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An interactive, flexible collaboration and presentation space, serving the needs of 21st century learning for the next generation of young men and teachers.



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## Dear Friends,

**I**n this *Prep Today*, you see innovation, entrepreneurship, and service in the Jesuit tradition. Jesuits have been bold trailblazers since our founding in 1540. We at Fairfield Prep are committed to furthering the remarkable history of those dedicated to education, open to exploration, and committed to serving at the margins. This is the natural trajectory of men and women rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the Gospel message of God's redeeming love for all Creation. "Finding God in All Things," is our key that unlocks the world.

This year we embark on a major enhancement of Prep's academic facilities and curriculum. We will completely renovate the Xavier Hall 4th floor science labs next summer. And this fall, the University Media Center will relocate, allowing us to transform the lower level of Xavier Hall (11,000 sq. ft.) into the **McLeod Innovation Center**, complete with maker spaces, robotics lab, video production studio, and a presentation area for corporate speakers. These new learning spaces combine powerfully with Prep's Entrepreneurship Institute, so students may develop business plans alongside prototypes that make a positive social impact in the world.

Jesuits have been social entrepreneurs since their founding. For nearly 500 years, Jesuits have been sent on mission throughout the globe, entered into diverse cultures, learned the languages and needs of various societies, built local teams, and responded creatively to people's needs through institutions that left a lasting social impact. We are excited by the possibilities before us.

All of this is only possible through your kind support. Thank you for the many ways you invest in our mission of Jesuit education. In addition to the generous leadership gift from Chris '73 and Elaine McLeod, we celebrate the Class of 1969 for their 50th Reunion gift of \$592,575, which set a record in Prep's history. And given that this magazine also highlights Prep alumni who have served our nation through the military, I am proud to sign off:

Semper Fidelis!



Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.  
President



# The McLeod Innovation Center Is Coming

Last year, Fairfield Prep contracted architectural firm Perkins Eastman to assist with developing a program and concepts for science and technology focused facilities, located on the fourth and ground floors of Xavier Hall. Through an iterative and brainstorming process at meetings and a two-day workshop with the larger Fairfield Prep Community, a vision, detailed program, and a building renovation concept design for the Ground and Fourth Floor Levels of Xavier Hall were developed. Proposed completion of the project is 2021.

Through the generosity of Chris '73 and Elaine McLeod, the future of science, technology and innovation at Prep will have a whole new look. McLeod commented on the exciting new venture:



*Prep students are extremely talented. We are excited to support the establishment of a space where they can learn about innovation and transform their ideas into products, processes, organizations and initiatives that can change the world.*

—CHRIS McLEOD '73



## Science Lab Suites

### FOURTH FLOOR

The fourth floor of Xavier Hall will be renovated to create the updated science program space. The program will include: two Biology suites with prep space, two Chemistry suites with prep space, and a multi-science suite. The corridor will include common breakout areas for continued learning outside of the classroom.

## Innovation Center

### GROUND LEVEL

A state-of-the-art Innovation Center will be built on the ground floor of Xavier Hall. This will be a place that will encourage, facilitate, inspire and support hands-on interactive and collaborative learning. The Center will be a place that supports cross disciplinary connections, it will be available for all programs and disciplines to utilize.



## Collecting, Discovering, and Analyzing

The creation of the McLeod Innovation Center and fourth-floor Science Suites began with a series of discussions.

Perkins Eastman facilitated a number of brainstorming workshops over a two-day period, involving Prep teachers, administrators, staff, parents and students. The goal: to develop a vision of these new state-of-the-art Xavier Hall facilities that incorporated the input of the greater Fairfield Prep Community.

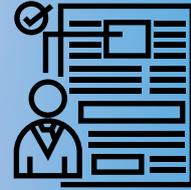
STEM is clearly a driving element in the McLeod Innovation Center, however the spirit of the new facility goes beyond science, technology, engineering and math. The center will enhance the learning experience of every Prep student by creating connections within the campus as well as the global community. It will keep with the concept of innovation as being both practical — supporting and facilitating connections and relationships — and inspirational — driving discovery.

Fittingly, the McLeod Innovation Center aligns well with Ignatian thinking. We see St. Ignatius as one of the first STEM scholars, in that Ignatian spirituality embraces connections, hands-on experience and reflection, all of which inspire continued discovery.

## Goals & Visions

FOR THE PROJECT

Themes emerging from the workshop sessions on Priority Goals and Visions for the Future were combined and summarized.



### CURRICULUM/PEDAGOGY

Finding opportunities to expand the curriculum and have more opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration while keeping the Jesuit mission at the heart of everything.



### CULTURE

Attract and retain faculty and students through a strong culture of self-motivation and active engagement with the strong presence of Jesuit tradition.



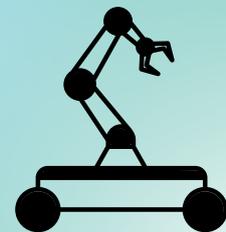
### SPACE/ENVIRONMENT

Create a flexible, transparent space that inspires and adapts. There should be learning on display and seamless technology.



### SCIENCE

Integration of lab and classroom for a science space where students want to be.



### STEM

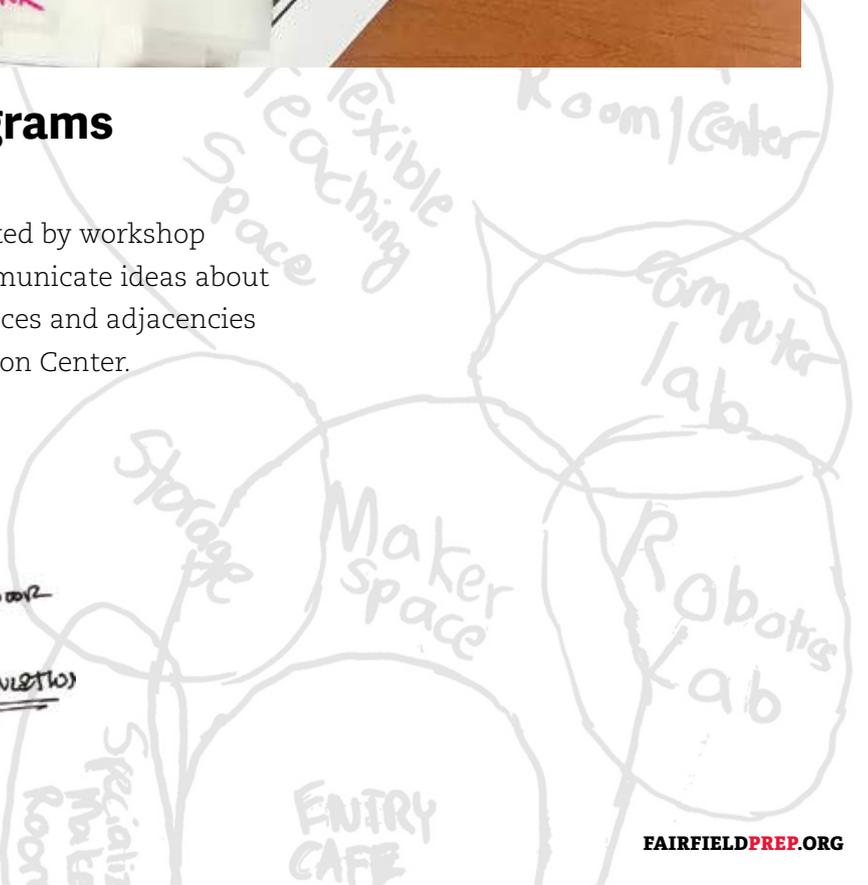
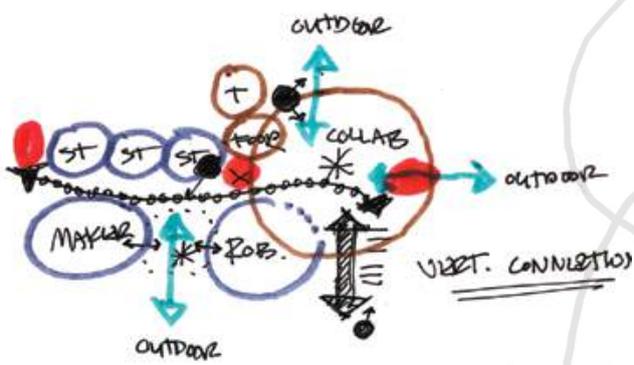
Maker spaces, robotics, and workspaces where students have access to tools and guidance.



## Bubble Diagrams

WORKSHOP EXERCISE

Diagrams were created by workshop participants to communicate ideas about desired program spaces and adjacencies for the new Innovation Center.



## Student-Centered Learning

The McLeod Innovation Center will provide a variety of student-centered learning and activity opportunities. Students and teachers will work collaboratively on group and individual projects in robotics, sciences, engineering, and technology. Engagement will be fostered and maintained through creative instructional planning that will utilize the new space in inventive ways.

The Innovation Center will offer a common gathering and presentation space for up to 200 students, providing a venue for information sharing, project demonstrations, presentations, and entertainment. Additionally, the commons will be adaptable and dividable for a wide variety of presentations.

Sound, lighting, and projection and presentation equipment will be integrated into the architecture. Seen as a “black-box” space, students and teachers will be able to modify the room for large, medium, and smaller presentations and activities. Students will have the ability to stand, sit, and even recline on furniture while attending presentations and events. The space will be designed as an interactive and intimate place that helps students become more comfortable with public speaking, presenting ideas, and visual communication techniques.



*When you provide space to create, you open up incredible possibilities. It is exciting to think about what our students might fill it with.*

— MEGAN HOOVER, ARTS CHAIR

## Innovation Center Program Requirements



Adaptable Large Hall



Maker and Robotics Workshops



Classroom and Team Rooms



Media/Communications Lab



Director of Innovation Office



Cyber Café



Distance Learning



Storage Spaces



Open Commons



Entry/Arrival Movement



Outdoor Learning



Flexible Furniture



Hi-speed Internet



Perspective view of Innovation Center in lower level of Xavier Hall: Conceptual rendering showing the Innovation Center and how the vertical connection can be utilized flexibly for work, collaboration and presentations.



Perspective view of Xavier Hall first floor: Conceptual rendering showing the vertical open-feel connection from the first floor to the Innovation Center below.

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Most students do not respond best to pure “chalk and talk,” but rather to “active learning” environments. Classroom experiments keep learners active in the learning process. Effective teaching and learning of science involves a perpetual state of show and tell, not a once-a-cycle lab. Schools that combine classroom teaching with laboratory experiments ensure that their students grasp each and every concept. It is imperative for schools to have the latest and high-quality science lab supplies these days. In today’s world, everyone needs to embrace technology or be left behind.

—DEBORAH KIEL, SCIENCE CHAIR

Our innovation center will support faculty and student efforts on a variety of projects. Rather than leave students to their own devices to get STEM activities completed, the center will enable classes and individual students to envision, develop, and execute their work in supervised, collaborative context.

—BOB FORD JR., SCIENCE TEACHER

The new Innovation space and reimagined labs will give the Prep faculty and students access to cutting edge resources which will allow them to become more creative and collaborative. Our goal is to develop new STEM course offerings that will interest and excite our students.

—DR. TOMMY DE QUESADA, PRINCIPAL

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# Science Students Conduct

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## BIO STUDENTS INVESTIGATE BACTERIAL GROWTH

In cooperation with Dr. Shelly Phelan, chairman of Fairfield University's Biology Department and Prep parent '22, Mr. Ford's Biology classes visited and performed two separate lab experiments at the Bannow Science Center on the Fairfield University campus.

In their first activity the students tested the effectiveness of a variety of antiseptics on bacterial growth. Growth plates were swabbed with varieties of bacteria and antiseptic soaked disks were placed in the center of the area where the bacteria would grow. The plates were incubated for 48 hours and zones of inhibition were measured to compare the effectiveness of the antiseptics.

At a separate activity two weeks later the students performed a forensic analysis of DNA samples with electrophoresis. Simulated crime-scene DNA was compared to sample from three "suspects" by fragmenting the samples with restriction enzymes and then pulling them through a gel with an electric current that separates them based on size.

The reaction of both students and the Fairfield University personnel who helped us was overwhelmingly positive. —Bob Ford Jr.

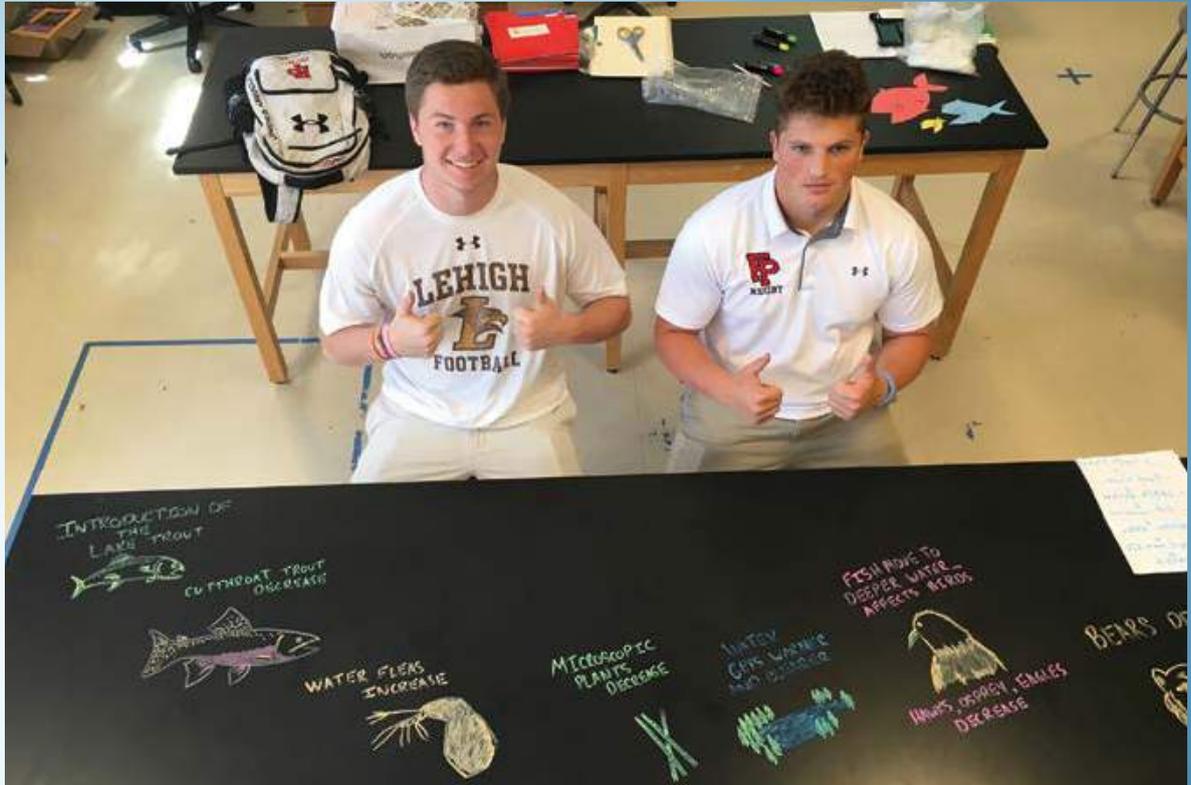


## CSI: FAIRFIELD

In the DNA results, the first column is "marker" DNA used as a reference. Column two is evidence DNA found at the crime scene, column 3 is innocent suspect A, column 4 is guilty suspect B (it looks just like column 2), and column 5 is innocent suspect C.

# College-Level Labs

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## A CREATIVE INTERPRETATION

EnSci students tracing out the cascading effects of the introduction of Lake Trout to Yellowstone Lake based on reading a scientific article about the event. From left: **Henry Houghton '19** and **Reed Hammond '19**.



## POLLUTION'S IMPACT ON ANIMALS

Plastic isolated from albatross boluses that are acquired from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on Midway Island in the Pacific. Prep students do a lab on this when they study plastic pollution.

## UNLOCKING DNA

Bio students isolated strawberry DNA in lab—the DNA is the clear glob at the end of the stick.





## En Sci Goes to the Animals



Mr. Ford's Environmental Science seniors visited Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo on a field trip in May. Beardsley Zoo is a certified member of the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums and participates in captive breeding programs that are working to save and protect endangered species. The Prep students spoke with zoo staff about these programs and interacted with researchers from Fairfield University who are engaged in behavioral studies of wolves, anteaters, tigers and leopards.

As a follow-up, Zoo Director Greg Dancho came to Prep a few weeks later to speak to both classes about the zoo's lessons. There the students not only learned more about species preservation efforts, they also had a chance to ask questions and observe several specimens that the zoo director brought with him to class.





## Vice President For Advancement Announcement

Dear Fairfield Prep Community,



With mixed emotions, I write to congratulate **Rick Henderson** for being named Chief Advancement Officer at Canterbury School. Rick has been Vice President for Advancement at Fairfield Prep since January 2016. His professional background and enthusiasm for fundraising strengthened Prep in numerous ways. Rick played a central role in our strategic planning and marketing campaign. As a result, we now have:

- **Dr. Sal & Marilyn Santella '49 Fine Arts Floor**
- **Rev. Raymond Quinn, S.J., Dean of Mission & Ministry endowed by Sean O'Rourke '59**
- **Entrepreneurship Institute funded by Greg & Peggy Strakosch '80**
- **Plans for the McLeod Innovation Center, named for the family of Chris & Elaine McLeod '73**
- **Launch of Prep Athletic Hall of Fame**
- **New Reunion Weekend format centered in the Quad**
- **New website and enhanced communications**
- **Endowment that now stands at \$35 million**

Rick has been a great friend, advisor, and traveling companion to me over these years. I wish him every success.

I am very happy to welcome **Robert Cottle** as Prep's new **Vice President for Advancement** (pictured top). I am confident that Rob will further our positive momentum and help Fairfield Prep grow in new ways. He comes to us as a managing partner of Centennial Consulting Group, LLC. Prior to that, Rob has been Vice President for Advancement at University of Bridgeport, Assistant VP for Development at Fairfield University, and Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving at Sacred Heart University. He has a B.S. in Business Administration from Sacred Heart University. Rob's professional experience and existing connections with the local community will be a tremendous resource for Prep. I am sure he looks forward to meeting you soon.

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam!

Fr. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J.  
President

I CAME. I SWAM. I CONQUERED.

# VENI. NAVI. VICI.

“Michael Phelps, Beijing Olympics in 2008. I saw him and I wanted to be an Olympian too.” It was an iconic sporting performance that likely inspired many future swimmers, but how many can actually say they are on a path to achieving that goal? Recent graduate and para-athlete **Matthew Torres '19** is one of the few. With the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo just a year away, Torres is inching closer to his goal.

His swimming journey began in 2010 when he joined a local competitive swim team. In a sport that usually requires years to perfect technique, Matthew was a fast learner. He competed in Connecticut YMCA and club events and also tried a few regional para-swimming meets. By 2016, his performances had caught the attention of U.S. Paralympic Swimming and he was brought into their development program. As his times continued to get faster, his national and international rankings rose. By 2017-2018 Matthew was being subsidized by US Paralympic Swimming to compete in events in Canada, Denmark and Germany. And this summer he was one of 16 men and 19 women who were named to the 2019 USA Parapan American Games taking place in Lima, Peru in August.

Paralympic classification is an intricate (and at times contentious) process that can have a significant impact on a para-athletes position in international competitions and subsequently making it to the Paralympic Games. Matthew's classification (S8, SB8, SM8) is primarily for amputee athletes. Matthew's disabilities include his right leg being amputated above the knee, no toes on his left foot and both hands with missing and compromised fingers. At the Para-World Series, this past spring in Indianapolis (one of the top competitions in a pre-Olympics year), Matthew was a top finisher in his classification in the 400 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 200 Individual Medley. In each event he achieved a Paralympic qualifying time and a top 15 world ranking, two important benchmarks he had not achieved going into his first U.S. Paralympic Swimming Trials in 2016 when he fell just short of making the Rio Games. With the 2020 U.S.



Paralympic Swimming Trials on his radar, Matthew is positioning himself well for a possible spot on Team USA in Tokyo.

Intense training is a major part of any swimmers path to success. Matthew is no exception. He is an “all-in” type of person in workouts and is willing to make the personal sacrifices necessary to be an elite athlete. (A training session at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado caused him to miss his Graduation this spring). He competes year round for the Westport/Weston YMCA Water Rat swim team. When his intense international meet schedule allowed, Matthew was able to also compete for Fairfield Prep's varsity program. This past season he was a mainstay in the lineup in the 500 freestyle, scoring at both the SCC league and LL state championships and helping lead Prep to an SCC Championship and a 3rd place finish at the LL State Championship. Matthew's inspirational performance throughout the season led him to be voted the SCC Swimmer of the Year.

Next fall we will thankfully still be seeing Matthew at the Fairfield University Rec Plex pool as he will matriculate to Fairfield this fall and continue his training with their Division I swimming team.

Whether sporting an FP Logo, a STAG or Team USA, Matthew Torres is making waves and everyone is taking notice.



**Rick Hutchinson '87**, Guidance Counselor and Head Swimming Coach



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# Urinetown

## Silly Title and Serious Issues

**T**he Prep Players performed the musical comedy *Urinetown* to rave reviews on May 9 and 10. The show takes place in a time of desperation and desolation. A massive water shortage means that private toilets have been outlawed and public amenities are run by an evil company headed up by the villainous Caldwell B. Cladwell. When our hero's father is carted off to Urinetown for failing to comply with the laws and regulations,

it ignites Bobby Strong to lead a revolution against the corruption and oppression. On the surface, this show is a comedy, riffing on a wide range of Broadway traditions and conventions. But, digging deeper, it explores the issues of corporate greed, the growing gap between the rich and poor, and water conservation—reminding us that we all play a part.

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

## Prep Players Win Three Halo Awards

The Prep Players theater group once again showed its artistic prowess at the 16th Annual Halo Awards event on May 29, with the Players winning three awards for acting, costume design, and best play.

**Thomas Rudden '19** (top right) won **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY** for his role as Malvolio in the fall production, *Twelfth Night*.

**Brendan Martinez '19** (below right) won **BEST COSTUME DESIGN** for *Twelfth Night*.

The entire production of *Twelfth Night* won the award for **BEST CLASSIC PLAY**.

"The honors were well deserved and recognize how much these guys give to rehearsal and support each other in the process," said Director Megan Hoover. "It is truly a privilege to watch these students grow, and a pleasure to be able to celebrate that with them."

The Prep Players **were nominated for 19 Halo awards** for their performances of *Twelfth Night* and the spring musical, *Urinetown*. Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury sends judges to high schools all over the state to evaluate the work that the students are doing in a variety of categories from acting to design.



Author Sophfronia Scott, her son Tain along with members of the Prep freshman class.

### PREP LIVING AUTHOR SERIES

## Gun Violence and Faith

On April 4, Prep held two separate literary panels related to gun violence for the student body and the general public as part of the school's **Living Author Series**. Prep sophomores, juniors and seniors attended a panel at the Quick Center at Fairfield University about *Bullets into Bells*, a collection of poems responding to gun violence in the United States. The panel included several authors from the book, including Editors Brian Clements and Dean Rader, teacher and Sandy Hook shooting survivor Abbey Clements and Dr. William V. Begg III, the ER doctor during the Sandy Hook shooting.

Prep freshmen gathered at Gonzaga Hall for a panel by Sophfronia Scott and her son, 13-year-old Tain Gregory, who co-authored the book *This Child of Faith* about the importance of faith and the bond between the mother and son. Tain, a third-grader in 2012, also survived the Sandy Hook shooting. In addition to speaking to the freshman class, Scott and Tain answered questions and interacted with the freshman students.

Michael J. Daly, retired editor of the *Connecticut Post* editorial page, wrote about the *Bullets into Bells* panel in a column: "(The panel was) an appeal to a group of bright students — many headed for college and promising futures — to get involved in the fight against gun violence. And it was an exposition of the power of words, poetry in particular, to lay open the unbearable grief that gun violence has brought into people's lives."



### SPRING CONCERT

The Prep Music Department's annual Spring Concert was performed on May 15 in the Kelley Theater of the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The performance included selections by groups that represent the entire music department: String Orchestra, Select Choir, Encords, Jazzuits, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, the Combined Symphonic Orchestra, as well as student soloists.

 Watch video highlights  
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### PREP JAZZUITS PLAY IN JAZZ JAMBOREE

The Jazzuits joined more than 10 other local high school bands at Darien High School's Jazz Jamboree in March. All performances were adjudicated by Earl MacDonald and John Mastroianni from the University of Connecticut's Music Department.





# Arts & Ideas



Prep revamped its annual art show by adding music, readings and a Prep Players' sneak preview performance of a scene from the spring musical *Urinetown*. The Arts & Ideas Showcase 2019 held in April allowed visitors to view art, enjoy the Jazzuits band performance, listen to readings by winners of the *Writing Royale* short story contest, and enjoy tasty selections from a local food truck.

Studio Art student **Henry Houghton '19** with art teacher **Bob Fosse-Previs '87**



# Men for Others

APPALACH



## Freshman Field Day

The Prep Class of 2022 had a fun-filled day hosting their "buddies" from St. Raphael Academy of the Bridgeport Diocese as part of their Christian Service curriculum for freshman year. Students and their buddies participated in group games, obstacle courses, and time getting to know each other. Prep is grateful to continue its partnership with St. Raphael's and their students.



## BASKETBALL SUPPORTS COACH PAPALE'S IN A HEARTBEAT FOUNDATION

Prep Basketball team members presented Head Coach Mike Papale a check for \$600 to support the coach's "In a Heartbeat" foundation which provides defibrillators to public buildings.



### APPALACHIA IMMERSION

In June a group of Prep juniors and seniors headed to rural Virginia for the annual Appalachia Immersion experience. Our students spent the week partnering with both the community center in Fries and Glenwood Methodist Church in Barren Springs, where they built relationships with community members, learned about the towns, and provided service work to help the residents. The trip was led by Theology teachers Mrs. Michelle Smith, P'19, and **Kevin Kery '00**.



### SERVING IN JAMAICA

In July a group of Prep juniors and seniors traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to partner with Mustard Seed Communities, an organization serving people living with disabilities. The immersion provided a transformative experience for the Prep students as they formed relationships and provided service to the community. Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada and English Chair Mrs. Elaine Clark led this year's trip.



### ECUADOR EXPERIENCE

Students spent April break with the community of Arbolito in Ecuador. Prep's partnership with Rostro de Cristo introduces students to neighbors in the program as well as various organizations that support the community. This year, Prep's group visited Padre Damien House (a home for people living with Hansen's disease — commonly known as leprosy); a home for women and children who have suffered domestic violence; San Felipe grammar school; and Hogar de Cristo (a Jesuit work that provides affordable housing and social services). Every day, the group visited locals in Guayaquil to learn about their lives, many of whom live in houses made of bamboo or concrete blocks. The trip was led by Spanish teacher Mr. Sean Whalen, Jesuit novice Mr. Chris Holownia, n.S.J., and President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

# Never Let the Brotherhood Los

Senior Week was a time of reflection, remembrance, and thankfulness at the end of an incredible school year. It was during this week that I realized not only how much I had grown as an individual over the past four years, but how much the entire class had grown as a brotherhood.

It started at Senior Breakfast as I looked around me. I saw more than two hundred young men talking, smiling, and laughing with one another as one whole group. The room was filled with celebration of the past and a collective excitement for the future. I felt closer to my Prep brothers than I had ever felt before. I knew in that moment



Written by **John O'Connor '19**, shown with, from left: grandfather **Tom Roach '55**, Eileen O'Connor, mother and Prep teacher Maura O'Connor, father **Brian O'Connor '83**, Molly O'Connor and **Tommy O'Connor '14**.

that this bond that we all shared would not collapse after graduation.

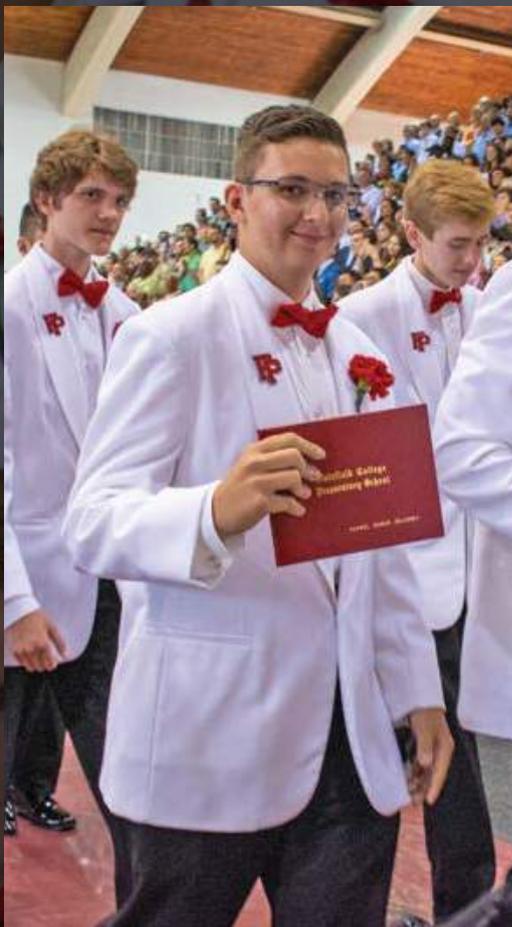
This feeling only increased when the teachers and counselors gave their final lectures that same morning. After listening to these memorable Prep faculty and

staff, every student began to realize how real the situation was. After four years of being together, we were all moving on to different places, but we would never let ourselves grow apart. We would never let the brotherhood lose its strength.

The Baccalaureate Mass was

a very special night. Together, we honored several of our classmates and recognized their various contributions to the school. The night, however, was about the class as a whole, and the success that we had all achieved together.

I found myself thinking back to my first Mass at Prep in 2015. We were all cramped on the bleachers of Alumni Hall and so excited to be part of a new community. We had so many experiences ahead of us and so much to learn. I found myself wanting to return to that autumn day, but I knew that my Prep experience turned out exactly the way that it was supposed to, and that the same was true for all of my classmates. Everything



# e its Strength

worked out in the end, and it all made for a wonderful four years.

I found it difficult to convince myself that graduation was just around the corner. Senior Week helped me to prepare for the momentous occasion while being surrounded by the people who made my experience at the school so incredible. As my friend and classmate Finn O'Connor discussed in his speech at graduation, it was quite an astonishing and frightening time, but looking back on the great times we had together as a class was the perfect prescription. We laughed together, cried together, and we left our mark on the school in countless positive ways.

As our names were read

aloud on that Sunday morning, and each of us walked across that stage, my mind filled with the best memories. It is clear that Prep created a very special bond among every member of the Class of 2019, and I could not be more thankful for that gift. As each one of us ventures out into the world, we will never forget where we came from. We will never forget the brotherhood that unites us. There truly is no place like Fairfield Prep. I am so glad that I was able to attend such a place with such an amazing group of young men.

Reflection by **John O'Connor '19**



*"Together we laughed in moments of joy, consoled one another in times of great sorrow, and celebrated in moments of victory, which we will never forget, and the graduating classes to follow will seek to recreate."*

Taken from the Senior Farewell Address by **Finn O'Connor**



Find more graduation photos at **FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG**

Watch video highlights on the Prep YouTube channel at **YOUTUBE.COM/FAIRFIELDPREP1**

# 'Be a man of action, in service to others'

Taken from the commencement address given by Alumnus **Matt Russell '01**. Matt was a two-time All-American on the Prep lacrosse team and went on to become a three-time All-American at the United States Naval Academy. He played six years of professional lacrosse and was inducted into the Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Following the Naval Academy, Matt was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Matt left the Marine Corps in 2011 to pursue a professional financial career in NYC.

**I**t's a real honor to stand in front of the Prep community and share how the Prep experience has touched my life.

As you may know, Jesuits have been called God's Marines. In Father Simisky's case you not only have a guardian of this great institution but a former United States Marine. So from my (clearly unbiased) vantage point Prep is in good hands!

Now, on to the students. Congratulations! The next few years will be some of the most transformative, exciting times of your life.

This summer, make it a point to reflect on what aspects of Prep you're going to take with you in this next chapter. I'm talking about the lessons which make Prep Prep — the spiritual retreats, the commitment to service through hours of volunteer work, the focus on extracurricular activity and the deep camaraderie on the sports field, all of which make for well-rounded men.

## Service to Others

I can still remember my time volunteering at retirement homes through Prep and always wanting to seek out the WWII veterans. I was mesmerized by their stories and would imagine this experience (along for my admiration for both my grandfathers who had served) was a driving force behind my decision to attend the United States Naval Academy.

I can say unequivocally that serving for 10 years in the military was one of the most fulfilling decisions I've ever made. Never once did I wake up and question my purpose for the day. And I know each of you knows this feeling as a result of your volunteer work at Prep.

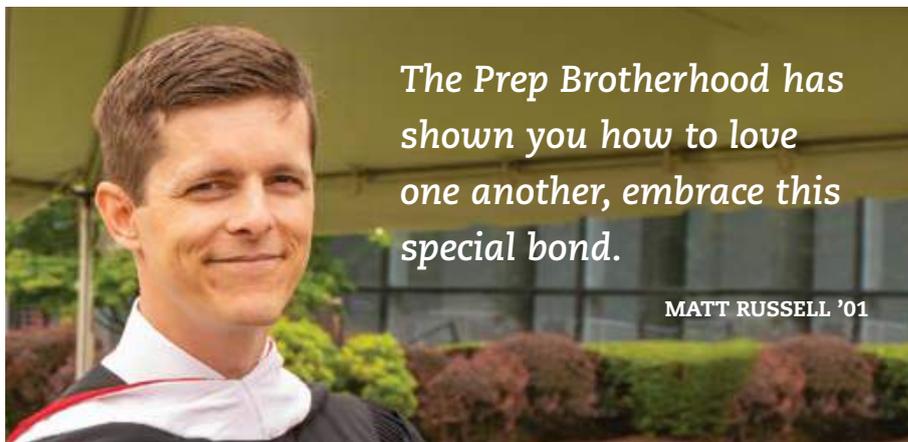
I challenge you to stay involved with service. Perhaps that means the path of education through programs like Teach for America, or volunteering for an at-risk youth program, or spending one evening a week at a food shelter. Or perhaps your service comes through spending time with friends and family who need your support.

Bottom line: When you find yourself seeking out a purpose (which happens to every single one of us at different points in life) push yourself to look outward and give back. Remember your Prep service and I'm confident you won't regret this path for a moment.

## Prep Retreats and Compassion for Others

Looking back, I'm grateful for [Prep retreat] experiences as they helped me navigate what I like to call the "shades of gray" in life. I ended up deployed as a United States Marine to Baghdad, Iraq, roughly seven years after leaving Prep. My reflection on this challenging time ultimately brought me back to a Prep retreat where I learned the saying "Follow Your Moral Compass."

In my opinion, this means that while life may be complicated, there is a reasonable belief that if you follow your heart you'll make sound decisions. To "Follow Your Moral Compass" became a driving



force behind how I chose to live and lead.

On my deployment and beyond, I would talk to my Marines about how we all come from different walks of life but I'm certain we all knew the difference between good and bad. I challenged and demanded that each of my Marines follow their Moral Compass when operating in the shades of gray.

I challenge you to pause and reflect when you face these situations in college, on the job, and among friends. Be prepared for situations where there may not be a right and wrong. Be armed with your own version of the Moral Compass. In today's divisive world, an open heart and open-minded approach will set you up for success.

## Adversity

I imagine many of you have already faced serious challenges at Prep and in life, and have ultimately picked yourself up and continued to march forward. With that in mind, I want to tackle adversity from a different angle today.

I challenge each of you to remember what motivates your friends seated beside you because among the many success stories that will arise from this group, a few are bound to get knocked down. Look beyond your own failed endeavors and be there for your classmates. Be a Man for Others.

Speak up, be present, care for one another. I can assure you that the only regrets you'll have on this front is when you decide NOT to step up and lend a hand. I can tell you with full confidence that the toughest men and women I know in our elite military units today are compassionate, loving people of faith that step up when friends are down. The Prep Brotherhood has shown you how to love one another, embrace this special bond.

A Jesuit education embraces tolerance at its core, and promotes a strong foundation which creates an environment that promotes compassion and service to others.

We are all a part of something special here. Take the time to figure out how you plan to continue to be a man of action, in service to others. In the end, we are all ambassadors of Prep who represent the legacy of a Jesuit education. Thank you and Congratulations!

# HIGH ACHIEVERS



## The Top 5% of the Class of 2019

At the Baccalaureate Mass, President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., recognized the outstanding academic achievement of students in the top 5% of their class by awarding them the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola. Pictured with Fr. Simisky from left: **James Paul, Louis Guzzi, Michael Fickes, Owen Gannon, Jack Littlefield, Alexander Gough, Alex Nordlinger, Finn O'Connor, Peter Kavanaugh, John O'Connor** and **Ross Keblish**. Previously, the students were honored at the annual Fairfield Rotary Luncheon held in the spring.



## Alex Nordlinger named National Merit Finalist

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce senior **Alex Nordlinger** has been named as a National Merit Finalist. Of the 1.5 million entrants in the nation, Alex was initially recognized among the top 16,000 semifinalists, and continuing on in the competition he has been recognized as one of 15,000 finalists. This outstanding achievement is highly consistent with Alex's academic journey at Prep. A 4-year Summa Cum Laude honor student who has taken the strongest course load available and achieved a 4.14 GPA, Alex is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and a peer tutor. He achieved the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor and received the Sikorsky Award for Excellence in Math and Science at Fairfield University, and the Brown University Book Award at Prep's National Honor Society ceremony. Alex was a 4-year member of the soccer team, attaining JV Captain and 2-time coaches' award recipient. He is the founder and director of the TOPSoccer program in Weston, a soccer program for children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. He also volunteers at Urban Impact, working with Bridgeport youth. Alex was a participant and student leader on Prep's Appalachian immersion trip. He will attend the University of Notre Dame.



## JOINING FORCES

At the Baccalaureate Mass on May 30, Prep recognized seniors who have accepted military appointments. Pictured (l-r with Father Simisky, S.J.) are **Ethan Grandolfo** who will attend the United States Air Force Academy and **Louis Guzzi** who will attend the United States Military Academy, West Point. In addition, Louis received the Western Connecticut Military Officers Association Young American Award.



## Congratulations Eagle Scouts

- **Nicholas Avallone**
- **Maxwell DellAquila**
- **Evan Bean**
- **Henry Essex**
- **Louis Guzzi**
- **Chris Hilton**
- **Adam Julio**
- **James Paul**
- **Oscar Villalonga**

# SCC SCHOLAR LEADERS

## Finn O'Connor and Thomas Rudden honored

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 25th Annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 25 in New Haven. Forty-six scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective schools and external communities.



**FINN O'CONNOR:** Academically as a student at Prep, Finn has achieved Summa Cum Laude honors during all his four years, and he was the recipient of the Harvard Book Award at the National Honor Society Awards Ceremony in the fall. He also excels on the field as a goalie on the varsity lacrosse team. This year, the team won the SCC Championship, advanced to the Class L State Semifinal, and Finn earned All-SCC Second Team, CHCSA All-State, and was named Academic All-American. Finn stands out as a leader in Campus Ministry. He has served as a Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Retreat and Kairos leader. Outside of Prep, he volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford, serving as a tutor and mentor to underprivileged kids in the Stamford area.

**THOMAS RUDDEN** is a Summa Cum Laude honor student, and he received the Cornell University Book Award at the National Honor Society Awards Ceremony in the fall. He and several classmates founded REIGNS, a club promoting acceptance and inclusion. He has performed leading roles in Prep Players' productions and has been a four-year musician in the Symphonic Orchestra. Thomas co-directed a Kairos retreat, taught religious education at St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Fairfield, and served as a camp counselor for children with special needs. At the SCC dinner Thomas also received the Bill O'Brien Community Service Scholarship. He was selected based on his healthy balance of school and community activities.

As an additional honor, Thomas was awarded the Kiwanis Scholarship for his outstanding academic career, service life, leadership and representing the mission of Fairfield Prep. Thomas will continue his studies and service to others at the University of Southern California.

From left: parents Kevin and Kathy Rudden, **Thomas Rudden '19**, and Mrs. Megan Hoover at the Kiwanis event.



## Charlie Auray awarded Fairfield Police Scholarship and Jacky Durrell Service Award & Scholarship

Charlie Auray was awarded the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship and the Jackie Durrell Memorial Service Award and Scholarship. Charlie has been a member of Campus Ministry at Prep as a Eucharistic Minister and Prep's retreat programs. Charlie has led the Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Retreat and Kairos Retreat. Charlie was a three-year participant in the Ignatian Teach-in for Justice held yearly in Washington D.C. He has volunteered at Operation Hope and the Salvation Army and had a four-year swim career. Charlie will attend Loyola University of Chicago in the fall.



**Charlie Auray** with, from left: parents Diane and Donald Auray, Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada, and Officers Keith Broderick and Mike Paris.

## Leo Redgate Jr. is awarded the Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship

Leo Redgate Jr. has been recognized as the first recipient of the Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship. Through the generosity of the Lauria Family and in the name of Phillip (Phil) A. Lauria of the Prep Class of 2005, this scholarship has been established in memory of Phil, who lived with integrity, ethics, kindness, religious values and respect for others. Following Phil's passing in 2018, his parents established the scholarship in order to recognize a Prep senior who exhibits Phil's values and efforts.

Leo served in Appalachia and has been a member of Prep's Campus Ministry team. He led the Kairos retreat and was chosen as co-leader of the Freshman Retreat. He also received the St. Francis Xavier, S.J., Award, which honors that student who by his choices and his actions has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered at Prep. Leo will attend Providence College.



**Leo Redgate Jr.** (center) with, from left: Phil and Elaine Lauria, and Lynne and **Leo Redgate '86**

# READY TO PLAY

**AIR FORCE**

**ETHAN GRANDOLFO**



committed to attend the United States Air Force Academy to play lacrosse. Grandolfo, a co-captain, has been a 4-year member of the varsity lacrosse program while also being named 2nd Team All-SCC as both a sophomore and as a junior. He has also been a part of three SCC Tournament Championship teams in his career. Ethan was the second leading scorer on the Jesuits with 270 points. This spring, he was named All-SCC First Team and CHSCA Second Team All-State. Grandolfo volunteers his time at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club and was a member of the crew team.

**LACROSSE**

**PRINCETON**

**ERIK SPINKA**



committed to attend Princeton University as a member of the heavyweight crew team. The fastest high school rower in the country, he holds several world records, placed first at Crash-B Rowing (2019) and Connecticut Indoor Rowing (2019), brought-home-the-gold at CanAmMex Regatta (2018) after training at the U19 National Selection Rowing Camp in Chula Vista, CA, and on the North East team at the Youth World Rowing Championship Regatta, Sarasota-Bradenton, FL, (2017). Spinka volunteers at Operation Hope, Carleton Rehab, and XLR8 Urban Impact.

**ROWING**

**BOSTON COLLEGE**

**EDDIE TRISTINE**



committed to Boston College as a member of the cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams. He served as a captain for all three teams at Prep. For cross-country he was named All-SCC twice and helped his team to 4th place at the State Open. In track, he was All-SCC twice and All-State once. He is a member of the 4x400 relay team that holds the indoor track record at Prep, and the 4x800 relay team that holds the SCC Championship meet record. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Irish Club and Gaelic Football Club. He volunteers with the disabled at the Kennedy Center.

**CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK**

**DENISON**

**ROB McCULLOCH**



committed to the Denison University track and field team. He served as a captain of the indoor and outdoor track teams and named team MVP for sprinters. At the Outdoor SCC West Sectional, he finished 1st in the long jump, 4th in the 100m run and 3rd in the 4x100m relay, while also breaking the school record. At the SCC Championship, McCulloch took 2nd overall in the long jump. Indoor, McCulloch finished 3rd in the long jump at the SCC Championship meet and 5th in the long jump at the CIAC Class LL Championships. McCulloch volunteered at the Jerome Orcutt Boys and Girls Club.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

## Football Players Commit to Play at the College Level

The Fairfield Prep football team will be sending four players to continue their careers in college next year. **Murray McCarthy, Henry Houghton, Finn Duran** and **Douglas Harrison** have all committed to play football in college. All four players were instrumental in Prep football reaching the Class LL playoffs the past two seasons and a 10-2 record overall their senior year.

**Murray McCarthy** joined the football team his senior year after playing 3 years of soccer and made an immediate and important impact on the field kicking 2 field goals, making 45 point after kicks and averaging 52 yards per kick off. McCarthy will kick next year for Franklin and Marshall College.

**Henry Houghton** will attend Lehigh University next year after signing an NLI over the winter (featured in *Prep Today* Spring 2019 Issue).



From left: **Murray McCarthy, Henry Houghton, Finn Duran** and **Douglas Harrison**

**Finn Duran** finished his career at Prep as one of the most decorated wide receivers and kick returners in school history. He was recognized after the season as All-SCC Tier 1, CHSCA All-State, and 1st Team Walter Camp. Duran will play at Union College next year.

**Douglas Harrison** will also go down as one of Prep's best running backs in school history, was also recognized as All-SCC Tier 1 and CHSCA LL All-State. Harrison will go on to play at New England College in New Hampshire.

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## Scholar-Athletes Earn College Opportunities

Fairfield Prep proudly announces that by their strong character, academic success, and athletic efforts, many senior scholar-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees.

### • BASEBALL

**Adam Stone** – Harvard University

**Dan Massaro** – Roger Williams University

**Matt Massaro** – Roger Williams University

### • BASKETBALL

**Jack Scholl** – Roger Williams University

### • CREW

**James Brady** – Cornell University

**Sam DeSilva** – Drexel University

**Erik Spinka** – Princeton University

**Calum Siemer** – University of Delaware

### • FOOTBALL

**Finn Duran** – Union College

**Doug Harrison** – University of New England

**Henry Houghton** – Lehigh University

**Murray McCarthy** – Franklin & Marshall College

### • HOCKEY (PG)

**Lucas Baksay** – CT Rough Riders

**Colin Bella** – CT Rough Riders

**Anthony Clericuzio** – Gilmore Academy

**Calyb Reeves** – South Kent School

### • LACROSSE

**Connor Boyle** – University of Vermont

**Ethan Grandolfo** – United States Air Force Academy

**Finn O'Connor** – Middlebury College

**Mason Reale** – Villanova University

**T.J. Rohach** – Quinnipiac University

**T.J. Walton** – University of Vermont

### • RUGBY

**Owen Baekey** – Loyola University New Orleans

**Hayden Beiser** – Roger Williams University

**Teddy Bobroske** – Boston College

**Seamus Carbin** – University of Rhode Island

**Sebastian Fernandez** – Loyola University Maryland

**James Fitzpatrick** – Georgetown University

**Jackson Gilmore** – Wake Forest University

**Campbell Halloran** – Pennsylvania State University

**Reed Hammond** – St. Bonaventure University

**Jack Lyons** – College of the Holy Cross

**Nicholas Tsorvas** – Fordham University

### • SAILING

**James Paul** – Dartmouth

### • SKIING

**George Visnic** – Hobart and William Smith Colleges

### • SOCCER

**Andrew Neumeyer** – Gettysburg College

### • SWIMMING

**Brody Biebel** – Fairfield University

**Liam Colleran** – Trinity College

**Alvin Gay** – Roger Williams University

**Ethan Keyes** – Lafayette College

**Andrew Lydon** – College of the Holy Cross

**Matthew Torres** – Fairfield University

### • TENNIS

**Nash Lovallo** – Lafayette

### • TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY

**Robert McCulloch** – Denison University

**Ed Tristine** – Boston College

## SCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

These seniors have demonstrated leadership qualities both on and off the field while maintaining top grades.

### Evan Bean to attend UPenn



**Evan Bean** has been a 4-year member of the Prep Varsity Crew team and helped the Jesuits to a second place finish in the New England Fall Championships and a spot in the NEIRA Grand Final this past spring. Bean also finished 2nd at the Men's Open Heavyweight Connecticut Erg competition this winter. In the

classroom, Bean is a Magna Cum Laude student and member of the National Honor Society. At Prep, he is a member of the Jazz Band, Acapella Group, Engineering Team and Media Club. He volunteers with KEYS which offers mentoring for underprivileged youth musicians. Bean will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

### Jamie Paul to attend Dartmouth



**Jamie Paul** has been a 4-year member of the Prep Sailing team which ranked 5th in New England and won the Fairfield County Sailing League Gold Cup this spring. Paul earned a first place finish at the US Sailing Junior Championships as well as a 3rd place finish at the Canadian Laser Championships. In addition to sailing,

Paul is also a member of the Prep Ski Team. In the classroom, Jamie is a Summa Cum Laude student and member of the National Honor Society. Paul is attained Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts, and wrote for the Zeitgeist political magazine. Jamie volunteers at the Person to Person clothing bank. Paul will join the Sailing team at Dartmouth College next fall.

### Eddie Tristine to attend Boston College



**Eddie Tristine** is a Summa Cum Laude student and a four-year member of the Prep cross country, indoor track and outdoor track teams. Tristine serves as a captain of the cross country team and has had a standout senior year, finishing 5th overall at the Wilton Invitational and also finishing 1st overall in a 4 team SCC league race.

Off the track Tristine is a member of the Jazzuits music ensemble, Gaelic Football Club, Irish Club and a member of the Music Ministry for Liturgical Music. Tristine volunteers with the Kennedy Center bowling program at Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield. Eddie will run for Boston College next fall.

### Sean Zentner to attend Indiana Univ.



**Sean Zentner** is a four-year member of the Prep wrestling team and finished runner-up at the SCC Championship. He serves as a captain for the Jesuits and finished as a finalist in the Fairfield Ludlowe Invite. He recently went 5-0 at the Staples duels. He has helped the Prep wrestling team to 8 team victories so far this season. In

the classroom Zentner is a Summa Cum Laude student and a member of the Stock Market Club. Sean volunteers at the Beardsley School for his community service. Sean will attend Indiana University.



# LEGACY

Alumni fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and graduating seniors gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 30 for a group legacy photo.

- D.R. '76 and Charles Auray
  - Ed Rowe '59 and Samuel Arcamone
  - Terry '78 and Lucas Baksay
  - Steve '86 and Declan Bayliss
  - Ed '83 and Connor Boyle
  - Jack O'Connell '51, Dennis '85 and James Brown
  - Mike '91 and Patrick Cody
- John '11 and Louis Guzzi
  - Mike '89 and Peter Hiltz
  - Mike '68, Sean '89 and John Kane
  - Cal '84, Daniel and Matthew Massaro
  - Tom Roach '55, Brian '83 and John O'Connor
  - Ken '85 and Declan O'Donnell
  - Chris '86 and James Paul
- John '64, Kevin '00 and Calyb Reeves
  - Vito DelVento '58 and Douglas Reitmeyer
  - Lee '79 and David Smeriglio
  - Marty '62, Ed '88 and Edward Tristine
  - Eric '89 and Joseph Wuchiski
- NOT PICTURED:
  - Ken '79 and Lucas Hoin
  - Sean '84 and Seamus Malloy
  - Leo '86 and Leo Redgate
  - Ed Coffey '57 and Andrew Trautz
  - Jon '87 and Jonathan Wheeler

## MR. JAMIE CHESBRO

### Most Inspirational Teacher

This year, the Prep graduating seniors honored Mr. Jamie Chesbro as their most inspirational teacher. Having worked alongside Mr. Chesbro for the last two decades, I know he inspires in many ways.

Fifteen years ago, while teaching freshmen, you might have seen a young Mr. Chesbro standing on his desk to drive home a point. These days he employs a much more subtle soapbox.

Mr. Chesbro's inspirational approach begins with his openness to growth. He leads the Creative Writing Club, has carried the torch for the Bellarmine Review (Prep's literary magazine) and has helped countless seniors craft their finest college essays.

Mr. Chesbro's style, while perhaps less demonstrative than his early years, is grounded in meeting his students where they are. Over the years, he has taught every level, coached soccer and golf and attended multiple retreats. He listens carefully to his students, especially when they write, and they listen to him carefully as he breaks down the nuance of a piece of literature or a complex argument. He challenges them to be careful readers and precise writers, to be fundamentally sound as they head off to college.

Finally, we are all inspired by Mr. Chesbro's commitment to his wife Lynne and their three children (James, Clare, and Mary), his commitment to his faith and his loyalty to Fairfield Prep. He is an exceptional colleague, his door is always open and he is always willing to pitch in. Each year he works tirelessly to bring Prep's *Living Author Series* to life.

It is great teachers that care about their students, that make Prep the special place that it is.



By **Matthew Sather '93**, English teacher, Varsity Hockey Coach



## FR. TOM SIMISKY, S.J.

### 2019 Yearbook Dedication

What happens when you combine a military career with a Jesuit vocation? This is no hypothetical question, as the answer to it has been written every day at Prep through the leadership of Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. Decisive and bold in action, and uncompromising in pursuit of mission may begin to characterize Fr. Tom. The fact that the Prep Class of 2019 has chosen to dedicate their yearbook to him speaks



volumes of his impact on Fairfield Prep over the past four years. As the Senior Class entered Prep they sensed the presence of an exciting energy as Fr. Simisky greeted them at the front door on their first day, and on so many days since. His compelling story, his unlimited energy and support for all things Prep, his willingness and desire to bring the mission of Prep to the Prep community, the surrounding community and to the world, and his dynamic presence everywhere have spoken in a way that no words can.

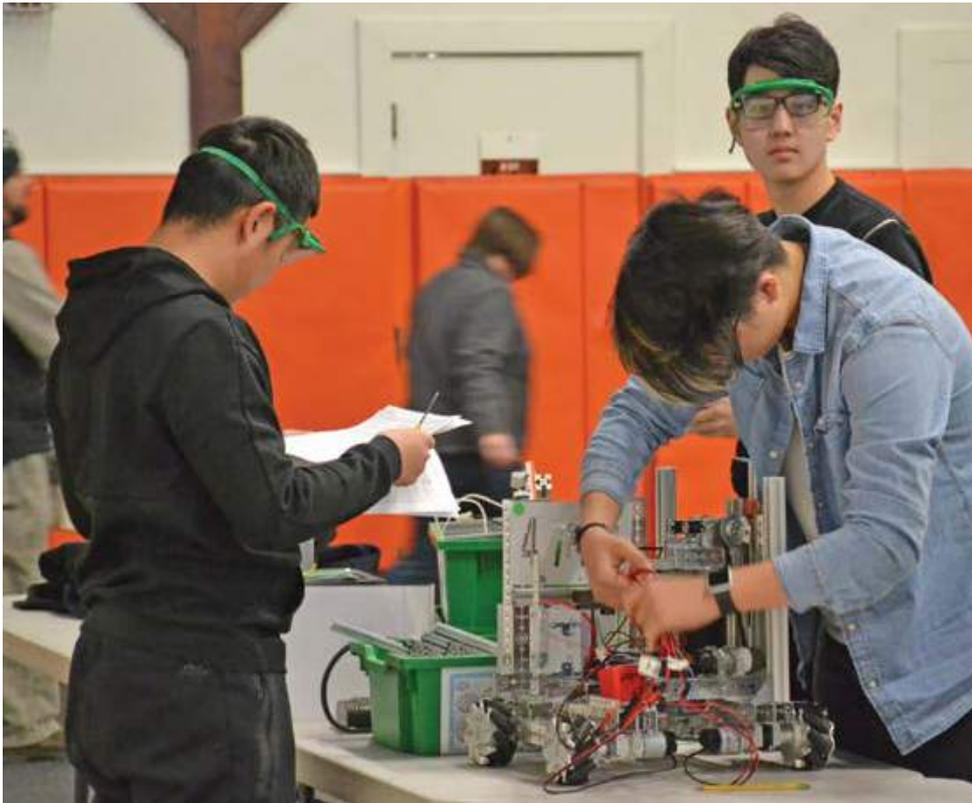
The Class of 2019 has been inspired by the "Simisky Effect," encountering Fr. Simisky everywhere: on the altar, the sidelines, on Kairos, Swimming across the Sound, in Jamaica at Mustard Seed Ministries, in Ecuador and more importantly in the hallways of Prep daily. It is perhaps his powerful reminders of who we are, whose we are and who we are called to be which, spoken in word and in deed, have inspired and energized the Prep community. Always up front and out in front, Fr. Simisky is the "Iron Man" of Prep, all for the Greater Glory of God. Fr. Simisky's expectations for students are those he has for himself, it is his lived example of how to be and to act each day that has bonded him in Prep's history to the Class of 2019, inspiring this dedication.

— Dedication by the "Hearthstone" yearbook staff

Fr. Simisky, S.J., pictured with Senior Co-Editor **Owen Gannon '19**

# PREP

HAPPENINGS



## Robotics Club Wins 4th Place

Way to go Prep students! Our international students competed with their robotics club against 20 high schools and won 4th place in the competition. The event took place at Fairfield University in the spring.

## ANTHONY BOUDREAU IS SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

**Anthony Boudreau '21** received 2nd honors at the CT Science Fair and the Office of Naval Research - IS Navy/IS Marine Corp Award for his project "Oil Spill Bioremediation."



## DONATE LIFE

**Jude Pastorok '22** won honorable mention for his artwork in the Donate Life contest. He received his award at the Connecticut Capitol.



## INTRAMURAL SPORTS MANIA

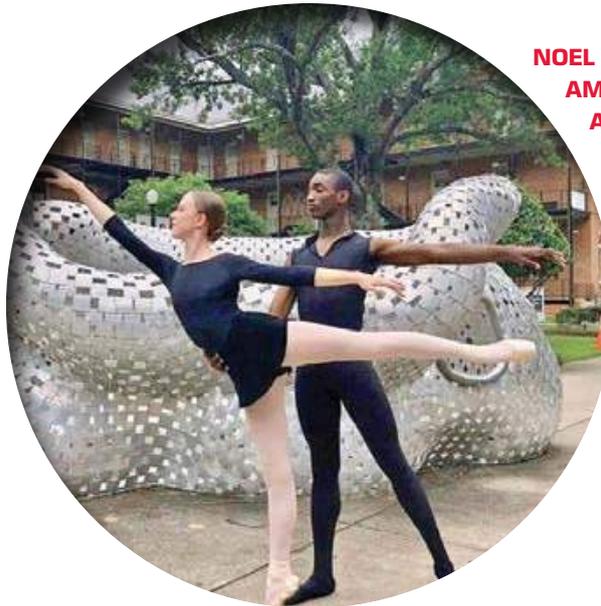
With hundreds of students participating in the Intramural Program throughout three seasons, the Prep day does not end at 2:30. On The Hill, The Quad, or in Brissette Gym, students compete for Championship T-Shirts and bragging rights in Wiffle Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Basketball, and Flag Football. Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Intramural Champions:

- Ultimate Frisbee: "Fat Men"
- Wiffle Ball: 2x Champion "Bye Week"
- Volleyball: "Flying Moles" (pictured left)
- Basketball: "In My Bag"
- Flag Football: 3x Champion "Minion Owns Scholl"



**MILLER SCORES SIKORSKY AWARD**

The “Excellence in Mathematics and Science Awards” recognizes local high school juniors for excelling in math and science studies. The award is given by Fairfield University’s School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. **Kevin Miller ‘20** was nominated by the Math and Science departments at Prep. Kevin is shown with parents Elizabeth and Mark Miller, and Math Chair Maureen Bohan.



**NOEL BERNARD '20 STUDIES AT AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE AND JOFFREY BALLET**

**Noel Bernard ‘20** received scholarships to participate in two dance programs this past summer: ABT (American Ballet Theatre School) and Joffrey Ballet School. Noel is passionate about pursuing a professional dance career.

*Noel at the American Ballet Summer Intensive program*



**ISRAELI EMISSARIES VISIT PREP**

The Jewish Agency for Israel sends up to 1,750 emissaries around the world to strengthen Jewish identity and connection to Israel. Four emissaries visited Prep in May, and presented to Prep students about life in Israel, a background of the state of Israel, and a description of their upcoming duty to the Israeli Defense Force when they return home.



**RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS**

The Prep community attended an Easter Season Mass with principal celebrant Bishop Frank Caggiano. The Mass included the sacraments of Baptism for **Kyle Bautista ‘21** and the Confirmation of five students: **Kyle Bautista, Jack Gifford ‘22, David Jaworowski ‘21, Andrew Keaveney ‘21** and **Tim O’Leary ‘21**.



**SEED DINNER CELEBRATES DIVERSE CULTURES**

Fairfield Prep’s SEED Program gave a warm welcome to its newest members and bid farewell to the outgoing seniors during the annual SEED Diversity Dinner in April. Incoming freshmen of the Class of 2023 and current SEED students enjoyed a potluck-style dinner with their families in the Student Life Center. The room was filled with aromas of food from across the world, as families brought in dishes representing their cultural heritage. Part of the program included student and parent testimonies about their Prep journeys, culminating in a speech by **Matthew Cotto ‘16** who spoke about how his SEED experience continues to impact his life following his departure from Prep.

From left: **Mario Williams ‘19, Matthew Cotto ‘16, Khrist Wilfong ‘22** and **Caleb Bolden ‘21**.



# SCOREBOARD

WINTER  
2018-19



## Back-to-Back Baby!

**T**he Jesuits are the CIAC Division I State Champions for the second year in a row! It's the eighth time in school history Prep has won back-to-back state titles. Prep was ranked #1 in the pre-season polls, but quickly fell off of the rankings after a slow 3-6 start. But as they say, never doubt the heart of the champion.

After a 3-1 win in January at Wesleyan against a tough Xavier squad, the Jesuits started to slowly but surely climb back up the rankings.

Led by a seasoned group of 10 seniors, the defending state champions posted big wins over Hamden, Notre-Dame West Haven, Malden Catholic, and Bishop Hendricken. Prep also tied perennial Massachusetts powerhouse Catholic Memorial 1-1.

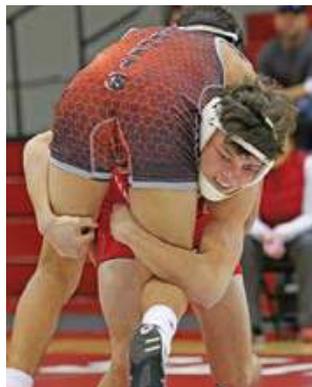
Over their last 10 games of the season, the Jesuits posted an impressive 7-2-1 record. In the playoffs, Fairfield Prep outscored their four opponents by a staggering score of 21-5 enroute to their 18th state title, with a 5-2 win over Notre-Dame West Haven in front of a sold out Ingalls Rink crowd.

Prep hockey finished with a record of 15-9-1 and yet again finished on top of the media polls at #1. The hockey team could not have done it without the strong support of our student body, and the heart of the players who got better in practice each and every day.

— Jake Walker '19

### HOCKEY HONORS

- Overall Record: 15-9-1; Division I State Champions; Division I SCC Runners-up
- Mount St. Charles Holiday Face-Off Fastest Skater Award: **Calyb Reeves '19**
- Pope Francis Invitational All-Tourney Team: **Cooper Eckert '20**
- CHSCA Player of the Year: **Colin Bella '19**
- CHSCA Hobey Baker Award: **Chandler DuMont '19**
- CHSCA All-State: **Colin Bella '10, Calyb Reeves '19, Connor Boyle '19, Jake Walker '19**
- ALL SCC: **Colin Bella '10, Calyb Reeves '19, Connor Boyle '19, Jake Walker '19**



## Basketball

Prep Basketball enjoyed a great season under first-year head coach Mike Papale, finishing the year with a 16-8 overall record. Seniors **Finn Duran**, **Jake McCarthy**, **Mason Reale**, **Nick Rothe**, **Jack Scholl**, and **Adam Stone** led the way for the Jesuits. Juniors **Max McGillicuddy** and **Aidan Harding**, plus freshman **Max Manjos** provided key minutes off the bench. After starting the season with a 3-4 record, the Jesuits reeled off 8 straight victories. The team qualified for the SCC playoffs, and won the opening round. In the CIAC State Tournament, the Jesuits defeated Trinity Catholic in the first round before falling to CT's #1 ranked team Sacred Heart in an exciting back-and-forth game. The team will look to reload next season with many talented players returning. **HONORS: Nick Rothe '19** and **Mason Reale '19**, All-SCC Second Team.

## Indoor Track

The Jesuits indoor track team placed tenth in the SCC Championship, with several members placing highly. Senior **Rob McCulloch** took third in the long jump, while **Josh Samaras '20** took sixth. **Caleb Bolden '21** took seventh in the 1000m, while **Eddie Tristine '19** and **Azaan Dawson '21** took fourth and sixth respectively in the 1600m run. Those two helped the 4x800m relay team, with the assistance of **Bolden** and **Will Giangrande '19**, to a second place, All-SCC, finish. The 4x200m relay took sixth place in the SCC. In the Class LL State Championship, **McCulloch** finished fifth place in the long jump. **Tristine** finished third in the 1600m, while **Azaan Dawson** finished sixth, earning a trip to the State Open. **Dawson** finished fourth in the Open and eleventh in the New England Championships. **Tristine** finished seventh in the Open, and seventeenth in the New England Championships. – **Eddie Tristine '19**

## Skiing

The Ski Team completed another strong season with a 20-5 record, falling just short of their fourth straight state championship, finishing runner-up by only .68 seconds to Ridgefield in the CISL finals.

The varsity squad was led by **George Visnic '19**, **Kyle Vaccarella '21**, **Jack Keehan '19**, **Patrick Kelly '20**, **Jack Farrar '20**, and **Evan Small '20** who were consistently among Prep's top 6 races. Strong varsity performances and contributions were also made by **Liam Hourihan '20**, **Dylan Allman '20**, **Nick Farrar '21**, **Ryan O'Meara '22**, **Chase Reynolds '19**, and **Jamie Paul '19**.

**Vaccarella** and **Visnic** (shown above) were named to Team Connecticut and First Team All-State for placing 5th and 6th overall in the State Open. – **Patrick Kelly '20**

## Swimming & Diving

The Swimming & Diving team rallied behind one of the largest senior classes in school history to earn a 15th straight SCC Championship and a 3rd place finish at the LL Championships. The season concluded with a 5th place at the State Open at Yale's iconic Kiputh Pool, highlighted by three medal winning (top-6) relay finishes. It marked the 8th consecutive year the Jesuits finished in the top 10 in the State.

The Jesuits had an overall 10-2 dual meet record, with losses to Greenwich High School and New Jersey's Pingry School, the two #1 ranked teams in their respective states. **Matthew Torres '19** was SCC Swimmer of the Year and will continue to race in national and international para-swimming competitions. **Richard Nolan '20** was SCC Championship meet MVP.

Highlights included **Ethan Keyes '19**, Tri-Captain **Alec Keblish '19**, **Jack Rogers '20** and **Richard Nolan '20** earning All-SCC and All-State honors. Others honored with All-SCC included **Brody Biebel '19**, **Kris Davis '20**, **Lucas Hoin '19** and **Jan Krepsztul '19**. Prep Divers were formidable, led by **Thomas Kehoe '22**, **Rick Kral '21** and **Evan Jang '22** who all finished in the top 6 at the SCC Championships with **Kehoe** going All-SCC and making it to the State Open. **Anthony Daccache '20**, **Alvin Gay '19**, **Ben Short '20**, **Charlie Auray '19**, **Roman Leito '19**, **Danny Duffy '20** and **Hugh Hutchinson '22** were varsity mainstays and LL Championship scorers. **Peter Hiltz '19** and **Liam Woods '19** deserve recognition for their unwavering dedication. Though sidelined by difficult season ending injuries, All-American **Liam Colleran** and Tri-Captain **Andrew Lydon** continued to show their prep pride leading the team from the pool deck. – Coach Hutchinson & **Alec Keblish '19**

## Wrestling

The Wrestling team had a successful season, winning 9 dual meet matches and placing several individuals in post season meets. The team was led by captains **Sean Zentner '19**, **Henry Bosken '20**, and **Dean Tsiranides '21**. **Tsiranides** had another standout year, taking first place in the SCC Championship, 2nd place in the Class LL State Tournament, qualifying for the State Open and finishing with a record of 43-4. **Bosken** and **Zentner** both earned Second-Team All SCC after advancing to the SCC finals in their respective weight classes. The team will return a great group of athletes, many of whom were new to wrestling this season and will continue to step up and push themselves to their limits every day in practice. – **Sean Zentner '19**



## Lacrosse Repeats as SCC Champs

The Fairfield Prep Lacrosse team finished the season 17-4 with a 7-6 loss to Wilton High School in the CIAC Class L Semifinals. The Jesuit Lacrosse team was led by Captains **Mason Reale, Ethan Grandolfo, Connor Boyle** and **Peter Kavanaugh**. The team finished the regular season 13-3 which included strong wins over Wilton, Boston College HS and Salesianum HS which earned the team the #2 overall seed in the Class L tournament. The Jesuits continued their strong play in the Southern Connecticut Conference winning both the regular season and then earning the SCC Tournament Championship with a 13-7 victory over Guilford. The team also won two state tournament games defeating Greenwich 16-3 and Newtown 15-5 before bowing out in the semifinals. The defensive unit for the Jesuits, led by **Finn O'Connor** in goal, improved greatly over the course of the season and five defensive players earned All SCC honors. Prep returns a strong group of seniors for 2020 including All SCC players **Max McGillicuddy, Jack Esse** and **Joe Bednar**.

### LACROSSE HONORS

- **MASON REALE '19:** SCC Player of the Year, All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Class L First Team All-State, US Lacrosse All American, Gametime CT 1st Team All-State, All Area New Haven Register
- **CONNOR BOYLE '19:** All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Class L First Team All-State, US Lacrosse All American, Gametime CT 1st Team All-State, All Area New Haven Register, Team MVP
- **PETER KAVANAUGH '19:** All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Class L First Team All-State, All Area New Haven Register, Team MVP
- **ETHAN GRANDOLFO '19:** All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Class L Second Team All-State, All Area New Haven Register
- **FINN O'CONNOR '19:** All-SCC Second Team, CHSCA Class L Second Team All-State, US Lacrosse Academic All American
- **JOE BEDNAR '20:** All-SCC First Team
- **SEAN FOX '21:** All-SCC First Team, All Area New Haven Register
- **MAX MCGILLICUDDY '20:** All-SCC First Team
- **JACK ESSE '20:** All-SCC Second Team
- **MASON WHITNEY '21:** All-SCC Second Team
- **KYLE COLUCCI '21:** All-SCC Second Team



## Baseball

Needing eight wins to qualify for the state playoffs, the Jesuit Baseball team found themselves with a 6-12 record with two games left to play in the regular season. The Jesuits responded by going on the road and earning victories on back to back nights against North Haven and Xavier High School to qualify for the CIAC Class LL tournament. The Jesuits won the opening round of the tournament defeating New Milford High School before dropping a tough 3-2 game to South Windsor in the next round. The Jesuits will look to reload next year bringing back many underclassmen at key positions in the lineup.

**HONORS:** Matt Massaro '19, All-SCC Hammonasset Division; Liam Wilson '20, All-SCC Hammonasset Division

## Crew

The Crew season was highlighted by the winning of the Kulaga Cup on April 26 v.s Brunswick School. In memory of **Joey Kulaga '19**, it was a fitting tribute to win the cup for the first time and capped off an undefeated April for the 1st and 3rd Varsity boats.

Senior captains **Erik Spinka, Jimmy Brady and Jake McCarthy** led the squad to a top 6 ranking headed into the NEIRA Championships where the Jesuits competed hard against the top teams in New England at Lake Quinsigamond.

We say goodbye to an incredible senior class and wish them all the best! **Evan Bean** (SCC Scholar Athlete), **Rob Dolcetti, Sam DeSilva, Peter Schwartz, Casey Wingate, Calum Seimer and Ethan Gilmore. Spinka** will be working this summer to get a seat in one of the USA Junior World Championship boats as they travel to Japan for the Junior World Championships. Go USA!

## Golf

The Golf team enjoyed another successful season in 2019, completing their SCC schedule with a 7-0-1 record, and qualifying for the Division 1 State Championship as the #5 seed. At the annual Chappa Invitational, the team of **Jack Kane '19 and Mike Rothberg '22** finished with a score of 66 (-3), one shot behind the lead, and the team of **Will Mallek '19 and Charlie Duffy '22** finished with 67 (-2), two shots behind the lead.

Once again **Will Mallek** led the team in scoring average, and for his success was named the team's Most Outstanding Player at the year-end dinner. Will achieved All-State status and was named to the New Haven Register All-Area Team. Freshman **Mike Rothberg** was named the team's Most Improved Player by his

teammates. For his team's success, Coach Bob Bernier was named SCC Coach of the Year.

The team bids fond farewell to the seniors as they completed their careers and depart for college: **Evan Farruggio, Jack Kane, Ausin Mascia, Nate Montani and Will Mallek**. Thank you and best of luck boys!

**HONORS:** Will Mallek, All-SCC First Team, CHSCA All State, Gametime CT All-State; Bob Bernier, SCC Coach of the Year

## Rugby

Fairfield Prep's 38th season came to a close with a 5-5 overall record. The highlight of the year was Prep's return to the Northeast Jesuit cup final against Fordham Prep. Prep rallied from behind to garner a 19-15 win and bring the Jesuit Cup home once more.

During the annual rugby dinner, special awards and recognition were made. Coach Frank Decker was recognized for his induction into the inaugural class of the Connecticut Rugby Organization Hall of Fame. Decker is the longest serving coach with a single program not just in Connecticut but nationwide. Our seniors were recognized for their outstanding efforts. Awards were given to Outstanding Forward, **Owen Baekey '19**, Outstanding Back, **Jack Lyons '19** and the Coach's Award to **Teddy Bobroske '19**. Additionally, **Jackson Gilmore '19, Jimmy FitzPatrick '19 and Nick Tsovis '19** received awards for their leadership, contribution and dedication to Prep Rugby. Eleven of this year's seniors have committed to playing rugby in college.

Four of Prep's players were named to the Connecticut All-Star Team. **Reed Hammond '19** was selected for the varsity side and for the JV team: **Mo Chinyumba '21, Ian Hanna '21, Henry Tiernan '21 and Patrick Tiernan '21**. Leading the Prep Ruggers into the 2020 season are incoming captains **Luke Hopkins '20, Anthony Casablanca '20 and Sean Nelson '20**.

## Sailing

The Sailing team had a banner season, highlighted by winning the Gold Cup and finishing the season with a 17-2 record in the Fairfield County Sailing League. The cup, which is the FCSL championship, was sailed as a round robin, and the Jesuits defeated Fairfield Ludlowe, GFA, Greenwich Academy, and Brunswick. Prep then won the tie-breaker over Greenwich as they defeated Brunswick in their head-to-head match. Sailing for the Jesuits was **Jamie Paul '19** (SCC Scholar Athlete), **Declan O'Donnell '19, Chase Reynolds '19, Will Donovan '21, Quinn**

**Sheehan '19, Roberto Chadwick '19 and Sean Sullivan '21**. This was the first time the Prep Sailing team has won the title in over 20 years. With the win the Jesuits qualified for the President's Trophy, the last stage before high school nationals in Portland, Maine.

## Tennis

The Tennis team finished with a 16-4 regular season record and earned the #2 seed in the SCC Tournament. The Jesuits defeated Cheshire in the quarterfinals before falling 4-3 to Amity in a hard fought semifinal match. Against Amity, the Jesuit doubles teams won all 3 matches as **Will Weinbach '20/Peter Haley '19, Kyle Barry '20/Ethan Fabro '20 and Max Fuligni '20/Zander Jehle '19** were victorious. The Jesuits graduate a strong senior class that helped capture the 2017 SCC Championship and will also bring back many experienced underclassmen for the 2020 season. **HONORS:** Chris Hilton '19, All-SCC Division 1, Peter Haley, All-SCC Division 1, Louis Guzzi '19, News 12 Scholar Athlete



## Outdoor Track & Field

The Prep Outdoor Track team built on the success of the winter season and continued it into the spring. All season long the team received contributions in sprinting and field events from **Tymaine Smith '22, Josh Samaras '20, Josh Bacon '21, Darren Blount '21, and Rob McCulloch '19**. **McCulloch** earned All-SCC in the long jump. For the mid-distance and distance running events, the team was led by senior captain **Eddie Tristine '19, Azaan Dawson '21** (pictured), and **Caleb Bolden '21**. **Dawson** won the Class LL Championship in the 800m run, earning All-State honors and also finished tenth in the State Open. **Dawson** also qualified for Nationals in the mile, as did the Distance Medley Relay team of **Tristine, Bacon, Bolden, and Dawson**. **Tristine** finished fourth in the state at the Open in the 1600m run, earning trips to the New England and National Championships. The track team will look to continue to build on the success they enjoyed this past school year. **HONORS:** Azaan Dawson, CHSCA All State; Robert McCulloch, All-SCC Second Team

# Coaches Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr. Leave a Running Legacy at Prep

*Prep Cross Country Father-Son coach duo to step down after years of service.*

After 33 tremendous seasons at the helm for the Jesuits, Fairfield Prep science teacher Bob Ford Jr. and his father Bob Ford Sr. have decided to retire as head and assistant cross country coaches. Under their leadership, the Fords led the cross country team to 3 CIAC Class LL State Championships (2011, 1998 and 1997) and a runner up finish in 1996. The cross country team also won the State Open in 2011 and 1997 and were runner-up in 1998. Ford Jr. was the CIAC Outstanding Coach of the Year for Cross Country in 2000.

The Ford team helped establish the Jesuits as one of the premier cross country teams in the Southern Connecticut Conference, with meet championships in 2013, 1998, 1997 and a runner up finish in 1996. The Jesuits won SCC divisional championships in 2015, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2003, 1998, 1996 and 1995. In 2013 Ford Jr. was named SCC Coach of the Year.

Over the decades, the Fords helped develop numerous all-league, all-state, and collegiate runners, as well as coach “Connecticut Gatorade Runners of the Year” **Drew Thompson ‘18** (2017) and **Connor Rog ‘12** (2010, 2011). Thompson and Rog also qualified for the Footlocker National Cross Country Championships under the Fords’ leadership, along with **Christian Alvarado ‘14** (2012 and 2013) and **Brian McGovern ‘01** (1999 and 2000). In 2014, Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr. were named National Coaches of the Year by Footlocker. Fairfield Prep runners have made seven appearances at the Footlocker Nationals, the most for any school in the country.

The Fords built a strong roster each season by developing unofficial freshman and junior



varsity teams. They also built a strong schedule with participation in the prestigious Thetford Invitational meet in Vermont and the Jesuit Cross Country Championships in New York.

In addition to serving as Cross Country coaches, both Fords coached indoor and outdoor track. Ford Jr. was the head coach of Prep Outdoor Track from 1988 to 2005 and also served as the Indoor Head Track Coach from 1995-2005. Ford Jr. was awarded CIAC Outstanding Coach of the Year for Track and Field in 2005. After retiring from Track that year he continued to help his dad who became the assistant Track coach for distance runners.

Ford Sr. served as head coach of Indoor Track for two years in 2006 and 2007. In 2008, he was awarded CT Assistant Coach of the Year. Ford Sr. helped coach 2012 Olympian

Javelin thrower **Craig Kinsley ‘07** in the State Decathlon Championship to become the only Prep medal winner in that event. Additionally, he helped train elite runners Rog, Alvarado, and Thompson, to first place finishes at the Indoor and Outdoor Track CIAC State Championships, State Open and New England. All three runners set school records highlighted by Alvarado’s National Track Mile Championship in 2013.

Bob Ford Jr. started teaching Science at Prep in 1977 and began coaching the Jesuit Cross Country team in 1986 and Track in 1987. His dad, Bob Ford, Sr. joined him in 1989 after retiring from General Electric. Both Fords have also worked as adjunct faculty for Fairfield University — Bob Jr. in Biology, Ecology, and Physics, and Ford, Sr. in Finance. Neither of the Fords had any coaching experience before Prep, but both were long time distance runners and endurance athletes with numerous marathons and other competitions.

Collectively the Fords have coached over 120 seasons with Cross Country and Track. 27 individuals earned all-state honors in Cross Country. Most notable is the network of supportive alumni who keep in touch and attend the annual running reunion at the Pequot Thanksgiving Day Race. Both Fords intend to help new Head Coach Jayné Penn with the transition. Ford Jr. will continue to teach science, and Prep running will move forward down the path of success.

**THE FORD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND** at Prep has been established in tribute to the coaches. Donations may be made online at [www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/GIVE](http://www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/GIVE) (put “Ford” in the notes field) or by sending a check with Ford Scholarship noted to Prep Development, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824

## ACCOLADES FOR THE FORDS

**ROGER RATCHFORD ‘51** Thanks, and best wishes for your life of dedication and service to the Prep runners.

**LARRY VITULANO ‘61, P’02, ‘04** Congratulations. You have encouraged so many boys, and picked them up when they were down. Thank you.

**CHRIS BARGAS ‘88** Great coaches with extraordinary commitment to the runners, Prep and the Jesuit community! Well done!

**MAUREEN LAVIN SAWYER, P’17, ‘21** Thank you Ford Sr. and Ford Jr. for all you have done for Prep. Two shining examples of Men for Others.

**EDWARD ROWE ‘59, P’87** Congratulations. Thanks for all you have done for The Prep and for the young men whose lives you have touched.

**VIN FRAMULARO ‘99** The Fords as coaches and members of the Prep community single handedly shaped my Prep experience into why I am a very proud Prep alum. Hey Now Prep!

**RICK SHELDON, P’18, ‘21** Great legacy from these two gents. Running for these guys is one of my son’s best memories at Prep.

**REV. JAMES HEDERMAN, S.J.** Congratulations on a job super-well done!

**MICHAEL HAYDU ‘07** An amazing duo with an incredible impact. Thank you for your years of service and for everything you’ve done for me and the thousands of students you’ve coached over the years.

**BRIAN MOONEY ‘90** Bio Bob was an exciting and challenging teacher as well!

**SEAN GRAHAM ‘86** My God, Mr. Ford has not aged a single bit since we were there! I guess running keeps one young! Congrats Mr. Fords!

**NICK BRACCIA ‘94** Bio Bob’s a helluva teacher.

# Tom Sacerdote retires as Honored Educator

After 33 years of service to Prep, beloved faculty member and Christian Service director Tom Sacerdote is retiring. Following is a tribute written by longtime friend and colleague John Szablewicz.

It is the beginning of third period and the sound of a Japanese Rin Gong “singing bowl” softly permeates the hall from Tom Sacerdote’s room. Tom is starting his class in true fashion, with a brief meditation, reaching for the experiential before the intellectual. That’s the way it is with Tom, always attending to the yin and yang, all within the Jesuit tradition of *Cura personalis*. It’s difficult to imagine a day without that gong and the presence of my dear friend and colleague, yet Tom has announced his retirement, effective at the end of this school year.

Tom Sacerdote began his days at Prep in September of 1986. His anticipated role was that of a theology teacher. When the position of Service Director unexpectedly became available, however, Tom was the natural choice for the job. After attending a PULSE seminar at Boston College, Tom determined that the program would be a great addition at Prep. The stated goal of PULSE is “to educate our students about social injustice by putting them into direct contact with marginalized populations.” The indefatigable Tom Sacerdote was the perfect person for that role.

## PIONEER OF THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

In that capacity Tom pioneered the service/reflection Social Ethics senior course and the first Urban Plunge. Additionally, he greatly expanded immersion programs at Prep, which before his arrival had Appalachia as its only destination. During Tom’s tenure, Ecuador, “Mustard Seed” in Jamaica, Border Links, the Dakota Rosebud reservation and the Ignatian Family Teach-In were added to the inventory. Of course, Tom personally visited each site and would later serve as the lead chaperone for many of the excursions. Additionally, he became heavily involved in the Freshman Retreat and Field Day, and many Kairos retreats. It is no exaggeration to say that no other member of the faculty has participated in more of these programs than has Tom Sacerdote.

After years in his administrative post, Tom returned to the full-time classroom, where he has been teaching both theology and



history for the last nine years. Tom’s move into the Asian studies courses, no easy task, was done with his usual flair and energy. He quickly filled the gap when sensei Dave Driscoll retired. Tom also made a journey to China in order to personally experience the culture. Fittingly, he is moderator of the Chinese culture club and his classroom has become a haven for many students of the Middle Kingdom.



Sacerdote with former Pres. John J. Hanwell and Student Gov. President Tony Fox '14, receiving Ignatian Educator of the Year

## ACCOLADES AND PRAISE FOR TOM SACERDOTE

Over the decades, Tom has gained the respect and admiration of thousands of Prep students. His effects on them have transcended the classroom and have greatly aided them on their life journey. The same is true of Tom’s peers, especially those in the “breakfast club.” Evidence of this exists in the fact that Tom is the only member of the faculty to be named both “Most Inspirational Teacher,” as chosen by Prep seniors in 2017, and “Ignatian Educator of the Year” in 2014 as determined by the Prep faculty and administration.

It has been a distinct honor and pleasure working with Tom all these decades, and I wish him all the best in retirement, knowing full well that he will be enjoying many new adventures with his wife Mary Lynn, and his sons Tim '03 and Tom '06. In closing let me just mention that a role model from ancient China was the Duke of Zhou, always referred to as “a paragon of virtue.” Confucius was fond of saying, “In politics, I follow the Duke of Zhou.” At Prep, we should always say, “In teaching, we follow Tom Sacerdote.”



Tom Sacerdote (seated) on top of caboose painted by the Appalachia immersion group in 2009.

# Honoring Prep's Greatest

Fairfield Prep honored seven of its former athletes and coaches at its 3rd Annual **Athletic Hall of Fame** in front of a crowd of more than 300 on May 31, 2019. Alumni, family and friends enjoyed tributes to all of the honorees, and **Traug Keller '78, P'11, '17** (SVP, ESPN) served as Master of Ceremonies. This year's honorees were: **Emil Garofalo '45, Joe Brosley** (posthumous), **Chuck Berke '70, Ted Drury '89, Mike Sprouse '92**, and the **1968-69 Championship Basketball Team**.

The 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations will open on October 14, 2019.

Watch for more information.



Watch video highlights on the Prep YouTube channel at [youtube.com/fairfieldprepi](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprepi)



## Emil Garofalo '45



**Emil Garofalo** played three years of basketball and baseball for the Jesuits and was a two-year captain in both sports. In baseball, Garofalo was a star shortstop and actually had five offers to play professionally. However, he opted to go to college, where he manned shortstop for three seasons at Notre Dame. Garofalo was named to Prep's 1942-51 All-Decade team in both basketball and baseball.



## Chuck Berke '70



**Charles (Chuck) Berke** might be the most decorated swimmer to ever compete for Fairfield Prep. Not only was he a three-time state champion who set a host of school and state

records, but he became the Jesuits' second athlete to be named an All-American (following fellow Hall of Famer Jim Fitzsimmons). Berke was in the pool from 1967 through 1970, co-captained the team his senior season and helped lead Prep to three consecutive MBIAC titles from 1968-70.

## Mike Sprouse '92



**Mike Sprouse** (pictured left at podium) was one of the premier tennis players not only at Fairfield Prep but nationally as well. He was so dominant as a singles player that he was undefeated

in all four regular seasons for Prep. In fact, Sprouse did not lose a set from the quarterfinals of the state tournament as a freshman until the state final as a senior, a span of more than three years. He won three consecutive CIAC Class LL singles championships from 1990-92 and was awarded All-America status those same three seasons. In addition, he was the top-ranked doubles player in the country at age 17.



## 1968-69 Championship Basketball Team

The 1968-69 Prep state championship basketball team, the first in school history, was not only No. 1 in Connecticut that season, it is widely regarded as one of the best teams in state history. Under the direction of Athletic Hall of Fame Coach Bob Sylvester, and anchored by All-American and Athletic Hall of Famer **Jim Fitzsimmons '69**, the Jesuits finished with a 23-1 record and were ranked No. 1 in New England.



## Joe Brosley (POSTHUMOUS)



**Coach Joe Brosley** was an educator first, but he found considerable success on the sidelines as well. He coached football and baseball for Prep from 1947 until his promotion to Athletic Director in 1965. An assistant under both Fella Gintoff and Tom Seymour, Brosley took over as head football coach in 1956. In nine seasons from 1956-1964, Brosley posted a 55-27-5 record. On the baseball diamond, Brosley's teams were regularly ranked in the state's top 10 and their records seldom dipped under .600.



## Ted Drury '89



**Ted Drury** was as decorated a hockey player to have ever played for Fairfield Prep. The older of the Drury brothers (younger sibling **Chris Drury '93** is also a Prep Athletic Hall of Famer) skated for the Jesuits from 1986-1989 and was a three-time All-State selection (1987-89). The 6-foot forward was also named CIAC Division I Player of the Year in 1989, after which he was selected 42nd overall by the Calgary Flames in the '89 NHL Draft. He played eight seasons totaling 414 career games in the NHL from 1994-2001, scoring 41 goals and adding 52 assists for six different teams, including the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, the Hartford Whalers and the Islanders.



Accepting the award for Drury was **Anthony Clericuzio '19**



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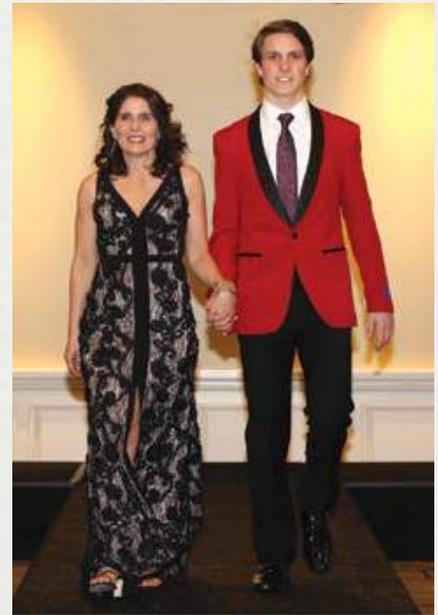


## 'MEN FOR MOTHERS' TO FIGHT CANCER

Prepsters rock their FP "Men for Mothers" pink socks to benefit the Norma Pfriem Breast Center and help fight cancer.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, FASHION

More than 175 guests enjoyed the Bellarmine Guild Spring Fashion Show at the Patterson Club on April 4. The event featured mothers and sons of the Class of 2019. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, live runway fashion show, and a delicious dinner. Thanks to M.C. Corey Milazzo, Theology teacher, who led the blessing before dinner. The chairing committee included: Lisa Bosken P'16, '20, Lynn Eckert P '18, '20, Amy Fenton P '21, Karen Jacobs P '19 and Tracey Picarazzi P'19. Additional thanks to Jackie Steed P'17, '19, who made the senior mother/son slide show (also used at other senior events); and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting the event.



## A LITTLE LOVE GOES A LONG WAY

In April, 50 mothers and sons participated in a Lenten service project to pack and send over 100 letters and "Hero Box" care packages to active military personnel serving overseas. Charles Paksi, US Army Reserve Battalion Executive Officer, spoke about military service and the impact their care packages and letters have on our troops overseas.



## MOTHER/SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Annual Senior Mother/Son Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, April 28, with Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Simisky, S.J., at Egan Chapel. Mothers received roses blessed at the celebration from their sons. Over 200 mothers and their senior sons enjoyed breakfast and camaraderie in the Student Life Center afterward. Guest speaker Mrs. Elaine Clark, P'14, English Chair, gave an enlightened speech on the special relationship between mothers and sons. Special thanks to all who helped organize the event including Co-Chairs, Jeannine Graf P'20 and Cathleen Davenport P'20.



# Spring Auction

With 250 people in attendance the Spring Auction held on May 4, 2019, focused on financial aid, and honored retiring Cross Country/Track Coaches Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr. The event raised more than \$200,000! Special thanks to our Sponsors, Benefactors, the Committee and all the volunteers who made this event possible. We are so grateful to everyone in the Prep Community for your generosity!



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### AND THE WINNER IS...

Mrs. Sally Bednar, P'20, '22, had the winning ticket for the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. Congratulations!

# 2019 REUNION WEEKEND

Hundreds of Fairfield Prep alumni from as recent as the Class of 2014 and as far back as the Class of 1944 returned for a fun filled weekend of activities and social gatherings on May 31 through June 1-2.

The weekend was a special occasion for the graduates of the Class of 1969, who celebrated their 50th reunion.

The weekend kicked off Friday with Prep's Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club in Milford, followed by the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet Friday evening. Saturday opened with a 5K Fun Run/Walk, continued with an alumni rugby game and finished with a Mass and a reunion party under a huge tent in the Prep Quad.





See more reunion photos at [FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG](http://FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG)



# GOLF OUTING

More than 135 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a sunny day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on May 31 to support Prep's scholarship fund in honor of former head golf coach and past Athletic Hall of Fame recipient, **Roger Ratchford '51**. Special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by **Alex Oracheff '94**, and committee members **Greg Chiota '93**, **Kevin Foley '73**, **Matt Gifford '92, P'22**, **Kevin Kozlowski '99**, **Kevin McQuade '73**, **Rob Weiss '09**. Special thanks to alumni who helped at the event: **Ed Krygier '60**, **Ron Grywalski '65** and **Shawn McDonnell '72**. Also thanks to **Curran Volkswagon** in Stratford, CT – **Chris '77** and **Jim '78** for our Hole in One contest. The tournament was

set up as a shamble and offered breakfast, lunch and reception after, then back to Prep for dinner as part of the Athletic Hall of Fame program.



**THE MACKENZIE DYNASTY** had their own foursome at the Golf Outing! Pictured: **Dave Mackenzie '77** with sons **Dave '02**, **Alex '03** and **John '08**!



# RUGBY

The match played on Sat., June 1, on Reunion Weekend, included players from classes 1965 to 2019. The oldest Prep rugger was **John diCostanzo '98**, the youngest was **Sebastian Fernandez '19** and the alum who traveled the farthest to play was **Chuck Haley '14**.



# BASEBALL

Retired Coach **Ed Rowe '59** gathered with alumni baseball players and families for a fun practice at Alumni Diamond.



From left: **Billy Sekelsky '71**, **Bob Carlson '71**, and **Ed Rowe '59**.



**Ed Rowe '59** and **Charles Korchinski '95**



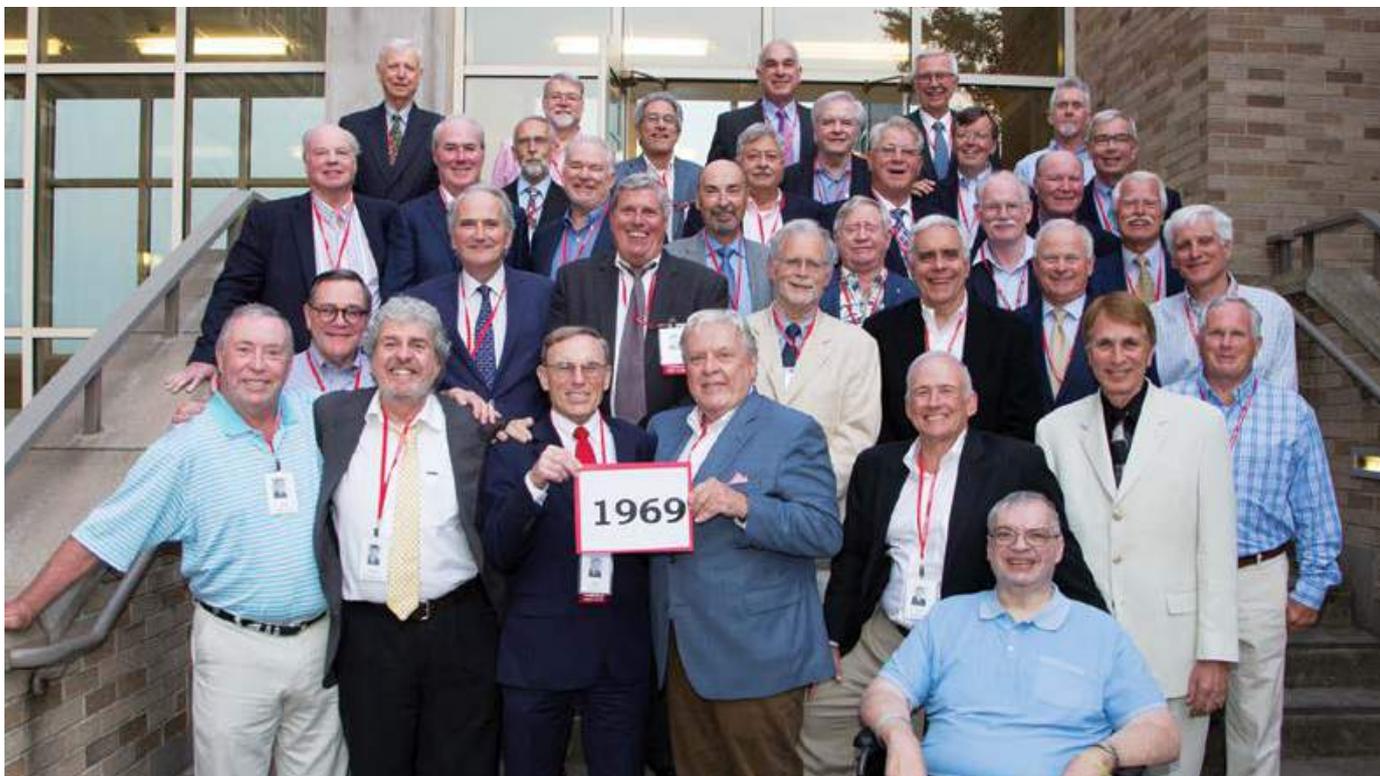
# 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Members of the Prep community ran or walked through campus on June 1. There were babies in strollers and many alumni, current families, and friends of Prep made it a fun day. After the race everyone enjoyed breakfast, Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada spoke to the group and students gave tours of the school.

# 1969



2019 REUNION WEEKEND



## Class of 1969 Sets a New Giving Record!

The Class of 1969 enjoyed an activity filled reunion weekend June 1-3, beginning with Prep's Golf Outing and the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, where the 1969 State Championship Basketball Team was honored. Saturday began with a 5K Fun Walk/Run and a breakfast, presentation and Prep tour. Guests were invited to Saturday Mass, followed by the golden reunion reception and dinner under the big tent in Prep Quad. Sunday included breakfast and Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1969 processed with the Class of 2019 and received their golden diplomas.

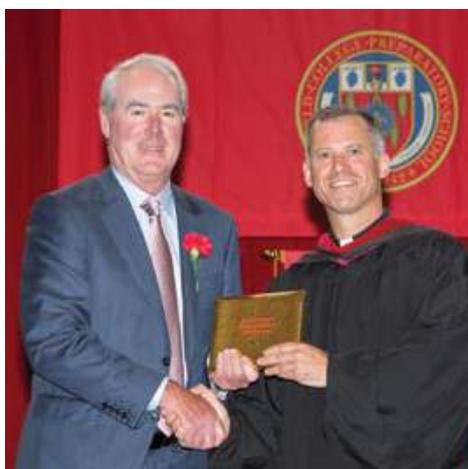
The class set a new 50th Class Giving record totaling **\$592,575** in gifts and pledges.

"The enthusiasm and generosity of this class was outstanding, and their tremendous support of Prep will have a lasting impact on our school and students," reported **Mike Connelly '83**, Leadership Gifts Officer.

*What an incredible 50th Reunion weekend. The events were fantastic and it was great reminiscing with my classmates, some of whom hadn't been back to campus in many years. It was truly a*

*memorable celebration of a very special school.*

*-Dan Brennan '69*



Pictured is **Jack Collins '69** receiving his golden diploma from Fr. Simisky, S.J.



# ‘Finding My Note’

Taken from a speech by **Juvaughn Lee '19** at the 2019 Spring Auction

I am **Juvaughn Lee** but you may call me Jovie. I am here to talk to you about what I call my “Note.” Throughout my four years at Prep, I wandered sheepishly trying to find my Note.

I searched online for the meaning of the word note and found two definitions: “a single tone of definite pitch made by a musical instrument or the human voice” and “a particular quality or tone that reflects or expresses a mood or

attitude.” The second definition stood out to me the most. It stayed on my mind as I pondered whether or not I’d reached a point of self-discovery.

Although I had fun, made new friends, and ran for student government, freshman year was a blur. At the time I didn’t think about self-discovery but about new fun things to discover. I decided to cross at least one thing off my things-to-do-before-graduating list which was to be “Open to Growth.” I joined clubs, sports, and stayed after school. I allowed myself to be open to other’s perspectives on topics, opinions, and views to diversify my life.

Without a doubt, junior year was the most difficult. I was finally an upperclassman but I didn’t feel “upper.” I was going through serious struggles. As the stress piled high, my grades dropped low. My family endured tough financial times, we were behind on our mortgage, and my grandmother (the glue to our family) passed away.

Because of her death, we had to travel to Jamaica twice in one year. That

impacted us financially and my academics suffered as well. I remember the day my mom sat me down and told me that she was in the process of drafting an email to Prep saying I had to withdraw from school. With tears in her eyes she said she was so sorry for dimming my dream of a bright future but that it was not financially feasible — the choice was between having food on the table or attending Prep.

Seeing my mother helpless hurt my heart to the core. I walked the corridors at Prep lost. I knew I needed to find my Note.

My life changed that year during track season when I was coached by Mr. Ford Sr. I drew energy from his presence. He was always present in the moment, on time with encouraging words, and cared deeply about Prep.

One day after a really hard practice, I went home with the answer. The answer was that I was not going to give up on my goal to attend Prep and to be Open to Growth. In addition, I had to find my Note.

The next day, I stopped by the Diversity Office and explained my situation to Mrs. Thomas. She told me, “If I dream it then I need to believe it!” Mrs. Thomas explained to me that Fairfield Prep is a place that sees me beyond the physical — as a man of honor.

I realized then, that I found my Note. The Note existed in my heart all along but Fairfield Prep amplified the sound.

Four years ago I walked into Prep with a desire to be someone great without realizing that the sheet music for my life was already written. All I needed to do was to walk the path that was already paved.

I thank my mother for allowing me to go to Prep and for providing all that I need for success. I also thank the Prep community, especially Mr. Ford Sr., for believing in me. And last but not least, I would like to thank you all for believing in a young man like me. I finally found my Note.

## Prep Smashes Goal on **FP Giving Day!**

Your generosity on March 22 helped us raise **\$119,000+!**

That’s a **63% increase** over our highest previous Giving Day,

**AND a 149% achievement** toward our goal of \$80,000!!!

We are overwhelmed by your support, and we thank all those who made a gift! This momentum underscores the upward trajectory of where PREP is going! We are implementing great new initiatives across the board: enhancing our challenging curriculum to meet the demands of tomorrow; investing in the Sciences, Arts and Athletics; and expanding our Jesuit Mission to serve our fellow man and create young men of conscience, compassion and action. For Fairfield Prep, the only way is UP, and that’s the direction we are choosing as we face the future.



# PREP ALUMNI

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Email us at [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org) or mail to Fairfield Prep Alumni Office, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.



**William S. Murphy '56**, has five children. None of his children had the opportunity to attend Fairfield Prep because they are all young ladies. On May 12, 2019, Bill's daughter, Brittany, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the nursing program at St. Vincent's at Sacred Heart University. This accomplishment completed the picture... 5 daughters = 5 RNs. Pictured left to right: Dawn, Brittany, Amber, Bill, Billi and Susan.



**Sean A. Bennett '04** has been a credited member of the production staff of the CBS show "Elementary" for 4 years. Sean was credited with writing the episode of the show that aired July 4, 2019.



**Robert M. Summerlin '08** short film *The Poet and the Plant* has been selected by The Redford Center for a fiscal sponsorship.



**Fr. William F. Verrilli '69** celebrated 40 years as a priest on May 5, 2019, and his 50th reunion here at Prep.



**Robert O'Brien '74** was VP of his graduating class at Prep and helped to renovate the Senior Lounge. His then girlfriend, Andrea Rudolph, helped in the Lounge decorating. They were married 42 years ago with the reception held in the Campus Center and photos at the campus pergola (shown left).



In November 2018, **Andrés Ramos '13** led a state senate campaign to victory by defeating the North Carolina senate majority whip who was a four-term incumbent. Ramos took the helm of the Kirk deViere for State Senate campaign in the summer of 2018. Senator-Elect deViere won by a margin of 433 votes out of 60,000 votes cast. It was Ramos' first time as a campaign manager.



**Gary J. Pintek '76** has formed GP Security Consulting, LLC. As a Board-Certified Protection Professional (CPP) from ASIS International. His emphasis will concentrate on Access Control, CCTV, perimeter lighting and perimeter fencing.



**Nathan C. Scopac '93** recently took command of the 492 Special Operations Training Group at Hurlburt Field, FL. Nathan is in command of eight diverse units that are the Air Force Special Operations Command focal point for training, education and professional development, Operational Test and Evaluation, Tactics Development and Evaluation and rapid capability development. As a proponent for the command's most diverse array of missions, the group champions innovation to enhance special operations missions across mobility, strike, ISR, combat support and building partnership capability. Nathan also oversees graduate level flight training in eight different aircraft types.

## BIRTH



**Nate Beckles '98** and his wife Winter welcomed their first child, baby boy Grayden Winfield Beckles on March 26, 2019.

## DeMarco Wedding

**Peter DeMarco '08** married Heather Imoehl on September 22, 2018. Groomsmen included **Harrison McGeady '08, Tim DeMarco '09, Jack DeMarco '14, and Luke DeMarco '16.**



## D'Amato Wedding

**Robert D'Amato '01** married Caitlin Simses on September 1, 2018, at St. Mary Church in New Haven.



## Raccuia Wedding

**Daniel Raccuia '04** married Lindsey Fantarella in Maiori, Italy on May 16, 2019. **Thomas Raccuia '06** served as best man. The Raccuia's reside in Milford.

## Doerger Wedding

**Ethan Doerger '13** married Caroline Nazworth on June 1, 2019 at Canyonwood Ridge in Dripping Springs, Texas.



## Riskin Wedding

**Ross Riskin '09** and Mikayla Tatigian met in elementary school and were married on October 20, 2018 in the Lauralton Hall Chapel in Milford, CT. Pictured from left to right: **John Weisheit '09, Johncarlo Morales '09, Ross Riskin '09** (Groom), Mikayla (Tatigian) Riskin (Bride), **Sean Phillips '07, Robert Riskin '02** (Best Man and Brother of the Groom) and **Donald Evanko III '09.**

## O'Donnell Wedding

**Patrick O'Donnell '05** married Ellen Massey on June 15, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Stratford. Prep Alumni in attendance at the wedding reception, held at The Milford Yacht Club: Front row (L to R): **Kevin Mulcahy '05, Connor Heine '05, and Patrick O'Donnell '05** (groom) Back row (L to R): **Patrick Massey, '05** (cousin of the bride), **Thomas O'Donnell, '72** (uncle of the groom), **John O'Donnell '03** (cousin of the groom), **Sean O'Connor '05** (best man), **Tom Curran '05** (Prep Athletic Director), **Jack Philbin '04, John O'Donnell, '71** (father of the groom), **Tom O'Donnell '99** (cousin of the groom), **Tim Birge '04** (cousin of the bride), **Brian Cullinane '04, and Kevin Cullinane '05.**



## In Memoriam

**Stephen M. Bejek '54** on July 10, 2019.

Mary Alice Brees on May 31, 2019. She was the grandmother of **Brendan Brees '15**.

Jennifer Crosby Cargill on June 9, 2019. She was the mother of **Samuel W. Cargill Jr. '21**.

**Edmund T. Coyne '48** on March 31, 2019. He was the brother of the late **J. Bernard Coyne '46** and the late **Robert F. Coyne '53**.

**Richard P. Denhup '59** on June 18, 2019. He was the father of **Richard S. Denhup '90** and brother of **Robert S. Denhup '62**.

**John R. Doherty '50** on April 13, 2019. He was the father of **Thomas P. Doherty '76** and **Paul H. Doherty '86**.

**John P. Fray '48** on July 3, 2019.

Marjorie Goodwin Judge on July 9, 2019. She was the mother of **Walter J. Zackrisson '78**.

Sharon Guerra on March 10, 2019. She was

the wife of **Daniel J. Guerra '58**. She was the aunt of **David J. Mullany '83** and **Stephen A. Mullany '85**. She was the great-aunt of **David W. Mullany '12** and the cousin of **Robert W. Gerwien Sr. '58**, **Walter W. Gerwien '58**, **Raymond K. Panda '58**, **Robert W. Gerwien Jr. '84**, **Kenneth B. Panda '88**, and **Brendan B. Panda '96**.

Robert E. Hellauer Sr. on July 6, 2019. He was the father of **Robert E. Hellauer Jr. '72** and the grandfather of **Andrew T. Magel '17**.

**Henry H. Higgins '52** on June 29, 2019.

**Jeffrey S. Jalbert '57** on April 27, 2019.

**Charles Koller Jr. '61** on July 6, 2019.

**William F. Lang Jr. '59** on June 26, 2019.

**William Lavin '63** on May 17, 2019. He was the brother of **Bernard Lavin '56** and the late **Shaun Lavin '62**.

**Richard Mallette '67** on March 25, 2019.

Dorothy Massaro on March 27, 2019. She

was the mother of **Carl Massaro Jr. '73**, **Craig Massaro '78**, **Christopher Massaro Sr. '82**, and **Cal Massaro '84**. She was the grandmother of **Joseph Landini '07**, **Brandon Massaro '09**, **Christopher Massaro Jr. '18**, **Daniel Massaro '19**, and **Matthew Massaro '19**.

Meg McEttrick on June 26, 2019. She was the mother of the late **Christopher M. McEttrick '04**.

**Robert McQuillan Jr. '56** on July 10, 2019.

**Francis H. Michaud Jr. '54** on July 19, 2019.

**John C. O'Leary '59** on May 17, 2019. He was the brother of **Thomas F. O'Leary '57** and the father of **Shaun T. O'Leary '82**.

Mary Rose Patton on March 4, 2019. She was the mother of **Peter M. Patton '90**.

**Mark J. Peddle III '62** on April 4, 2019. He was the uncle of **Dean J. Holland '88** and **Dean E. Esposito '89**.

**David A. Power '56** on July 5, 2019.

**Robert J. Sabo '54** on March 13, 2019.

David L. Schmerzler on June 30, 2019. He was the father of **Matthew Schmerzler '16**.

**Richard T. Schwarzenberg '54** on May 23, 2019.

Joan Shea on June 21, 2019. She was the mother of **Kevin W. Shea '83** and **Gerald P. Shea '82**.

**Joseph M. Simonelli '49** on March 31, 2019.

**Thomas Skarzynski '78** on June 30, 2019.

**Douglas J. Smith '50** on June 2, 2019.

**John E. Summ '62** on April 14, 2019. He was the father of **John G. Summ '88** and the grandfather of **John G. Summ Jr. '20**.

**James P. Tracey '55** on March 12, 2019. He was the brother of **Edward J. Tracey '49**.

**Jerome J. Whalen '60** on June 16, 2019. He was the father of **J. Scott Whalen '89** and brother of **John R. Whalen '51** and **James F. Whalen '49**.



## Class of '60 celebrates college graduation of Santiago '14

For its 50th anniversary, the Class of 1960 raised scholarship funds, and **Bryan Santiago '14** was the recipient of a 4-year Prep grant. Born in Puerto Rico, Bryan came to live in Bridgeport at the age of eight, as his parents moved to provide Bryan and his sister with greater opportunities for education. Members of the Class of '60 met regularly with Bryan while at Prep and at UConn, acting as mentors and providing encouragement and further financial support to help defray school and living expenses. Bryan graduated from UConn with a degree in computer graphics in June.

From left to right: **Ed Krygier**, **Bernie McGovern**, **Nick Perna**, **Brian Santiago**, **Jim Carley** and **John Santa**

## FACULTY/STAFF



### Birth

**Corey Milazzo** (Theology Department) and his wife Eleni welcomed their first child, baby girl Maria Nikoletta Milazzo on July 2, 2019.

## In Memoriam

**Frank Ahlers** on April 29, 2019. Frank and his wife Vivian were in charge of cafeteria and cleaning services for many years here at Prep.

Griffin John Namin on June 26, 2019. He was the nephew of **Madeline Namin** (Registrar).

Joyce Norell on February 13, 2019. She was the mother-in-law of **Kathy Norell** (Dir. Of Alumni & Events).

**Janet Smith** on February 12, 2019. She was the school nurse at Prep from 1987 until 1998 when she retired.

Mary Wood on May 29, 2019. Mother of former Prep employee **Louise Miller**.

**Gary Rosoff**, past Prep Music Director, on August 3, 2019. (included in photo at right attending Marshall wedding)



## Marshall Wedding Reunion

The recent wedding of Greg Marshall's daughter April-Ann Marshall to Matthew Jovinelli, which took place at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore, Maryland, was graced by the presence of several Fairfield Prep alumni and former Prep teachers and administrators. Left to right: **Michael Carey '84**; **Rev. Charles Allen, S.J.**, former Prep headmaster, who was the wedding's principal celebrant; Robert A. Perrotta, retired Prep principal; the late Gary Rosoff, former music director and founder of the Fairfield Prep Jazzuits; **Gregory H. Marshall '73**, Special Assistant to the President of Fairfield Prep (and the bride's proud father!); **Randy Farrell '81**; and **Joseph Gerics '68**, former Prep Theology teacher and department chair. A special blessing: Thirty-two years ago Father Allen was the principal celebrant at the wedding of the bride's parents, Greg and Amy.

## Greg Skomal '79 is Renowned Shark Expert

**Greg Skomal**, a foremost shark expert featured on Discovery Channel's Shark Week, was interviewed recently by the Martha's Vineyard Times for an August research and speaking trip to the island. Following are excerpts from the article.

**N**ow that we know great whites are here (particularly off the coast of the Cape) in large numbers, and that there is a food supply for them, what more can be learned? "We're moving from quantifying and studying their movements to drilling down deeper on behavior on white sharks in Massachusetts," Skomal said.

While most of the work has centered on the outer Cape, there is relevance to both Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, he said. "We're trying to get a better sense on where, when, and how white sharks attack and kill their prey — seals," Skomal said. Once that's better understood, it will inform beach managers and public safety officials on how to keep swimmers safe, he said.

Skomal commented on a recent viral video that got people buzzing about great whites, even though that video of the enormous shark — estimated at 25 feet — off the southern coast of Martha's Vineyard was of a basking shark, which feeds on plankton and is harmless to humans. He encourages media to go to him or other shark experts before hitting publish or broadcasting stories



that will strike fear into the public, and he encourages boaters and fishermen to also reach out to him or the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy to get an idea of what it is they've encountered.

Skomal said he works with other shark experts to identify the species and inform the public. "It tends to create — I don't want to say panic, but I'd say concern, when

sharks are spotted. The swimming public has anxiety because of the events of last year," he said. There was a shark attack on the Cape that killed a man. "We try to be the voice of reason — what are white sharks, what are not white sharks ... The public has sharks on the mind, and the media knows it and is using it."

Source: MV Times



## Michael McGlone '91 Creates, Stars in 'Kenny the Gun'

**Michael McGlone**, actor, singer, songwriter, and comedian, has now developed and stars in a new series *Kenny The Gun*, the story of New York City Cop, Kenneth Patrick Sullivan, Detective 1st Grade. As a consummate Irish New Yorker, McGlone unforgettably delivers the story of the quintessential Irish Cop, Kenny the Gun, in a hysterical, dramatic and moving series.

McGlone is perhaps best known as the film noir-esque spokesman for GEICO insurance posing rhetorical questions in the vein of Robert Stack or Rod Serling, which are then acted out in humorous fashion. McGlone began his career on the screen with his critically acclaimed performance in the Sundance Film Festival Best Film Award Winner, *The Brothers McMullen*, from where he went on to star in such movies as *She's the One*, *One Tough Cop*, *The Bone Collector*, *Dinner Rush* and *Hard Ball*. In a return to the screen with Eddie Burns in their third feature film together, *The Fitzgerald Family Christmas*, McGlone played the fiery and robust Quinn Fitzgerald. He continued his recurring work on CBS's *Person of Interest*.

Source: IMDb.com

On a recent trip to L.A., Prep teacher Jane O'Reilly connected with Mike McGlone.



## Bob Panza '03 Helps Save Rare Book Store



New York City – The independent bookstore Westsider Rare & Used Books announced it would be closing after 35 years on the Upper West Side. There was an immediate outcry

of support from longtime customers, and owner Dorian Thornley did note in an interview with West Side Rag that if they could crowdfund \$50K, he could keep it open.

A GoFundMe campaign was started by Upper West Side local **Bobby Panza**, who did not speak to Thornley (nor did he know him) before starting it. “When I read the sad news and his doubts that someone would start a ‘Crowd Funder’ to keep the shop open I just wanted to brighten his spirits that someone would do that for him,” Panza told us. “I just went for it and made the GoFundMe right after I read the article.”

As for why he felt so compelled to act, he said, “Westsider is part of the fabric of this community that gives the Upper West Side its soul. I was seeing so much sadness and disappointment that Westsider was closing, I wanted to help. And it warms my heart to see the community at large come together to work and save it.”

When the GoFundMe reached over \$10K, Panza did reach out to Thornley to introduce himself and let him know what was going on. “I woke up in the morning and it was already in full flight,” Thornley said. “But I don’t know the guy, it was a shock to me as it was everybody else.”

Nearly 800 customers of Westsider Rare & Used Books put up \$50,000 to save the shop, less than a week after its owner announced it would close. It was covered in many publications including the *NY Times*, *Gothamist*, *NY Post* and *NY Daily*. Panza said, “I’m over the moon that we raised this kind of money.”

Source: [gothamist.com](http://gothamist.com)



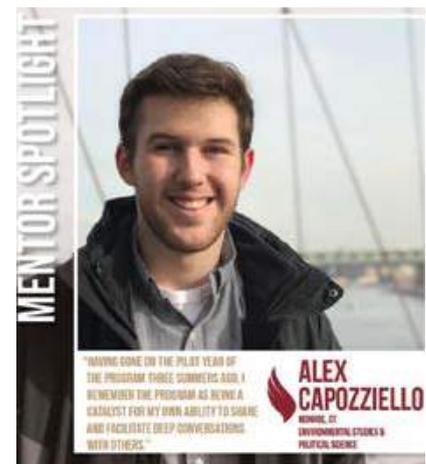
## MEET THE OUTLAWS OF '73!

These four alumni of the class of 1973 share a rare and special bond. Left to right; **Jim Ralabate**, **Dick Williams**, **Dave Roche**, and **Tim Reilly**. Jim and his wife Terry have a son Matt who is married to Dick and Lynda’s daughter Meghann. Jim and Dick share three grandchildren Alexander, Adrianna, and Ava. Dave and his wife Carol have a daughter Claire who is married to Tim and Debbie’s son Sean. Dave and Tim share a granddaughter Quinn who will become a big sister in September.



## CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT BENEFITS BRENNAN '11 SCHOLARSHIP

On Memorial Day weekend Chris and Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, P'15, '21 hosted their annual Corn Hole Tournament in honor of **Ryan Charles Brennan '11**. The family holds fundraisers each year to honor Ryan’s memory, contributing to the Fairfield Prep scholarship established in Ryan’s name. These events, as well as other direct gifts have raised over \$340,000 for the scholarship. Many thanks to the Brennan family and all of their relatives and friends for their continued generosity!



## ALEX CAPOZZIELLO '17 IS A BC "EVER TO EXCEL" MENTOR

**Alex Capozziello '17** is a Boston College Ever to Excel Mentor. He serves as a program group leader, helping to guide students from around the world through opportunities to live Jesuit spirituality. Students deepen faith, engage in conversation, serve others, reflect, and explore Boston College and the city of Boston.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

At Prep’s Grandparents Day (for freshmen students) in the fall, “legacy” grandfathers and grandsons enjoyed breakfast and Mass. From left: **George Kane '22** with grandfather **Michael Kane '68**; and **Jim Roach '50** with grandson **Aidan '22**.

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## THE BOSTON ALUMNI RECEPTION

More than 35 Prep alumni of all ages gathered in Boston at the Liberty Hotel on April 3 to celebrate the Prep Brotherhood. Special guests included Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., and the beloved former housemaster John Brennan. The crowd was wowed by John's tales, reminiscing with each other and enjoying the delicious food and drink. The fun and friendships were clearly evident!



## ALUMNI ON ICE

Prep Hockey Alumni took the ice for their annual game on Feb. 16. There were many laughs and memories shared, and the fun continued at Vazzy's afterwards!

Attendees included: **David Beckles '02, Ryan Birge '00, Brian Black '02, Brian Casl '80, Andrew Cunningham '04, John Galiani '11, David Griffin '11, Mark Guman '86, David Hilinski '86, Tory Jacob '97, Kevin Martin '81, Chris Molyneux '95, Dan O'Neill '95, Frank Pinto '77, John Sather '88, Rob Steczkowski '94, Stefan Tropsa '06, David Woodward '91 and Matt Sather '93** (Head Coach of Prep Hockey) and **Rudy Mauritz '94** (Asst. Coach)



## AT THE 5K FINISH LINE

Coaches Ford Sr. and Jr. connected with Prep Alumni who came out to support the event! From left: **Bill Young '95, Peter O'Connor '95, Bob Ford Jr., Bob Ford Sr., Connor Finegan '95, and Vin Framularo '99.**

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## Brendan Hoffman '16 Named All-American Lacrosse Player for Williams College

**Brendan Hoffman '16**, a junior and member of the 2019 record-setting Williams College men's lacrosse team (18-4) earned All-American honors from the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). Midfielder Hoffman was recognized with earning First

Team honors. Hoffman was instrumental in Williams setting a program record for wins in a season with 18 (program began in 1928) and also for winning three NCAA Tournament games and advancing to the national semifinals. The Ephs reached the national semifinals after going on the road to win in double overtime 12-11 at #1 ranked Rochester Institute of Technology. Previously this spring Hoffman was accorded All-NESCAC First Team honors in a vote by the conference's coaches. Playing in all 22 games this year Hoffman was fourth on the Eph squad in points with 74, notching 55 goals and registering 19 assists. His 55 goals were third best on the team and his 19 assists ranked fourth on the team. In his first three years in the Purple Valley Hoffman has appeared in 55 games tallying 101 goals and he has 28 assists for 129 points He has also collected 48 ground balls.

## GEORGE CRIST '16 FINISHES NEAR TOP AT BOSTON MARATHON

**George Crist '16**, Cadet First Class and senior class of 2020 in the U.S. Air Force Academy continues to earn top running achievements. He is a member of the USAFA Marathon team. In the Boston Marathon in April, George ran a 2:33 race and came in 150th out of 30,000 runners. He was one of only two 21-year-old runners that finished in the top 150, the youngest age bracket to finish in the top 150. George was a standout runner and team captain on Prep's Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track Teams.



## PASCAL CHUKWU '14 SYRACUSE BASKETBALL

**Pascal Chukwu '14** completed a very successful college basketball career at Syracuse University. He was an integral player on Syracuse's NCAA Tournament teams under Hall of Fame head coach Jim Boeheim in 2018 and 2019. Pascal is entertaining offers to continue his basketball career in the NBA and overseas.



## DANBURY WESTERNERS GAME FEATURES ALUMNI

Three alumni — **Joe Mancini '18**, **Matt Zaffino '17** and **Will Lucas '18**—took to the field during a collegiate summer baseball game in Danbury during a special Fairfield Prep Baseball Night. The Danbury Westerners played against the Mystic Schooners at Rogers Park in Danbury on June 22. Mancini and Zaffino played for the Westerners (shown with **Matt Sather '93**), and Will Lucas for the Schooners (pictured above far left with Danbury AGM **Alex Giobbi '11** far right).



## San Francisco Giants pick Simon Whiteman in MLB Draft

After a tremendous Yale career and successful tenure as captain this past season, infield stalwart **Simon Whiteman (Yale '19, Prep '15)** was selected in the ninth round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the San Francisco Giants. The senior, who was a Rhodes Scholarship nominee, played 173 games for the Elis over the course of his career. In his time with the Bulldogs, Whiteman made over 700 at-bats, smacked over 200 hits and batted in 90 runs. This spring, he set career highs in batting average and stolen bases. He was the 256th pick in the draft.

"It's a pretty surreal moment — one that every kid dreams of from the moment they step foot onto the little league field," said Whiteman. "To get the frantic, quick phone call; to hear your name called on television; to see your name appear next to a professional organization's... there aren't words to describe the feeling. God is great."

As team captain his senior year, Whiteman took this leadership role to heart. He posted his best career batting average of .337 and also a career-high 17 doubles. His quick feet also helped him snatch an astounding 34 stolen bases, making him a headache for opposing pitchers when he was on base. From the infield, he turned 41 double plays and also tallied two triples, his first since his rookie year. Finally, for the third year in a row, Whiteman earned Second-Team All-Ivy honors.

Off the field, Whiteman graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. He received the Delaney-Kiphuth Student-Athlete Distinction Award, which is awarded to a male athlete with the highest grade point average. Whiteman also received the William Neely Mallory Award, which is Yale's most prestigious athletic award given to a senior male, "who on the field of play and in life at Yale best represents the highest ideals of American sportsmanship and Yale tradition."

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# Living the Jesuit Mission in Service to Our Nation

*Fairfield College Preparatory School is a Jesuit, Catholic School of excellence forming young men of intellectual competence, who possess the conscience to make wise decisions, a compassion for others, and a commitment to justice in our global society.*

**F**airfield Prep's Mission offers an inspirational challenge and a powerful question as to how to live out that dynamic mission. The call to serve is central to the mission of Fairfield Prep and is lived out well during a young man's four years on campus and through many ways of serving others, well beyond. Throughout Prep's history, many have answered that call through military service to our nation, and a select group of Prep alumni have met the qualifications of one of our nation's military academies and then go on to become outstanding leaders in our military and in their careers after

servicing. It is difficult not to notice the connection between the mission of Fairfield Prep and the call to service of our nation. In fact it is both essential and revealing to notice that intimate connection, in honor of all of those who have come to understand mission as service to our nation.

Prep salutes all graduates who have served in our nation's military. We invite all veterans to help us update Prep's records. Please go online:

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