hall, the all-girls school in Milford, the “sister school” of Prep. Over the years, many a Prep lad would find his girlfriend, and maybe even his future wife, at dances and socials sponsored by the two schools.

The month of December 1943 was a bit less pleasant in Fairfield. A rather serious outbreak of influenza hit the student and teacher population hard. After 65 boys called in sick on December 17, Fr. Reilly decided to start the Christmas recess after the last class that Friday, rather than on December 23 of the following week.

The big sports event for the spring of 1944 was the beginning of Prep’s first baseball team. On Monday, April 17, the anxious candidates reported to coach Fr. McMullen for tryouts. Quite a good team of 20 players was assembled by Fr. McMullen.

In 1943 it became apparent that additional buildings would have to be constructed to accommodate the growth of the Prep school’s enrollment as well as to address the long-range plans to start a college, once the war had ended. Several obstacles stood in the way, however. First and foremost, with the nation at war, resources were allocated primarily to the war effort. Second, lacking sufficient funds, the Jesuits would have to borrow money, which would require approval from Rome. Third, the bishop was wary of fund-raising efforts that might compete with diocesan financial needs.

As a temporary measure, in 1945 the Jesuits bought a building on Park Terrace in the Seaside Park section of Bridgeport. Subsequently named Loyola Hall, the structure was the venue for freshman classes until Berchmans Hall opened in September 1947. The year 1945 also saw the departure of Prep’s first principal, as Father Reilly was replaced by Rev. Walter Kennedy, S.J.

Ultimately, all three hurdles to

construction were overcome, and on January 6, 1947, ground was broken for construction of Berchmans Hall, followed later that year with groundbreaking for Xavier Hall. When it opened in late September 1947, Berchmans Hall was made to serve four purposes. The first floor was the location for the very first year of classes for Fairfield University. The second and third floors were where classes were held for Prep freshmen, who no longer had to spend their freshman year at the Seaside Park location. The fourth floor housed Jesuit residential quarters, as Bellarmine Hall, then the main Jesuit residence, had run out of room.

By 1949 Fairfield Prep had become a very popular and well respected institution, as evidenced by the 983 enrollment figure for the 1949-1950 school year.

The 1950s

By the time the tenth commencement exercises were held in 1952, Fairfield Prep had already established itself as a premiere institution for secondary education in southwestern Connecticut.

Several notable events from throughout the decade:

- 1951:** Rev. Francis X. Carty, S.J. was installed as Prep’s third principal.
- 1953:** George Bisacca, Prep class of 1946, returned as head basketball coach.
- 1953:** the Honor Society was established (the precursor to the National Honor Society chapter that would be organized nineteen years later).
- 1956:** *Bellarmino Quarterly* won a gold medal at Columbia University; *Der Kircher*, Prep’s first science publication, was launched; Father Ed “Lefty” Welch, S.J.’s Latin Team took first place in their division in the prestigious New York University Latin contest.
- 1956:** Under its new head coach, Mr. Joseph Brosley, the Prep football team compiled an undefeated, untied season, outscoring its opponents 261-37.
- 1957:** Columbia University awarded *Bellarmino Quarterly* first place for literary excellence.
- 1957:** The Prep football team won the championship of the MBIAC (Metropolitan Bridgeport Interscholastic Athletic Conference).
- 1958:** *Bellarmino Quarterly* changed its name to *Bellarmino Letters*; the cross country team won the MBIAC championship.



1959: Groundbreaking for the new gymnasium (later named Alumni Hall).

1959: Rev. Joseph E. McGrady, S.J. was named principal; Mr. Louis Saracco began his fifty-year teaching career at Fairfield Prep.

The 1960s (Through 1967)

Many of American society’s institutions entered the decade of the seventies transformed by the events and the zeitgeist of the sixties; Fairfield Prep, although somewhat insulated by its Jesuit mission, was no exception.

In keeping with the many transformations occurring in the Catholic Church in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady, which had been established in the very first year of Prep’s existence, was disbanded in 1965; it was replaced by Students for Christian Action. Broadly speaking, this change was in keeping with the large-scale changes that resulted in a move away from traditional Catholic devotional practices to a focus on efforts that would effectuate immediate, tangible societal change.

We also see in 1964 the first recorded instance of formal student protest at Prep, calling for liberalization of the dress code. (Curiously to our 21st-century sensibilities, the published dress code of that era banned, among other things, “excessively tight pants”!). Some other highlights of the period:

- 1960:** The Bob Hope Show performed at the Alumni Field Bandshell, and the New York Football Giants established their summer training camp on the Fairfield University campus.
- 1960:** The Prep football team posted a 10-0 record, taking both the MBIAC and state championships; the German Club was founded.
- 1961:** The Prep swimming team competed for the first time.

1961: In only its second year of competition, the Prep bowling team captures the MBIAC title with a 39-9 record.

1962: Under new head coach Mr. Robert Sylvester, the Prep basketball team finishes as MBIAC co-champs.

1962: Rev. Edward J. Fayne, S.J. takes over as principal.

1964: Swimming team captures MBIAC championship with 12-2 record.

1964: Rev. William C. McInnes, S.J. was installed as President of Fairfield University and Fairfield Prep; the school structure was reorganized, as academic departments were created and senior electives introduced.

1964-1965 school year: Fairfield University hired Burns Security to provide campus police and public safety duties. (The Burns Security officers were immediately dubbed “Burnies” by Prepsters.)

1965: The Ski Club was established, the precursor to today’s Ski Team.

1965: Rev. Alfred E. Morris, S.J. took over as Prep’s principal.

1965: Witnessed the establishment of the Key Club service organization. Its members, chosen by a selective process, could be identified volunteering at Prep events by means of the distinctive red blazers they wore.

1965: Earl “Duke” Lavery hired to succeed Joe Brosley as head coach for Prep varsity football. In the Duke’s inaugural year, his team won the MBIAC title, outscoring its opponents 264-59.

1966: The swimming team captured its second straight MBIAC title with a twenty-game winning streak.

1966: Mr. Bruce Jaffe began what would become his fifty-year teaching career at Fairfield Prep.

Next in this three-part Prep History series: 1967-1992.

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Memorable moments and faces



July 24, 1941

New England Province requests permission from Rev. Maurice McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, to establish a Jesuit school in Connecticut

September 9, 1942

First day of school at Fairfield College Preparatory School



Prep's first faculty as of September 1942. L-r: third row: Bro. Clifford, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Duggan, Fr. John Barry; second row: Mr. Donovan, Fr. James Barry, Fr. Landrey, Fr. Finnegan, Fr. Burns, Fr. Fay, Mr. Garcia; first row: Fr. Doherty, Fr. Whalen, Rev. Fr. McEleney, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Kennedy.

June 16, 1943

First Commencement: The Class of 1943.



L-r, back: **William J. Mann, Stephan L. McMahon, Robert F. Madden, Thomas B. Wrynn, Paul B. Morlow, Stephan S. Moran, Walter W. Garrity, Thomas F. Davis.** Note: **James A. Curran** not pictured, away in training. **Elbert V. Kring** graduated in February for Holy Cross. Seated: Rector McEleney, S.J., Bishop Henry J. O'Brien (Bishop of Hartford) and Principal Leo A. Reilly, S.J.

October 7, 1945

First football game at Alumni Field: Fairfield Prep 20, Cranwell Prep 12.



Fairfield Prep's first football team, Fall 1942. L-r, first row: **Cook, Daly, Moran, Neary, McDonough, Naputano, Hanlon, Tickey, Harrington, Ward**; second row: Coach Mr. Murphy, Manager Mr. McBride, **Falanga, Jones, Fitzsimons, McEnany, O'Connor, Trojanowski, Garrity, Gaynor, DeRosa, Costanza**, Moderator Fr. John Barry.



Winter 1953

New basketball Coach **George Bisacca '46** is hired. He went on to be Fairfield University Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director.

Fall 1956

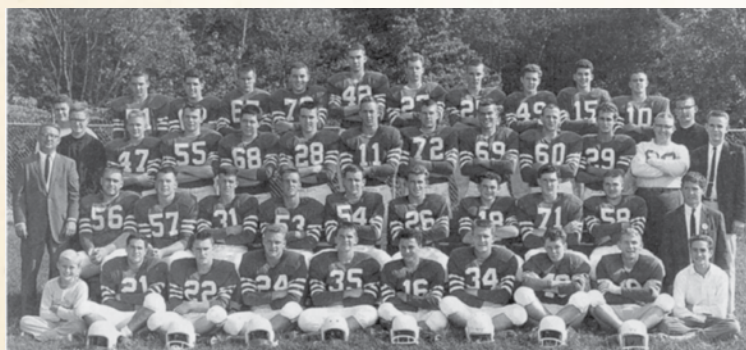
Under its new head coach, Mr. Joseph Brosley, the Prep football team compiles an undefeated, untied season, outscoring its opponents 261-37.



Earl Lavery with Joseph Brosley

Fall 1960

The 1960 football team was to become one of the all-time great teams in the history of the school, posting a perfect 10-0 record and capturing league and state championships.



The 1960 Championship Football team 10-0 State Champs.



Prep Pride '60s style A hat full of buttons and an official Prep duffel bag.

Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam

January 6, 1947

Berchmans Hall groundbreaking



Shown are Rev. James H. Dolan, S.J., Rev. Walter E. Kennedy, S.J., principal; Rev. Thomas A. Murphy, S.J., and members of the student body.

April 30, 1944

First concert with Lauralton Hall.



The Prep-Lauralton joint Glee Club concert, May 1947.

May 3, 1944

Fairfield Prep's first baseball team won their first game 4-3 vs Staples.



Fairfield Prep's first baseball team, Spring 1944. Note the borrowed Boston College Prep uniforms. L-r, front row: **E. Dailey, R. Shea, F. Horvath, E. Gaynor** (Captain), **J. Burns, E. Garofalo, J. Flynn, L. Broadbin**. Back row: Rev. C. MacMullan, S.J., (Coach), **J. Shannon** (Mgr.), **G. Vincent, P. Meehan, M. Zadravec, J. Connell, F. Feroletto, H. Neary, R. Bisacca, J. Burns, Fr. J. Keaney, S.J.,** (Asst. Coach).



Before the Bomb Squad "Give me an F!" Cheerleading squads were all male until 1971 when the ladies of Lauralton Hall joined the scene.

Fall 1959



"Uncle Lou" In possession of a law degree from Fordham University, Lou Saracco went on to create an exceptional course in A.P. Constitutional Government. He was Social Studies Department Chair, during a career that spanned over four decades.



"Send your cheer on high..."

We may laugh, we may cry, but we never say die. Let's go Fairfield, Fairfield, let's go!"

Spring 1962

Latin Team takes first place in the prestigious New York University Latin contest.



Latin Scholars (l-r): Michael Guri, Angelo Lupariello, and Victor Bortolot celebrate another victory with Fr. Edward Welch, S.J.



"Fr. B" Fr. Eugene Brissette, S.J., was an outstanding teacher of chemistry and football team chaplain until his retirement in 1991.

Fall 1965



Earl "Duke" Lavery was named head football coach. In the fall of 1965, wins MBIAC title, outscoring opponents 264-59.

Fall 1967



New head coach **Bruce Jaffe** led the swimming team to an undefeated season in MBIAC league meets.

Prep Players revive “Carousel”



The Prep Players presented the classic American musical *Carousel* on May 12 and 13, featuring the music from Rogers and Hammerstein. Director Megan Hoover praised the actors' talents: "They have done a remarkable job uncovering the humanity of these characters and handling the weight of the material, showing incredible maturity and a sense of responsibility. In many ways this show generates more questions about life and love than it does answers." The music director was Mrs. Christine Evans, who led a professional orchestral pit with the music classics.



Halo Awards & Nominations

The Prep Players were recognized by Seven Angels Theatre with 16 Halo nominations for *Carousel* and *Our Town*. Director Mrs. Megan Hoover proudly praised the ensembles: "These nominations are a testament to how hard this group has worked this year – the material we tackled was challenging and pushed them in every way. It is by virtue of their commitment to one another and the process that they have earned this recognition." The awards presentation was held on June 1 at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury. The seven gentlemen recognized for best specialty ensemble performed their nominated number, *Blow High, Blow Low*. Prep won three Halo Awards and 15 nominations, listed below.

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY:**
Fairfield Prep: **Liam Traynor** as
Mr. Charles Webb in *Our Town*

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
FEATURED ACTRESS IN A PLAY:**
Fairfield Prep: Jennifer Veith as
Mrs. Myrtle Webb in *Our Town*

BEST RUNNING CREW:
Fairfield Prep: Run Crew for
Carousel

**BEST ORIGINAL PROGRAM COVER
DESIGN OR ARTWORK:**
Fairfield Prep: **Jihad Rogers** for
Carousel

★ **BEST ORCHESTRA: WINNER**
Fairfield Prep: *Carousel*

BEST DANCING:
Fairfield Prep: *Carousel*

★ **BEST FEATURED DANCER(S):**
**WINNER: Fairfield Prep: Taylor
McCuaig as Louise in *Carousel***

BEST SPECIALTY ENSEMBLE:
Fairfield Prep: *Blow High, Blow
Low* by **Ryan Ramos** and **Jackson
Mendes** as Jigger and Billy and
the Shipmates in *Carousel*

BEST CHORUS:
Fairfield Prep: *Carousel* - Gypsy
Nominee - **Chris Conaway**

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A PLAY:**
Fairfield Prep: **Brendan Sawyer**
as George Webb in *Our Town*

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A
PLAY:** Fairfield Prep: Annamarie
Fama as Mrs. Julia Gibbs in *Our
Town*

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A
MUSICAL:** Fairfield Prep: Olivia
DeFilippo as Carrie Pipperidge in
Carousel

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY A
LEADING ACTOR IN A CLASSICAL
PLAY:** Fairfield Prep: **Jackson
Mendes** as The Stage Manager
in *Our Town*

★ **BEST PERFORMANCE BY
A LEADING ACTRESS IN A
CLASSICAL MUSICAL: WINNER**
Fairfield Prep: **Annamarie Fama**
as **Julie Jordan** in *Carousel*

BEST CLASSICAL PLAY:
Fairfield Prep: *Our Town*

BEST CLASSICAL MUSICAL:
Fairfield Prep: *Carousel*





Alumni Show Participants

Alex Kocinsky '15
 Andres Ayala '14
 Andrew Garvey '09
 Bayindir Citak '10
 Blake Sherwood '15
 Brendan McNamara '08
 Carmine Urciuoli '10
 Dan O'Rourke '10
 Darcie Mann
 (Fairfield Warde '13)
 Dylan Levinson '12
 Elizabeth Martinez
 (Lauralton Hall '15)
 Joe Burgess '10
 Joe Homza '07
 John McKissick '09
 Mary Chimenti
 (Fairfield Ludlowe '11)
 Mat Appar '08
 Matt Contino '13
 Max Rein '11
 Michael Kokias '15
 Nick Zeleny '13
 Romy Jaffe
 (Fairfield Warde '14)
 Sarah Begley
 (Fairfield Ludlowe '08)
 Serg Valcourt '15
 Sergio Cruz '14
 Sophie Campbell Habetz
 (Fairfield Ludlowe '12)
 Tyrone Fleurizard '14
 Victor Riccio '15

Returning to “Yes, Let’s!”

It was clear to me when I started as the director of the Prep Players that the group of students who were coming through the program were creating a special sort of family. The silly improv games and bizarre warm up rituals forced them to be open and willing. There was no room for ego or holding back. The time and trust that they invested in each other brought them together.

Their connectedness gave me a crazy idea — what would happen if we put together an alumni production? Would they still be connected? Would they maintain this willingness to take a leap with one another? This June, we put together a sort of family reunion — 27 Prep Players alumni came together for just 24 hours to rehearse and mount nine pieces from David Ives’s *All in the Timing*. And just as they did when they were students, they threw themselves in full force.

The theatre was overflowing with audience members: faculty, family, other alumni, and current Players, who all wanted to know if we could pull it off. It was a perfect celebration of the way in which the program has grown. The Players had an amazing year—we took on two incredibly challenging American classics *Our Town* and *Carousel*. The Players did a remarkable job uncovering the humanity of their characters and handling the weight of the material, and people took

notice: their efforts earned them 16 Halo nominations from Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury, and we were lucky enough to take home three awards from the ceremony. None of these individual wins would have been possible without the strength of the whole ensemble. And this ensemble could not be as strong as it is without the foundation that has been laid by the Players who have come before; they set a tone for the way in which this group takes on every challenge. They made it clear that “Yes, let’s” was the only acceptable answer to everything that would be asked of them. They embraced the idea of ensemble and let everyone who came after them know that we would not be anything less than a united front on every project.

Without all of this groundwork that has been laid over the years, there is no way I could trust 27 alums to come back and produce a show in 24 hours. Without the sense of family that they have cultivated, there is no reason that any of them would really want to. And without all that they have given to the program, to the process, and to one another, the Prep Players would not be where they are today.



By Director Mrs. Megan Hoover, Fine Arts Chair

Art Show displays Prep talents

At the annual Spring Art Show held on May 19, Mrs. Dolores Tema, who is retiring (pictured with Prep artists), passed the ruler and scissors to **Mr. Bob Fosse-Previs '87**, Prep’s new art teacher. This year’s show featured the work of the Freshman Visual Arts students as well as the work of the Studio Art class. As a requirement for Freshman



Visual Arts, each student displayed at least one work of art created during the school year.

Ten freshmen were recognized for their consistent effort and achievement throughout the year and received “Outstanding Artist” awards. They included: **Owen Gannon, Finn O’Connor, Zachary Furnari, William Mallek, James Brady, Henry Houghton, Liam Colleran, Andrew Dafcik, Owen Cirilli, and Finlay Mangan.**

Jihad Rogers '16 was acknowledged for his artistic contributions throughout his four years at Prep and specifically the work he contributed on the school production posters.

The show also highlighted the three students selected to represent Prep at the Annual SCC Art Show: **Henry Houghton '19, Haoxiang Zhang '18, and Joseph Schanne '17.**



Spring 2016 Concert

The Prep Music Department's annual Spring Concert was performed on May 18 in the Kelley Theater of the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The concert featured all performing ensembles; Symphonic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Select Choir, as well as the Jazzuits and Encords. Music Director Mrs. Christine Evans praised her students: "All groups have worked very hard all year to make this evening a success! I am extremely proud of your sons for committing to the beauty of music. The best part of my job is getting to make music with these gentlemen day in and day out, knowing that the sky truly is the limit." Catch the Jazzuits finale "Sing, Sing, Sing" with rotating drum soloists!

Watch video highlights
[youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



Jazzuits & Encords perform at the Apollo Theater

Over spring break, the Jazzuits and Encords performed at the annual New York City Jazz Festival; hosted at the world-famous Apollo Theater. They performed as part of a ticketed daytime recital, and worked behind the scenes with vocal and instrumental jazz experts to improve their performances. To conclude the festivities, they then attended an evening concert performed by the world-renowned "Real Group," an acapella group out of Sweden.





SEED Dinner celebrates diversity!

The annual SEED Diversity Dinner was held on April 27 in the Student Life Center. 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) is an integral and important program in the Prep Community, promoting racial, academic, socio-economic, and cultural diversity at Fairfield Prep. Special thanks to Mrs. Alecia Thomas, Director of the SEED program, her committee, Prep families, and Prep staff members for making this evening possible.



"Even though there were challenges I got through them because of my friends and teachers who helped me and my family. I stepped out of my comfort zone, tried new things and made new friends. And along the way and it made me stronger to get through the year. Mind my words: it doesn't matter what town you come from or the color of your skin or whatever your background, we are all the same and are all equal. We can do great things once we stand together. Friendship is key, education is key, patience is key, compassion is key, cooperation is key."



— Juvaughn Lee '19

School Happenings

Business Club wins Start-up Showcase

On April 5 the Fairfield Prep Business Club won the High School Division presentation at the Fairfield University Start-up Showcase. The event featured presentations from student-led start-up businesses who were competing for venture capital funding from potential investors. Prep won the first High School Award offered by the University. Prep Juniors **Kevin Gallagher**, **Junlin Mo**, **Fred Rio** and **Brendan Sawyer** prepared a video making a pitch for a company named CrowdFlik, which offers a free app that lets users put together video clips filmed and shared by other users from the same event. Prep was awarded \$500 for First Place.



Kevin Gallagher, Junlin Mo, and Mr. Tom Shea '73

The Prep Business Club hosted its own showcase business plan competition on March 9. This year there were seven companies making presentations and first prize of \$100 was awarded to sophomores **John Starrett** and **Riley McGeady** for their business Green Concrete.



The Prep Business Club competition with judges (front, from left): Moderator **Tom Shea '73**, **P'08, '11**, **Dan Pengue '73** and **Mark Cirilli, P'19**.



Stock Market Club visits the NYSE

On April 28, the Stock Market Club, led by Mrs. Leonardo, attended its third annual trip to the New York Stock Exchange on Wall St in New York. The trip, also chaperoned by Mrs. O'Connor, was a great success. The SIFMA Foundation, sponsor of The Stock Market Game, announced that Fairfield Prep had the two top teams from the year-long Stock Market Game session out of 646 participating high school teams: **Kevin Gallagher '17** – First Place High School Division, and **Kevin Zentner '17**, **Julio Ojea Quintana '17**, **Max Ward '17** – Second Place High School Division. The Stock Market Game Program Awards Ceremony was held May 19 at the Hartford Courant, recognizing the top teams. All winning teams delivered a short speech discussing their portfolios and investment strategies.

Model United Nations delegates



From left: **Siwon Yoo '18**, **Teddy Bobroske '19**, **Max Mai '18**, **Mark Sheffer '17**, **Liam Woods '19**, **Dongxu Zhang '18** and **Jack Hickey '16**.

Seven representatives from the Fairfield Prep Model United Nations Club and faculty moderator Mr. Paul Denby traveled to Yale University in January to participate in the 42nd Annual Yale Model United Nations Conference. The Prep delegation represented the Federal Republic of Somalia and discussed topics such as the development of nutrition initiatives, extremism in North Africa, and the question of restitution in Cuba. The club is dedicated to raising an awareness of international issues and teaching negotiation and public-speaking skills.



Competing in tunics at CT Latin Day

On April 29, twenty-five Latin scholars, accompanied by Ms. Koren Mumma and Mr. Robert Bernier, attended the annual Connecticut State Latin Day at Holiday Hill. Clad in tunics of their own design, students fueled up with breakfast before taking advantage of the day's activities. Those hungry for knowledge attended various workshops, presentations, and academic contests. Many enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, badminton, volleyball, baseball, and Ga-ga. **Scott Cunningham '18**, **John Feeney '18**, **Alexey Linsenmeyer '18**, **Brian Noone '18**, and **Andrew Rothe '17** spent most of the day dominating all competitors on the basketball court, but it was **Michael Kellner '18** who took first place in the Free Throw Contest. Prep's impromptu volleyball team under the coaching of **Darth (Niko) Lignore '16** managed mostly to take down the net. **Danny Hua '18** was quite rightly singled out for his plaid tunic by the tunica judges. **Michael Antonico '17** impressed his teammates by his ability to wrangle some girls for Prep's soccer team in record time, allowing him to come in 3rd place in the Broad Jump Contest. Of course, all activities halted upon the whiff of lunch coming from Holiday Hill's enormous grills. Re-energized by a hearty lunch, the boys returned to their endeavors with their usual enthusiasm.

School Happenings



Swimmers raise funds for Cancer Research

Members of the Fairfield Prep Swim Team participated in the Swim Across America Open Water event that was held this June 25 in Greenwich. **Kevin Lydon '17** organized "Team Irish" in honor of his former club swim coach. The event raises money for cancer research. **Alec Keblish '19, Andrew Magel '17, Andrew Lydon '19, Kevin Lydon '17, and Ben Fox '18** swam.

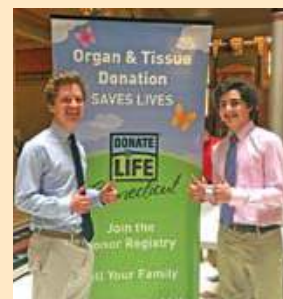


Socks and clothing to help the homeless

Members of the Spanish Honor Society get ready to load a SUV with bags of new socks and clothing donated for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. From left: **Austin Golden '16, Steven Westfal '17, Bernston Valenzuela '17, Anthony Petrosinelli '17, Sanjeev Jariwala '16 and Owen Callahan '17**. Ms. Billie Brooks, Spanish teacher and moderator of the club, thanks the Prep Community for their kind contributions.

Artists earn awards at Donate Life Connecticut

Donate Life Connecticut celebrated the 26th Annual High School Visual Art Contest on April 1, 2016. **Cole Avallone '19, Christian Haranzo '19 and Peter Kavanaugh '19** were among the winners. They joined their Biology teacher Mrs. Jane Novia O'Reilly at the state capitol for the awards ceremony. **Cole Avallone** was the 3rd Place winner, and **Christian Haranzo** received an Honorable Mention. **Peter Kavanaugh** was awarded "Best Video." Pictured l-r: **Cole Avallone '19 and Christian Haranzo '19** (Peter Kavanaugh '19 not pictured)



Connecticut BrainDance Award Winners

Stanislav Yarmoussik '18 and Joseph Hopkins '18 received awards in the 13th Annual BrainDance Awards Competition held in Hartford on April 21, 2016. They are biology students of Mrs. Jane O'Reilly. 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 project, a research project, or a media project. Stanley placed 2nd in the arts category with his painting titled, "How do you see me?" Joe placed third in the same category with his story titled "Eyes." Pictured from left: **Joseph Hopkins '18, Biology teacher Mrs. Jane O'Reilly and Stanislav Yarmoussik '18**



Squires Club sponsors Annual Blood Drive

Prep's Annual Red Cross Blood Drive was held on March 21 in Brissette Gym. The drive was sponsored by the Squires Club, the youth organization of the Knight of Columbus, which involves young men in programs to benefit the Church and the community.



Freshmen vs. Faculty Basketball On March 8, Prep Basketball sponsored the fourth Freshman vs. Faculty basketball game in Alumni Hall. The Faculty, through some creative scorekeeping, held a 3-0 record against the freshman teams going into the game. With non-stop action, the Faculty pulled out another win, with a buzzer basket made by **Andrew Davenport '08**, Admissions Counselor.



Never say die

Before the 2015-2016 hockey season even began there were two truths that had to be reckoned with — this team was going to have 13 rookies and the team was going to play the most challenging schedule in Prep hockey history. When those truths come together, only one word emerges – struggle.

The 2015-16 Fairfield Prep Varsity Hockey team encountered much struggle in the early part of the season. Starting out with a 1-5 record, the team seemed destined for mediocrity and perhaps in danger of missing the state tournament for the first time in 20 years. However, what the slow start did not account for was the heart and leadership of the six seniors, and the incredible improvement of 22 young men. Fast forward to the third Saturday in March, and the Fairfield Prep hockey team was right where they belong, competing for a state title at Yale's Ingalls rink.

Along the way there were many challenges. The aforementioned schedule included games against the State Champions from Connecticut, New

York, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Massachusetts. The schedule took the boys to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Malden, Massachusetts. Only six seniors (**Colin Smalkais, Justin Blanchette, Jack McGowen, Will Schlichtig, Geoff Hadden, and Chris Kral**) guided 13 rookies and 10 sophomores through hard-fought battles, intense practices and great bonding moments. By March, Prep was rounding into form, winning the SCC championship in a dramatic shootout and making an improbably deep run in the state tournament.

This team will be remembered for their toughness and “never say die” spirit. They embodied the best qualities of Fairfield Prep men, and through their effort the program and school are stronger.



By **Matt Sather '93**,
Varsity Hockey Coach and
English Teacher



HOCKEY HONORS

- **SCC regular season champions**
- **SCC tournament champions**
- **CIAC Division I Runner-Up**
- **Justin Blanchette '16**
All SCC 1st team; Pope Francis Tournament All-Tournament Team; CHSCA All State 1st team; NH Register All-State; MSG Varsity All-State; 2nd Team, Hearst Media All-Star
- **Chris Kral '16**
All SCC 2nd team; NH Register All-State; MSG Varsity All-State Honorable Mention; Hearst Media All-Star
- **Jack McGowen '16**
SCC Scholar Athlete; CT Hobey Baker Award
- **Will Schlichtig '16**
All SCC 2nd Team
- **Jack McGee '18**
SCC Championship Game MVP



Basketball continues its winning ways

This year's team defied expectations again and continued to solidify Fairfield Prep as a top-tier basketball program in the state. Led by an incredible group of seniors that represented Prep well on and off the court, the team

believed in each other and turned heads as each game passed.

Rich Kelly '16 and **Matt Gerics '16** led the way as the team produced a record of 25-2 on the season. The team won the SCC Championship in a thrilling overtime victory against eventual State Champion Hillhouse. The team was victorious with both **Gerics** and **Kelly** fouling out of the game with two minutes remaining in regulation. Prep answered by using all the players on the bench and finding a way to pull out the Championship.

The team's season ended with a 2-point loss at the buzzer in the Semi-Finals of the State tournament to an excellent Weaver team out of Hartford.

Drew Rolapp '16 impressed crowds with his speed and defense abilities.

Brendan Carey '16 came off the bench in many key games and executed to perfection, always finding the open man on the floor and playing excellent defense. **Senay Bellele '16** was a major contributor and earned a more prominent role as his play improved. **Dajon Hall '16** hit some big shots to the delight of fans in a packed Alumni Hall.

Senior **Rich Kelly** and junior **Patrick Harding** both were All-Conference and All-State selections. **Rich Kelly** was also named Conference MVP, Hearst Media Player of the Year and MSG Varsity CT Player of the Year. While these are incredible accomplishments, Rich continues to deflect all praise to his teammates and the program.

We thank the seniors for the unwavering support of each other and the program. We will miss them greatly, but we know they will always be part of our program and school. We are looking forward to proving people wrong again next year.



By **Leo Redgate '86**,
Head Varsity Coach



BASKETBALL HONORS

- **Richard Kelly '16**
MSG Varsity Connecticut Player of the Year; CHSCA Class LL All-State 1st Team; SCC- All Quinnipiac Division; New Haven Register Area Boys Basketball MVP; Hearst Connecticut Media Boys Basketball MVP; NH Register All-State 1st Team
- **John Kelly '18**
MSG Varsity Connecticut All Connecticut Second Team; NH Register All-State Honorable Mention
- **Patrick Harding '17**
MSG Varsity Connecticut All Connecticut Second Team; CHSCA Class LL All-State 2nd Team; SCC All-Quinnipiac Division; Hearst Connecticut Media Super 15 Boys Basketball All-Star; NH Register All-State 2nd Team



Swimming & Diving claims 12th SCC Title



The Fairfield Prep Swimming & Diving team claimed their 12th consecutive SCC Championship at Southern Connecticut State University on March 2, 2016. The Jesuits would go on to finish the season with a 3rd place finish at the LL State Championships and a 6th place finish at the State Open. It marked the 11th time in the last 12 years that the team has finished in the top 10 at the State Open.

SWIMMING & DIVING HONORS

- **Guido Balderrama '16**
All-SCC and Coaches All-State;
New Haven Register All Area;
Hearst Media All-Star
- **Oliver Rus '18**
Coaches All-State; New Haven
Register All Area; Hearst Media
All-Star



Golf team nearly perfect!

The 2016 Fairfield Prep Golf team was nearly perfect this season. With the exception of one match at Xavier HS the team won every match, including a perfect 18-0 JV record. The varsity finished with a very fine 17-1 record. Leading the Jesuits once again was senior tri-captain **Andrew Sciarretta**, the SCC Player of the Year. Andrew completed his golf career as one of the most honored players in school history, having been named all-SCC four times and all-state in his final three seasons. Tri-captains **Matt Cesare** and **Matt Schmerzler** turned in excellent seasons as well as players and leaders of the team, and were joined by senior **TJ Hardiman** and sophomores **Michael Knick** and **Ian Greenawalt** in the varsity lineup for the majority of the matches. In all, ten different players saw action in varsity matches this year, gaining valuable experience for the future. The team bids farewell with gratitude for all they have contributed to the golf program to seniors **Jack Garfield** (Boston College), **TJ Hardiman** (Miami University-Ohio), **Matt Schmerzler** (Elon University), **Matt Cesare** (Hamilton College) and **Andrew Sciarretta** (University of Richmond). The future continues to be bright for the Prep golf team, with eleven of sixteen players returning for the 2017 season, one for which the mantra will be "Next Man Up."



Crew climbs NEIRA ranks

Spring rowing brings the excitement of dual racing against the best Northeast crews culminating in the NEIRA (New England Interscholastic Rowing Association) championship. Prep's 3rd Varsity 8+, led by seniors **Joe Daccache** (captain), **James Extract** and **Robbie Reilly**, set the tone at the NEIRA Championship and narrowly missed the Grand Final by 0.9 seconds! The boat finished 2nd at the National Schools Championship in Philadelphia. Good luck to **Joe** (Georgetown), **James** (Marist) and **Reilly** (Boston College) as they leave behind an excellent legacy.

The 2nd Varsity 8+ stomped the competition at Farmington, beat BC High in Boston and learned from defeat as well. Five seniors led the 2nd boat; Cox **Sanjeeve Jariwala**, stroke **Rob Anderson** (captain), **Travis Whitney**, **Brendan Rooney** (captain) and **Peter Christakos** (captain) gave it their all. At NEIRA the crew put on a late charge and just missed the final, getting bested by Phillips Andover by: 03 seconds. The crew did find success at the National Schools finishing in 3rd place. **Jariwala** (Maryland), **Anderson** (West Point), **Whitney** (Quinnipiac), **Rooney** (Georgetown) and **Christakos** (Worcester PolyTech) will surely continue their excellence.

For Prep's 1st Varsity 8+, this season would be the 3rd year rowing for seniors **Zach Hamar**, **Kevin Lichtenfels** and **Jim Toner**. Coxswain **John Pacelli** led the crew to the starting line at the championship. The Varsity 8+ gave their spectators something to cheer for as they jumped out and fought off Phillips Exeter to take 3rd place and put Prep in the top nine crews in the league. The National Schools regatta again showed the excellence of this crew as they lost to St. Joe's Prep by the smallest of margins 0.14! **Hamar** (Notre Dame), **Lichtenfels** (St. Joseph's) and **Toner** have left their mark! Welcome to newly minted captains **MJ Duffy '17**, **John Pacelli '17** and **James Thornton '17** will lift their crew above the high mark of their predecessors.



Coach Smalkais retires after 30 years / 404 wins

This season marked the end of the Chris Smalkais era, as coach retired over the summer following the '16 season. Smalkais gave Prep 30 years of service as Head Lacrosse Coach and gave the Prep community and his players everything he had, every game he coached. His illustrious career, which boasts 404 wins, 6 CIAC State Championships, 12 SCC Championships and a spot in the CT Lacrosse Hall of Fame, began in 1987. As a young coach he began building a program that would become a perennial state championship contender and top team in the state year in and year out. There have been many special moments for Coach Smalkais and the Fairfield Prep Lacrosse program over the past 30 years and many more life long bonds, lessons and friendships that have come out of it. For everyone that was along for the ride please join Fairfield Prep in thanking and congratulating Coach Smalkais on an amazing career!

Lacrosse turns in impressive season



The 2016 Prep Lacrosse team turned in yet another successful season this past spring, winning the SCC regular season title, the SCC tournament championship and advancing to the CIAC Class L semi-finals. The Jesuits finished the season with a record of 17-4 and were led by senior captains, **Colin Smalkais**, **Jack O'Connor** and **Nick Franchuk**. **Smalkais**, senior **Brendan Hoffman**, junior **Mitch Savoca** and junior **Chris Brown** shouldered much of the offensive load for a Jesuit squad, which as a team registered over 10 goals in 15 of those contests. Anchoring the defense alongside **Franchuk** were seniors **Aidan Coyle** and **Matt Pompa** and juniors

Jack Kornutik and James Loughran.

The Jesuits registered key early season victories against Cheshire (W, 16-7) and Don Bosco, NJ (W, 13-6) before falling to national powerhouse Chaminade (LI) mid-season. After the Chaminade game the Jesuits registered 11 straight victories including the thrilling SCC Championship game which saw **Colin Smalkais** scoring an overtime goal to defeat Guilford 12-11 for the title. The Jesuits scored a victory against powerhouse Delbarton, NJ, who was ranked 10th nationally at the time, 7-6, during the win streak.

The Delbarton win was fittingly Coach Chris Smalkais' 400th win as the Fairfield Prep Lacrosse coach and also put him

among the top 40 all-time winningest lacrosse coaches in the nation.

Following the SCC tournament the Jesuits defeated Cheshire 13-11 in a tightly contested game for the first round of the CIAC tournament. The Jesuits went on to defeat Greenwich 11-10, in the Class L quarterfinals, in a thrilling victory. The Jesuits ultimately fell to Simsbury in the semi-final game to end the season. The Jesuits will miss the many seniors graduating but will return a strong squad including freshman contributors **Thomas Walton** and **Ethan Grandolfo** that will again look to compete with the very best of Connecticut and tri-state area lacrosse.

LACROSSE HONORS

- **Chris Brown '17**
ALL- SCC Lacrosse Second Team
- **Nick Franchuk '16**
All-American; NH Register All Area MVP; SCC Lacrosse Player of the Year; ALL-SCC Lacrosse First Team; CHSCA All-State First Team Defense; Hearst Media All-Star; U.S. Lacrosse Bob Scott Award
- **Brendan Hoffman '16**
ALL-SCC Lacrosse First Team; CHSCA All-State Second Team Midfield
- **James Loughran '17**
ALL-SCC Lacrosse Second Team
- **Jack O'Connor '16**
News 12 Scholar Athlete; ALL- SCC Lacrosse Second Team
- **Matt Pompa '16**
ALL- SCC Lacrosse Second Team
- **Mitch Savoca '17**
ALL-SCC Lacrosse First Team; CHSCA All-State First Team Attack; NH Register All-Area
- **Colin Smalkais '16**
ALL-SCC Lacrosse First Team; CHSCA All-State First Team Midfield; NH Register All-Area
- **Chris Smalkais**
NH Register Coach of the Year

Wrestling

Wins 2nd straight SCC Division Title

Prep Wrestling enjoyed yet another successful season. Led by new coach Ron Chivinski and senior captains **Jack Bosken**, **Orlando Sanchez**, **Kasim Khan** and **Kevin Zentner**, the team finished the season with a 9-6 record and its second consecutive SCC Division Title. Through a tough schedule filled with competitive meets and tournaments, Prep wrestlers exceeded expectations.

The team saw many individual achievements, as well as finishing in the top five teams at the Ludlowe, Branford and Jonathan Law Invitionals. **Kevin Zentner**, **Patrick Grasso '16** and **Evan Titus '17** all placed in the SCC Tournament, while **Kasim**



Khan, **Orlando Sanchez** and **Evan Titus** earned medals at the LL State Tournament and wrestled in the State Open. Seniors **Matt Jakab** and **Andrew Lagrange** and juniors **Raphael Baranello**, **Grant Ballesteros**, and **Michael Shea** all contributed significantly to Prep's accomplishments.



Track goes the distance

The weather was often terrible for the Indoor Track team. Sprinters trained outside when possible, in the gym and weight room. In spite of that, some sprinters qualified for the Class LL Championship: **Ian Imery '17**, **Tom Moore '16**, **Devonte Shaw '17**, and **Theo Jordanides '16**. Meanwhile the distance runners did their usual running outside in all kinds of weather.

Class LL qualifiers were **George Crist '16** and **Chris Nilsson '17** in both the 1000 and 1600; **Drew Thompson '18** and **Drew Newcomb '18** in the 3200. Outdoor track also started with cold, rainy weather, which didn't stop the training or meets. The hard trimming work throughout the year by the sprinters led to two school records in the 4x100 Relay and the 800 Sprint Medley, both relays run by **Ian Imery**, **Devonte Shaw**, **Doug Harrison '19**, and **Tom Moore**. **Drew Thompson** led the distance runners. He scored in the 3200 in the Conference, Class LL, and State Open, qualifying for the second year for the New England Championship. His 9:13.98 in the NE Championship was a school record for a sophomore. He finished with a 3rd place medal finish in the New Balance Nationals in NC in the 2 mile Emerging Elite Race. Other notable distance runners were **George Crist**, **Drew Newcomb**, and **Jack McGowen '16**, all Class LL qualifiers.



Alpine Skiing wins State Championship

With an unprecedented winter in the Northeast with negligible snow fall and unseasonably warm temperatures, the Fairfield Prep Ski Team persevered. Over the five regular season race dates, Prep was the top finishing team closing the season with a perfect 27-0, capturing the CISL Class L title. Two weeks later in the State Open Championships at Mount Southington, Prep skiers once again became the team to beat and topped the second place team by a huge margin of 5.51 seconds, becoming the 2016 CISL State Open Champions.

SKIING HONORS

- **Sam Cusick '16**: Honorable Mention
- **Jack Gurnham '18**: All-CT Team
- **Danny King '17**: All-State
- **Owen Richards '19**: All-State
- **George Visnic '19**: All-CT Team



Varsity Baseball competes

The Varsity Baseball Team finished the regular season with a record of 12-8 and an overall record of 13-10. Led by seven seniors, **Connor Lynch**, **Jack Oricoli**, **J.R. Lopez**, **Sam Auray**, **Chase Mascolo**, **Geoff Santore** and **Grant Stone**, the team didn't let the rough start get them down. The team qualified for the Class LL State Tournament and the Southern Connecticut Conference

Tournament. The Varsity Baseball team defeated Cheshire 3-1 in the SCC Quarterfinal before losing to Amity 3-2 in the SCC Semi-Final. The Jesuits lost 2-0 to Newington in the first round of the CIAC LL State Tournament.

Chase Mascolo '16 (pictured), a stellar shortstop, had 24 hits and 16 RBI. Chase was named to the ALL SCC Quinnipiac Division Team and played in the CT High School Coaches Association Senior All Star game along with **Grant Stone '16**. Grant went 4-2 and posted a 2.18 ERA on the mound and led the team in extra base hits with seven. Grant's record is 15-5, 114 K's and a 1.99 ERA. **Karl Johnson '17** who posted a record of 5-1 with one save and .714 ERA was named to the ALL SCC Quinnipiac Division Team, played the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Junior All Star Game and also earned Honorable Mention honors to the New Haven Register's ALL State Team.



Rugby finishes strong

The 35th season of Prep Rugby saw over 100 players participating. Longtime head coach Frank Decker was joined by coaches Mark Stepsis and rugby alums **John Broker '88**, **Kevin Kery '00**, **Jack Wallace '06**, **Jack Corcoran '09** and **Dylan Freeman '15** in leading the Prep ruggers to a win in the inaugural North-East Jesuit tournament and 2nd place in the state tournament. The Varsity players (White and Red) had a combined season record of 16 and 8, the JV side was 4-5 while the Freshmen were 2-6 with big wins over Simsbury and Fairfield. **Connor Bercik '16** was named a Rugby High School All-American. In the fall, all 2016 grads will be taking their talents off to college and onto rugby pitches across the country. See the "Ready to Play" list on page 10.

Tennis builds for the future

The Fairfield Prep Tennis team finished the season with a 12-6 record. The team was led by senior co-captains **Will Graham** and **Theo Allen**. Seniors **Will Duffy** and **Jon Konecny** anchored their respective doubles teams all year, with **Duffy** teaming with junior **Steve Westfahl** to go undefeated until the state tournament. The breakout player was **Chris Hilton** who shows the potential to anchor this lineup for the next three years. The Jesuits earned the 3 seed in the SCC tournament and fell to Daniel Hand in the semi-finals. In the CIAC Class LL tournament the Prep players were able to earn significant points for the team with each singles or doubles team winning a round or two in their respective brackets. The 2017 team will be led by co-captains **Frank Fortunati** and **Steve Westfahl**. The 2016 season brought us a tremendous

freshman class of players. While we will miss our outgoing five seniors, the freshman, sophomore and junior classes have the talent to ensure we remain competitive against the top teams in the state.



Sailing success continues

The Fairfield Prep Sailing Team experienced another successful fall and spring season on the water under coach Marc Jacobi and assistant coach Chelsea Crowley. Captains **Jim Stacy '17**, **Matthew Sweeney '16**, and **James Haranzo '16** led the sailors to impressive results in both seasons. A third place finish at a NESSA (New England Schools Sailing Association) qualifier in Black Rock led to **Matt Sweeney**, **Christian Haranzo '19**, **Grant Ballesteros '17** and **James Paul '19** qualifying for the Great Oaks National Invitational in Louisiana, where they took 11th place. The team also achieved great success in the Fairfield County Sailing League where their regular season record led them to a bye in the Silver Cup. The team then advanced to the gold cup where they placed second.

In the Clubs

Intramurals

The 2015-2016 Intramural Program season was filled with hundreds of student participants (Wiffle Ball: 63; Ultimate Frisbee: 62; Basketball: 122; Flag Football: 60). The Intramural Program (coordinated by Mr. Corey J. Dennis and officiated by seniors **Josh Brown '16** and **Dan Krischlunas '16**) provides opportunities for students to compete in a fun and organized manner at Fairfield Prep. Whether it be on The Hill, in The Quad, or Brissette Gym, the sports of the Intramural Program draw large numbers of participants and spectators. During the fall students participate in Ultimate Frisbee or Wiffle Ball. In the winter the courts are dominated by Basketball. Flag Football continues to produce intense competitions worthy of audiences in the spring. Congratulations to the following



Basketball



Ultimate Frisbee



Wiffle Ball

Championship Teams of the 2015-2016 Intramural Season! Fall Sports – Wiffle Ball: Discl3xia; Ultimate Frisbee: McCovey



Flag Football

Cove Slash Down Squad; Winter Sport – Basketball: The Sunset Ballers; Spring Sport – Flag Football: The Rye Schemers



Bowling

The Fairfield Prep 2015-2016 Bowling Team had a strong season.

John Centopani '17 (pictured) placed 1st in the individual all league tournament scoring a 621 game series.



Irish Blessings

The Irish spirit is alive and well at Fairfield Prep, with student involvement in many ways.



Prep wins Gaelic Football championship!

Fairfield Prep's Gaelic Football team was crowned champions of Connecticut on June 17, under the lights at Lessing Field, at the Fairfield County Irish Festival. A semifinal victory over Fairfield Warde set up a finals rematch with defending champions Xavier. Prep's captain, senior **Adrian Coyle**, and his fellow four-year veterans **Aedan Ayer**, **Matt Cotto** and **Nick Urban** knew well the immensity of that challenge. The first half was Xavier's. Prep fought hard to keep within two points by halftime. Coaches Paddy Coyle and Griffin Reidy reminded the squad's other seniors — **Brendan Carey**, **George Crist**, **Geoff Hadden**, **Tom Kelly**, **Mike Meszaros**, **Jack McGowen**, **Jack O'Connor**,



Ciaran O'Reilly, **Matt Pompa** and **JD Shannon** — that the next half would be their final act as Prep athletes: "Make it count." **Mike Meszaros '16** was awarded the Man-of-the-Match Award from the main tournament organizer, James Feeney, P'19 (at left). Every player lifted his game as the match ended four points in Prep's favor.



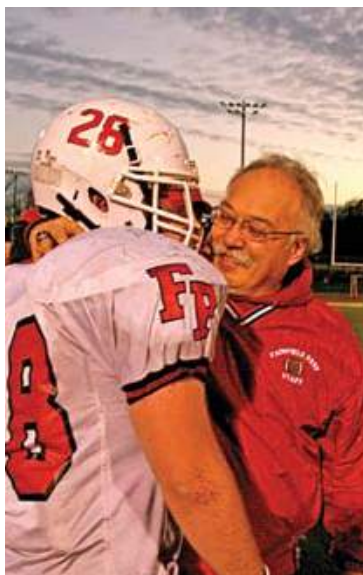
Adrian Coyle is Mr. Shamrock

Adrian Coyle '16 was named Mr. Shamrock in the Annual Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. Adrian was recognized with a college scholarship award for his outstanding achievement as a student in and outside of the classroom. He is a Cum Laude scholar and National Honor Society member, a peer tutor and a volunteer mentor for the Action for Bridgeport Community Development Inc. He is a member of the St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club and president of Prep's Irish Culture and Sports Club through which he organized the first interscholastic high school Gaelic Football Match.



Irish Club marches in St. Pat's Parade

Students in the Irish Football & Culture Club marched in the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. They also carried a banner celebrating the 74th Anniversary of Prep's Founding Day, March 17, 1942. The club members learn about Irish culture, sports, music and history. The moderator of the club is **Mr. Griffin Reidy '90**, Theology teacher.



REMEMBERING Coach Rich Magdon

Rich Magdon, who taught and coached football at Fairfield Prep for more than three decades, died April 23 at Columbia Hospital in Newark, New Jersey hospital after a long illness. He was 66.

Magdon coached at Fairfield Prep for 34 seasons over two stints beginning in 1970. After coaching under Seymour's Dan Heffernan during the mid-70s, in 1978 Magdon returned to Fairfield Prep where he spent the next 30 years. He served as an assistant for Earl Lavery and helped the Jesuits win two of the school's three state championships, both over Greenwich in 1982 (Class L) and 1988 (Class LL). When Lavery retired after the 1992 season, Magdon took over.

Fairfield Prep was 96-69-2 during Magdon's tenure, including seven winning seasons and two Class LL semifinal appearances in 1999 and 2006. While Fairfield Prep didn't win either of those playoff games, one of Magdon's greatest victories as a head coach was ending Cheshire's record 49-game win streak with a 14-6 victory at Alumni Field in 1996.

Magdon coached 11 New Haven Register All-State first team players at Fairfield Prep, including WR **Ryan Utzler**, End **Ed McCarthy** (Yale), LB **Andrew Urquhart**, and linemen **Garrett Brown**



(Minnesota) and **Masengo Kabongo** (Maryland, Stony Brook) during his time as head coach.

"This is a great loss for Connecticut high school football," said Ansonia coach Tom Brockett, who had Magdon on his staff for the last two years. "He made such an impact on so many kids, especially at Fairfield Prep."

Tom Shea '73, who was an assistant under Magdon and eventually took over the football program in 2010, noted that one of Magdon's best qualities was teaching life lessons to the boys.

"Football coaches aren't just about coaching football. It's about forming young men," Shea said. "And he had such a positive influence on so many

kids in the role of teacher and in the role of an administrator. I know there's a lot of affection and gratitude from so many people at Prep."

Friends remembered Magdon for his often gruff, no-nonsense attitude and a dry wit for getting his point across. But under that tough-guy exterior was a man brimming with love and care. "He was tough. But I'll tell you he was so compassionate with the kids. He could figure out ways to straighten out some of the screwballs that, I'm sure as adults now, they are very appreciative of what he'd done," Shea said.

Magdon suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized a few days before Ansonia's 48-0 victory over Derby on Sept. 25. His grandson J.J. Tuttle scored a touchdown in his honor.

"The whole ordeal has been so sad," Shea said. "Rich fought. I know his only thoughts these last few months weren't for himself. They were all about his grandson whom he'd raised all his life."

Magdon is predeceased by his wife, Julie, who died in 2013.

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Class of 1966 enjoys 50th Reunion Weekend!

The Class of 1966 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend June 3-5, beginning with a welcome reception at the Black Rock Yacht Club on Friday, and a breakfast, presentation and tour at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Saturday evening Mass in the Student Life Center with principal celebrant President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and homilist Fr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J. All enjoyed a delicious pig roast dinner held in the new Student Life Center. Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and the 74th Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1966 processed with the Class of 2016 and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with their classmates.



Reunion Weekend

Classes ending in 1 and 6 reunite

Over 300 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 1 and 6, held on June 9, at the new Student Life Center on the Prep campus. Guests attended a Mass concelebrated in the Brissette Gym by Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and Prep Chaplain Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J. A reception and dinner followed in the Student Life Center. The previous day, all alumni were invited to attend the Annual Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club, and many class groups gathered at local bars and restaurants to kick-off the weekend. Rugby alumni played a pick-up reunion match on Saturday. All enjoyed the action-packed weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates.



Class of 1946



SAVE THE DATES!

**Attention Classes
ending in 2 & 7!**



Your reunion is
Saturday, June 3, 2017!
Golf Outing is **June 2, 2017.**





Great River – Great Putt!

With the highest attendance ever, over 120 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 17 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. 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**.

Special thanks to alumni who helped at the event: **Ed Krygier '60**, **Nick Perna '60** and **Shawn McDonnell '72**. Also, thanks to Nestle Waters North America for the water on the course! Thanks to NEJ, Inc. and Ed Mascolo, P'16, '18 for the golf shirts, and Sacred Heart University/Great River for the golf gloves that the players received. The tournament was organized as a shamle 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.



God puts Prep in your life for certain reasons

By Austin Ryan '06, Gift Officer, Fairfield Prep Fund

In the summer of 2002, **Shawn Gaines '06** reported for his first day of freshman football practice. Barlow Field watched in amazement of his dazzling play and million-dollar personality. Giving Shawn a little extra motivation was living up to the legacy of his older brother **Harold '01**, whose sensational Prep career was cut short by a devastating injury. While Harold went on to recover and play ball at Hofstra, he convinced Shawn to attend Prep instead of ND-Fairfield because he wanted Shawn to play for the late Rich Magdon.

Among the members of the freshman coaching staff was **Sam Marrone, P'01, '04**, and a past Prep Board of Governor. Witnessing Harold's talent and integrity, Sam saw the same in Shawn the moment he stepped on the field. "How can you not like Shawn?!" Sam declares as he shares breakfast with his wife Jane, his grandson Sam, Shawn, and Shawn's wife Monica. "Shawn has all the right values." Sam added.

As Sam and the staff coached on with vigilance and conviction, Shawn and the freshmen team enjoyed a successful 9-1 season. Unfortunately, Shawn's most difficult opponent was the classroom. Prep's rigorous academics had stopped him dead in his tracks; so much so, Shawn's mother Lanette yanked him off the basketball team in front of his coaches and teammates.

Shawn's lowest point was a meeting between him, his parents, and all his teachers who, one at a time, noted how he needed to improve. Helpless and hurting, all Shawn could do was promise to do better. Enter Sam's wife Jane, former moderator of the Academic Center, who had observed Shawn as he spent his free time in her room. Coming from a long line of Jesuits, (her great uncle was president of Fordham) Jane knew what Prep expected of its students academically and how to pull it from them.

Thus began the "process" as Jane called it: Shawn would report to her daily, and they would work diligently and tirelessly to improve his academic performance. With his grades resurrected and his confidence restored, Shawn remained "faithful to the process" and stuck with Jane for guidance his entire Prep career. Shawn was so committed, Lanette would jokingly say to Jane "tell your son..."

Shawn's jolly laughter bellows through the kitchen, and Sam, through a satisfied smirk, asserts "Prep gets a certain type of kid who is interested in learning. It was fun to coach there because there is discipline, and an expectation of respect. Just like in the Marines, it all ties together: prioritizing, being for others, knowing you can't do it by yourself. Jane and I saw the potential in Shawn, and we offered him opportunities, which he seized."

This relationship continued beyond Shawn's Prep career into his college years. Attending St. Peter's for football, the team was discontinued, forcing Shawn to return home to Central Connecticut and repeat a year of school. As a junior in 2010, he had had enough of football and needed a new focus. Once again, the Marrones provided it. Upon returning home, Shawn spent his summers living with the Marrones and working for Sam at DRASH building military shelters and tents. Sam, a Marine officer who after his service in Vietnam went



Left to right: Jane Marrone, **Shawn Gaines '06**, Monica Gaines, Sam Marrone, P'01, '04

to work on Wall Street, continued the staunch regimen in Shawn's summer work that Jane implemented in the Academic Center. "It's 5:10am, you better be on I-95 on your way here" Sam would bark over the phone to Shawn. For years, Sam had been insisting Shawn enlist in the service, to which Shawn would reply, "my family isn't big on the military." Finally, Shawn enlisted to "see where it goes." Fast forward to 2016 - Shawn is Petty Officer Second Class working in Silver Springs, Maryland, and just earned his MBA at Liberty College.






"Over time he became part of the family," Sam comments, to which Shawn replies with his ear-to-ear grin "that's right Pops!" From their youngest son **Joe '04** helping Shawn with his writing while at Central, to **Mac '01**, a Naval Officer currently deployed, attending Shawn's graduation from basic training, the sentiment holds true. "Mac would give Shawn everything he needed." Jane adds as she supervises Mac's son/her grandson Sam, 2.

Exhausted from the drive up from Maryland, breakfast wraps up so Shawn and Monica can rest before getting ready for his 10th reunion dinner at Prep later in the evening. Sam's final notes are that he and Jane "sent Mac and Joe to Prep because it teaches its students the same values the Marine Corps instills: time management, team effort, value of the unit instead of the self. It's all part of the same lessons needed in life." Shawn, wrapping his arm around his wife Monica, and smiling that infectious smile of his, proclaims, "God puts people in your life for certain reasons. In addition to the Marrones I'm especially thankful to my parents Harold Sr. and Lanette Gaines for not only sending me to Prep but raising me right; and to the Prep community for welcoming me as I am."

Alumni Class News

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1940's

John R. "Dick" Finn '46 is currently living in PA. He gets to see his grandchildren fairly often and recently became a great grandfather.

Joseph M. Trosan '46 is currently living in Port Orange, FL. He enjoys gardening, walking and keeping up with his 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

1950's

Robert E. Witt '58 plans to retire in August as the Chancellor of The University of Alabama school system and will stay on at the University Honors College as part-time faculty. See article on page 49.

1960's



Stephen F. Donahue '62 (pictured with son **Michael '98** and wife Moreen) was named to the 2016 Connecticut Football Officials Association's Hall of Fame. He was inducted on March 20, 2016 at the Fifth Induction Ceremony Luncheon held at the Country House Restaurant in East Haven.

1970's

James P. Vail '72 was chosen as this year's recipient of the St. Francis Staff Service Award (Hall of Fame equivalent) for his contributions to Aquinas High School in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he served for seven years prior to Paramus Catholic High School. Vail was also invited to serve on the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Advisory Council. During his term, he will serve on the Leadership Development team, where he will be a representative voice of NCEA members and will assist in the design of programs and services in the area of Catholic school leadership. Vail has served as President of Paramus Catholic High School for nearly 19 years.

1980's

Timothy M. Burke '88 has been appointed Lab Technical Supervisor at St. Anthony North Health Campus, Westminster, CO.

Colonel Robert A. Law III '85, a veteran of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan who is currently serving at the Pentagon in Washington, DC was the grand marshal in Ridgefield's 2016 Memorial Day parade. See article on page 49.



Christopher B. Surran '89 is the varsity lacrosse coach at Jesuit College Prep in Dallas, TX. He recently coached the Rangers to victory in the first state title in lacrosse in Jesuit history in the Texas High School Lacrosse League.

1990's

Brian T. Burke '96 was honored in April 2016 as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Brian served in the Marines from 2002-2008 and completed two tours in Iraq.

Dr. Christopher R. Friese '93, was promoted to Professor with tenure at the University of Michigan. Starting September 1, he will serve a one-year health policy fellowship in Washington DC, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the National Academy of Medicine.

William Harker '94 has been named to the Cheverus HS Varsity and Junior Varsity Lacrosse coaching staff.



Sean P. Lenahan '96, recently joined U.S. Trust in Westport, CT in the role of Senior Vice President, Institutional Client Advisor. Sean will be leading a team of professionals to align the firm's investment offerings, banking capabilities and philanthropic solutions with the unique needs of educational endowments, foundations and other nonprofit organizations. Sean joins U.S. Trust after a 9 year tenure with Commonfund, a nonprofit asset management firm in Wilton, CT.

John P. McCarthy '92 is currently a pilot for Key Air out of Westchester County Airport and flies for one of the owners of Vineyard Vines.



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From left: **Luke Clair**, **Geoffrey Santore**, **Aedan Ayer**, **Peter Kokias**, **Aidan Coyle**

My experience on the Senior Giving Committee has turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at Prep. It allowed me to do something positive for a place I love, while gaining a greater understanding of why I love Fairfield Prep. Our gift supports Kairos, athletics, plays, and other student organizations. These activities are a critical part of the Prep experience. I personally have tried to take full advantage of all of the opportunities Prep offers. It is great to know that I am supporting these programs for the future. More importantly, this gift represents what both the Class of 2016 and Fairfield Prep are about. We are a community founded on a tradition of helping others, and this gift adds to that tradition. **Our record setting participation of 99%** demonstrates not only that Prep Pride is alive and well, but also that a vibrant culture of philanthropy is growing. Because of our gift, future Prep students will be able to enjoy their time at Prep as much as I did. I pray that future classes will answer the charge and beat our gift.

— **Aedan Ayer '16**

Recurring gifts: the latest option in online giving



Third generation alumnus **Sean O'Keefe '09** has chosen to make a monthly gift to Prep with the recurring gift (automatic deduction) option: "I like the feeling of giving back each month. I can designate where my gift goes and know I'm making a direct impact on the school."

My gift is scaled to fit within my means. My monthly contribution is set up to reach a certain giving level by the end of the year. As I advance in my career, I will scale my gift up. The recurring option reaffirms what I learned from my grandfather, my father, and Prep. I'm able to give back what I can to help."



O'Keefe Campus Ministry Suite

Members of the O'Keefe family are pictured in the Campus Ministry suite designed and constructed through their generosity. Pictured left to right are: John and Mary Butala, parents of **Tim '13**; **Bob '51** and Maureen O'Keefe; **Patrick '80** and Karen O'Keefe, parents of **Sean '09** and **Robby '14**.

2000's

Stephen J. Gaspar III '05 is a professional Route Setter/Mountain Climber living in Los Angeles, CA. He is an Adidas sponsored athlete and has also just been endorsed by the Fernweh Company. See article on page 52.

Jack McCarthy '08 has been named to the Cheverus HS Varsity and Junior Varsity Lacrosse coaching staff.



Ray Neuberger '02, a member of Fairfield's Representative Town Meeting (RTM), announced his candidacy for State Representative in the

133rd district. Neuberger is currently serving his second term on Fairfield's RTM in district six. He is chairman of the RTM's Public Works & Planning sub-committee, and also serves as secretary of the Special Legislative Management Committee. In 2015, Neuberger was the recipient of the Paul Tymniak Young Republican Award in which he was lauded for his work for community service, and commitment to bringing young people involved in the political process. Neuberger is a graduate of both Fairfield Prep and Fairfield University. Professionally, he is a broker of refined products for First National Oil Brokers.

2010's



Braden Foster '15 returned to Prep for a visit in February. He is currently a student at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, with plans to major in Marine Transportation.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert E. Bazata '60 on April 7, 2016.

James Brown on October 13, 2015. He was the father of **Liam T. Brown '04** and brother-in-law of the late **William F. Burns '51**.

Mary Carlson on February 18, 2016. She was the mother of **Robert "Cob" Carlson '71**.

Mattia J. DeAngelo on February 22, 2016. He was the father of **Joseph M. DeAngelo '67**, **Vincent M. DeAngelo '69**, **Matthias J. DeAngelo '81**, father-in-law of **James P. Ralabate '73** and husband of the late Marion DeAngelo, former Prep Math teacher.

Robert P. Duhon '67 on December 17, 2015.

Joseph Fenton on February 24, 2016. He was the father of **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08**.

John Frank on May 23, 2016. He was the grandfather of **Edward Z. Gormbley '95**.

David J. Gibbons '59 on May 3, 2016.

Joy Efrid Hubbell on April 30, 2016. She was the wife of **Rev. Erron L. Hubbell '99**.

William, M. Kane Jr '45 on May 6, 2016. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley on April 20, 2016.

Richard P. Kozlowski '53 on March 18, 2016.

Sara Lyons on March 30, 2016. She was the mother of **Robert G. Lyons '73**, **David P. Lyons III '69** and grandmother of **John T. Lyons '18**.

Michael D. Meszaros, MD on May 2, 2016. He was the father of **Michael J. Meszaros '16** and **John A. Meszaros '18**.

Joseph C. Mirmina '46 on September 9, 2013.

Angelina Morton on February 16, 2016. She was the grandmother of **Michael K. Morton '07** and **Robert T. Morton Jr. '04**.

Robert A. Nevins MD, on March 16, 2016. He was the grandfather of **Kyle P. Nevins '04** and **Colin E. Nevins '08**.

Frederick L. Paige on February 9, 2016. He was father-in-law of **Scott A. Quincy '87** and grandfather of **Benjamin A. Quincy '17**.

William P. Pappa Sr. on February 28, 2016. He was the father of **William P. Pappa Jr. '04** and **Michael A. Pappa '07**.

Raymond J. Plouffe, Sr. '48 on July 26, 2016.

Mary Lou Reilly on September 17, 2015. She was the wife of **James D. Reilly Jr. '50** and mother of **Timothy P. Reilly '73** and **James R. Reilly III '78**.

Katherine B. Russell on June 10, 2016. She was the mother of **Robert M. Russell '99**, **Matthew M. Russell '01** and **Kevin P. Russell '04** and former member of the Fairfield Prep Board of Governors.

Marie Schena on April 5, 2016. She was the grandmother of **Paul Sikora '11**.

Yvette Skutel on March 18, 2016. She was the mother of **John M. Skutel Jr. '66** and **Stephen R. Skutel '70**.

Cornelius J. Spillane '51 on March 15, 2015.

Michael P. Sullivan '84 on March 31, 2016. He was the son of the late **David J. Sullivan Jr., '49**, the brother of **David J. Sullivan III '82**, the nephew of **Donal P. Sullivan '52** and **Kevin J. Sullivan '60** and cousin to many Prep alumni.



Latin Scholars have the Luck O' the Irish

Latin scholars and friends rode the O'Keefe float in the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Parade on March 17.



Fairfield Jesuit Community donates \$65,000

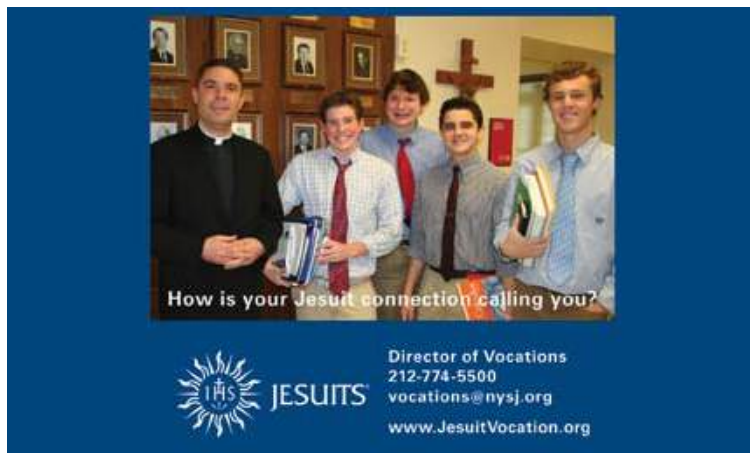
Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., received a generous \$65,000 gift from Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community, at the Spring Auction on May 2.

The gift is designated to support the Jesuit Educators Academy, a program which focuses on the professional, spiritual and personal formation of faculty and administrators to create an Ignatian Learning Community.

Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., Given Honorary Doctorate by St. Vincent's



Fairfield University's Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree during Bridgeport's St. Vincent's College commencement ceremony on May 20, 2016. Fr. Allen has been an active member of the St. Vincent's community for many years as a celebrant for the Baccalaureate Mass for College graduations and as a spiritual director for Alumni Days of Recollection. Additionally, he has served on the Institutional Review Board of St. Vincent's Medical Center. Currently, Fr. Allen is the Special Assistant to the President of Fairfield University and is University Chaplain, in addition to being the Catholic Chaplain to the town of Fairfield Emergency Services. He was also the former headmaster at Fairfield Prep.





Congrats Ensign Jamie Power '12

Ensign **Jamie Power**, Fairfield Prep Class of 2012, earned his commission in the U.S. Coast Guard in May. Jamie was assigned as Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC James, a national Security Defense Cutter.



Congrats 2nd Lt. Tyler Stankye '12

Tyler D. Stankye '12, receives his Commission as a 2nd LT into the U.S. Army from the Surgeon General after graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Business from George Washington University.



Col. Robert Law '85, Iraq vet, leads parade

Col. **Robert Law III '85** a veteran of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan who is currently serving at the Pentagon in Washington, was chosen to lead Ridgefield's 2016 Memorial Day parade as grand marshal. In his earliest assignment Robert was a tank platoon leader during

Operation Desert Storm. Other foreign postings include Korea, Germany, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Law's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, and various campaign medals. He is also a graduate of both the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Naval War College.

Source: Ridgefield Press

Alabama Chancellor Robert Witt '58 honored in bronze!

The University of Alabama System board of trustees has installed a bronze statue of outgoing Chancellor **Robert Witt (Prep Class of '58)** in front of the student activity center at Presidential Village and is renaming the collection of residential complexes on the north side of campus in recognition of his contributions to the campus and system.

Witt plans to retire to be a part-time faculty member in the Honors College. His grandson, on campus for a summer camp



Artist Shannon Thacker adds textural elements to the neck of a bronze sculpture of **Robert E. Witt** at the UA metal shop in Tuscaloosa.

now, might pass the statue someday in years to come as an undergraduate. "That is pretty special," Witt said of the thought.

Source: Tuscaloosanews.com



Corona Wedding

Thomas S. Corona Jr. '07 married Daniela DePaula on June 12, 2016. His groomsmen included his brother **Patrick W. Corona '12** and **William J. Corona '14**. From left: **Chris Conway '13**, **Will Corona '14**, **Pat Corona '12**, **Phillip Hennessy '05**, **Coach Bob Ford Sr.**, **Tom Corona '07** and Daniela DePaula Corona. He is planning to attend medical school and study podiatry.



Murphy Wedding

Timothy J. Murphy '07 married Krystal Kelly on February 13, 2016 at The Sanctuary in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Several Prep alumni and friends were in attendance. Pictured are **David Murphy '79**, **Brian Tharp (RLHS)**, **Dan Murphy '09**, **John Davidson**, **Kevin Murphy '78**, bride **Krystal Kelly Murphy**, **Jack Murphy '76**, **Nick Lehn '07**, groom **Tim Murphy '07**, **Jack Fabbri '07**, **Mike Schinella '07**, **Matt Marshall '08**.



Nazaruk Wedding

Christopher M. Nazaruk '04 and **Rosemary Forsyth** were married on May 2, 2016 in St. Louis, MO. Prep alumni in attendance were **Andrew T. Urquhart '04**, **Kevin P. Russell '04**, **Sante Faustini '04**, **Brian M. Cullinane '04**, **Ryan W. Perone '04**, and **Michael J. LaPerch '04**.



Osipow Wedding

Stephen J. Osipow '05 married Allison Boris on July 18, 2015, in Brighton, MA. Prep alumni and friends in attendance were **Dylan R. Cooke '03**, **Rev. James Hederman, S.J.**, **James R. Doering '07**, **David M. Improta '03**, **Christopher S. Girardi '03**, **Daniel T. Diotalevi '05**, **David L. Osipow '07**, **Derek V. Summerlin '06**, and **Connor S. Thorpe '03**.

IN MEMORIAM Continued

Stephen C. Tsorvas on June 10, 2016. He was the father of **Nickolas Tsorvas '19**.

Adeline Vazzano on April 3, 2016. She was the grandmother of **Rick J. Vazzano '12**.

Terrence Wadsworth '56 on June 7, 2016.

Bernard G. Winans '56 on April 25, 2016.

Suzanne Wright on July 29, 2016. She was the mother of **Christopher J. Wright '91**.

ENGAGEMENTS

Justin E. Adams '08 is engaged to Pamela Mejia.

Robert A. DeSena '02 is engaged to Adrienne Rudkin.

Konstantinos P. Kousidis '06 is engaged to Lesly Muralles.

Patrick Massey '05 is engaged to Jennifer Tramezzani.

Glenn N. Maiorano '09 is engaged to be married to Lia Greenleaf. A July 2017 wedding is planned.

Edward M. McCarthy '03 is engaged to be married to Bonnie Doyle in October 2016 in Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Ross A. Riskin '09 is engaged to Mikayla Tatigian. An October 2018 wedding is planned.

BIRTHS



Jonathan Ference-Burke '03 and his wife Colleen welcomed their daughter Rose Julie on April 10, 2016.



Paul A. Lenois '96 and his wife Sandy welcomed their second daughter, Emma Josephine on January 10, 2016. She joins big sister Julie Rose.



Kevin P. Russell '04 and his wife Katie welcomed their daughter Mary Katherine Russell on June 11, 2016.



Corona wins Gold

Patrick W. Corona '12 ran for Team USA at the NACAC U23 Championships in El Salvador on July 15, and won the Gold Medal. He was excited to represent the United States in his first international competition. Patrick is a recent graduate of the US Air Force Academy.



Talented **Juwan Crawley '12**, University of Hartford '16, is currently performing in the new Forbidden Broadway musical production of Hamilton parody, Spamilton, which recently opened on Off-Broadway in NYC. Tickets: triadnyc.com

FACULTY AND STAFF WEDDINGS

Thomas S. Corona Jr. '07 of the Prep Science department, married Daniela DePaula on June 12, 2016. See photo on page 49.

BIRTHS



Paul Denby, of the Prep English Department and his wife Julie welcomed their son Gabriel Daniel Denby on June 26, 2016.

IN MEMORIAM

Carmella Caporale on April 7, 2016. She was the mother of **Anna DiCenso** and mother-in-law of **Charles DiCenso**, both members of the Prep Faculty.

Richard J. Magdon on April 23, 2016. He was the former Prep Football Coach, Headmaster and Dean of Operations and Facilities. See article on page 42.



Prep alums graduate from Fordham

Prep Alumni enjoying their last Fordham University Spring Weekend as seniors! From left: **Thomas Dolan**, **Robert Salandra**, **Kevin James Greene** and **Russell Gough**, all from Fairfield Prep Class of 2012, now Fordham Class of 2016!

Richard Johnson '09 reconnects with Tom Shea '73 in England

On a trip to England, **Tom Shea '73**, English teacher, visited with **Richard Johnson '09**. He was an undergraduate at Cambridge and is earning his PhD at Oxford where he is currently a teaching fellow at Nuffield College. Richard is writing, earning his degree in Government and Politics with a focus on U.S. and British politics. His thesis explores campaign strategies employed by African-American political candidates at the national level.



Rob Cooney '04 Send-off Party

Friends gathered for Rob's move to England. (L to R): **Zach Breslin '04**, **Matt Oehlsen '05**, **Tom Topalian '05**, **Tom Dornan '04**, **Bill Pappa '04**, **Rob Cooney '04**, **Pat Kilcullen '04**.



Remembering Ryan Brennan '11



Three fundraisers take place each year since the passing of **Ryan Charles Brennan '11**. Most recently, "Jar on the Bar" at **Mike Brennan's '92** Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock on February 6, the Corn Hole Tournament at Chris and Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly's P'15 home on May 28, and the Brennan's Shebeen RCB Golf Outing at Smith Richardson Golf Course/Brennan's Shebeen Restaurant on July 18. All of these fundraisers contribute to the scholarship in Ryan's memory. These events and other direct gifts have raised the scholarship to over \$230,000. Thanks to the Brennan family and all their friends!



L-r: **Dan Brennan '69**, **Mike Brennan '92**, **Tom Brennan, P'11**, '92, **Kevin Boyles '92**

Alumni volunteer on campus

Juniors benefit from Vocation Night



Traug Keller '78, P'11, '17, ESPN SVP, Production, Business Div., talks about his career.

On March 3, over 50 juniors attended a Vocation Night, which was coordinated by Student Chaplain Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., and the Prep Guidance and Alumni offices. Students enjoyed the opportunity to hear 12 alumni, as well as other professionals, make short presentations about their career or vocation choices. The purpose of the program was to introduce the concept of vocation as a sense of calling from God that leads one to a sense of purpose, fulfillment and happiness. Thanks to our alumni and other guest speakers: **Deacon Ray Chervenak '63, Frank Ficko '78, P'12, Dr. Jerry Hemenway Jr. '61, P'86, Rick Henderson, Fr. Sam Kachuba, Tom Keane '06, Traug Keller '78, Bill Pappa Jr. '04, Tom Shea '73, P'08, '11, Doug Ray, S.J., Jonathan Stott, S.J., Matt Terry '82, P'11, '12, '15, '17, Peter Tolk '86, Kris Toth '10, Chris Tymniak '97, and Jack Wallace '06.**

Alumni judge Economics projects



From left: **Tyler Daniel '16, Ryan Conway '16, Matt Webber '93, Mrs. Maura O'Connor, P'14, '19, Shane Seaman '16, Jowanza Jeffers '16, Christian Wilkehr '16, Mr. Kevin Altieri '00, Liam Newbauer '16, Bill Pappa '04, Robert Morton '04**

Mr. Altieri's Economics class (Seniors) spent the second semester building business plans along with members of Mrs. O'Connor's Intro to PreCalc class. The culminating project required each group pitch their plan to a group of alumni which included **Matt Webber '93, Rob Morton '04, William Pappa '04, and Steve Antenucci '07** in an attempt to secure an investment in their business. This year's businesses included an Organic Food Truck, a Poultry Farm, a local Delivery Service, a specialty Theatre, a Sports Plex, and a Bed and Breakfast. Alums interested in participating should contact Mr. Altieri at kaltieri@fairfieldprep.org or Kathy Norell at knorell@fairfieldprep.org.



Alumni Hockey and Mission

Thirty alumni played in this year's game on February 27, with dozens more lending support to the Fr. Walter Pelletier, S.J., & Fr. Robert Sproule, S.J., Memorial Scholarship. A full day of service, prayer, food, and competitive hockey was had by all in attendance! The rosters included: Odds (white): **Richard Chu '97, Jon Cox '07, John Galliani '11, Art Gravanis '85, Tory Jacob '97, Matt Kaminske '73, Will Lomas '09, Liam McCarthy '91, Dan O'Neill '95, Brian O'Sullivan '71, Frank Pinto '77, Mike Tirone '09.** Evens (red): **Connor Antisdale '06, Dave Beckles '02, Nate Beckles '98, Brian Black '02, Andy Cunningham '04, Doug Martin '06, John Sather '88, Stefan Tropsa '06, Brian Casl '80, Rob Steczkowski '94, Tom Steczkowski '98.** Special thanks to **Brian Black '02, David Beckles '02, and Jon Cox '07** for their help in coordinating this event.



Alumni Comedy at Fairfield Circle Inn

On June 17, members of the Prep community joined for a night filled with as much laughter as an Ed Rowe math class. Hosted by **Ed Gormbley '95** at his newly renovated Fairfield Circle Inn, and co-produced by **Emilio Savone '96**, owner of the New York Comedy Club, Prep alumni were treated to the comedic stylings of many of their former classmates who have been performing in the CT and NY comedy circuits for years. The lineup featured **Pat Monahan '01, Beecher Taylor '97, Joe Gerics '97, and Dr. Jay Sutay '81** and was hosted by Matt Richards of MTV's Joking Off. The crowd had so much fun they stuck around after even though they hadn't been JUGGED. — **Joe Gerics '97**



Fairfield Yankees Rugby are National Champions

The Fairfield Yankees RFC won the D3 Club National Championship Sunday June 5 in Denver, CO! They defeated Eulless 41-33. From left: **Jack Corcoran '09, Mike Pappa '07, Danny Sell '11, (spectators Tom Campbell '04, Bill Pappa '04), and Matt Leonard '10 (Game MVP).**



Alumni Rugby on Reunion Weekend

A well-attended Alumni Rugby Match was played on the afternoon of Saturday, June 18, in conjunction with the general reunion weekend. In previous years, **Jack Connolly '65, P'98**, long-time manager and affiliate of the current team, organized these games on his own. Going forward, this game, along with other spring sports, will be played in conjunction with reunion weekend. 26 alumni ruggers returned to Grauert Field and played in front of several family members and friends. Following the match, **Marty McCarthy '94** hosted and sponsored a pizza social at his very own Fire Engine Pizza Co. in Black Rock.

Alumni in action!



Austin M. Sims '14 was named to the US U19 National Lacrosse team. He was the only player from Connecticut to be named to this highly competitive team. The team won an eighth consecutive gold medal July 7-16 at the 2016 FIL World Championship in Coquitlam, British Columbia. Austin currently attends Princeton University.



Bryce P. Keblish '15 qualified for the US Olympic Trials in swimming in Omaha, NE. He is attending and swimming for University of VA.



Peter E. Lutz '92 has been named to the United States Equestrian World Cup team. In March 2016 he participated in the Longines FEI World Cup Show Jumping finals in Gothenburg, Sweden.



Terence M. Tarpey '12 was named the Colonial Athletic Association Defensive Player of the Year for the second year in a row. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2016 and is currently playing basketball for the French National A Team.



M. Riley Hoffman '13 has received post-season recognition for the seventh time in his lacrosse career by being named an Honorable Mention All-American by USILA/Nike team for the second time. He is a two-time First Team All-NESCAC, a two-time all-New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse honoree and last spring he was named to the 2015 ECAC All-New England Team. Riley was also named All-ECAC First Team 2016. He is attending Williams College.



Connor Kelly '14 played in the Lacrosse Div. I tournament for Univ. of Maryland. The former Fairfield Prep standout had four goals in the Big Ten championship game, with 24 goals and 35 points in all.



Steve Gaspar '05 is a professional Route Setter/Mountain Climber currently living in Los Angeles, CA. He is an Adidas Sponsored Athlete and additionally has just been endorsed by the Fernweh Company.



Former Fairfield Prep basketball teammates MIT's **Tim Butala '13**, WPI's **Dave Zielinski '14** and **Ryan Foley '15** met on Feb. 27 in the semi-final game of the NEWMAC Championship. MIT came away with the win and was runner-up in the Championship.



At a recent visit to the grocery store, **Michael Connelly '78** ran into his former soccer coach Bruce Jaffe. They reminisced and talked about their great soccer team memories. Michael's nephew **Michael Connelly '15** dove on the Prep Swimming and Diving team, with Bruce Jaffe as head coach.



James R. Pesci III '12 was recently named University of Connecticut Club Sports Male MVP for Rugby.



Kenny Kochiss '14 and **Steven Bayles '14**, former members of the Prep Varsity Hockey team, met up on the ice in the UConn vs BC club hockey game.



Paschal Chukwu '14, Syracuse Orangeman, cheered for Prep basketball in the State Semifinal. Pictured here with Director of Diversity and Academic Support Services, Alecia Thomas and son Elijah.



Geoff Rose '06, head coach of the Iona Prep lower school 8th grade basketball team, and his boys won the NY state championship! The finals were played at Mount St. Michael School in the Bronx.



Brian Rolapp, P'16, NFL, speaks at NYC Business Breakfast



From left: **David McMahon '86**, Rick Henderson, Brian Rolapp, P'16, Drew Kirby, P'16, and Drew Lichtenfels, P'16

On June 9, Brian Rolapp, P'16 and Executive VP, Media; President & CEO for NFL Network spoke to a room full of Fairfield Prep Alumni, parents and friends at the Annual NYC Business Breakfast at the Union League Club. Brian's exhilarating presentation sparked everyone's morning by explaining: the growth of the company from standard television to the current complexities of the digital world; the simple yet successful business model of the NFL; and the media ratings stronghold the NFL owns due to media relationships and innovations of the game.



Providence College

Prep alumni at Providence College gather for pizza lunch. From left: **Kevin Gillooly '14**, **Jack Thornton '15**, **Paul Kavanewsky '12**, **Adam Tarzali '15** and **Tim Moore '15**.

Boston College

Austin Ryan '06 from the Advancement Office stopped by to catch up with Prep alums currently attending Boston College. Along with the several alums currently at BC, **Kevin Stone '15** cabbed in from Harvard, and **Xavier Frey '12** drove in from Tufts. Lunch was provided as everyone shared laughs and Prep memories. Pictured from left: **Bobby Barrett '15**, **Xavier Frey '12**, **Matt Rusin '15**, **Kevin Stone '15**, **Jack McKeon '15**, **Steve DeMoura '15** and **Rahul Tasker '15**.



Holy Cross

Conor Carey '14 coordinated and **Matt Bennett '12** hosted dinner for Prep grads currently attending Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Dinner was provided by **Austin Ryan '06** from the Prep Advancement Office.

Pizza, Prep stories, and laughs were shared by all! Pictured from left: **Danny Moran '14**, **Rob Scarpetti '14**, **James Cannon '13**, **Dan Donahue '14**, **Trey Altieri '12**, **Matt Morrow '12**, **Tim Noone '15**, **Dave Mullany '12**, **Matt Bennett '12** and **Conor Carey '14**.

University of Conn.

Austin Ryan '06 stopped by UConn to see **Will Weisaup '15** and other alumni currently at Storrs.



Chesbro reads in LA, meets Spangenberg '15 and Connelly '12

English teacher Jamie Chesbro went to Los Angeles for the AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs) national conference, where he attended panels on writing and teaching writing. Jamie also gave two readings: at an event co-sponsored by the literary journals *Fourth Genre* and *Under the Gum Tree*; and at a reception co-hosted by the Fairfield University MFA program, New Rivers Press, and White Pine Press. Jamie also visited Loyola Marymount and had breakfast with Prep alums **Andy Spangenberg '15**, and **Matt Connelly '12**.

Boston Reception

Over 30 Alumni gathered for the annual Boston Business Breakfast on Friday, April 29, at the BC Club in downtown Boston. Guest speaker and Fairfield Prep President Father Tom Simisky, S.J., felt right at home growing up in



Worcester, MA, and delivered an informative presentation of his transition to president and the school's strategic vision moving forward. The breakfast concluded with Q&A and tremendous feedback from our Boston Alumni.

San Francisco Reception

On April 6, Fairfield Prep visited San Francisco and held an Alumni gathering at the Olympic Club. Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., gave some brief remarks, an update on the school, followed by Q&A. Special thanks to host **Matt Russell '06**. Pictured from left: **Christopher Szefc '98**, Fr. Simisky, S.J., **Matt Russell '06** and **Jay Hughes '61**.



Prep and Luralton Hall host Reception

Over 50 Prep and Luralton Hall alums and faculty gathered for a reception at Two Roads in Stratford on April 7. This is the first reception in years that the two schools partnered. Everyone enjoyed getting together and shared a lot of great stories and memories! Pictured are LH alumna **Debra** and **Dave Woodward '91**.



Music Leads the Way



By Jackson Connor

Stephen Kellogg spent most of his formative years in Fairfield—growing up on Melville Avenue, attending Fairfield Prep, and playing his first gigs at the Beanery on Old Dam Road. But it's taken the singer-songwriter over two decades, a split with his longtime backing band the Sixers, and touring relentlessly around the country to find where his musical soul lies. On February 12, Kellogg released *South West North East*, an ambitious, four-part record flavored with the sounds of each specific region of the U.S., and only the second full-length album since the demise of his group. Now raising four young daughters in Monroe, and having spent much of his career bending genres and switching styles, the record exists as a road map of a songwriter still searching to find his voice after years of trial and error.

"I thought it would be cool to make a record where you unapologetically get to say, 'you know what, South is going to be a southern rock vibe and West is going to kind of be cowboy songs and East will be the pop section of the record and North can kind of be the crunchy indie, rock thing that we do,'" Kellogg, now 39, explains. "My hope, for selfish reasons, was that maybe at the end of the process I'd have a sense of where I want to go with my music, and I did."

Recorded in Nashville, Boulder, Woodstock, and Washington, D.C., *South West North East* is, despite its eclectic coloring, a classic Stephen Kellogg record at its core—an open-chord canvas that allows the artist's lyricism and Americana roots to shine through. Born in Pennsylvania, Kellogg moved to Fairfield as a child and was first introduced to rock 'n' roll at a Whitesnake concert at age 10. The showmanship and energy of the 1980s hair metal era stuck in his mind, but by high school Kellogg's musical taste

had started to drift backwards in time, latching on to 1970s songwriters like Crosby, Stills & Nash.

As Kellogg was beginning to make a name for himself on the national stage, singer-songwriters like Ryan Adams were coming back into vogue, combining more traditional American folk music with contemporary pop and rock. And though Kellogg has often felt pressure from record labels to embrace a more pop-friendly sensibility, he believes honest, barebones folk music will never truly go out of style.

"I don't see it ever going away completely, because there's always going to be something special about the sound of an acoustic guitar and singing," he explains. The Sixers went on hiatus in 2012 and Kellogg spent the following year touring largely in Europe.

Ultimately, *South West North East* did not lead Kellogg to new terrain, but rather back home to his roots. The portions of the record that spoke most profoundly to the direction he hopes to take with his music were West and North—stripped-down tracks reminiscent of the music he fell in love with as a teenager in Fairfield. Coming of age in the '90s, Kellogg was part of a class of musicians, athletes, and artists from Fairfield—former professional tennis player James Blake and guitar virtuoso John Mayer among them—who have all gone on to achieve success globally. Kellogg credits his hometown with enabling him to find his own path.

"I think there are a lot of towns where nobody would believe that you could be one of the best tennis players in the world, or one of the best guitarists in the world, and here people do believe it," Kellogg says. "In a community like Fairfield, people believe that anything is possible."

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Stephen Kellogg '94 has performed more than 1,500 concerts in over a dozen countries, both solo and with The Sixers. He toured the UK in May.

Building the Hallways to Success



Spring Auction benefits Prep

Over 260 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Auction "Building the Hallways to Success" held on May 7, 2016, at Alumni Hall. Thanks to all who supported the silent and live auctions to raise close to \$300,000 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 11pm. The Prep Community thanks Co-Chairmen Beth Kelly and Nancy Lyons, the Auction chairs Eileen Blees, Mary Ellen Connelly and Jane Pompa, plus the many committee members and volunteers who worked to make this event possible. We also offer special gratitude to all of our generous sponsors and donors who helped to underwrite the evening.



\$25,000 Tuition Raffle Winner

The winner of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle is Annmarie Briones of Easton, CT, with ticket number 0596. The winning ticket was pulled at 11pm at the Fairfield Prep Spring Auction on May 7, 2016, at the Student Life Center. Congratulations to Annmarie! Pictured: Annmarie Briones with husband Brian and children Brendan and Bridget, hold check with Pres. Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.



Thank you everyone!

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CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

Grace under pressure

Somewhere near the center of Hearthstone 2016 lies a two page collage of photos spanning the years and activities of the Prep Class of 2016. The caption reads: “from strangers to brothers... destined for greatness.” To sense the closeness of the Prep Class of 2016 it is difficult to believe that they were ever strangers – and by their character and achievements they are certainly destined for greatness. In fact, they understand greatness as they have achieved it, individually and collectively in their Prep years. They understand the essence of greatness as more than a GPA or an award. Although it is important to acknowledge their many achievements, their greatness has been their unity, their unique appreciation for one another's talents and the way they have supported each other and Fairfield Prep through challenge and

change. They have served the community well and know the value of their support for one another. Accepting personal challenge readily, the members of the Prep Class of 2016 are defined by their courage in the face of change, for their empathy, for how that have enjoyed each other's company, and for their ability to manage challenge with grace. Strengthened by the brotherhood they have experienced the men of the Prep Class of 2016 have grown from strangers to brothers. Congratulations to the Class of 2016 as they depart, unified and emboldened by the powerful words of their graduation speaker, **Dr. Yohuru Williams '89**, in stepping up to ever greater challenges as the “Next Man Up.”



By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

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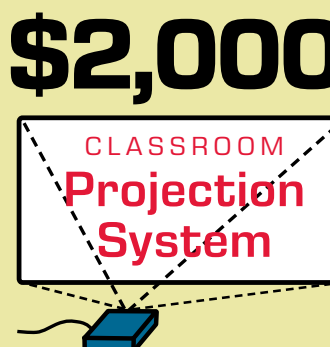
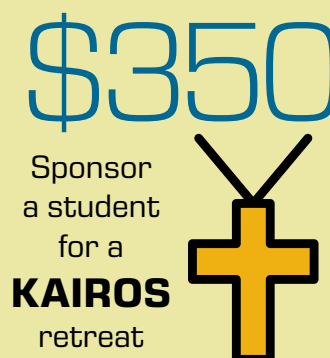
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