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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Fairfield Prep is out of this world! We can all agree that a Prep education is uniquely formative. How we live out our Jesuit mission and where our graduates serve the needs of today's world really are marvels to behold. In this edition, you will read about how Prep graduates working at NASA and SpaceX have taken on challenges most of us could not have dreamed of when we were in high school.

Fairfield Prep's Vision states that, *"We are committed to graduating transformational leaders who will respond to global and ecological challenges in an interconnected world marked by profound change."* Ignatian spirituality and global perspectives are woven into all we do.

Yet, given the way things are going, we may have broaden "global" to "interplanetary"! Enthusiastic engagement with culture and the sciences have long been hallmarks of Jesuit education, and so we are ready to take on even the unimaginable. You see that today in our enhanced curriculum, student activities, service projects, and strategic planning.

Fortunately, we have the freedom to explore new heights because Prep is grounded in solid fundamentals. I would say that the person most responsible for this successful trajectory is Dr. Robert Perrotta. In his 49 years, Dr. Perrotta has been an educational leader on North Benson and beyond. Words cannot adequately express the respect that leaders throughout the Jesuit Schools Network (JSN) have for Dr. Perrotta. He was one of the original architects of this network, developing many of the concepts Jesuit schools around the world now take for granted. We wish him Godspeed and safe travels as he heads off to a very well deserved retirement. It is now on us to carry the next generation forward.

The landscape of secondary education continues to evolve and Prep is always there to meet new challenges. It is an honor to be on this journey with the Prep community. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and love for Fairfield Prep.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.
President

GET TO KNOW...

Thomas de Quesada

FAIRFIELD PREP'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Dr. Thomas de Quesada leading a trip to Peru with Belen Jesuit students.



Thomas de Quesada has lived his entire life in Miami.

He loves the Miami Heat, is a "long-suffering" Dolphins fan and, for 20 years, has worked as an educator at his alma mater, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School.

But, it was announced in January, de Quesada will leave the year-long warmth of southern Florida for Connecticut, where he has been named principal at Fairfield College Preparatory School effective July 1.

"I am incredibly excited," de Quesada said. "My wife and I are humbled that we're going to be part of such a great community."

Currently, de Quesada serves as the dean of men at Belen Jesuit, an all-male Catholic school serving grades 6-12. Once in Fairfield, he'll replace retiring Principal Robert Perrotta, who served in the school for nearly five decades.

"I'm filling a role of an individual who has been there for 49 years and left such a strong legacy. Those are big shoes to fill," de Quesada said. "I want to continue to build on his successes and build on the academic excellence of the school."

A Jesuit high school and division of Fairfield University, Fairfield Prep has been educating boys for 75 years.

In his time at Belen Jesuit, de Quesada

guided annual student trips to Peru, chaired the committee for school branding, directed the campus store, served as the director of development and alumni relations, coordinated the Overseas Study Program, taught world history and Latin American history, coached basketball, and moderated the Student Council and Model U.N. program.

His work in education has been varied and involved engaging students out of the classroom as much as it has been about educating students within the classroom. De Quesada attributes this well-roundedness and versatility to his parents, who encouraged him to get involved in many activities, and to his education based in the Jesuit tradition.

"Ever since I was 11 years old, Jesuit education has been the only education I've known. The goal is to educate the whole person, to excel in everything you do," de Quesada explained. "By educating the entire person, giving students exceptional experiences inside and outside classroom, we're challenging them to make it a better place, to leave their mark on the school and in the community,"

After graduating from Belen Jesuit, de Quesada studied political science

"I want to continue to build on the excellence that's already there to provide the students with an extraordinary experience with the school. It's a great privilege."

— THOMAS DE QUESADA, Ed.D.

at Florida International University, before completing a master's degree in management and administration of educational programs, followed by a Doctor of Education degree in educational technology from Nova Southeastern University.

Thanks to teachers to whom he felt a strong connection, de Quesada knew since his sophomore year in high school that he wanted to be an educator.

"I was so blessed with such great teachers and mentors and I wanted to emulate their model and be like them. I knew from a very young age I wanted to leave a similar mark," de Quesada said.

De Quesada, whose background is in student affairs, said he's looking forward to working closely with students, whether it be in an academic, athletic or extracurricular setting.

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Going Beyond Academic Excellence

*Robert A. Perrotta, Ed.D., JD
Retires After 49 Years*

Tributes by Dr. Donna Andrade
and Greg Marshall '73

By Dr. Donna Andrade

Dr. Robert Anthony Perrotta is the longest serving principal in the history of Jesuit secondary education in America. Fairfield College Preparatory School has been blessed with Bob's leadership for more than two-thirds of its 76 year existence. Bob has transformed the school culture, students, faculty, and administrative leaders at Fairfield Prep. Because of Bob's visionary leadership and commitment to Jesuit mission, our students have been challenged to go beyond educational excellence and our faculty have been inspired to go beyond simply being "good teachers" in pursuit of becoming excellent Ignatian educators.

Servant Leadership: From Information to Formation

Dr. Perrotta left his position as Chair of the Foreign Language department to become the Associate Principal for Academic Affairs in 1979. I first met Bob Perrotta in 1979 when I was hired to replace him as an English teacher in the Upward Bound Program which was then housed at Fairfield University. A year later, when I took a leave of absence from the Bridgeport Public School system to pursue my Master's Degree at Fairfield University, former Headmaster Rev. James Bowler, S.J., and Bob Perrotta hired me as a part-time English teacher to fill in for the English Department Chair who was ill. I have been blessed to be at Fairfield Prep ever since. Although I was raised in the Catholic faith, I knew nothing of the Jesuits when I arrived at Fairfield Prep and Bob's philosophy of "teaching as a ministry" positively and irrevocably influenced my approach to teaching as well as my personal values.

In his new role, the young Bob Perrotta made it his personal mission to immerse

himself, me, and our entire faculty in all things Jesuit. Bob has been both a model and a mentor to us all; his servant-leadership style, a long-term approach to both life and work which has the potential to influence society in a positive way, has enabled Bob to embrace and live the Jesuit mission and Ignatian vision to which he expects the faculty of Fairfield Prep to aspire. As a result of his commitment to Jesuit education, Bob has been a national and global leader in our network of Jesuit schools for more than

three decades and was integrally involved in the work of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA).

Bob Perrotta embodies and epitomizes the holistic nature of Jesuit education expressed by the concept of *cura personalis*, or care of the whole person. Bob both modeled and fostered *cura personalis* by encouraging us to "go beyond academic excellence"—Bob's personal philosophy which challenged students and faculty alike to take advantage of and make the most of the "full" Fairfield

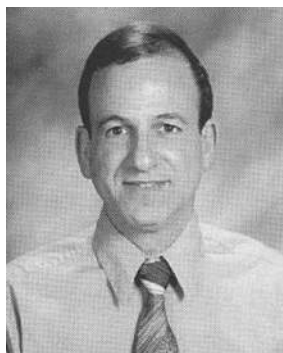




Spanish Teacher, 1973



Academic Dean, 1988



Principal, 1998

Prep experience. Whenever he presented to students and faculty, he would often remark, "If you leave Fairfield Prep at 3:00 p.m. you are missing out on the *real*, the *true* Prep experience: experiences that take place outside of the classroom; the rich experiences beyond the classroom that round us out and make us whole." Bob walked his talk: hardly a Fairfield Prep academic award ceremony, play, musical, or art show, parent program, or athletic event took place without his presence.

Transformational Leadership: From Formation to Transformation

Bob Perrotta intentionally transformed Fairfield Prep by "forming the formers" through the on-going and consistent formation of our faculty who, in turn, form our student body. Over the course of more than three decades, Bob encouraged and enlisted countless members of the faculty and school leadership to participate in JSEA Colloquia, Symposia, Ignatian Leadership Seminars, and Cohort Meetings which steeped us in Jesuit mission and formed us as Ignatian educators.

In order to ground faculty and administrators in the seminal and foundational documents of the Society of Jesus, Bob introduced us to the *Ratio Studiorum*, *Men for Others*, *Sowing the Seeds of Faith & Justice*, *Teaching as a Ministry*, *Go Forth and Teach: The Characteristics of Education*, *What Makes a Jesuit High School Jesuit?*, and *General Congregation Documents 32-36*. Bob used the concepts and ideals expressed in these, and numerous other documents, to advance the Jesuit mission at Fairfield Prep and to establish annual school goals.

Bob also used his national work with the JSEA to enhance our process for teacher supervision and observation by infusing the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) into our teacher evaluation

practices and our annual Professional Development Reports which focus upon reflection in action. Bob employed Ignatian discernment in a manner that deepened the Jesuit mission, fostered the Ignatian vision, and promoted national JSEA goals. In doing so, Bob supported and advanced school programs such as Christian Service, Campus Ministry, Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity (SEED), the Curriculum Design and Review Process (CDRP), the Safe School Climate Initiative, and the 1:1 iPad program, to name a few.

Mission Leadership: Animating the Vision

In today's rapidly-changing, fast-paced global society, educational institutions, indeed most institutions, are rarely blessed with a continuity of visionary and transformational leadership such as Fairfield College Preparatory School has enjoyed for 49 years due to the longevity of Dr. Robert Anthony Perrotta.

Bob's vision, grounded in Jesuit mission, gradually and intentionally shifted and advanced both the faculty and organizational culture of Fairfield Prep through periods of information, formation and, ultimately, transformation. Bob encouraged our students to become young men of competence, compassion, conscience, and commitment who transform the world; he challenged students and faculty alike to go beyond educational excellence and to "go forth and set the world on fire." In doing so, Bob Perrotta has been the most influential leader in our school's history.

Dr. Robert Anthony Perrotta's leadership has left an indelible imprint on the hearts and minds of countless students, parents, and faculty alike. For this, and for the countless other ways in which Bob has guided us professionally and cared for us personally, we will be forever grateful and eternally blessed.



Global and National Career Highlights

Dr. Robert Perrotta has been a national and global leader in our network of Jesuit schools for over three decades and was integrally involved in the work of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA):

- **1979-1984:** Bob spearheaded the national *Graduate-at-Graduation Curriculum Improvement Process (CIP)* which was piloted at Fairfield Prep over the course of four years.
- **1989-1995:** Bob served on the JSEA's *Commission on Research and Development* for eight years, out of which came the framework for our model of national conferences (Colloquia, Symposia, and National Cohort Meetings). During this period, Bob also worked on the international document published by International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education in 1987, *Go Forth and Teach: The Characteristics of Jesuit Education*.
- **1993:** Bob was appointed as one of four North American representatives chosen to present on the *Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP)* Project in Frescati, Italy.
- **1996:** Bob's work with the IPP lead to his visiting 33 Jesuit ministries throughout Peru to deliver presentations on the IPP, an experience which he often refers to as "life-altering."
- **2007:** Bob was awarded the JSEA *President's Medal for Dedicated Service and Leadership*.
- **2008-2013:** Bob was elected to serve on the JSEA Board of Directors and served as Chair of the JSEA Board from 2010-2013.
- **2013:** Bob was awarded the JSEA *Ignatian Educator's Award for Outstanding Service and Distinguished Leadership*.

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Going Beyond Academic Excellence

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By Greg Marshall '73

I first met Bob Perrotta at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 1969. It was the first day of school for my freshman year at Fairfield Prep, and the occasion was Spanish I class, which met during second period. "Mr. Perrotta" was himself a brand-new teacher, a recent graduate of Fairfield University and of an intensive summer institute for foreign language teachers (which had been funded under the National Defense Education Act of 1958).

We students soon gave him the nickname "Pepe," and he was indeed "peppy," for the man was a virtual dynamo as a classroom teacher. In keeping with the recent revolution in method that had occurred within the foreign language-teaching profession (called the audio-lingual method), we weren't allowed to have access to our textbooks or any other printed form of the language for the first month of instruction. During that time, Mr. Perrotta subjected us to endless aural/oral repetition drills in class, and we

began learning dialogues for recitation. With Bob Perrotta's endless reserves of energy, he was well suited to the task.

We students had all been admitted to Prep as part of a selective process and had come to Prep expecting to be challenged and worked hard, and Mr. Perrotta did not fail to deliver on Prep's promise. In fact, he soon had developed a well-deserved reputation as one of the school's most demanding teachers. We hated how hard he made us work, but deep down we appreciated it, knowing that we would be better men for the adversity (if we survived!).

Fast forward to my senior year at Prep (1972-1973): I signed up to take as an elective Spanish IV Honors (as Spanish was my best subject). I also talked my classmate and close friend Tom Dever into taking the course with me. Now, Spanish was not Tom's best subject, but I convinced him to sign up for it because we had been told that a teacher other than Mr. Perrotta would be teaching it, and this other teacher was known for, let's say, a

much less demanding classroom approach than Dear Ol' Pepe's. So at the end of junior year, Tom and I signed up for the Spanish IV Honors elective.

What a surprise, when on the first day of senior year it was Pepe himself who greeted us for Spanish class! Yes, a last-minute change in teaching assignments now meant that we would be tortured all throughout senior year (and no, it wasn't possible to de-select the elective at that point). Think I'm exaggerating? Well, consider these highlights of Spanish IV Honors that year:

- Not one, not two, but THREE ten-page, type-written, fully-footnoted term papers, in Spanish, throughout the year:
 - One demonstrating how the golden age of Spanish literature reflected political trends in the 16th-century development of the Spanish empire.
 - One showing how the 16th-century picaresque novel *Lazarillo de Tormes* reflected the spirit of the times. (And oh, yes; we were required to read the novel in the original 16th-century Spanish!)
 - A third one on *Don Quixote*, which I didn't have to write, because I obtained Pepe's permission to write a paper on the history of the Spanish language instead. Oh joy!
- One of Mr. Perrotta's favorite means of inflicting pain on us that year was his ongoing lecture series, *La historia de la civilización española*, in which our only source of information for the difficult tests he burdened us with was his lecturing to us (entirely in Spanish, of course).
- A year-end final project in which the entire Spanish class collaborated on putting a slide show with Spanish soundtrack on said *Lazarillo de Tormes*, with René Balmaseda '73 in the starring role (and photography by the late Steve Boccuzzi '73).

I vividly recall thinking at the end of that year that I had worked more in his one course than in all my other subjects combined!

I hope it's clear to the reader that moving beyond the world-view of the teenage Prepster I was at the time, I do really, truly hold Bob Perrotta in the highest esteem as a teacher. In my subsequent four-year career as a college student majoring in Spanish, I came to appreciate him more and more, and then revere him for the foundation he gave me in





Prep's emperor — Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta — posed at the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum on a Prep music program trip to China in 2008.

Dr Perrotta inspired me to become a teacher myself ... I still remember Spanish from 40 years ago! Congratulations and best wishes.

George Pulley '76

what would become my own career as a Spanish teacher at Fairfield Prep. He has been a role model for me as a teacher, as an administrator, and as a human being.

Spring semester, 1979: I returned to Prep for several weeks of teacher training under Bob Perrotta. After ten years as a Spanish teacher, Bob had been named academic dean, and I been hired to replace him in the Spanish classroom, starting fall 1979. The catch: I first had to be his student again, this time as a student-teacher. It was that experience that opened my eyes to Bob Perrotta's extraordinary talents as a teacher. As I made mistake after mistake that semester, Bob would patiently walk me through the recovery process. He imparted to me techniques, approaches and an underlying philosophy of Jesuit education that served me well for the twenty-two years I myself would subsequently spend as a classroom teacher.

For the folks who have only known Dr. Robert Anthony Perrotta as that extraordinary school administrator and that ground-breaking expositor of lay leadership in the Jesuit education system, I have to tell you that the true

foundation to his exceptionality is found in his unequaled skills and talents as a classroom teacher, in the remarkable way that Mr. Perrotta pushed us, prodded us, motivated us and rewarded us as Fairfield Prep students. Thank you, Bob, for caring that much about your students. We will always cherish that experience.

¡Viva Pepe!



Announcing the...

**Dr. Robert A. Perrotta
Scholarship Fund**

to support Financial Aid at
Fairfield Prep

100% of your gift to the Perrotta
Fund will go directly to student
financial aid, allowing a young
man to attend Prep.

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A few of the many social media reactions to Bob's retirement

Dan Fenton '76: Fantastic educator, mentor, & friend, congrats Mr. Perrotta!!!

Bob Russell, P'99, '01, '04: Bob, so thankful for all you have done for so many! You have made such a positive impact on so many and especially my family!

Ed Rogalewski '81: Go Bob ... you were the reason I minored in Spanish at Fairfield U. Awesome individual!

Matthew Brannelly '77: Bien hecho! (Well done!)

Collin O'Callaghan: Prep will surely miss you Dr. Perrotta.

Dennis Kokenos '98: Bob was the first person I met at Prep. He knew it was the place for me and I thank him for all his work. Changed my life. Thank you Bob.

Danny Giangrande '16: One of the greats. Glad I got to be a student during his tenure.

Rocco Cafferelli '95: Prep should hold an auction with some autographed turtlenecks for a scholarship fund! Great man, he will be missed. Hail Fairfield!

Tom Sheehan '74: Congratulations and thank you for all you have done, Bob. Best of luck as you write your next chapter.

Bob O'Brien '74: He was undoubtedly one of the best teachers I ever had. Congrats, Mr. Perrotta!

Jeff Tibbitts '77: The best teacher I ever had. I remember a remarkable amount of the Spanish I learned in his classroom ... From 40 years ago!



The international Steering Committee of the Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change (Dr. Kurylo Co-Chair, circled) visits the Jungfraujoch Observatory (elevation 11,332 ft.) in the Bernese Alps in Switzerland. This observatory has one of the longest data records of atmospheric trace gases in the network.

Kurylo '62 excels with NASA, shapes global policy

Dr. Michael J. Kurylo graduated from Fairfield Prep in 1962 and has been making strides in the scientific community ever since. Kurylo has spent most of his life working within the realms of atmospheric chemistry, stratospheric ozone depletion, and global climate change. Although once retired, he returned to NASA as a Senior Research

Scientist at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. Passion never dies.

Kurylo and his numerous lifetime achievements are a primary example of how a Prep education can change a young man. The opportunities he has been gifted with in life all correlate to education.

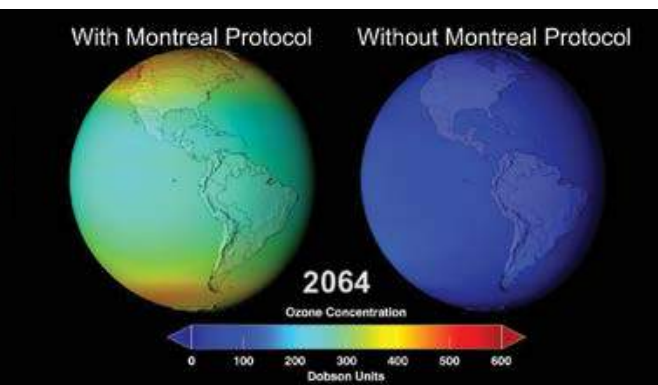
Beginning his road to success at Fairfield Prep in 1958, Kurylo was given the foundations to achieve his B.S. in Chemistry from Boston College (magna cum laude) in 1966 and then receiving his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from The Catholic University of America in 1969. Kurylo's initial reluctance to attend Prep shifted over time as he uncovered his deepest adoration: learning. He wants the younger generation to know that the subject matter is not what got him to his current status, it was his desire to develop relationships with new material and the yearning to solve problems. Kurylo adds, "If you're no longer learning you need to reevaluate something....

Learning is what fosters the brain and the heart."

Kurylo agrees that without his pivotal education, both Prep and beyond, he would never have understood the power of knowledge and what it means to be a life-long learner. This is the root of an enjoyable life, he believes.

When asked to give current Prep students a piece of advice, Kurylo declares that nothing is more important than embarking on new experiences and studying an unfamiliar subject. As hundreds of students walk the halls of Prep every day, studying new material and venturing into different fields, so does Kurylo. His message to these students is one of courage. Do not be afraid of the unknown, because your budding passion could exist there. He is a living example of this philosophy.

Being the son of a Great Depression factory worker and a high school dropout, a desire to further his education was inherent. Kurylo did not let the present fear of inadequacy stop him from



Kurylo's work with NASA and the international team of scientists uncovered the tremendous ozone depletion over the Earth's poles.

accomplishing his numerous future achievements. This is what he wants today's generation to know: fear cannot prohibit you. It is imperative to look beyond potential failure and find strength within; that is the only way to succeed.

During his years at Prep, the daily hour-and-a-half train commute from Wallingford, CT, was evidence of his commitment to education. This innate courage to persevere stuck with Kurylo his entire life.

Now at the tail end of his scientific career, Kurylo is able to reflect on what his work has meant to him. Although the laboratory and field observations are what took up most of his focus, it is the consequential environmental policies that instill the most pride in him. According to Kurylo, one of the proudest facets of his scientific career is his involvement with the Montreal Protocol, an international treaty designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out hazardous substances. This action prevented the destruction of humans, plants, animals, and ecosystems overall. This shows us exactly how one person can make a difference in the world, a trait Prep attempts to imbue in its students every day. The Montreal Protocol is indication of the link between theory and action. People like Kurylo are devoting their lives to fostering this link in order to make the world a healthier, more sustainable place.

Looking back on his time spent at Prep, Kurylo confirms that the passion and motivation behind his teachers was crucial to his character building. Fr. "Lefty" Welch, his Latin teacher, encouraged him to reach his full potential. Being a science lover, Kurylo



Mike Kurylo and NASA's ER-2 Aircraft at the Kiruna Sweden Airport (north of the Arctic Circle), the deployment site during the SAGE III Ozone Loss and Validation Experiment (SOLVE). Temperatures during the campaign dropped as low as -40°F.

wanted nothing to do with foreign languages, especially not advanced Latin. But with the authentic care and backing of Lefty, he was able to achieve an honorary medal from APSL (Association for the Promotion of the Study of Latin). Along with the medal, Lefty handed him an envelope which held a cash award. Watching a tear form in his eye, Kurylo was able to see just how much his achievement meant to his teacher. This was tangible proof of how a devoted educator, who takes the time to foster one-on-one connections, can deeply impact the lives of their students.

Similarly, Kurylo found out that sometimes these institution-based connections lead to lifetime friendships. Al Winshman, S.J., was his bowling coach, academic advisor, chemistry teacher, and lifetime friend. As he grew older, the meaning of *cura personalis*, care for the whole person, became clear.

At the 2012 Prep graduation ceremony, he states having been overwhelmed with a sense of belonging and togetherness with the members of his Class of 1962. They were celebrating their 50th reunion

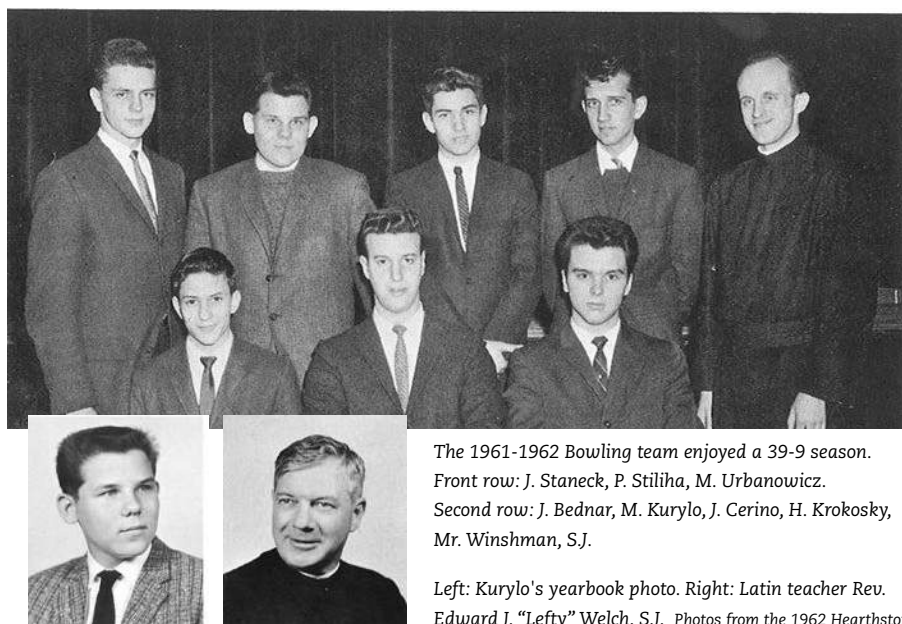
and receiving their golden diplomas. Kurylo describes the ceremony with emotion and nostalgia. His wife, Mary, was undergoing cancer treatment and therefore was the recipient of hundreds of prayers from the Prep community. His classmates proved to him that Prep is a forever home, one where its members are never alone and always united through their experiences together.

As the graduates turned to face the Class of 1962, they gave a three minute standing ovation. An unspeakable bond was felt between the students of 2012 and their predecessors of 50 years. Kurylo recalls the star football player of his year, **Walter Skowronski '62**, shedding tears of joy. This was exactly what he needed at this moment in his life. Happiness, belonging, and home. All sensations you can't find just anywhere. Considering Prep was the last place Kurylo expected to spend his high school years, he now confirms that he could never imagine his life without it. He is eternally grateful.

By Irene Haulusch, Fairfield University '19

KURYLO WRITES...

"The opportunities that were made available to me upon leaving Fairfield Prep took me on an incredible journey into atmospheric science... Being in the field for the various airborne science campaigns and conducting site visits at many international atmospheric measurement facilities were experiences that I could never have envisioned. My travels from well north of the Arctic Circle to the high latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere provided me with an education that one could never get in the classroom."



The 1961-1962 Bowling team enjoyed a 39-9 season. Front row: J. Staneck, P. Stiliha, M. Urbanowicz. Second row: J. Bednar, M. Kurylo, J. Cerino, H. Krokosky, Mr. Winshman, S.J.

Left: Kurylo's yearbook photo. Right: Latin teacher Rev. Edward J. "Lefty" Welch, S.J. Photos from the 1962 Hearstone

Engineering future travel with SpaceX

By Charlie Featherston '09

SpaceX Structures Design Engineer

I graduated from Prep in 2009 and then went to Villanova University to learn Mechanical and Computer Engineering. Throughout high school and college I was always drawn towards hands-on classes or projects. I knew I wanted to work at a high energy, fast-paced and innovative company and was lucky enough to join SpaceX right after I graduated college in 2013. SpaceX is a U.S. based space company started by Elon Musk. We build and launch a 230 ft tall, 1.5 million lb-thrust rocket called the Falcon 9. It can deliver up to 50,000 lbs to low earth orbit and sends cargo to the ISS (International Space Station) on our in-house built Dragon spacecraft. Over the next few months we plan to fly our Falcon Heavy rocket, which is essentially three Falcon 9's strapped together, and will begin flight-testing a human rated version of our new space ship (called Crew Dragon) so we can send people to the ISS and even on trips around the moon.

of anyone affected, come up with a fix and make the change. This is possible because at SpaceX RE's generally own 100% of their projects and are the ones doing all the necessary engineering. RE's are responsible for conception, analysis and design of their parts and are able to accrue massive amounts of practical experience over a relatively short time. This responsibility is what made me love working here and really appreciate the things I was learning.

Two of my favorite memories are the Pad Abort test and the Crew Dragon Unveiling Event. Pad abort was a test flight of Dragon's abort system to simulate escaping from the rocket during an anomaly. In it, we launched a test version of Crew Dragon from our launch pad in Florida. It accelerated from 0-100 mph in 1.2 seconds and hit a max speed of 345 mph. After a short coast, it successfully deployed its parachutes and landed in the ocean. For Pad Abort I worked mainly on the brackets that held the eight engines to the primary structure, so when the engines fired up and stayed attached to the vehicle I was extremely excited. The unveiling event was a chance to show off Crew Dragon's progress to the world. We had 30 days to get a vehicle built and prepped for a Tesla-style press event. I spent nearly the entire time designing and building the hatch, hinge mechanism and latches so it would function like the final flight hatch would. There was a ton of machining and tweaking to do so I didn't even get the hatch operational until 6 a.m. the morning of the event. I have never been more relieved than when it actually opened during the press conference.

Today I'm working as a Structures Design Engineer and am helping the RE's of Dragon's interior, seats, cargo and trunk get their parts designed in CAD and released for flight. I'm extremely grateful to have been able to work at a company like SpaceX and I know my time at Prep was a

huge part of what made it all possible. There are plenty of great engineers but there are far fewer well-rounded engineers with the personality traits, determination, and a willingness to take the risks that companies like SpaceX look for. Those are all qualities Fairfield Prep helped me develop and I will always appreciate my time there.



Dragon 2 interior

I'm part of Crew Dragon's structural engineering team. I spent the first two years here as the RE (Responsible Engineer, or owner) of Dragon's windows, hatches and portions of the primary structure, we call "The Weldment." SpaceX is a unique company for many reasons, but one of the most significant is how quickly we're able to innovate and adapt. It's a 6,500+ person company and we're still able to operate like a much smaller startup. This is mainly because of how much responsibility we give each engineer. If we find out a bracket has to change we don't need to hold weeks of meetings, get dozens of people's approval in writing or make 50 PowerPoint slides to prove there's actually an issue. We just walk over to desks



Inset: Elon Musk with the Crew Dragon at the Unveiling Event.

Right: Falcon launch





Waste Not!

The community period in the new block schedule this school year has provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to partake in several types of large group activities. On October 3, the Christian Service office partnered with Prep's Environmental Club to create a school-wide program focused on waste management and recycling. The goal of the program was to educate students on topics of environmental justice.

As a Jesuit institution devoted to forming men for and with others, we encourage our students to understand the impact that personal actions have on Creation and thus vulnerable populations around the globe. As Pope Francis stated in the Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental." While we may not see the impact of our wastefulness, we must recognize that the impact is not only seen, but felt most acutely in regions of the world that are impoverished.

To learn more about this reality, the freshmen and sophomore students were led in classroom discussions about consumption and its global effect, while the juniors and seniors participated in a large scale waste audit to collect information about patterns of waste in our community – specifically during the lunch period.

The goal of the audit was to collect data about the waste accumulated by the Prep community and discern ways in which we could reduce the waste we produce and therefore our negative environmental impact. Students sorted

the items thrown out during lunch periods (187 lbs. of waste) into several categories including recyclables, non-recyclables, partially eaten food and discarded whole food items. Students found that nearly 40% of the waste could be recycled according to local guidelines and that nearly 70 lbs. of food was thrown away – 16 lbs. of which was whole and untouched!

When reflecting upon the experience, senior **Jack Kovalesski '18** stated, "It was an eye opening experience for the whole Prep community that made me realize how much waste we produce, and it will



Above: Anthony Dotolo, Science teacher, directs students to conduct the waste audit.



From left: **Tommy Donohue '18** and **Jack McGee '18**



inspire me to recycle more in the future.” Additional student feedback from the audit suggested that the Prep community was not taking full advantage of our recycling program. Students expressed their initial uncertainty regarding which waste items can be recycled, with many pleased to learn that so much more can be processed and recycled rather than sent to the landfill. In response to this discernment process, the Environmental Club has created signs for the recycling bins to let students know what can be recycled at Prep. In addition to simply recycling all items that qualify, students also suggested that we reduce our waste by using reusable water bottles and communicating with home about undesired lunch choices.

There is still work to be done, but our students are taking important steps to help Fairfield Prep become a more environmentally-conscious community.



By Sarah Stanley, Director of Christian Service

Prep Lunchtime: Waste Audit Results

75 lbs. of recyclable materials, 70 lbs. of wasted food



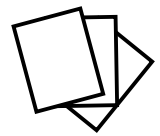
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Plastic Bottles



30

Aluminum Cans



19 lbs.

Paper / Cardboard



7 lbs.

Metal / Foil



54 lbs.

Partially Eaten Food



16 lbs.

Whole Uneaten Food



Patrick Kelly '19

THE CREATIVE WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

Studio Art

Patrick Kelly '19 didn't set out to make a real guitar. As part of one of this three independent projects in Prep's Studio Art class, Patrick's original idea was to simply recreate a Monserat guitar using a plywood cutout and a painted design. That changed, however, when art teacher **Mr. Robert Fosse-Previs '87** brought in some guitar parts he had in his basement. Patrick began working with them and, after just two weeks, he had already sanded down the body of the guitar and painted a mountain design on the head. "For the most part (Mr. Fosse-Previs)

has been helping me with direct instructions... he's giving me the tools to build one," Patrick said. "The rest will be me painting it."

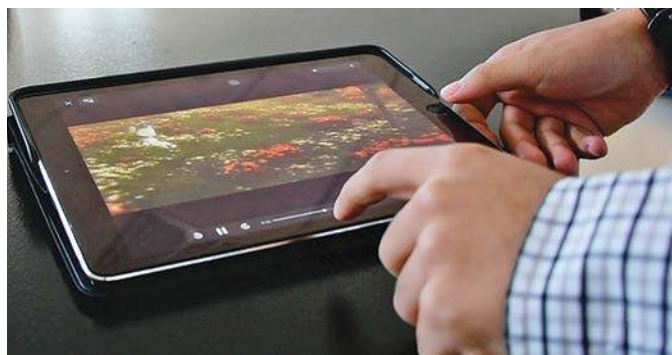
Patrick is one of several students who commit to deliver 12 separate independent art projects for the Studio Art elective,

with three projects required each quarter. Each student designs his own projects, with approval by Mr. Fosse-Previs, and the work ranges from painting to illustration to computer design to even costume design. "Part of the reason I like to run the class this way, is that it lets (the

students) work on what they want to work on," Mr. Fosse-Previs said.

Jovie Lee '19 – who regularly paints, but also enjoys graphic design – said the independent nature of the class is more helpful to him as an artist. "I like that because I get to focus on one thing and better myself with that subject, then next I get to flip to something else to better myself in," Lee said.

Several students utilize their iPads not just for digital graphics but also as a tool in bettering their traditional art. For the mountain design in his guitar project, Patrick took a photo of the guitar head and used Adobe Illustrator to draw





Jovie Lee '19

a conceptual design on the photo. He inked the design on the guitar using the iPad as a guide. "The iPad's been pretty helpful because it has given me a precursor of what I need to do," Patrick said.

Prep art students will even design posters or displays for other departments in the school as part of their independent projects. **Teddy Mitchell '19**, one of the co-leaders of the afterschool Art Club, painted the cover of this edition of *Prep Today*. Other students design posters for Prep theatrical productions – like the recent fall play, *Peter and the Starcatcher*. "It's kind of cool the way they're figuring it out on their own, too," Mr. Fosse-Previs said. "How to marry all of these different mediums."

Mr. Fosse-Previs said both Patrick and **Jonathan Wheeler '19** worked together to create the poster for the recent winter concert. Patrick illustrated the poster using his iPad and passed on the work to Jonathan who designed



the layout. "It was kind of nice that the two of them could actually work together on a project in the same way you would if you had these professions in the real world," Mr. Fosse-Previs said. "The designer wouldn't necessarily do that illustration. He would hire an illustrator to do it. So, in a sense, Patrick was the illustrator and Jack acted as the graphic designer."

By Ron DeRosa, Digital Communications Manager



Each student designs his own projects ... from painting to illustration to computer design to even costume design.

Above: **Ethan Yu '18** with **Mr. Bob Fosse-Previs '87**

Left: Students collaborate on poster design

The Prep Players performed "Peter and the Starcatcher" to an appreciative audience, the students of St. Ignatius School in the Bronx.



Prep Players perform 'Peter and the Starcatcher'

During the weekend of Nov. 9-11, the Fairfield Prep Players performed the fall production *Peter and the Starcatcher*, a prequel to the classic story *Peter Pan*.

From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, *Peter and the Starcatcher* playfully explored the depths of greed and despair... and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. The Prep Players – made up of Prep students and girls from area high schools - performed the show at the Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University.

After last year's successful partnership with Bridgeport's Cathedral Academy producing the *Story Pirates* play-writing project, Prep Arts continued to use theatre to connect with communities beyond our halls. For *Peter and the Starcatcher*, the Prep Players



performed a special matinee for 75 middle school students from St. Ignatius School, a Jesuit Nativity school in the Bronx. After the show, the cast led a Q&A session with the middle-schoolers. Following, the visitors joined the cast and students from the SEED diversity program for lunch at Prep. This day allowed

the Prep Community to reach out and partner with a fellow school, creating a wonderful day of growth and mission-related interaction for all students.


 Watch video highlights
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PREP TALENT HEATS UP **Winter Concert**

The Prep Music Department's annual Winter Concert was presented on January 10, 2018, in the Kelley Theatre at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The concert included selections played by all of the performing music groups that represent the music department at Prep: Combined Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble; Men's Chorus (with a piece joined by Lauralton Hall's Advanced Vocal Ensemble); Jazzuits; and Encords acappella group. The students performed a broad variety of genres.

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The Great Ignatian Challenge food drive held at Fairfield Prep before Thanksgiving proved to be a rousing success, with thousands of food items and daily essentials donated to local charities: Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD). The Church of the Blessed Sacrament food pantry, and Operation Hope. In total, Prep students and their families

collected approximately 11,500 items, more than double previous years' efforts. The challenge was a friendly but spirited competition between six Jesuit schools in the tri-state area including Fairfield Prep, Fordham Prep, Regis, Xavier, Loyola and Saint Peter's Prep. An anonymous donor pledged up to \$250,000 for tuition assistance at the six participating schools. The overall goal of the Challenge was to raise awareness of hunger in our communities while filling our local food banks and pantries with tens of thousands of pounds of provisions for needy families.

SPOTLIGHT ON GLOBAL EDUCATION INJUSTICE

Global Red Chair Project

At Fairfield Prep's Thanksgiving Prayer Service in the fall, theology teacher Ms. Kathleen Jackson introduced the Global Red Chair Project (GRCP). The GRCP was launched last year to raise awareness about the fact that millions of youth continue to be denied the right to education. Jesuit schools have committed to going deeper (Magis) by exploring the root causes and consequences of this lack of access.

Our Red Chair was designed by the school's Art Club (moderated by **Bob Fosse-Previs '87**) to raise awareness of the root causes of the lack of educational access. Because the Red Chair serves as a figurative symbol of the millions of children who, literally, do not have a seat in a classroom, Prep is conducting an awareness campaign through May 1, 2018. The Red Chair will circulate into different classrooms, and will never be occupied.



Following Ignatius

Prep student reflects on group trip to holy sites

In the school year of 2016-17, Father Stockdale approached me about a trip Prep was planning for the upcoming year. In summer 2017, we would fly to Europe to take part in the Ignatian Experience Pilgrimage. We would see all of the locations that St. Ignatius of Loyola visited during his spiritual journey, as well as other holy sites such as Lourdes in France, The Church of the Gesù in Rome, and Vatican City. The premise of getting to see these places I had only heard of was exciting, so I quickly signed up and started preparing for the spiritual experience I was about

to take part in.

On the morning we were to depart, our group met at Prep and left for the airport. Since we had spent time in our weekly meetings getting to know each other and preparing for the experience, I was already close with the Prep group and was excited to see them. Despite traffic, delays, and lots of waiting in airport gates, we finally arrived at Spain. Our first main stop took us to the city of San Sebastian, where we explored the city, tried Basque cuisine, and nestled into our first of many hotels.

The next day we visited the town of Loyola where St. Ignatius grew up. Not only did we see his house, but we got to go inside and even celebrate Mass in the sacred spot where he was called to service. This was the first of many spiritual experiences I would have over the course of this trip, enhancing not only my faith but my sense of Jesuit service and justice. After spending time in Spain, we got on a bus and left for our next stop in Lourdes, France.

The Pilgrimage group visited Montserrat Monastery, home of Our Lady of Montserrat, where St. Ignatius laid down his soldier's sword as a visible sign of his conversion and dedicating his life to God.



In front of St. Peter's in Rome from left: Matt Corcoran '17, Thomas Osa '20, Cole Simons '18, Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., Brendan Wisniewski '18, Matthew Muro '20, Tom Sacerdote and Jack Smith '19

Over the course of the trip, I had many spiritual and life defining moments. But France provided the most meaningful experience to me. As a student of French, it was an amazing opportunity to be able to put my studies to use. Driving into the city, there didn't seem to be anything that stood out, however that changed when we arrived to the "centreville" of the holy place. It was immediately clear that this was a place rooted in the Christian faith. No matter where you looked, you saw multiple faith-themed shops, restaurants, or hotels. However, that was just the surface of the spiritual presence of Lourdes.

Each night that we were staying in France, we got to experience the nightly Rosary procession. Most, if not all, of the visitors to the town gather together to pray to our mother Mary. It was an eye-opening experience getting to see the power of our faith through the sick, needy, and volunteers. Seeing so many people congregating in one place from all corners of the world with one common interest and passion can honestly not be described in words. The nightly processions in Lourdes were a highlight of the pilgrimage.

After exploring Lourdes, we left for Barcelona. While the ride was long and exhausting, the city of Barcelona was worth the wait. Not only was it my first time seeing the Mediterranean, but it was my first time being in a sprawling European city along the ranks of New York, Paris, or Rome. In Barcelona, we were given free time to explore the city, and it was absolutely fantastic. The highlight was seeing the giant Sagrada

Familia basilica in the center of the city. It was visible almost everywhere in the city, and was even more impressive up close.

Barcelona, while a breath of fresh air compared to the reverence of France, was still in many ways a holy experience I'll never forget.

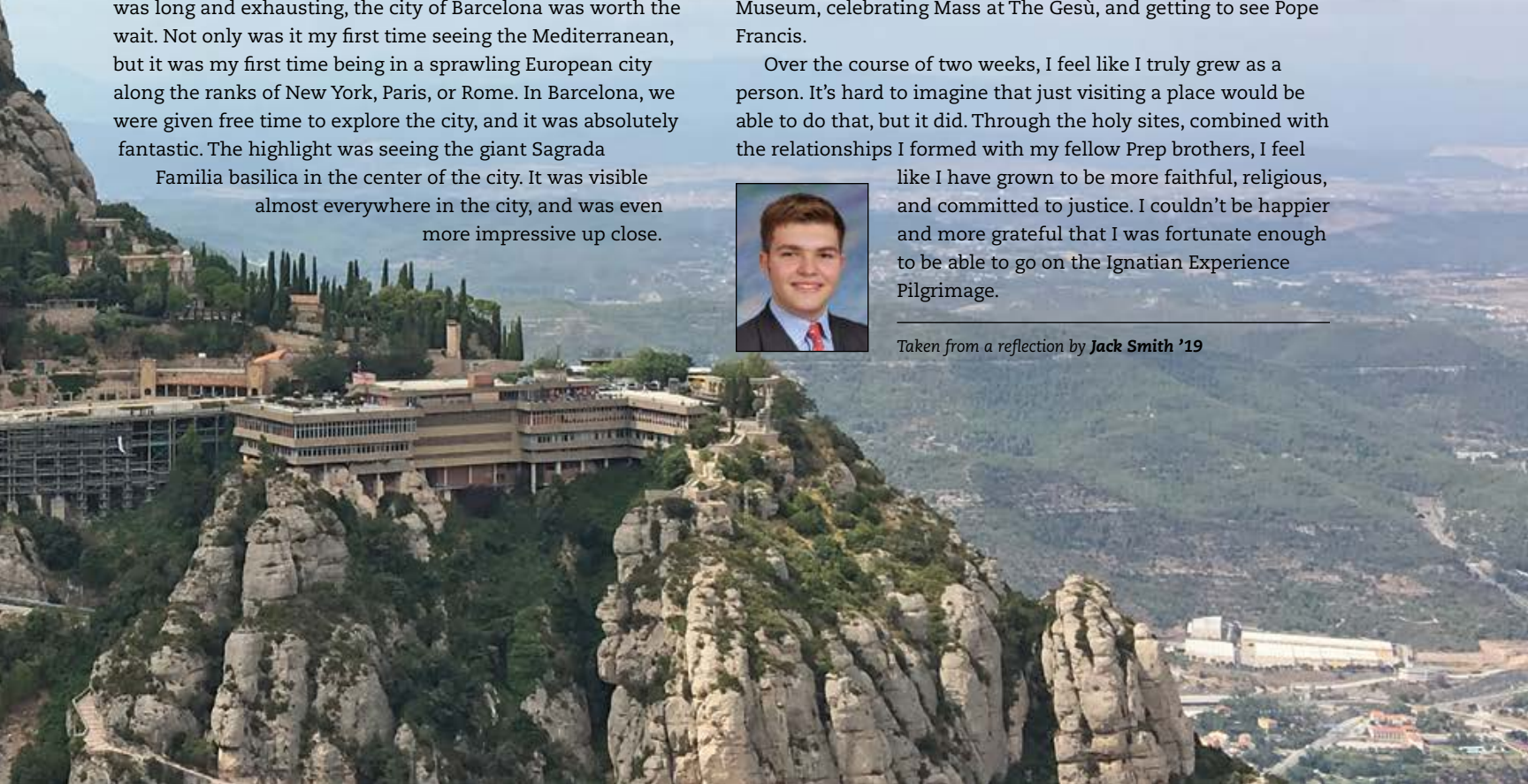
However, the most meaningful parts of the pilgrimage to me were found just outside of Barcelona. We visited two very historical Jesuit sites — Manresa and Montserrat. I had heard all about these places in Prep's theology classes, but to see them was a different experience. I was truly engrossed in the culture and life of St. Ignatius, and it couldn't be clearer that these spots had significance. Looking at the landscape of Spain from the top of Montserrat, I could truly see why Ignatius came up with the idea of "Finding God in all things." The Jesuit practices and ideas, through this pilgrimage, have become much more meaningful in my life

Our final destination was Italy. We started in Naples, took a stop in Sorrento, and finally ended in Rome. One of the best parts of Italy was the amazing food. Every single day we enjoyed an unforgettable meal. Beyond my meals, though, Italy gave me an uncountable amount of memories and experiences. Highlights included a day-long boat ride to Capri, the Vatican Museum, celebrating Mass at The Gesù, and getting to see Pope Francis.

Over the course of two weeks, I feel like I truly grew as a person. It's hard to imagine that just visiting a place would be able to do that, but it did. Through the holy sites, combined with the relationships I formed with my fellow Prep brothers, I feel like I have grown to be more faithful, religious, and committed to justice. I couldn't be happier and more grateful that I was fortunate enough to be able to go on the Ignatian Experience Pilgrimage.



Taken from a reflection by Jack Smith '19





Members of Prep's Rugby team gave Dr. Mark Nemec, a former All-Ivy Rugby player at Yale, a Prep rugby jersey. Pictured from left, seniors: **Aidan Stepsis, Shane McGorty, Riley McGeady and Finn Kery**

DR. MARK NEMEC, FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

A Presidential Welcome

As president of the student government, and on behalf of the entire student body, I would like to offer my warmest welcome to Dr. Nemec, the newly appointed 9th President of Fairfield University.

My time at Prep has been greatly enriched through our school's affiliation with Fairfield U. The use of University resources and facilities has made lasting impacts on our academics, athletics, arts, and extracurriculars. Dr. Nemec, know that our school's doors are always open to you.

Prep inspires us all to aspire towards the characteristics of the graduate at graduation. These are: "open to growth, intellectually competent, loving, religious, and committed to doing justice." After completing three years here and embarking on my final one, I have discerned more specific descriptors which I feel really embody Fairfield Prep at its core, and can be found in each and every one of us in one way or another. These ideals are: "a drive for excellence, compassion, being conscious citizens of the global community, and coordinated growth of mind and spirit."

We seek excellence in all parts of our Prep lives for ourselves and each other,

whether it be a personal motivation in the classroom or the Bomb Squad cheering on our athletic teams. One may not feel comfortable in success as another falls behind. The Brotherhood that binds us together aims to prevent anyone from being left alone, and boasts a greater sense of pride and celebration when success can be shared. I've seen it every day. Essentially, excellence is in our blood and being.

We are a compassionate community. Regular service and random acts of kindness are not only expected but normal at Prep. You would be hard pressed to find a similar environment at any other school. We've not only heard the motto "Men for Others," but we've lived it, as the compassion found in abundance on this campus is a result of the willingness to not only feel for others, but stand with others.

An integral part of being able to go out into the world is being conscious of the global community. Personally, this has been a major area of growth that I never really explored before coming to Prep. Global doesn't have to signify abroad, but can be as local as your next-door neighbor, an adjacent town, as well as distant countries and cultures. Through immersion experiences overseas or in

Bridgeport, we at Prep are constantly learning and interacting with the world around us, creating newfound respect and love for all people.

As everything we do inspires growth in some way or another, our Jesuit education seeks to meld the growth of mind and spirit. These two work together in a symbiotic relationship, because we can apply what we learn in a class to greater spiritual development, and vice versa. Herein lies one of the most rewarding parts of a Jesuit education, because now we are not only equipped to learn in the classroom, but grow from anything life might throw at us.

I know that my love and enthusiasm for Prep is shared by students, faculty, and administration. I hope in your continued time here, Dr. Nemec, that you will also come to see Prep as the transformative institution it has been since 1942. Good luck with all things at the University, and I speak for the students when I say that we all are

rooting for your success as you lead Fairfield University into the future.



Taken from a speech given by **Alexander McMullen '18**

The Science Guys

Students do lab study at Fordham University

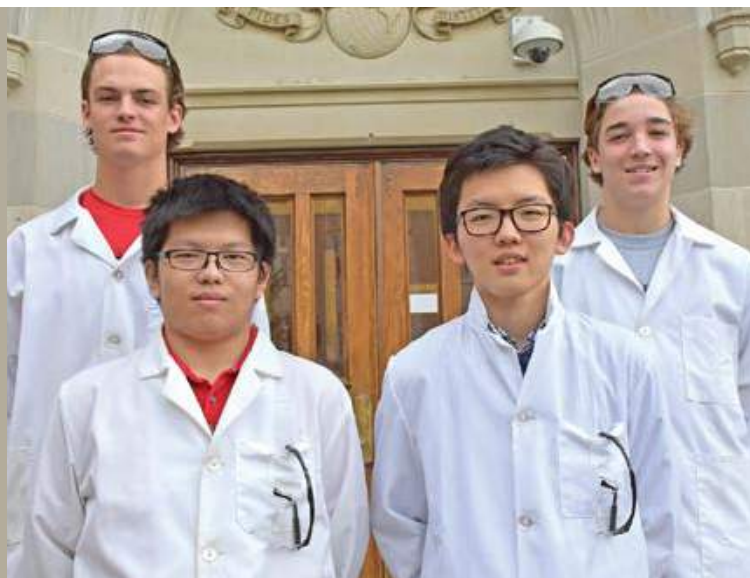
The Environmental Science classes traveled to Fordham University's Calder Center for Biological Studies this October for a full day field trip. Mr. Ford's classes met with the faculty and staff at the Calder Center, learned about its history and areas of research, and then engaged in a variety of field activities. In addition to touring labs and outdoor study sites the students collected mosquito larvae, significant in research on the West Nile virus. They also sampled woodland areas for deer ticks, important vectors for Lyme Disease.

The Calder Center studies many aspects of Urban Ecology and is the only full time ecological research station in the New York metropolitan area. The Center's director, Dr. Thomas Daniels, described how the Center's research is helping us understand the nature of environmental diseases and investigating ways to manage them. Accompanying the classes was Mr. Gualtiere, a Fordham grad.



Partners in Science

This fall, seniors (l-r): **AJ Valus, Haoxiang Zhang, Bowen Chen** and **Chris Duffy** participated in a five-week after school seminar series at the Research and Development facilities of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and the Duracell Corporation. As participants, they gained an insider's view of how leading corporations depend on scientists from the biological, chemical, and computer science fields in order to solve challenging problems confronting society. Each seminar session involved a lecture presentation by leading scientists, as well as a tour of lab and research and development facilities. The two-phase program introduces high school students and teachers to the world of drug discovery and leading-edge pharmaceutical research.



A dream come true

“Someone believed in me enough to invest financially in my future.”



Taken from a speech given by **Donnel Delva '19**, pictured second from left with Fr. Simisky, S.J., brother, **Carl '20**, and father, Lemane, at the President's Dinner on Nov. 4, 2017.

I was born in Bridgeport and have lived there all my life. I attended Bryant Elementary School, a place most dear to my heart. I later attended James J. Curiale Middle School.

I really enjoyed my time in middle school because I became more independent with my parents' guidance.

I love my parents. What my parents did and still do is completely remarkable. They are Haitian immigrants and have become American citizens. It's never been easy for them and I thank God for bringing them through many tribulations.

My dad is the breadwinner. My mom struggles with mental illness. Her leg has a metal rod in it from a broken leg injury and that doesn't make things any easier.

My dad leaves for work at 5 a.m. and returns around 4 p.m. Despite my mom's mental and physical challenges, she makes sure we eat breakfast, finds ties to match our shirts, drives us to school, cooks dinner, and makes sure we get to bed on time.

I give God all the credit and really appreciate what my parents do for me. They never make me feel like I am obligated to repay them but I always give my best effort. They've taught me the focal point of my life right now is my education.

I've always dreamt of attending a school that would inspire and propel me to reach my maximum potential, both in and out of the classroom. Fairfield Prep was my dream school. However attending Prep was literally a dream because my family could not afford the tuition.

As a Jesuit school, Prep's mission focuses on transforming young men who will “go forth and set the world on fire” for the greater glory of God. Prep would not only prepare me academically but would be a place where I could serve the greater good.

My dream became a reality when I opened my envelope from the admissions office. Someone believed in me enough to invest financially in my future. Someone's generosity — maybe yours — paid for 90% of my tuition.

My first day, when I got dropped off, I was so nervous I didn't even notice I was walking. I entered a whole new world. The majority of the people did not look like me. In the parking lot

were cars that I've only seen as prizes on *Wheel of Fortune*.

Over time my nervousness was replaced with confidence and security. My classmates are no longer strangers. They are now my Brothers — regardless of the differences in our looks and backgrounds.

Now when I look at the cars in the parking lot I see my future self. I see a future

where I will own cars like those someday.

As I stand before you this evening, I represent my school with the utmost pride. I'm not just Donnel, but a man with a purpose and a reputation to sustain. I'm not just the child of immigrants, but a man of intellectual competence. No longer am I confined and relegated to “my place” in society, because I'm a man of conscience. Prep has taught me to live the *Magis*. I am now a man who has compassion for others. I pledge to take what I've learned at Prep beyond the mere scope of my environment because I am now a man committed to justice in our global society.

I never expected the puzzle pieces of my life to fall so perfectly into place. There is no way that I could ever thank you enough for your generosity and for the extraordinary good you have done. But, I promise that with my Prep education and well-rounded experiences, I will one day sit in your seat, listening proudly to a young man whose education I have contributed to at this same event.

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The Struggle Continues

Taken from a speech given by **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08**, Prep Social Studies teacher, keynote speaker at the Greater Bridgeport NAACP Freedom Funds Award Dinner on October 13, 2017

We live in a paradoxical country. Our times are best understood not as interesting, but as maddening and absurd. And perhaps they have always been such on this land, first occupied by Native Americans, then settled by subjects of a far-away monarch in the decades before we termed ourselves Americans. As a citizen of the United States, I take it as a holy obligation to know our history—and to criticize misrepresentations of our history.

A paradox: Thomas Jefferson, writer of the Declaration of Independence, enslaved 607 people. He described the peculiar institution of slavery as holding the wolf by the ear. We have inherited the wolf. This is the history I call forth. How will we make it through this thing? What must we know? That the weather of our America is defined by repetitions of ritualistic violence. That we must be vigilant, advocating for the protection of our fellow citizen's civil rights. What must we know? That race is America's original fiction but that racism is now and has been the order of the day, ever since the social construction of race centuries ago when administrative logics crafted and virtually perfected slave law.

I had the opportunity to spend this past summer at Jefferson's Monticello plantation, in Charlottesville, Virginia. Monticello was home to hundreds of enslaved Americans of African descent. My ancestors were enslaved there.

While in Charlottesville, I studied an oral history archive, the *Getting Word Project*, comprised of memories of descendants of Jefferson's enslaved community. One of these descendants, William Monroe Trotter, was a co-founder with W.E.B. Du Bois of the Niagara Movement, a forerunner of the NAACP.

Studying the *Getting Word Project* this summer, I came across the recollections of William Monroe Trotter's relatives. When I speak of Monticello's enslaved community, I speak in universal terms, just as Calvin Jefferson [one of the descendants I met] does: "Monticello is a small image of what has happened to the country as a whole." I am a descendant of enslaved peoples at Monticello, yes, but I am a descendant of peoples enslaved in other areas of Virginia, and through my father, I am a descendant of recent Irish immigrants, too. You and I are related in the pursuit of fulfilling the ideals bestowed upon us by the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Constitution. As the writer Lewis Lapham, says, "We must love our fellow citizens not because they are great or that they are good or famous, but because they are our fellow citizens."

Our struggle for recognition continues. Others corrupt our plain-as-fact statement that "black lives matter." Why do others corrupt our

message into "we hate America"? That is not our message. We love America, and so we criticize her. We are gathered here because we love her. We must always be critical, always, of this American experiment. And for good reason. The study of history affords us the knowledge that, while the moral arc of the universe might bend toward justice, it must be forcibly bent—bent by protest, by criticism, by men and women like you and me.

Nearly twenty years after being interviewed by the *Getting Word Project*, Calvin Jefferson has retired and relocated to a home in Virginia, just fifteen miles from Monticello, where I visited with him and his family this summer during a party in celebration of his son Julius' 49th birthday. Julius began researching history as a 10-year-old at his father's side. He attended Howard University, and thanks to those research skills honed in the archives next to his father, Julius became so adept that he is now a librarian at the Library of Congress, an institution founded by Thomas Jefferson.

Julius offers his counter memories to Jefferson's narrative of an America founded in freedom. "Jefferson was not a great man unto himself. He had unpaid, enslaved individuals who were extremely skilled and talented. And for the most part, they're all from the same families. These five to eight families from the beginning to the end."

After Calvin's cookout, two of Calvin's granddaughters visited with me at Tufton Farm, once owned by Thomas Jefferson, where our ancestors were enslaved. Calvin's littlest granddaughter, runs around the property chasing butterflies, demanding to be played with and thrown in the air. Her giggles can be heard across the valley. That beautiful, beautiful child. There's a fire in her belly and a story in her blood.

The currents of the past are alive within us today. Our struggle is an assurance that the past is brought to bear in the present, despite what either might hold. We are witnesses, we are here, and I love you. We are inheritors of an outrageous fortune.



Andrew was named a Robert H. Smith Fellow at the International Center for Jefferson Studies



Student Excellence

McMullen and Llewellyn are National Merit Commended

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce recognition of seniors **Alexander McMullen** and **Jack Llewellyn** who are Commended honorees in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The seniors are recognized based on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in their junior year. More than 3.5 million students from across the nation entered the competition by taking the test, and the Prep winners were selected based on placement in the top 5% in the highly competitive state of Connecticut.

Alexander McMullen has earned summa cum laude honors recognition every year, achieving a 4.16 GPA. He has taken the most rigorous courses offered at Prep, and is the recipient of the prestigious Harvard Club Book Award, given at this year's National Honor Society ceremony. He is a Governor's Scholar semi-finalist and speaks fluent Spanish. Alex has an excellent work ethic, and successfully balances academics, sports, student government, choir, community service, theater, and music. He is president of Prep's Student Government and the multicultural organization ASPIRA, sings with the Encords acappella group, is a member of the Prep Players, is an accomplished pianist and has been a member of Prep's swimming and tennis teams. Alex volunteers with the Bridgeport KEYS service



L-r: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, **Alexander McMullen**, **Jack Llewellyn** and President Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J.

organization, teaching children piano. He has also served in the Prep Peer Tutor program. Alexander has an amazing voice, and often sings the national anthem before Prep's major sporting events. Always upbeat and positive, Alex welcomes new experiences and learning opportunities.

John (Jack) Llewellyn is truly a young scholar and intellectual, earning summa cum laude honors every year, and recognized with the Xerox Award sponsored by the University of Rochester, given at this year's National Honor Society ceremony. Jack has taken the strongest course of study offered at Prep and has achieved a 4.03 GPA. Additionally he has taken college courses online, including Multi-variable Calculus, and expanded his learning

through summer internships. Jack is a leader on Prep's Math Team and Robotics Team, an athlete, a dedicated member of Prep's Campus Ministry program, an innovator who initiated Prep's Engineering Club this year, and a young man very much dedicated to service. Jack has volunteered in the community teaching robotics to children at both the Cardinal Shehan Center and McGivney Center in Bridgeport. He is a true team player in all that he does, sharing his abilities with others in Prep's Peer Tutor program and excelling in collaborative work through Prep's Science Fair Club, Robotics Club and Math Team.



Ethics Bowl team advances to nationals

The Philosophy Club won the third annual Manhattanville College Ethics Bowl Competition on February 3. Competing against a field of ten other teams, Prep went undefeated in the preliminary rounds en route to a difficult semi-final match against Poughkeepsie High School. After narrowly advancing in the semis, Prep came back strong in the finals and edged out Thornton-Donovan High School for the top prize in the competition.

The National Ethics Bowl, sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill supports more than 30 regional competitions nationwide in order to narrow the field for their national competition each April. Students research and refine their arguments on moral issues that impact our society such as

driverless cars and gender roles in the workplace. Matches are judged based on both the validity and sound nature of a team's argument, as well as their ability to respond to hypothetical questions about their position.

Fairfield Prep's team was led by **Ian Greenawalt '18** and **Will Richards '19**, with strong contributions by **Michael Hoben '18**, **Owen Gannon '19**, **Finn Mangan '19**, and **Eric Ochsner '19**. Team Scribe **Lucas Hoin '19** kept detailed notes on each match in order to help the team refine their arguments in each round. The team will travel to North Carolina to compete on the national stage April 20-22, 2018. The moderators are Theology teacher **Kevin Kery '00** and Kathleen Jackson.

National Honor Society inducts new members, Seniors receive Book Awards



Fairfield Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the annual National Honor Society Awards Ceremony which was held on Oct. 4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fairfield. New members were inducted in the National Honor Society and seniors received special Book Awards, recognizing their outstanding school performance and leadership in key subject areas. Additionally, students were recognized for honors awards for the 2016-17 school year.

Drew Newcomb honored as Mr. Shamrock 2018

Drew Newcomb '18 is a young man of outstanding character and achievement. He will graduate with highest honors as a member of the National Honor Society having taken the strongest course of study offered at Prep. Drew has been a four-year Cross Country and Track athlete, and served as captain of the Cross Country team in senior year when he was recognized on the SCC Second Team. Drew's leadership extends beyond athletics as he has served as Vice President of Student Government in senior year and has assisted underclassmen as a peer tutor. Drew has participated in Prep's Jazz Band, is a member of Prep's Irish Cultural Club and has committed to serve the local community in volunteering at the Meadowbrook Farms senior living community in Trumbull. Character and determination describe Drew well on and off campus, and he has achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Drew will receive a Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day scholarship award. He will attend Duke University in the fall.



John Mancini nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

John Mancini '18 has been nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Students chosen as Presidential Scholars receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June and are presented the U.S.



Presidential Scholars medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House, in commemoration of their achievements. During their visit, Scholars have access to important national and international figures, including government officials, educators, authors, musicians, scientists and other accomplished people. Scholars are provided opportunities to: wrestle with issues that concern America and the world; attend recitals, receptions and ceremonies held in their honor; and visit area museums and monuments. Finalists will be announced in May.

SPORTS

FALL 2017



Football returns to the playoffs

The Fairfield Prep football team had a very successful 2017 campaign finishing with an 8-2 regular season record and qualifying for the 8 team CIAC Class LL state tournament. The Jesuits opened the season with a 29-12 road victory over rival Notre Dame West Haven and closed out the regular season with a thrilling 21-14 win over West Haven on Thanksgiving Day in front of a packed Rafferty Stadium. A 35-7 victory over Xavier High School was the first win over the Falcons since 2013 and highlighted a mid-season 5 game win streak for the Jesuits. The Jesuits ultimately fell to Greenwich High School in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

The Prep team was led all season long by captains **Matt Trez**, **William Stenz** (29 tackles, 1 INT), **Justin Keith** (512 all-purpose yards, 7 rushing TD's, 45 tackles and 1 forced fumble) and **Anthony Mastroni** (260 rushing yards for 5 TD's, 77 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery for TD). **Mastroni** was named CHSCA Class LL All-State Defense and All-SCC Division 1 Defense for his efforts. **Keith**, in addition to seniors **Tairece Somers** (30 tackles, 1 INT for TD) and **Thomas Donohue** (55 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 1 safety) were also named All-SCC Division 1 Defense. Prep's defense was key to their success this year allowing only 16.2 points per game during the regular season.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Jesuits were led by senior quarterback **Will Lucas**. **Lucas** passed for 608 yards and 7 touchdowns and also rushed for 471 yards and 3 touchdowns. When **Lucas** missed some time due to injury, sophomore quarterback **JP Iarapoli** stepped in and threw for 300 yards and 3 touchdowns. Likewise, when junior running back **Doug Harrison**



(305 rushing yards, 3 TD's) went down with an injury after the opening two games, junior running back **Connor Boyle** stepped in and rushed for 394 yards and 4 touchdowns. **Boyle**, **Mastroni**, **Keith** and sophomore **Sean Nelson** (143 rushing yards, 2 TD's) would share carries the remainder of the season for the Jesuits powerful running game. At wide receiver, **Phillip DeJesus** led the Jesuits with 18 receptions, 446 all-purpose yards and 3 touchdown catches. Senior **Chris Duffy** added 9 catches for 132 yards and 2 touchdowns, while also adding 175 yards in kick returns. Junior wide receiver **Finn Duran** caught 16 passes for 305 yards and 5 touchdowns and also added 280 kick return yards.

For special teams, senior kicker **Henry Boot** was solid all season connecting on 2 field goals with a long of 31 yards and also converting on 25 extra points. **Boot** also added 626 yards worth of kick offs. Punter **Bruno Perlicki** had 31 punts for 1,226 yards, dropping 15 punts inside the opponent's 20 yard line.

Head coach Keith Hellstern completed his third season (19-12) as the head coach of the Jesuits and will head into next fall with a strong crop of underclassmen who will look to build on the success of the 2017 season and compete in the challenging SCC Tier 1.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team had a memorable 2017 fall in which they advanced as a team to the New England and Northeast Championships while setting many individual records along the way. In regular season SCC meets the Jesuits were 7-1, coming up just short against Xavier High School in the final meeting. Senior **Drew Thompson** was the star athlete this season, coming in first place in the four regional championship meets (SCC, Class LL, State Open, New England Championships). Freshman **Azaan Dawson** was the second top runner. Seniors **Drew Newcomb** and **Mackinnon Sheldon**, along with juniors **Edward Tristine**, **Ian Cipollaro** and **Romel Plaza**, were among the top runners on the team.

The Jesuits finished 5th overall in the CIAC Class LL Championship, followed by a 4th place finish at the State Open. The Jesuits continued to have team success with a 7th place finish at the New England Championships. **Thompson, Sheldon, Dawson, Tristine** and **Newcomb** all placed in the event helping the Jesuits finish inside the top 10 schools in all of New England.

The final team event of the season came as the Jesuits competed in the Northeast Championships featuring runners from states across the east coast. Thompson finished 7th out of 180 runners and qualified for the Footlocker National Championship in San Diego. Thompson would later finish 8th in the Footlocker Championship earning him All-American honors.



CROSS COUNTRY HONORS

- **DREW THOMPSON '18**
1st place New England Championship, 1st place Class LL Championship, State Open; All-State, All-SCC First Team, SCC Runner of the Year, All-American, News12 Scholar Athlete, Gatorade Player of the Year
- **AAZAN DAWSON '21**
All-State, All-SCC First Team
- **DREW NEWCOMB '18**
All-SCC Second Team
- **EDWARD TRISTINE '19**
All-SCC Second Team

CREW

The Head of the Charles is the premier fall rowing event in the world. Prep's 1st Varsity 8+ took on 84 of the best teams from across the US, Germany, England and Canada. The crew took in a Mass and breakfast for all of the Jesuit schools participating in the regatta including 164 coaches and athletes from around the country. Under perfect conditions course records were shattered with the winning time from St. Paul's school (England) beating the course record by :38. Needing to finish in the top 50% of the field, Prep stormed down the course in 15:34.067, their fastest ever. This crew accomplished what no crew for Prep has been able to up until now and were able to secure a spot in next year's regatta. All signs point to another excellent spring campaign in the NEIRA league.



Pictured: cox **Chris Massaro '18**, **Jimmy Brady '19**, **Nick Stachurski '18**, **Erik Spinka '19**, **Billy Duffy '18**, **Derek Grabe '18**, **Will Short '18**, **Robert Dolcetti '19**, **Evan Bean '19**



SAILING

The sailing team wrapped up their fall season at the Pequot Yacht Club and used the great fall weather to improve their skills. Prep went to four regattas in Connecticut and Massachusetts. **Chase Reynolds** and **James Paul** attended the High School Nationals qualifier at the Norwalk Yacht Club where **James** finished in fourth place in the Radial division while **Chase** finished fifth in the full rig division. The Jesuits also attended a regatta hosted by Taft School where the Prep sailors had great success. **Chase Reynolds** and **Sean Sullivan** finished first while **Jack Solway** and **Dylan Allman** finished in third. The Jesuit sailors practiced their fleet and team racing styles, and developed strategies in the sailing classroom that they plan to use this spring.

SOCCER

The soccer team completed a successful campaign this fall in which they won the SCC Hammonasset regular season divisional title, advanced to the SCC tournament championship game and earned a top 10 seed in the CIAC Class LL tournament. The regular season was highlighted by wins over out-of-state rivals St. Anthony's (LI) and Boston College High School. In league, the Jesuits secured wins over rivals Shelton and Xavier High School en route to a 10-2-4 regular season record that earned them the #4 seed in the SCC tournament. After defeating Career High School and Branford High School in the opening two rounds, the Jesuits ultimately fell to Daniel Hand in the SCC Championship game. The Jesuits were then upset in the opening round of the CIAC Tournament and finished the season with a 12-4-4 record.

Junior forward **Axel Whamond** paced the team with 25 goals, followed by senior **Matt Chiota** with 7 goals. Junior **Luke Finnegan** and senior **Jamie Mitchell** played strong defense, while juniors **Ross Keblish**,

James Finnerty, and seniors **John Starrett**, **Kevin Oricoli** and **Jae Stuhlman** controlled the midfield for Prep. Seniors **Jonah Melton**, **John Gribus**, **Brian Donahue**, **Jack Meszaros** and **Jack Auray** led the team's defense. In the goal, senior **Everett Lyons** was a constant all season for the Jesuits.

Head Coach Ryan Lyddy reached an important milestone recording his 100th win in an early season victory over West Haven.



SOCCER HONORS

- **AXEL WHAMOND '19**
All-SCC First Team; 25 goals, 3 assists
- **JAMES FINNERTY '19**
All-SCC Hammonasset
- **JONAH MELTON '18**
All-SCC Second Team; 3 goals, 2 assists
- **EVERETT LYONS '18**
SCC Hammonasset Division

Scholar Athletes



Pictured from left: **Grant Purpura, Dan Fallacaro, Joe Mancini, Will Lucas and Alexey Linsenmeyer**

Baseball players commit to college

The Fairfield Prep baseball team is sending off five of its members to play at the next level as Grant Purpura, Daniel Fallacaro, Joseph Mancini, Will Lucas and Alexey Linsenmeyer all committed to play college baseball.

Grant Purpura '18 has committed to play baseball at Drew University next season. Purpura was named the Fairfield Prep Junior Varsity team MVP and the Stamford American Legion Pitcher of the Year. Purpura was a member of the 19U American Legion State Championship team as well. At Prep, Purpura is a member of the Wiffle Ball, Ping Pong and Business clubs. Purpura volunteers at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club and is a youth basketball coach in Stamford as well.

Daniel Fallacaro '18 has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Sacred Heart University. Fallacaro, who plays catcher for the Jesuits, received the 2017 Most Improved Player award from Head Coach Rudy Mauritz. Fallacaro was key on both offense and defense during the Jesuits 2017 playoff run in both the SCC and CIAC playoffs. Fallacaro has been very involved around Prep leading the freshman retreat as a junior as well as leading the Urban Plunge service retreat this fall. In addition, Fallacaro has participated in the Wiffle Ball club while volunteering at the Cardinal Shehan Center.

Joseph Mancini '18 signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Boston College. Mancini has been a starter for the Jesuits since his sophomore season and is also a member of Fairfield Prep's hockey program. Mancini played a key role in the Jesuits' run to the SCC Championship and Class LL quarterfinal run, and was named to the CT Junior All Star team. Mancini who plays a number of positions for the Jesuits recorded a 0.0 ERA his sophomore year as a pitcher. In addition to his on the field accolades Mancini volunteers at Operation Hope in Fairfield and has served at the ALS Angels Children's Charity.

Will Lucas '18 signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at University of Connecticut after completing a junior season at Prep in which he was named All-SCC and All-State. For the season, the shortstop and pitcher batted .429 and helped the Jesuits reach the SCC tournament championship game as well as reaching the Class LL quarterfinals. Lucas is currently playing quarterback for the Prep football team and was a key member of the Fairfield American Little League team that won the 13 and under and 14 and under national championship. Lucas volunteers at the Cardinal Shehan Center as well as the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club.

Alexey Linsenmeyer '18 signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the University of Maine. Linsenmeyer has been in the Jesuits rotation as a

pitcher since his sophomore year and played an important role in the Jesuits SCC tournament championship game appearance as well as the run to the Class LL quarterfinals. During the off-season Linsenmeyer has been named to the "Perfect Game" All Tournament team four times. At Prep Linsenmeyer is a member of the Latin Classics Society club. Alexey has volunteered at the Cardinal Shehan Center for the past three years.

Drew Newcomb and Chris Massaro recognized as SCC Scholar Athletes

Drew Newcomb and Chris Massaro were selected as the Southern Connecticut Conference's Scholar Athletes for the fall season.



Drew Newcomb '18 is a four-year member of the Cross Country team as well as a captain this season. Drew also participates as a member of the Indoor and Outdoor track teams at Prep. In the classroom Drew is a 4.0 Magna Cum Laude student. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is the Vice President of the Student Government. Newcomb also participates in the Prep Jazz Band "Jazzuits" and is a member of the Irish Club. Outside of Prep Drew is a Boy Scout who is finishing his Eagle Scout Project. For his service work Drew volunteers at the Middlebrook Farms senior living community in Trumbull.



Chris Massaro '18 is a four-year member of the Crew team at Prep serving as the teams coxswain. As a coxswain Chris is responsible for managing his boat on and off the water, implementing instruction from his coaches and correcting the technique of his crew. Chris has been coxswain of Prep's 3rd Varsity 8 that has won the fall New England Championships two years in a row. In the classroom Chris is a 3.85 Magna Cum Laude student and a member of the schools National Honor Society. Masarro is a Freshman Retreat, Appalachia and Kairos group leader as well as a member of the Environmental and Fairfield Connection Club. Chris volunteers at the St. Joseph senior center in Trumbull for his community service.

FOOTBALL

Robert Haskins signs NLI to University of Virginia



Fairfield Prep alumnus **Robert Haskins '17** signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his football and academic career at the University of Virginia. Haskins enrolled at Virginia in January 2018. Haskins graduated from Fairfield Prep this past spring as a decorated student athlete. Haskins was named All-SCC Tier 1 at the tight end position his senior year. During his time at

Prep, Haskins received the News 12 Scholar Athlete Award, CIAC Scholar Athlete Award and National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award for the New Haven County Chapter. Haskins was also awarded the Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, S.J., Leadership Award. During his senior year Haskins caught 29 passes for 354 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also had 29 tackles, 3 sacks and 3 blocked punts on defense for the Prep football team. Haskins was also a key member of the Fairfield Prep basketball team that won the CIAC Class LL State Championship his sophomore season. Playing power forward and center, Haskins then helped his team to an SCC Tournament Championship and CIAC tournament semifinal appearance his junior year. In the classroom, Haskins was a Magna Cum Laude student and a member of the National Honor Society. Haskins was involved in Student Government and was the class Vice President his senior year. Haskins volunteered at the Cardinal Shehan Center coaching youth basketball.

FOOTBALL

Anthony Mastroni commits to Brown University



Anthony Mastroni '18 has committed to play football next year for the Brown University Bears. Mastroni, a native of Monroe and a captain for the Jesuits, completed a decorated senior season at Prep in which he was named All-SCC and CHSCA (Connecticut High School Coaches Association) All-State. Mastroni rushed for 260 yards and 5 touchdowns on offense this season

while also notching 72 tackles, 2 sacks and a 99-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown on defense. Mastroni is also a member of the Fairfield Prep basketball team. In the classroom Anthony is a Cum Laude honor student and has participated in community service projects at the Lighthouse Program, Dribble Drive Basketball and the Masonicare Assisted Living Center in Newtown.

FOOTBALL

Austin Valus named National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete



Austin "AJ" Valus '18 has been recognized by the National Football Foundation as a Scholar Athlete. AJ is an outstanding student having achieved Magna Cum Laude honors and Summa Cum Laude honors in senior year. AJ is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a peer tutor. He is diligent, focused and motivated, qualities which have allowed

him to excel in the classroom and on Prep's athletic fields as he has balanced his outstanding academic efforts well with two varsity sports, baseball and football. In football, AJ has been a two year starter and one of Prep's leading defenders. Additionally, AJ has invested his talent and interests as a member of Prep's Wind Ensemble and Business Club. He has served as a freshman retreat leader for his junior and senior years, while volunteering through the American Legion, West River Care Center and by his participation in a summer service trip to Appalachia.

BASKETBALL

Patrick Harding commits to Bryant University



Fairfield Prep alumnus **Patrick Harding '17** signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his basketball career at Bryant University. Harding was a four year member of Fairfield Prep's varsity basketball team that achieved great success during his years at Prep. As a sophomore, Harding was a key member of Prep's team as they made their post season run, scoring 13 points in

Prep's state championship win over Westhill High School. Harding continued to be a staple for Prep during their Class LL semi-final run his junior year and as a captain during the team's quarterfinal run his senior year. After his junior season Harding was named MSG Varsity Connecticut All Connecticut Second Team, CT High School Coaches Association Class LL All-State 2nd Team, SCC All-Quinnipiac Division and Hearst Connecticut Media Super 15 Boys Basketball All-Star. His senior year honors include: All SCC-First Team, CHSCA First Team All-State, New Haven Register All-State and Hearst Connecticut Media Super 15 Boys Basketball All-Star. During his time at Prep Harding volunteered at the Cardinal Shehan Center working with the youth program.

SOCCER

Everett Lyons commits to Trinity College



Everett Lyons '18 has committed to play soccer at Trinity College next year. Lyons played goalkeeper for the Jesuits and was a team captain. This past fall, Lyons helped lead the Jesuits to an SCC Hammonasset Divisional title and an SCC Tournament Championship game appearance. Lyons was named All-SCC Hammonasset division for his efforts. Lyons

is also the goalkeeper for the Revolution United FC soccer team that won a club state championship in 2015. In the classroom Everett is a Magna Cum Laude student, peer tutor and a member of the National Honor Society. He was awarded the Spanish Language Honor and the Donate Life Visual Arts Award. Lyons is also a violinist and a four year member of the Fairfield Prep Symphonic Orchestra. For his service work, Lyons volunteers at the Bridgeport KEYS program where he teaches youth how to play string instruments.

SWIMMING

Oliver Rus commits to University of Virginia



Swim team captain **Oliver Rus '18** signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his swimming career at the University of Virginia. Rus has had one of the most decorated swim careers at Prep through his first three years on the team. This past season he was named All-American, All-State, All-SCC and State Open Champion in three events: 100 Breaststroke, 100

Freestyle and 200 Medley Relay. In addition, he set the State Open record in the 100 Breaststroke and set a school record in the 100 Breaststroke and 200 Medley Relay. In 2016, Rus was also named All State in 100 Breaststroke and 200 Medley Relay. In addition to his accomplishments for the Fairfield Prep swim team, Rus also swims for the Darien YMCA Piranha swim team where he was the 2017 USA Swimming Northeast Sectional Champion in the 100 Breaststroke. Outside of the pool, Rus volunteers at the Waveny Care Center where he works with senior citizens and also volunteers at the Darien YMCA Special Needs Program. At Prep, Rus is an Altar Server in the Prep Campus Ministry program and also plays the drums and sings in the choir at St. Phillip Church.

MEN FOR OTHERS



Habitat for Humanity

Prep students helped build housing in Bridgeport with Habitat for Humanity. Pictured from left: **Bowen Li '20**; **Peter Francini '00** (Guidance Counselor); Sarah Stanley (Director of Christian Service); **Declan O'Donnell '19**; **Hayden Beiser '19**; **Haonan Yu '20**; **Nicholas Magrone '19**; Mr. John Magrone (Parent); **William Giangrande '19**; **Xiting Zhang '20**.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Prep food drive, "The Souper Bowl of Caring," to benefit the Blessed Sacrament Church Food Pantry of Bridgeport, CT. Pastor and Prep Alumnus **Fr. Skip Karcsinski '70** gratefully accepted huge food donations.



Urban Plunge

In the fall, students participated in our annual Urban Plunge Retreat Experiences during which they spend three days learning from and serving with organizations in Bridgeport. Our students focus on discussing pressing justice issues like finding affordable housing alongside daily volunteering at organizations like Merton House that serve those experiencing homelessness.



Lion Heart

The Swimming and Diving team participated with all the SCC league teams in the Lion Heart Cancer fundraiser again this year. The Prep students raised \$5,600 to support the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven and the Yale Cancer Center by endowing breast cancer research grants.



Immokalee, Florida

Students spent February vacation week in Immokalee, FL, serving others and immersing themselves in the local culture. Pictured are the students volunteering at Guadalupe Social Services bagging rice for the food pantry.

Coat Drive

Prep's Foreign Language Department collected more than 600 coats, hats and gloves for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, which serves the homeless community.



Godspeed Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J.

A Generous Spirit

When I think of Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., one word comes to mind — generosity. Since 2008, when he arrived as a regent, Fr. Stockdale has given generously of his time, talent and faith to the Fairfield Prep Community.

Fr. Stockdale began as a teacher in the history and theology departments while helping with Campus Ministry. He became a fixture in the classroom and at many Prep events.

One of his accomplishments was reshaping our sophomore retreat. It has grown from a once a year event to twice a year — doubling participation. Thanks to him we have a student athletic chaplain program, a Confirmation/RCIA program, and are able to offer our students spiritual direction.

Following his priestly ordination in June 2013, Fr. Stockdale, S.J., has enhanced the sacramental life at Prep.



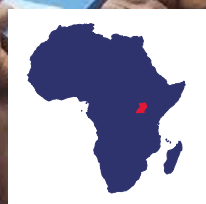
Fr. Stockdale, S.J., with Prep students at the 2017 World Youth Day in Poland

He has bolstered our student liturgical ministry program making them more reverent and purposeful.

Fr. Stockdale, S.J., has always been a trusted friend. His dedication to Campus Ministry and Prep for almost 10 years is a true testament to his generous spirit. He

is a great example of what it means to be a “Man for Others.” Fr. Stockdale, you will be missed. Godspeed in your next Jesuit assignment!

By Elliott Gualtiere, P'21, Director of Campus Ministry



UGANDA



Henry Boot '18

A Prep family changes lives

After a milestone birthday, one Fairfield Prep mother realized a need to create a lasting, positive imprint on the world. This desire caused Marie-Antoinette Boot to raise the money necessary to build a well in a small, impoverished African village. Boot donated the money for Innovation Africa, a nonprofit that delivers solar and water technologies to impoverished areas, to build a solar-powered well. Prior to this, villagers got their water from a muddy watering hole. When Boot visited Nabweye last year to celebrate the well, she learned the village was also in need of a medical center. Upon discovering the estimated cost, she turned to Innovation Africa again. **Henry Boot**, Marie's son and a senior at Fairfield Prep, organized more than one fund-raiser. The total amount raised, about \$52,000, was used to buy desks and



supplies for the village school.

The medical center, consisting of completely state-of-the-art facilities, will serve not only Nabweye but surrounding communities as well. The installation of this medical center has had a profound effect on everyone in the village, from those suffering life-threatening diseases

to expecting mothers, who die too often as a result of the lack of health care.

The Boot family is confident that the money raised will not go to waste. With confirmation from the Ugandan minister and support from Innovation Africa, the village will see the long-term effects of the well and the medical center for years to come. In hopes to raise awareness around the need for actions like these, Wilton filmmaker Megan Smith-Harris is producing a documentary titled *The Forgotten People*, intended for a national audience. The extraordinary work of one Prep family can inspire millions of others if heard properly. "If you can get 400 people to donate \$100 each, you can build a well in Africa," Boot said. "It's not so much for us, but it is life-changing for the people."

Source: Wilton Bulletin

Marie-Antoinette and Henry Boot (pictured above) were recognized as Wilton Magazine's Top 25 individuals in 2017 for their inspiring work in Africa.



A Prep Chinese New Year

Prep students engage in cultural exchange

In honor of the Chinese New Year, members of Fairfield Prep's international study body held a cultural exchange event in Brissette Gym on Feb. 13. Students sampled food, tasted Chinese tea, answered trivia questions about the Chinese New Year, and learned how to write Chinese characters on rice paper. Chinese students entertained the guests by performing traditional music with authentic string and wind instruments. The enrichment event is part of Prep's effort to foster global education and was meant to mirror a typical Spring Festival in China. The event was sponsored by International Student Advisor Lina Gallinelli with assistance by AIEP (international education) host families.



Hongxuan "Thomas" Du '19



Chenhao "Barry" Li '19



Moms

The Bellarmine Guild offered many great events for mothers to get involved, starting the year with the Welcome Coffee, followed by the Mother-Son Fall Event, Mothers' Social at Patterson Club, Monthly Rosary, Mother-Son Service Projects, and a tour of the Yale Museum for British Art. Mothers from each class at Prep also host special Staff Appreciation meals throughout the year!

**Bellarmino
Yale Art
Museum
Tour**



**Bellarmino
Welcome
Coffee**



**Rosary
Meeting**



**Staff Appreciation
Lunch**

Dads

The Prep Fathers' Club kicked off the school year with the annual Welcome Back BBQ in the Quad, and hosted several other events: a College Financial Planning night for parents, a Fathers' Social at Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock, and the Father-Son Communion Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday. Moms and dads were also invited to the annual Parents Christmas Party for fun and festivities.



Enjoying the Parents Christmas Party



Father
& Son
Mass



Welcome Back BBQ in the Quad



Siblings

Starting Early!

6-year-old Declan Dubroskey (big brother **Ethan '20**) built his own Fairfield Prep pinewood derby car for Tiger Cub Scouts. He came in 2nd place and won Most School Spirit in the district! The license plate of course was 2028 (Declan's Prep graduation year!) #PrepPride

Grandparents

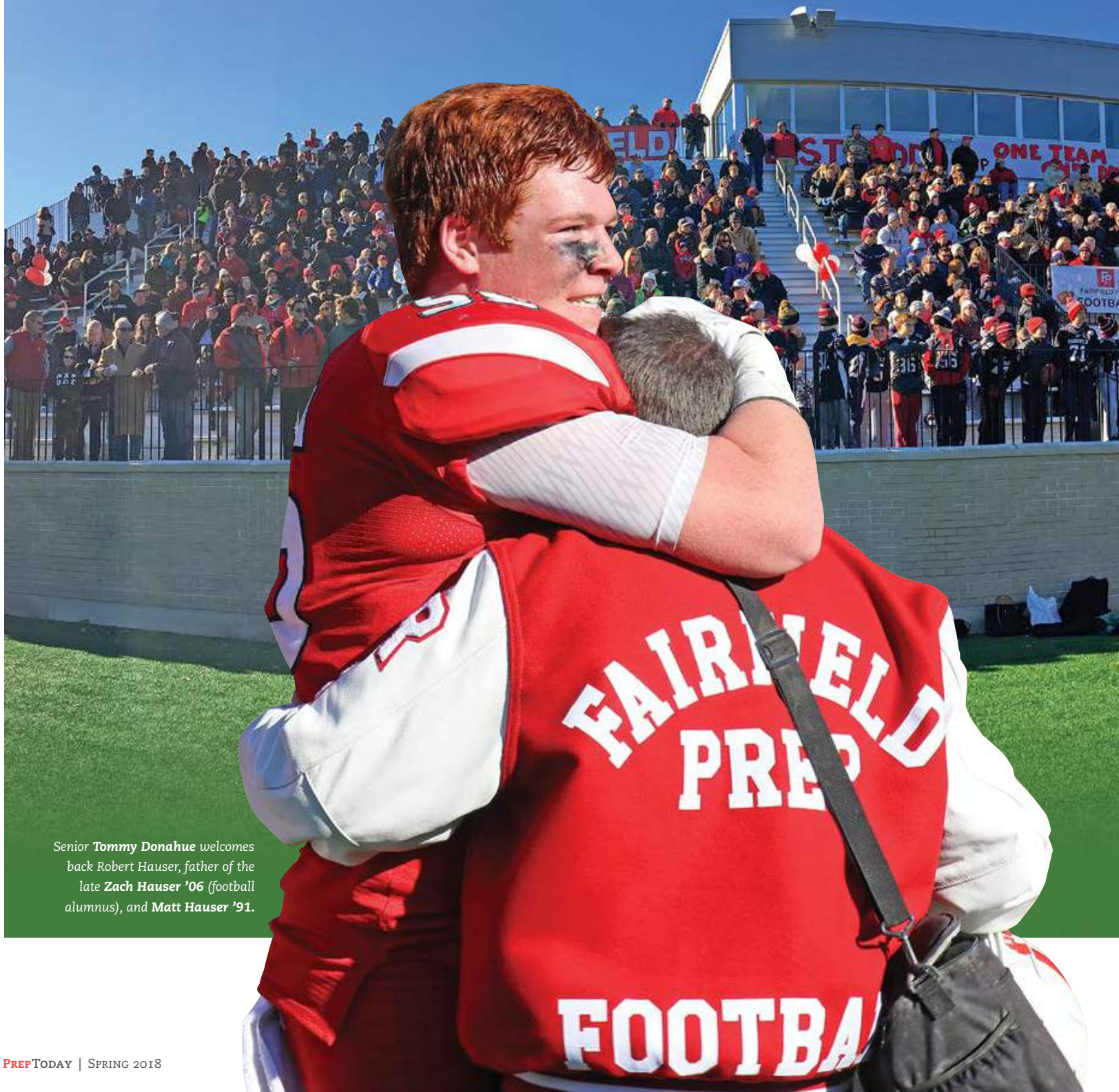
Mass & Breakfast

More than 240 freshmen and their grandparents enjoyed a special morning together on Oct. 5 during Fairfield Prep's annual Grandparents Day. A breakfast buffet in the Student Life Center was followed by a short speech by President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. Photos were taken, and grandparents received a Prep Christmas ornament. Mass was celebrated with liturgical music provided by Prep students.

From Left: **Matthew Hansen** and **John Whealn '87** (Uncle); **Richard Kral** and **Richard Kral '57**; **Maclin Berry** and **Dr. Jim Roach '50**; **Harry Hill '58** and **Christopher Hill**.



Welcome Home



Senior **Tommy Donahue** welcomes back Robert Hauser, father of the late **Zach Hauser '06** (football alumnus), and **Matt Hauser '91**.

Alumni!



Before and After

The Prep Community literally filled the stands of Rafferty Stadium on Thanksgiving, with an amazing turnout from alumni!

Following his 50th Reunion Weekend at Prep last June, **John Lawn '67** sent an original photo of the Class of '67 bleachers, including **Bobby Sheldon, Joe DeAngelo, Richard Horodeck** and others. He writes that almost all of this part of the bleachers were members of his class.

1940s

Earle Cote '46 (right) will be the recipient of The Kruger Award from Georgetown University Dental School, to be presented in Washington, D.C. on June 2, 2018.



1950s

Eugene J. W. Ervin '55 lives in Santa Cruz, CA, and maintains his health doing Internal Gong Fu exercises and karate. He works each day helping the disabled community by leasing a Paratransit Cab and transporting wheelchair-bound clients to and from schools, hospitals, rest homes and homeless shelters.

Michael McCarthy '59, a professor emeritus of philosophy at Vassar College, recently published his sixth book, *Toward a catholic Christianity*. See Entrepreneurs on page 51.

Robert J. Neuberger '52 and his wife Barbara celebrated their 40th anniversary over the 2017 Labor Day weekend.

Albert M. Parillo '52 just published his second novel, *Potter Hill*. He is also the author of *Giuliana's Way*, an accomplished painter, and lives in New Jersey with his wife.

1960s



Edward J. Krygier Jr. '60 (shown center with **Joe McBride '80** and **Nick Perna '60**) received the Latin Scholars Award at the annual lunch in December for his outstanding volunteer work in the community. Ed organizes preparing and serving meals with fellow alumni at Columbus House in New Haven (shown below) as well as Merton House in Bridgeport.



On August 1, 2017, Judge **Jerome J. Niedermeier '61** received the Founders Award presented by the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA) at its annual convention in Chicago. The FMJA Founders Award is the most prestigious honor the FMJA bestows, and is presented to those who have made valuable and lasting contributions to the Magistrate Judges system of the United States Courts. Jerry served as a Magistrate Judge in Vermont from 1982-2009 and from 2010 to the present in Boston and Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

On November 7 **William F. O'Brien Jr '64** was elected as the 9th District councilman on the Stratford Town Council.

1970s

Peter J. Arsenault '72 is working as the Principal at Peter J. Arsenault, Architect in Greensboro, NC. Peter is a registered architect and sustainability consultant with 32 years of diversified experience. A 1977 graduate of Syracuse University, he earned degrees in both architecture and sociology with an emphasis on urban design and environmental planning. Since 1980, even before the term "green" architecture was popularized, he has focused his work on the principles of energy consciousness, environmental sensibility and sustainable design.



Bennett V. Boccuzzi '75, PhD, CAPT, USN retired from the Navy Reserve after 38 years of Active and Reserve service in the Navy Nurse Corps. After Graduation from College, he served 8 years of active duty, then transitioned to the Navy Reserve in 1987. He has held multiple leadership positions and was a facilitator of multiple Navy Leadership programs. His last position in the Navy Reserve was Commanding Officer of the Volunteer Training Unit at the Reserve Center in Naval District Washington, DC. He lives in the Washington, DC area with his wife Judy. He has 2 grown sons.



1980s

Timothy R. Bierman '87 rode his bike in the 15th Annual Buffalo Bicycle Classic on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, in Boulder, CO. He raised nearly \$1,500.00 for scholarships for students to attend University of Colorado - Boulder.



William M. Burke '83, an attorney practicing law in Fairfield center since 1991, was honored on Oct. 15 by the Democratic Town Committee (DTC). Burke was presented with the John J. Sullivan Public Service Award, given annually to a Democrat whom the DTC said has served the party and community "with distinction encompassing community service and sustained political activity and leadership."

William L. Coward '88 was married in 2014 to Kimberly. He has been working at Wells Fargo Bank for the last 13 years and was promoted to Senior Vice President. He is still playing lacrosse but his wheels are not what they used to be!

Michael Cromwell '84, Michael's daughter, Alex, and Prep Alum **Tim Ferguson '11**, met recently during Peace Corps training in Kampala, Uganda where they stumbled upon the Prep connection albeit a generation apart.



Joel F. Pleban '86 joined a team of 10 individuals from the OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) that traveled to Kenya in December 2017 to participate in a youth mentorship program at the St. Clement Orthodox School in Nairobi to help teens with life skills while sharing the Orthodox faith. The mission team also traveled to southern Kenya in the Kilimanjaro region and visited the orphanage of the Massai tribe to deliver food and offer spiritual greetings and prayers.



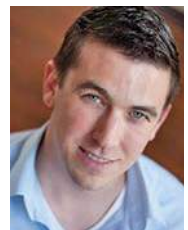
1990s

Gregory J. Bilotta '95 has recently started a new career with Home Team Marketing as their Director of Partnership Sales. He lives in Fairfield with his wife, Robyn, and two boys, Jack (11) and Sam (8).

Jason W. Breza '93 accepted a new position as an outside sales rep for Interstate + Lakeland Lumber, Greenwich, CT. It is a supplier of building products for residential new construction and remodeling.

James G. Fahey '97 was admitted as an Audit & Assurance Partner of Deloitte & Touche LLP in August 2017.

Trevor J. Fanning '95 (Prep faculty '00-'07, right) is thrilled to return to the Nutmeg State after 10 years teaching and working in Indiana to pursue his DMA in Choral Conducting at UCONN. Trevor will teach undergrad courses and act as the Director of the UCONN Men's Glee Club in addition to his own studies. He is excited to reconnect with friends, colleagues, and former students now that he's back in the area, and he looks forward to many exciting performance opportunities and scholastic endeavors during his doctoral studies.



Robert J. Gillon III '99, his wife Nicole, and their new baby Harry moved to Gulfport, Mississippi in the fall to be closer to Nicole's family.

John M. Reilly '90 (right) is an insurance broker with the John M. Glover Agency in Danbury, CT. He specializes in Workers Compensation and Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI). He lives in Redding, CT.



Friday, June 1 • Saturday, June 2 • Sunday, June 3

1968



50TH REUNION WEEKEND

Chris Swetckie '93 was named the South Carolina Arts Education Association Elementary Principal of the Year. Chris currently serves as the principal of Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School located near Charleston, South Carolina.

2000s

Timothy J. Benson '06 enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 2011. His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) is Aviation Logistics Information Management and Support Specialist. He maintains aircraft maintenance servers. Currently, he is serving as a Drill Instructor with 3rd Battalion, Kilo Company, training recruits to become United States Marines.



Alexander G. Bues '03 After spending two years in Durham, North Carolina and two years in Birmingham, Alabama, Alex and his family are happy to be moving back to CT. Alex, Katie, and Cece will be living in New Canaan and Alex recently accepted the position of Vice President, Head of Business Development at Balance Point Capital in Westport. They are looking forward to reconnecting with the Prep community soon.

Michael J. Fabbri '04 was named the 2017 Manhattan Rookie of the Year for Residential Sales at Corcoran's annual sales meeting and awards ceremony.



Dan Hodson '05 is pictured with his former Cross Country Coach Bob Ford Sr. at the White Coat Ceremony celebrating Dan's admission to Yale Medical School. Dan has served in Africa for many years with the Peace Corps, and made presentations to Prep classes about his work in world health.

Luis J. Pomales '08 is working at the Dallas Police Department as a Police Officer.



Stefan J. Tropas '06 was voted employee of the year by his peers at Design Group in Boxborough, MA. He was awarded a Chevy Camaro, driven in the Indy 500, to keep and drive for a couple of months. Pictured with his wife Amanda, and son Graham.



2010s

Stephen E. Cadoux '14 participated in an Ithaca College Summer Scholars program to gain insight into how alcohol affects the developing mind. Stephen worked with an Ithaca professor in a lab researching if adolescent rats coped with stress by consuming alcohol.

Patric Gerard '14 will be commissioned this May (as well as graduating college) as an Ensign in the United States Navy and has service selected and a Naval Aviator.

Remembering Tim McGillicuddy



Thomas (Tim) McGillicuddy, longtime teacher and administrator at Fairfield Prep, passed away peacefully on Jan. 4 at Bridgeport Hospital with his family by his side. He was 83. Born in Worcester, Mass., on May 6, 1934, McGillicuddy graduated from The College of the Holy Cross before beginning his more than 42-year career at Fairfield Prep. Joining the Prep community as a math teacher, McGillicuddy went on to serve as dean of men, principal, dean of discipline, guidance and college placement counselor and controller.

"Known to be tough but fair, he was respected by the boys at Prep and they knew they could count on him for assistance," according to an email sent to the Prep community. "He also had the distinction of being the first lay principal in the school's history, a post he held during the 1970s. More importantly, he was a friend, confidant and mentor to countless students, faculty and alumni of the school."

McGillicuddy's connections to Prep ran deep. He was the father of **Stephen T. McGillicuddy '77** and **Brian P. McGillicuddy '81**, grandfather of **Michael P. McGillicuddy '09**, and **Max T. McGillicuddy '20** and father-in-law of **Timothy J. Foley '81**. He was married for more than 59 years to the love of his life, Joan Costello McGillicuddy. They were Fairfield residents for more than 45 years.

In Memoriam

Christopher J. Baldino '85 on November 29, 2017. He was the brother of **Carmen M. Baldino '83**.

Christopher B. Bartmess '99 on December 31, 2017.

Thomas E. Bateman '66 on October 10, 2017.

Joseph E. Batt '50 on December, 14th 2017.

John F. Bigley Sr. '49, on February 13, 2018.

George H. Rooney '53, on January 5, 2018.

Patrick D. Bogan '56, on February 4, 2018.

Eileen Brown on July 24, 2017. She was the mother of **Dennis M. Brown '85** and **Stephen C. Brown '88**, grandmother of **James B. Brown '19** and companion of **John F. O'Connell '51**.

Harold Bruneau '76 on January 18, 2018.

Gerald J. Buckley '49 on September 6, 2017.

Mary Bujanauskas on December 28, 2017. She was the mother of **Paul Bujanauskas '82**.

Kathleen Caldaroni, on January 28, 2018. She was the mother of **Robert J. Caldaroni '82** and **Thomas C. Caldaroni '84**, she was the grandmother of **Matthew Wenger '20**.

Santa Card '53 on September 8, 2017.

William E. Carey, on January 23, 2018. He was the father of **Brian V. Carey '96** and **Matthew A. Carey '00**.

Robert Carlson on December 26th, 2017. He was the father of **Cob S. Carlson '71**.

Barbara Carroll on August 5, 2017. She was the sister of **Rev. Walter R. Pelletier S.J. '47** and the late **Donald W. Pelletier '51**, and the aunt of **Kevin T. Newall '80**, **Brian J. Newall '83**, and **Terrence P. Newall '87**.

Sandra Casablanca on February 2, 2018. She was the mother of **Dr. Domenic W. Casablanca '85**, and the grandmother of **Anthony P. Casablanca '20**.

Louis Ceruzzi Jr. on August 31, 2017. He was the father of **James M. Ceruzzi '10**.

Salvatore M. Clarizio '54 on December 1, 2017.

John Croke on February 1, 2018. He was the father of **David E. Croke '86**.

Linda C. Crowley on February 7, 2018. She was the mother of **James H. Crowley '94** and **Joseph C. Crowley '00**.

Michael J. Csontos Sr. '60 on July 17, 2017. He was the brother of **Stephen J. Csontos III '58** and the father of **Michael J. Csontos Jr. '84**.

David S. DeWall '74 on July 21, 2017.

Thomas Dooley '75 on July 17, 2017.

Robert W. Doyle, '48 on December 6, 2017. He was the father of **Jonathan R. Doyle '86**.

Joseph J. Erdos '53, on February 8, 2018.

Ralph Fidaleo Jr. on December 21, 2017. He was the father of **Dustin M. Fidaleo '10**.

James P. Fogarty '47 on August 24, 2017.

Eric M. Ford '66 on December 12, 2017.

Philip P. Fracassini on January 31, 2017. He was the father of **Philip P. Fracassini '77** and **Paul J. Fracassini '84**.

Caroline Freeman on July 27, 2017. She was the grandmother of **Eric W. Mengel '18**.

Mary Gerics, on January 27, 2018. She was the mother of **Joseph Gerics '68**, **Gregory Gerics '70**, **Robert Gerics '72**, and **David Gerics '75**; she was the grandmother of **Joseph Gerics '97**, **David Gerics '13** and **Matthew Gerics '16**.

Timothy R. Graham '68 on November 21, 2017. He was the father of **William R. Graham '16**.

Richard F. Greenwood '44 on October 1, 2017. He was the grandfather of **Mathew K. Appgar '08** and the late **Francis R. Appgar '08**.

Anthony M. Guerrero '56 on November 18, 2017. He was the father of **Mark P. Guerrero '87**.

Stephen A. Habetz '56 on January 2, 2018. He was the father of **Stephen A. Habetz Jr '80**, **John F. Habetz '82**, **Michael T. Habetz '83**, **Thomas E. Habetz '90**, and grandfather of **Stephen A. Habetz III '09**.

Robert T. Jones Jr. on November 28, 2017. He was the father-in-law of **Robert G. Lyons '73** and grandfather of **John T. Lyons '18**.

Joseph P. Kaluzynski '50 on September 18, 2017.

James W. Kennedy on October 26, 2017. He was the father of **Robert M. Kennedy '95**.

Raymond J. Keogh '49 on September 10, 2017. He was the brother of **John F. Keogh '48** and **Robert E. Keogh '58**, the uncle of **Peter G. Keogh '86**, and the grandfather of **Garret C. Lutzo '21**.

Ronald J. Kerkes '53 on December, 19 2017.

Vivian M. Kral on September 7, 2017. She was the wife of **Richard F. Kral Sr. '57**, the mother of **Richard F. Kral Jr. '82** and **Christopher J. Kral '84**, mother-in-law of the late **Michael B. Murphy '82**, and grandmother of **Christopher J. Kral '16**, **Carter R. Kral '18**, **Shane P. Murphy '18**, and **Richard F. Kral III '21**.

Joan McHugh LaMalfa on November 4, 2017. She was the grandmother of **Christopher J. Kelly '13**, **Thomas J. Kelly '16** and **Andrew J. Kelly '18**.

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A Prep pit stop

Mathew Benedetto '10 and **Patrick Quinn '10** stopped by Prep on their way to Providence for a wedding. They had to buy cookies in the cafeteria. Tradition never dies!



Basketball champs return

Members of the 2015 State Championship team attended Prep's Holiday Basketball Classic. From left, **Patrick Harding '17**, **Thomas Nolan '15** and **Ryan Foley '15**.



Gormbley '95 shares his Prep experience

Guest alumnus speaker **Ed Gormbley '95** spoke at the MLK Assembly about his Prep experience, the support he received from Prep as a student, and how it laid the groundwork for his personal success in life. From left: **Andy Frank** (Ed's uncle), **Rashad Ford '96**, **Ed Gormbley '95**, **Larry Vitulano '68**, and **Thomas Gaudett '10**.



Alumni in the SkyBox

Prep alumni gathered in the Rafferty Stadium SkyBox at a fall football game

In Memoriam

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John R. Leverty Sr. '50, on January 25, 2018. He was the father of **John R. Leverty '78**, **Thomas C. Leverty '86** and **Raymond Leverty '80**. He was the grandfather of **Connor W. Heine '05**.

James Lubeck, on February 15, 2018. He was the father of **Christopher Lubeck '87**, and the grandfather of **David Spangler '19**.

James Marino '51 on July 22, 2017.

Deanna Martin on December 8, 2017. She was the mother of **Michael D. Martin '83**, mother-in-law of **William S. Valus '84** and grandmother of **Austin J. Valus '18**.

Joan Mainiero on February 28, 2018. She was the mother of **Nicholas Mainiero '71** and **Douglas Mainiero '79**. Joan served as the Chairperson of the Student Life Committee, the President of the Bellarmine Mothers Guild, a member of the Board of Regents, and was honored to receive Prep's "Hall of Fame Award".

Robert J. Marlowe '47, on February 15, 2018. He was the brother of **Paul B. Marlowe '43**.

Elena Martin on July 30, 2017. She was the grandmother of **Andres I. Ramos '13** and **Alejandro E. Ramos '15**.

Dr. George H. McGinniss MD '67 on June 4, 2017.

Jack S. McMahon '11 on August 28, 2017.

Joan H. Montgomery on October 27, 2017. She was the mother-in-law of **Richard P. Sheldon Jr. '81** and grandmother of **Mackinnon J. Sheldon '18**.

Michael B. Murphy '82 on August 27, 2017. He was the father of **Shane P. Murphy '18**, son of the late **Robert J. Murphy '49**, brother of **Robert J. Murphy '77** and **Timothy F. Murphy '79**, son-in-law of **Richard F. Kral '57**, brother-in-law of **Richard F. Kral '82** and **Christopher J. Kral '84**, and uncle of **Rory P. Murphy '04**, **Christopher J. Kral '16**, **Carter R. Kral '18**, and **Richard F. Kral '21**.

Charles J. Ney '57 on July 15, 2017.

Donald T. Niedermeier '48 on November 27, 2018. He was the godfather of Special Assistant to the President, **Gregory H. Marshall '73**.

Vincent L. Noce '55, on February 16, 2018. He was the father of **Vincent L. Noce Jr. '81** and **James S. Noce '86**.

Matthew Ogiba '66 on December, 8 2017.

Henry F. Olender '53 on July 30, 2017.

Anthony Oricoli on January 9, 2018. He was the grandfather of **Jack R. Oricoli '16** and **Kevin M. Oricoli '18**.

Gregory W. Pereira '92, on January 9, 2018. He was the uncle of **Michael P. Miles '08**.

William H. Perry '83 on December 11, 2017. He was the brother of **Scott E. Perry '87**.

Sandra Previs on November 4, 2017. She was the mother of **Stephen F. Previs '85**, Prep Art Teacher **Robert T. Fosse-Previs '87**, and **Michael J. Previs '95**.

Thomas E. Purcell Jr. '62 on October 2, 2017.

Marie Sebesta Ramirez on December 22, 2017. She was the mother of **Luis M. Ramirez '79** and **Joseph A. Ramirez '82**.

Arthur E. Reynolds on January 6, 2018. He was the grandfather of **Matthew A. Scholl '14**, **John R. Scholl '19**, and **Charles R. Scholl '21**.

Richard S. Radomski '61 on February 15, 2018.

Arlene Ronan. She was the wife of **John J. Ronan '50**.

Frederick J. Rovegno on July 29, 2017. He was the father of **John F. Rovegno '75**.

Matthew A. Seastrong '90 on December 14, 2017.

The Honorable John H. Shannon '46 on December 27, 2017. He was the father of **John W. "Jack" Shannon '93**.

Paul F. Shaver '59, on January 28, 2018.

John W. Slais '47, on January 29, 2018. He was the father of **John J. Slais '91**.

Robert J. Taylor '62, on February 3, 2018. He was the brother of **Joseph D. Taylor '65**.

Joseph W. Thopsey '63 on May 2, 2016.

William M. Troutman on December 9, 2017, he was the father of the late **Timothy W. Troutman '95**.

James. A. Trowbridge '59 on January 7, 2018.

Raymond E. Varga '56. He was the uncle of **Gregory P. Varga '87**.

Gilbert G. Vincent '47 on January 18, 2018.

Geneva Robinson Meadows Walsh on November 15, 2017. She was the mother of **Lt. Commander Sean P. Walsh USN (Ret) '71**.

William L. Walsh '50 on October 25, 2017.

Robert J. Wanagill on September 23, 2017. He was the father of **Robert A. Wanagill '73**.

David T. Warren '58 on August 30, 2017.

Peter J. Weberg Sr. '57 on July 29, 2017.

John H. Welch, Jr. '49 on September 25, 2017. He was the father of **John H. Welch III '80** and **Thomas J. Welch '83**, and grandfather of **Timothy Q. Peterson '13**.

Robert C. Welch '48 on January 8, 2018. He was the brother of **John C. Welch '50**.

Edward L. Werner '50 on April 14, 2017.

Randall Scott Whiteman on November 21, 2017. He was the brother of Prep Mathematics teacher **Jamie A. Whiteman** and uncle of **Simon T. Whiteman '15** and **Theodore A. Whiteman '18**.

John J. Wilkinson '73 on September 18, 2017. He was the brother of **Joseph A. Wilkinson '71**.

J. Gordon Willard '53. He was the father of **J. Gordon Willard II '92** and uncle of **Kevin J. McKeon '98**, **Brendan M. McKeon '02**, and **Michael J. McKeon '04**.

Vincent S. Zdanowicz '66 on February 7, 2018



"The first Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, what an amazing, impressive night! Under a massive tent in Prep's Quad, we socialized with alumni that spanned generations, and heard the stories of their legendary athletic accomplishments. Members of the undefeated 1960 football team recalled particular plays 57 years later(!) that sealed their unblemished season. My wife and I witnessed the profound effect that Fairfield Prep and Jesuit ideals had on these men's lives. I only wish my children were in attendance to experience the night."

— TIMOTHY ZAINO '92

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All alumni, family and friends are invited to a special dinner on **Friday, June 1, 2018**, in Fairfield Prep's Quad beginning at 6 p.m. Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations.

Prep is proud to announce the **2018 inductees...**

JIM LYDDY '63



The 6-foot, 170-pound guard has the distinction of being the school's first All-State selection in basketball. At the time of his graduation, Lyddy was Prep's all-time leading

scorer with 1,308 points and was named to a pair of All-MBIAC first teams. He was also a two-time All-MBIAC selection in baseball. Lyddy played college basketball at Georgetown, where he captained the Hoyas his senior season.

TOM LYDDY '67



Another multi-sport standout, Lyddy played football, basketball and baseball at Prep, but his prowess on the gridiron made him stand out. The late end/defensive lineman was named

All-MBIAC, All-State and Catholic All-American his senior season. He received a football scholarship to Maryland, but a severe knee injury curtailed a promising career. He transferred to Fairfield, where he starred in baseball before graduating in 1972. Tom passed away on Sept. 4, 2006.

ROGER RATCHFORD '51



In a stellar career that spanned 40 seasons (1966-2005), the venerable golf coach racked up an astounding 690 victories, presided over five state

championship teams and was named CHSCA Coach of the Year in 1983. Although he never had an undefeated season, seven of Ratchford's squads finished with only one loss. In 1998, a second-place finish in the Division I state championships derailed Prep's shot at a perfect season (25-1).

JACK RINGEL '54



Ringel was talented enough to play four seasons of varsity football and baseball at Prep. A bruising 6-foot-1, 185-pound fullback, Ringel was co-captain of the Jesuits'

first undefeated and untied team (8-0) in 1953. He set a Prep and regional scoring record that season with 128 points and was an honorable mention All-American. Ringel then went on to play three seasons of varsity football and baseball at Holy Cross. With Ringel in the outfield, the Crusaders finished third in the 1958 College World Series.

ED ROWE '59



Except for a one-year sabbatical in 1978, Ed Rowe was synonymous with Prep baseball. From 1968-77 and then from 1979-2005, Rowe guided the Jesuits for 37

seasons, compiling a 477-326 record with 11 league championships and two appearances in the state championship finals. Rowe had three seasons of 20 or more victories and his teams made 28 state playoff appearances, including a run of 21 straight. He was named Daily News Coach of the Year in 1983 and CHSCA Coach of the Year in 2000.

BOB SKORONSKI '51



The Ansonia native and former Derby resident became the first Prep graduate to play in the NFL. The left tackle and offensive captain of the Packers under legendary coach Vince Lombardi played 11 seasons, all with Green Bay, and was a member of the first two Super Bowl winners in 1967 and 1968, respectively. The 6-foot-3 Skoronski played center and linebacker in his senior year as Prep went 5-2-1 in 1950. He then played three seasons at Indiana before being

drafted by the Packers in 1955. He was selected as the center on Prep's All-Decade team from 1942-1951.

BOB SYLVESTER



If nothing else, Sylvester's legacy as Prep basketball coach was validated when he delivered the school's long awaited first state championship in 1969. That team, featuring Prep Hall of

Famer Jim Fitzsimmons and the late Hal Smith, went 23-1, was ranked No. 1 in New England and came to be regarded as one of the Connecticut's all-time best.

It was Sylvester's only title, but for 16 seasons at the helm, he was overwhelmingly successful. From 1961-62 until his retirement following the 1976-77 season, the 2006 New England Basketball Hall of Fame inductee compiled a 286-114 record, a 71 percent winning percentage. From 1966-67 through the title season of 1968-69, Sylvester's Jesuits went a phenomenal 64-6, winning three MBIAC titles and reaching the state championship game each season.



Curran Wedding

Thomas G. Curran '05 married Denise Otani on Aug. 12, 2017, at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii. Prep alumni in attendance included: **Sean O'Connor '05**, **Brian Cullinane '06**, **Kevin Cullinane '05**, **Kevin Mulcahy '05**, **Pat O'Donnell '05**, **Connor Heine '05** and **John Curran '03**. Tom is the Athletic Director at Fairfield Prep.



Banks Wedding

Rasheem Banks '06 married Meghan Currier on June 24, 2017, in Newport RI. Also pictured is **Shawn P. Gaines '06**, a groomsmen.



Kinsley Wedding

Craig T. Kinsley '07 married Kat Carney of Wichita, KS on Sept. 3, 2017 in Wichita. They will reside in Providence, RI.



Giuliano Wedding

William Giuliano '06 married Katharine Patrikos on Aug. 19, 2017, at Milford Yacht Club. Pictured from left to right are Colin Larsen, **Yassine R. Zribi '06**, **Nicholas J. Demaio '06**, Katharine, **William Giuliano '06**, **Benjamin J. Howley '06**, **Jason C. Medoff '06**, and **Matthew D. Felner '06**.



Lee Wedding

Dennis R. Lee '07 married Patricia Carroll on Aug. 19, 2017. The ceremony was held at St. Peter of Alcantara, reception at Village Club of Sands Point. Pictured from left: **Kevin R. Gillooly '14**, **Walter B. Lee '98**, Patricia Carroll (now Lee), **David W. Damm '07**, **Christopher A. D'Elia '07**, **Dennis R. Lee '07**, **Michael J. Yurkerwich '07**, **Emamonn J. Nolan '07**, **Timothy J. Damm '09**, **Kevin A. Collins '07**, **Jason F. Pratt '07**, and **Keith D. Dragicevich '07**.



Neuberger Wedding

Walter B. Neuberger '99 married Bethany Dolock on Sept. 23, 2017, on the beach in Kingston, RI. Prep alumni pictured from left are **Matthew J. Wilson '99**, **Robert J. Neuberger '52** (father of the groom), Bethany Dolock, **Walter B. Neuberger '99**, **David J. Lincoln '99** and **James M. Reilly '99**.



Vaccaro Wedding

Samuel N. Vaccaro '05 married Mariana Beneton on May 27, 2017 at Casa do Marquês in Piracicaba - São Paulo - Brazil. Prep Alumni Groomsmen included, top row, from left: **Michael T. Garvey '05**, **Dr. Benjamin J. Vaccaro '02**, **Gregory D. Marshall '05**, **Peter T. Vaccaro '09**, **Michael P. Avallón '05**. Bottom row, from left: **Nicholas Vaccaro '72** (father of Groom), **Samuel N. Vaccaro '05**.





Dragicevich Wedding

Christopher S. Dragicevich '04 married Courtney Craig on Oct. 7, 2017, at the Inns of Aurora in upstate NY. Prep alum and family pictured from left to right are: **Frank Spano '04**, **Eamonn Nolan '07**, Courtney, **Justin Gregg '04**, **Chris Dragicevich '04**, **John Sciascia '04**, **Tom Kelly '04**, **Kenny Fontaine '04**, **Kiernan Collins '05**, **Keith Dragicevich '07**, **Mark Giordano '04**, & **Joseph Giordano '07**.



Featherston Wedding

Charlie Featherston '09 married Claire Weslow on Sept. 9, 2017, at St. Pius Church, Fairfield, CT followed by a reception held at Shore & Country Club, Norwalk, CT. Many Prep alumni and friends attended. Pictured front from left: **Danny Featherston '13**, **PJ Kokias '09**. Back from left: **Jack Grella '12**, **Jamie Featherston '10**, **Charlie Featherston '09**, **Christian Babikian '09**, **Michael Kokias '15**, **Peter Kokias '16**, and **Ray Featherston '15** (missing from photo **Paschal Chukwu '14**). See Charlie's article on page 10.



Fortunato Wedding

Patrick B. Fortunato '08 married Violetta Mrijaj on Sept. 3, 2017. Vows were exchanged at St. Maurice Church in Stamford, CT. The reception followed at the Whitby Castle in Rye, NY. Prep alum and family pictured from left to right are: **Ryan Weir '07**, **Alec Weir '12**, **Cindi Fortunada P '08**, **Brandon Weir '08** (Best Man), **Patrick Fortunato '08**, **Peter Eason '08**, **Mike Lacerenza '08**, **Andrew Davenport '08**, and **Michael John Sia '87**.



Galbo Wedding

Michael Galbo '03 married Samantha Clemente on July 22, 2017, in Valencia, Spain. Pictured from left: **James R. McCarthy '08**, **Anthony M. Macleod '65**, **Dr. Robert D. Russo '65**, **Samantha Clemente-Galbo**, **Michael J. Galbo '03**, **Anthony M. Galbo '01**, **Christopher B. Russo '03**, **Edward M. McCarthy '03**, and **Mark P. Musico '03**.



Improt Engagement

Matthew Improt '06 is engaged to Courtney McLaren. They are pictured in Ireland where the proposal took place.

Randall R. DeMartino '99 and wife Erin DeMartino welcomed their daughter, Lily Ann DeMartino, on Sept. 5, 2017.



Thomas E. Dosdall '01 and wife Annie welcomed their son, Robert Emmett Dosdall, (above) born Sept. 24 2017.



Christopher C. Filiberto '03 and his wife Lia welcomed their son Cosmo Christopher Filiberto (above) on Sept. 15, 2017.

Robert J. Gillon III '99 and his wife Nicole welcomed their first child, a boy named Harry, on July 30, 2017.



Kevin Kozlowski, '99 and his wife Tiffany welcomed a baby boy, Clayton Michael, (above) on Nov. 27, 2017.

BIRTHS



Naples, Florida Reception

The sun was shining in Naples, FL at the Club Pelican Bay where alumni and friends gathered for a reception on Feb. 22. The event was hosted by **Don Kiernan '58** and his wife Patricia (above right). Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., gave a presentation of Fairfield Prep's Strategic Plan. Prep's newly announced incoming Principal Dr. Thomas de Quesada made the trip up from Belen Jesuit in Miami. The Naples area alumni have been long standing supporters of Fairfield Prep and the enthusiasm for Prep's future was overwhelming. Many thanks to all of the attendees for making this such an enjoyable event.



Rooftop Reception

Dozens of Prep alumni from the Tri-State area enjoyed a gathering at a rooftop bar in Manhattan on Sept. 21. Former Housemaster John Brennan and President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., were the guests of honor. Alumni from the 2000s, '90s, '80s and others joined together for food, drinks and socializing. The venue, Rare Bar & Grill, also gave a beautiful vista of midtown Manhattan, including the Empire State Building.





College-Age Reception

Prior to the first night of the annual Holiday Classic, Prep hosted its annual College-Age Alumni Reception. Members of the classes of 2014-2017 returned for dinner and brotherhood; and to celebrate their efforts during the Murphy Cup Challenge. The Murphy Cup is an annual participation challenge between the college-age classes. The class with the highest participation percentage wins the trophy! This effort raised \$1,800 from 190 donors. This year's winner was the Class of 2016 with 38% class participation. Representing the class to receive the trophy at Prep's game, from left: **Danny McCarthy '16**, (**Austin Ryan '06**, Gift Officer), **Thomas Cullimore '16**, and **Dionte Abraham '16**.



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Prep Class of 2010 reunion in NYC

From left: **Dustin Fidaleo**, **Patrick Quinn**, **Enrico Paliani**, **Brian Thornton**, **Mat Benedetto**, **Carl Buckis** (class president) and **Darren Mitchell**.



Bowdoin College lunch break

From left: **AJ Mansolillo**, **Jack O'Connor '16**, **Julio Palencia '16**, **Bill Harke '94**, and **Fr. Jack Fagan, S.J.**



Fordham University pizza party

Alumni at Fordham University gathered for lunch in December. Attendees included: **Sean Leary '17**, **Tom Hurst '17**, **Tom Clark '17**, **Dan Berkowitz '16**, **Austin Golden '16**, **Jack Clarke '16**, **Pat Byrne '16**, **James Haranzo '16**, and **Tony Fox '14**.



Prep Alumni at Boston College

Prep alumni who are current students at Boston College were invited to Manresa House for some BBQ and conversation. Connor Lynch '16 helped coordinate the event as chairman for the Alumni Programs in the Ignatian Society, which is the network of over 650 Jesuit high school alumni on campus. From left: **Tate Duran '15**, **Aidan Coyle '16**, **Stephen Walsh '14**, **Tim Kiernan '14**, **Stephen Bayles '14**, **Jack Bosken '16**, **Jack McKeon '15**, **Robby Reilly '16**, **James Thornton '17**, **Brendan Sullivan '14**, **Phil Lynch '14**, **Connor Lynch '16**, and **Vignesh Ravi '16**.



Skomal '79 Shark Expert

Prep Science Chair Deborah Kiel attended a presentation on Martha's Vineyard given by international shark expert **Greg Skomal '79**.



Prep alumni at comedy club

Prep alumni **Pat Monahan '01**, **Joe Gerics '97**, **Jay Sutay '81** and **R. Beecher Taylor '97** performed for fellow alumni, family and friends at the Fairfield Comedy Club in October. The comedians delivered stand-up before a sold out crowd at the Circle Inn in Fairfield. Anthony Devito of Comedy Central headlined. Special thanks to **Edward Gormbley '95**, owner of the Circle Inn.



Ryan Brennan '11 Scholarship Event

As part of annual fundraising efforts, the "Jar on the Bar" was sponsored at **Mike Brennan's '92** Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock on Feb. 10. Family, friends, classmates and the greater Prep community gathered for an afternoon of music and fellowship. Prep alumni **Dan Carlucci '98** (middle) and **Billy Ruegger '07** (right) performed for the great turnout to remember Ryan. This event, as well as others, plus direct gifts, have raised over \$300,000 for the Ryan Charles Brennan Scholarship which makes a Prep education possible for financial aid recipients. Thanks to the Brennan family and all the Prep alumni and friends!



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REUNION WEEKEND

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1



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The event followed by dinner, spirits,
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SATURDAY, JUNE 2

- ★ "BREAKFAST IN THE QUAD" - State of the School address by Prep President, Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.
- ★ VARIETY OF EVENTS ON CAMPUS such as tours of the school, reconnecting with Prep faculty, activities for the family, and Prep athletic events.



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The course through the Prep/Fairfield Univ. campus is fun and easy even for the youngest runners!

- ★ FAIRFIELD PREP REUNION WEEKEND MASS followed by...



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FRIDAY, JUNE 1
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Alumni at the pool

Prep Swimming & Diving Alumni gathered at the RecPlex for a fun meet on Dec. 23, followed by a social at Hub and Spoke in Black Rock! Join the fun next year. Email Coach Rick Hutchinson: rhutchinson@fairfieldprep.org



Class of '72 reunite for golf and dinner

The Class of 1972 held its 4th annual golf outing and dinner on Sept. 2. A record turnout of seven foursomes enjoyed golf at Fairchild Wheeler in Fairfield followed by dinner and cocktails with their spouses or significant others at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield. Because of the enthusiastic response, the class is considering holding two get-togethers in 2018.



Alumni at Princeton

Christopher M. Brown '17, Matthew T. Brophy '12, Austin M. Sims '14, and John P. Cunningham '08 reunited to play in Princeton's annual lacrosse alumni game.



Pequot runners Over 100 Prep alumni, students, faculty and parents ran in the annual Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day Road Race.



Together again

Prep Football Alumni, from left, Alan Gibson, Jr. '15 (Endicott College), John DelliSanti '15 (Hobart College) and Sam Oport '16 (Endicott College) reunited on the Hobart College field in Geneva, NY, on Sept. 23.



Alumni on ice On Feb. 24 Prep Hockey Alumni took the ice for an annual game. Beforehand, the current senior hockey players joined the alumni to pray together. While high-scoring, some tremendous saves were made; and, lots of laughs and memories were shared throughout the game. The fun continued at Vazzy's afterwards! Attendees included: Brian Casl '80, Jonathan Cox '07, Andrew Cunningham '04, Billy D'Amore '13, Colby Dennison '03, Sean Dennison '05, John Galiani '11, Chris Girardi '03, Art Gravanis '85, John Griffin '09, Dave Hilinski '86, Nick Landis '97, Glenn Maiorano '09, Kevin Martin '81, Liam McCarthy '91, Ken Mitchell '97, Rob O'Connor '78, Dan O'Neill '95, Brian O'Sullivan '71 and Frank Pinto '77, John Sather '88, Rob Steczkowski '94, Tom Steczkowski '98, and Andy Townsend '97. Also pictured Matt Sather '93, varsity hockey coach.



Matt Beck '14 is Univ. of Vermont goaltender

Matt Beck is the goaltender for the University of Vermont. He played two years with the Philadelphia Flyers Elite, seeing action in 35 games. He registered a 3.29 goals against average in 2015-16; achieved a .903 save percentage during the 2016-17 campaign in 21 appearances; Played one season with the Bay State Breakers in the USPHL; won three Connecticut state titles at Fairfield Prep and went 20-3-2 in his career with a 2.05 GAA. He is majoring in business administration.



Rich Kelly '16 selected for All-Rookie Team

Quinnipiac Basketball Freshman Guard **Rich Kelly** was a unanimous selection to the MAAC All-Rookie Team in a vote of the league's coaches. Kelly was handed the reins as the team's point guard on opening day, and averaged 34 minutes per game, finishing the regular season fifth in the MAAC in assists (4.8 apg). He was named the MAAC Rookie of the Week three times, the third coming after he scored 40 points at Fairfield on Feb. 17, falling just one shy of the school record for points in a game at the Division I level). His effort included a tying three-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to give him 30 points, and 10 more points in the two overtime sessions.



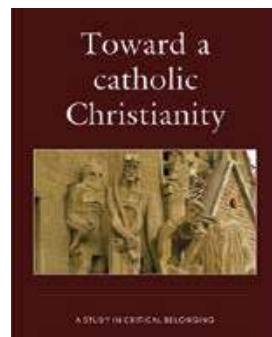
Jamie Becker '17 named Endicott Rookie of the Year

Endicott freshman student-athlete **Jamie Becker** was named the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week in October. In a pivotal conference matchup for the Gulls against Wentworth on Oct. 18, Becker netted both Endicott goals in a 2-1 victory over the Leopards. His second tally, which served as the game-winner at 84:18 of the match, was a highlight reel bicycle kick goal. Jamie was ultimately named Endicott Men's Soccer Rookie of the Year.

Michael McCarthy '59 publishes 'Toward a catholic Christianity'

"Michael Halpin McCarthy's 'Toward a catholic Christianity' offers a compelling account of how one might combine intellectual seriousness and ethical sensitivity with creative fidelity to the Catholic Church. McCarthy's 'critical belonging' captures what it means for one to love the church today—not naively, but as an adult. If the church drives you crazy, you ought to read this book; if the church does not drive you crazy, you ought to read this book."

— Stephen J. Pope, Boston College



About the book: Critical belonging has been an essential feature of Christianity since its origin, but the forms it assumes understandably differ with the specific challenges Christians rise to meet throughout history. During the past two thousand years, these challenges have covered a broad spectrum: epistemic, moral, political, economic, religious, and spiritual. In our global society, all of these challenges seem to be occurring at once. Since no individual can meet all of them adequately, *Toward a catholic Christianity* tries to show how by working collaboratively the "people of God" can credibly meet them together. In this way, the diversity and unity within the Roman Catholic community are explicitly acknowledged and affirmed. For if that community is to become authentically Christian, it will need to become more genuinely catholic.

Michael McCarthy '59 is a professor emeritus of philosophy at Vassar College.



Real Estate in real time: Baugier '08

Louis Baugier, Prep alumnus from the class of 2008, graduated from Tulane University in 2013. While working for J.P. Morgan's global real estate group and renting housing in Manhattan, Baugier recognized a connection between his work and his personal life. From this realization came the development of an app, "Surecave" which alleviates some of the pressures coinciding with the real estate market. Surecave allows landlords and property owners to manage everything from finding tenants to managing multiple properties at once. This app combines the previously scattered business for landlords from tenant screenings, to processing rent, to maintenance. The app is currently in a "beta" operation phase with partners such as TransUnion and Remax, and will fully launch this year. Baugier is an innovator in the real estate field for creating such a useful, promising, and strategic platform. Baugier said he wanted Surecave to capture the entire lifecycle of the rent process. Commitment to the issue and a love for the problem is what this Prep graduate knows to be true for success.

Source: Tulane Dispatch

FACULTY/STAFF

In Memoriam

Reverend Richard D. Bertrand, S.J., on September 11, 2017. He served in Admissions and then as Prep's school chaplain in the early 90's.

Vincent R. DeRosa, on January 20, 2018. He was the father of Prep Development Digital Communications Manager **Ronald DeRosa**.

Theresa Kelemen on November 29, 2017. She was the grandmother of Prep Mathematics teacher **Amy Ardito**.

Thomas (Tim) McGillicuddy on January 4, 2018. He was a long time teacher and administrator at Fairfield Prep. He was the father of **Stephen T. McGillicuddy '77**, **Brian P. McGillicuddy '81**, grandfather of **Michael P. McGillicuddy '09**, and **Max T. McGillicuddy '20** and father in law of **Timothy J. Foley '81**. See Memoriam on page 41.

Randall Scott Whiteman on November 21, 2017. He was the brother of Prep Mathematics teacher **Jamie A. Whiteman** and uncle of **Simon T. Whiteman '15** and **Theodore A. Whiteman '18**.

Weddings



Social Studies teacher and Prep Football Coach, **Keith Hellstern**, married Adriana Rocca on July 1, 2017.

Births



John Hanrahan and his wife Sara became grandparents again. Their daughter Kristina and son-in-law Sergio welcomed a baby boy, Christian, (left) on January 3, 2018.



Colleen Keltos and her husband Jim became grandparents. Their daughter Ali, and son-in-law Mike welcomed a baby boy, Timothy James (TJ) (left), on January 18, 2018.

Notes



BOB BERNIER

President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., honored Prep faculty member Bob Bernier for his 30 years of dedicated service to Fairfield Prep at the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service. The prayer assembly focused on gratitude and our collective call to action. This year's service included prayers from various faith traditions, reflections and prayers by Prep students, and beautiful music led by the Liturgical Music group.

JAMES CHESBRO



Fairfield Prep English Teacher, Mr. James M. Chesbro, signed a contract for Woodhall Press to publish his first book, *A Lion in the Snow: Essays on Fatherhood*. Chesbro,

whose essays have been noted many times in *The Best American Essays* series, has written for *The Washington Post*, *The Writer's Chronicle*, and *The Huffington Post* among others. The book explores the early loss of his own father as well as the maddening moments of parenting that provide occasions for new understandings about our children and us. *A Lion in the Snow* will become available this fall.

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